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ROBERT G. MARTIN

BIOGRAPHICAL

ROBERT GRANVILLE MARTIN.

Among the honored pioneer citizens of Carroll county none left a more indelible imprint of their sterling characteristics upon the people of this locality than the late Robert Granville Martin, for his life was an industrious one and honorably lived, he being one of those whole-souled, broad-minded men who, while laboring for their own advancement, never lose sight of their larger responsibilities of citizenship. The poetry of such a Christian life scorns the poor prose of ordinary speech. Involuntarily our minds reach out for the threads of history that made the fabric of this character, the charter of this man's worth. Were those elements resident in pioneer days alone? Or is it length of years, or is it stirring times, or any one of these, or all of them, blended in one composite whole? These were but the canvas. The Divine Artist drew the picture and put in its worth immortal. The business period of this man's life is well worthy of emulation and consideration; the obstacles encountered, overcome; the self-reliant honesty, the equipoise, the absence of resentment—these supplement a tale that is not always told of those who are "diligent in business," but of those who are both industrious and fervent in spirit and true to high ideals.

Robert G. Martin was born in Wilkes county, North Carolina, June 20, 1820, and there he grew to maturity on a large plantation. Away back yonder in old Virginia he laid the foundation of a cultured life by a course of study in historic old William and Mary's College, and he never lost touch with this culture. Science, literature and art are handmaidens of God's providence. He made the long overland journey to Missouri when a young man, landing in Carrollton in June, 1843, and began teaching school in what was then only a small village, and later taught at the lane school house, three miles east of town. In 1844 he entered the employ of Lane & Buffington, who were then engaged in merchandising in Carrollton. The first year he was in the firm's employ they paid him a salary of six

dollars per month and board. The second year his salary was increased, but, being a young man of ambition and having confidence in himself, at the expiration of the second year, with a capital of only three hundred dollars, he engaged in business for himself, handling a general stock of goods, such as were necessary in those early days. As his business increased he first took into partnership Thomas Nunley. It was only a short time, however, until Mr. Martin purchased the interest of his partner and conducted the business alone until 1856, when James F. Tull became a member of the firm. Two years later Martin & Tull closed out their business, and in 1861 Mr. Martin and William B. Minnis engaged in merchandising, and in 1867 James F. Tull again became associated with them, the firm being known as Martin, Minnis & Tull. In the fall of 1870 Mr. Martin retired from this firm and, being associated with James Trotter, Jonathan Hill, E. J. Rea, L. B. Ely, Alexander Trotter and Witten McDonald, organized the Carroll Exchange Bank, Mr. Martin being unanimously elected president by the board of directors. Being a safe, conservative business man, the bank flourished under his guidance until it became one of the strongest financial institutions in northwestern Missouri. In 1890 Mr. Martin's health began to fail and he retired from the presidency of the bank, but continued as one of the directors and one of its counselors. In 1867 Mr. Martin and E. J. Rea formed a partnership to engage in the tobacco business, under the firm name of Martin & Rea, and for years this was one of the leading leaf tobacco firms of Missouri. During the early years of Mr. Martin's business career this entire country was sparsely settled. A railroad was unknown in this section and the goods he purchased in St. Louis were shipped here by boats up the Missouri river to Hill's landing. When the Hannibal & St. Joseph railroad was built in 1859, goods were shipped to Utica and from thence were hauled to Carrollton in wagons. Thus it will be seen that Mr. Martin was identified with the interests of Carrollton from its infancy. By his careful business methods he prospered, and he assisted every enterprise that had for its object the upbuilding of the city and community. So liberal was he in the distribution of his wealth that his name was always sought to head subscriptions or petitions, and seldom were the people disappointed. One of the first mottoes Mr. Martin adopted when he began merchandising was "Honesty in dealing with the people." From this he never wavered and in subsequent years he gained the absolute confidence of the people. His sterling honesty was never questioned and no man ever lived in the community in whom the whole people had more confidence.

On July 23, 1848, Mr. Martin was united in marriage with Catherine Elizabeth Hooper Tull, who was born in Nicholas county, Kentucky, April 29, 1828. She moved with her parents, John Tull and wife, to Marion county, Missouri, in 1835, and on December 26, 1836, they located in Carroll county and here she continued to reside until her death, on May 27, 1910, at the age of eighty-two years, having survived her husband some eight years, his death having occurred on November 21, 1902. They remained at the old home until about 1853, then moved to the picturesque home where they spent the balance of their days, part of the house still standing that was built at that time. The same year Mr. Martin set out a number of shade trees about the place, and during the years that his body was wearing out these sprouts grew to be immense trees, some of which now measure fifteen feet in circumference.

Five sons and six daughters were born to Mr. and Mrs. John Tull, namely: Mrs. Nancy Smith, Mrs. Mary A. Withers, Mrs. Hannah Rees, Mrs. Elizabeth Bailey, Mrs. Catherine Martin, Jesse, John, Samuel, William, Littleton and James F. Tull. All of these children have crossed the great divide with the exception of James F. It was a remarkable family and has been an important factor in the making of Carroll county.

Ten children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Martin, five of whom survive, namely: Mrs. E. J. Rea, Robert G. Martin, Mrs. C. S. Austin and Mrs. H. H. Wilcoxson, of Carrollton, and Mrs. E. T. Coman, of Spokane, Washington. Five children died in early life.

In December, 1857, Mr. Martin became a Christian and he lived a devout member of the church until he was called to his reward. In 1858 he became trustee of the property of the local congregation of the Christian church, which position he held until 1890. He took a great deal of interest in church and Sunday school work, serving sometimes as Sunday school superintendent. He was appointed a deacon of the congregation in 1861. He had been a Mason for fifty years. Mrs. Martin was also a conscientious Christian from early life, and this grand couple performed many a charitable and kindly deed, in fact the whole locality honored by their residence was blessed by their upright and unselfish lives, and today they are sleeping the sleep of the just in beautiful Oak Hill cemetery, but their light will continue to emblazon the lives of the hundreds of people who came into contact with them and will continue to grow, like that of the just one spoken of in Holy Writ, more and more unto the perfect day.

CHARLES S. GROSSMAN.

In the present sketch is mentioned a man younger than the most whose lives are herein reviewed, but one who has, by his ability, industry, energy and thrift, combined with the intelligent application of system to his business of farming, made himself materially prosperous and become one of the influential men of his township, a township whose facilities for farming in the way of natural productivity of the soil are not excelled in the county. When managed by such men as Mr. Grossman the farms of DeWitt township stand out as an example to the people of the county and the state of profitable country life; profitable in every way—in the inner significance of the lives there lived, as well as in outward show of prosperity.

Charles S. Grossman was born in Ridge township, Carroll county, Missouri, on December 9, 1869. His father was Enos G. Grossman, his mother, Joanna (Shaffer) Grossman, and both were natives of Pennsylvania, from which state they moved to Ridge township, Carroll county, in 1868, where they began to take part in the activities of the community and to build up a home on an excellent farm. Mrs. Grossman died in Bosworth, Carroll county, Missouri, on January 31, 1907. Mr. Grossman is living at a ripe and respected old age. They were the parents of seven children, of whom Charles S. Grossman was the oldest. He was reared in Ridge township in the usual pursuits of a country boy, and there attended school and assisted his father on his farm until his marriage. Farming has always been attractive to him and he has given sufficient thought to its problems that he is enabled to make the most of it in every way.

Mr. Grossman was married on December 28, 1892, to Jennie E. McDavid, who was born in Combs township, Carroll county, Missouri, on March 19, 1872, the daughter of J. F. and Esmeralda (Cundiff) McDavid. Her father was a native of Pennsylvania, and died in Combs township; her mother was a native of Missouri. They were the parents of eleven children, of whom Mrs. Grossman was the fifth. After his marriage, Charles Grossman located on the farm where he now lives, on which he has erected ample and commodious buildings, and is now the owner of four hundred and seventy-five acres of land in Carroll county, all of which is improved and in a high state of cultivation. Mr. and Mrs. Grossman are the parents of three children, George F., who was born on May 23, 1895; Hollis M., born May 9, 1899, and Evart G., born on June 28, 1907.

Mr. Grossman is an active member of the Republican party and takes much interest in public affairs. He is well known in his township and has many friends.

WESLEY D. SHANKLIN.

Few men in western Missouri are as widely and familiarly known as the venerable citizen whose name appears at the beginning of this sketch. His has indeed been a long life, fraught with great good to his kind, and now as the shadows lengthen and the twilights appear, to see him still actively identified with the affairs of his city and county and using his energies to promote the interests of his fellow men, is an example of human capability at an advanced age as rare as it is admirable and which his many friends sincerely wish may long continue.

Wesley D. Shanklin grew to maturity in Virginia, being born in Montgomery county, that state, November 27, 1827. He received a common school education and when a young man engaged in merchandising at Christiansburg, where he carried on business with fair success for several years. In 1857 he disposed of his stock and came to Carrollton, Missouri, where, in November of that year, he established a general store which he conducted for many years, building up a large and lucrative trade in the meantime and taking high rank as an enterprising and successful business man. Later in life he sold the store and opened an abstract office, to which he devoted his attention with marked success until practically retiring from business some years ago, though he still keeps in touch with the various interests of the city and since the organization of the First National Bank, of Carrollton, he has been vice-president of that institution.

Mr. Shanklin was married on the 19th day of February, 1861, to Lockie Ann Arnold, who was born April 26, 1840, being a daughter of Wyatt and Frances B. (Austin) Arnold, both natives of Virginia. Wyatt Arnold was born January 21, 1804, in Campbell county, Virginia, married, January 26, 1836, Frances B. Austin, and died on the 29th day of November, 1864, his wife, whose birth occurred in Bedford county, Virginia, February 26, 1820, departing this life on March 14, 1907. Mr. Arnold moved to Carrollton, Missouri, in 1838, making the journey by wagon and bringing his family, all of his household goods and a number of slaves with him. Dr. William Wilson Austin, grandfather of Mrs. Shanklin, preceded the family to the new home in the west, the carriage which he drove through from Virginia

being the first vehicle of the kind ever brought to Carrollton. He was one of the early physicians of the town and practiced his profession for a number of years, becoming widely known throughout Carroll and adjoining counties.

Mrs. Shanklin was reared and educated in Carrollton and, with the exception of about two years, has spent her life in Carroll county. She bore her husband three children, William Arnold, Frances Lockie and Arnold.

William Arnold Shanklin was born on April 18, 1862, received a classical education and after filling a number of positions as pastor of the Methodist church in different parts of the United States, was recently made president of Wesleyan University at Middletown, Connecticut. His installation as head of that well-known institution was made memorable by the presence of a number of distinguished educators and other prominent men, including President Taft, Vice-President Sherman, Secretary Root, to say nothing of the large concourse of citizens who helped make the occasion a joyous one. Professor Shanklin was president of Upper Iowa University at Fayette for some years and prior to accepting that position had been pastor in the Methodist Episcopal denomination, covering a period of twenty years at Fort Scott, Kansas, Spokane and Seattle, Washington, Dubuque, Iowa, Reading, Pennsylvania. He has a national reputation as an educator and minister and is also widely known as a man of affairs. He married, on October 14, 1891, Elizabeth Emma Brant, and is the father of five children: Mary Arnold, born at Fort Scott, Kansas, October 6, 1892; Edwin, born November 14, 1893, died in infancy; William Arnold, Jr, born at Seattle, Washington, July 16, 1897; Frances and Anna Brant, twins, who were born April 18, 1900, the former dying on the 26th of May, 1902.

Frances Lockie Shanklin, the second of the subject's children, was born April 24, 1864, married, January 11, 1899, Robert Eugene Tommerson and departed this life on September 12, 1900. This couple had one child, Wesley William Tommerson, whose birth occurred on the 12th day of April, 1900, and who has been with the subject and wife ever since his mother's death. Mrs. Tommerson was a lady of fine mind and brilliant intellectual attainments. She possessed artistic talent of high order and was especially proficient in drawing and painting in both oil and water colors.

Arnold Shanklin, the third and youngest of the subject's offspring, was born January 29, 1866, and received his preliminary intellectual discipline in the public schools of Carrollton. After completing the high school course, he entered the law department of Washington University at St. Louis, where he was graduated in due time, following which he practiced law for several years at Kansas City and St. Louis. Discontinuing his profession for a

time, he devoted several years to the cash registry business, in which he was quite successful, after which he engaged with the management of the World's Fair at St. Louis to assist in the promotion of the enterprise. To enlist the interest of Mexico in the project, he was sent to that country by Governor Francis and to him fell the honor of personally inviting President Diaz to attend the exposition, besides meeting and becoming well acquainted with a number of other public men in the Mexican capital. At the conclusion of the exposition, he was appointed by President Roosevelt consul to Panama, where he remained for some time and upon his return was further honored by being appointed consul-general to Mexico, which important post he now holds.

Between President Diaz and Mr. Shanklin a warm, personal friendship has long obtained, and from time to time the latter has been the recipient of many honors from the Mexican executive. On July 4, 1910, he delivered at the city of Mexico a patriotic address in Spanish, which was warmly complimented by the President and others of the high officials and which had a decided influence in strengthening the ties of friendship between Mexico and the United States. Mr. Shanklin is an able lawyer, an accomplished diplomat and has honored every position with which he has been entrusted since entering public life. He is a splendid type of American manhood, zealous in discharging his duties, earnest and patriotic in upholding the dignity of his country and is today among the ablest of our representatives abroad.

From the foregoing brief sketches, it will be seen that Mr. and Mrs. Shanklin have been highly honored in their children and have every reason to feel proud of the distinguished records they have made. For much of the eminence they have attained they are indebted to them as they early instructed them in the ways of correct living, ever held before them noble aims and high ideals; and spared no pains in affording them the best educational advantages obtainable. They have watched with great interest the careers of their two sons and while proud of their continued advancements and of the high honors they now enjoy, are pleased with the reflection that they had much to do with the forming of their characters and the shaping of their destinies.

Mr. and Mrs. Shanklin are Baptists in their religious faith and consistent members of the church of that order in Carrollton. Although past life's meridian, they are still active and zealous in their religious duties and enjoy the confidence and esteem of the people of their city. Their long and useful lives have been productive of great good and no little honor in the future awaits them with abundant and bounteous rewards.

CHARLES S. WILLIAMS.

One of the hardworking, honest and honorable citizens of Stokes Mound township, Carroll county, who is well known in his community and who takes an active part in all its affairs of interest, is Mr. Williams. Since early youth he has been a resident of the township and has watched its development and growth, the changes in methods of farming, the improvement in schools and roads, and all the progress which has been made in the last forty years. He has never been found lacking in support of any enterprise which has had the good of the neighborhood at heart.

Charles S. Williams was born in the town of Gloversville, Fulton county, New York, on December 9, 1859, from which town his parents moved to Illinois when he was two years old. His father was a peddler of gloves and mittens in New York, but when he came to Illinois he took up farming and remained there for seven years. There, and later in Carroll county, Charles obtained his education in the common schools. In 1869 his father moved to the farm where Charles now lives, and bought one hundred and sixty acres of land, after which time he prospered fairly. He was a Republican in politics and very loyal to his party. An industrious farmer, of honor and integrity, he was respected by his neighbors.

Until he was twenty-one Charles Williams remained at home and worked on the farm. When twenty-four he was married in his home township to Clara Shields, the daughter of John and Martha Shields, who came from Kentucky to Carroll county in 1870. Of the children born to this union, the following are living: Bessie, Cora, Orville, Ernest, Carl and Estell, the two oldest having died in infancy. Mr. Williams bought eighty acres of land from his father, and has put up a house of seven rooms and all the other buildings on the place. The land was unimproved prairie when he purchased and he has made all the improvements, including the fences, and set out the trees now growing on his farm. He keeps from twenty-five to thirty hogs and follows farming and stock raising.

In his fraternal relations Mr. Williams is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America at Tina, and was formerly a member of the United Workmen of America. He is a member of the Presbyterian church of Tina, and in politics a Republican. Of genial nature and always ready to oblige a neighbor, Mr. Williams has many friends. He is considered one of the strong men of his community, and in spite of his lack of early educational advantages, is a man well informed on public affairs.

JAMES F. GRAHAM.

The gentleman whose career is briefly sketched in the following lines is not only one of the leading members of the Carroll county bar, but from time to time has been honored by his fellow citizens with important official trusts. He is a native of Ray county, Missouri, and a son of Elias S. and Catherine Graham, the father born in Marion county, Kentucky, the mother in Boone county, Missouri, of which her people were early settlers. Elias S. Graham came to Missouri when young and for a number of years was identified with the development and growth of Ray county. He founded the town of Elkhorn, where he sold goods for some years, removing thence to Camden, in the same county, where he was also engaged in merchandising and did a lucrative business. He was a merchant before the late Civil war, served four years in the Confederate army during the struggle and at its close resumed business at Camden, where he lived until his death, in 1879, his wife dying in the year 1870. Elias Graham was a man of excellent parts and honorable repute and stood high in the confidence and esteem of his fellow citizens. He was an active member of the Masonic fraternity, and, with his wife, belonged to the Methodist church, in the good work of which both were zealous, being exemplary in their daily lives. Of the four children born to this estimable couple, two died in infancy, James F., of this review, and his sister, Mrs. Cravens, who lives with him, being the only surviving members of the family.

James F. Graham was born near the town of Elkhorn, spent his early life in his native county and during his childhood and youth attended the public schools, making commendable progress in his studies. In 1870 he accepted a position in a savings bank at Richmond, Missouri, and while attending to the duties of the same, took up the study of law with Doniphan & Garner, well known attorneys of that city, under whose direction he continued until 1876, when he severed his connection with the bank and came to Carrollton. For some time after locating in this city he held a position with the banking firm of Wilcoxson & Company, at the same time continued his legal studies, which he prosecuted assiduously until March, 1879, when he was admitted to the bar and began the practice of his profession. Mr. Graham's legal talents were soon recognized and it was not long until he succeeded in building up quite a large and lucrative professional business, forging to the front among the rising attorneys of the city. From the first he appears to have been very popular with the people and his success was such that in 1890 he was elected prosecuting attorney, which office he filled four years,

having been chosen his own successor in 1892. During his incumbency as prosecutor he was unremitting in his efforts to enforce the law and mete out justice to its violators, and at the same time added continually to his reputation as an able and honorable attorney. At the expiration of his second official term he resumed the practice, but the following year, 1905, he was further honored by being elected mayor of the city, in which responsible position he served two terms, but not consecutively, having been defeated in 1907, and re-elected in 1909. He proved a very capable and popular executive, spared no pains in his efforts to promote the interests of the municipality and to him belongs the credit of being the only man in the history of the city to hold the office more than one term.

During the years 1880, 1881 and 1882, inclusive, Mr. Graham served as city attorney, in this, as in his other official capacities, fully meeting the expectations of the public and justifying the wisdom of his appointment. Since retiring from the mayoralty he has devoted his attention very closely to his large and constantly growing practice and of recent years his name has appeared in connection with the majority of important cases in Carroll county, to say nothing of his services being in frequent demand by litigants in other courts. His efficiency as a lawyer is recognized by his professional brethren and by the general public, and his financial success has been commensurate with his ability and zeal displayed in his practice, being at this time one of the substantial and well-to-do men of his city, as well as one of its leading legal lights. Fraternally, he is an active worker in the Pythian lodge of Carrollton, and, religiously, the Methodist Episcopal church holds his creed. He is a conservative Republican in politics, but can hardly be termed a partisan, though active and influential in holding up the principles of his party, and being elected from time to time to positions of honor and trust.

Mr. Graham, on the 4th day of June, 1879, was united in marriage to Fannie L. Eads, daughter of Capt. William M. and Sarah (Bane) Eads, natives of Kentucky and Virginia respectively, the mother's people being among the early settlers of western Missouri. Mr. and Mrs. Graham are the parents of four children, Katherine, William Eads, Frances and Charles, all at home except William, who is in business in Hannibal, this state.

DANIEL HEINS.

Few men in western Missouri are better known than the public-spirited citizen whose name introduces this article. He has shown commendable zeal in building up, from a modest beginning, large and important business enter-

prises, and at the same time, with the interests of his fellow men at heart, has expended a great deal of capital in providing the residents of his city, and the public in general, with legitimate means of recreation and amusement. In brief, he is a benefactor of his kind, and as such is eminently worthy of the honors he has received and of the large place which he holds in the esteem and confidence of the people.

Daniel Heins was born at Cannelton, Perry county, Indiana, May 3, 1855, being a son of Simon and Johanna (Bresler) Heins, both natives of Germany. Simon Heins was originally a mechanic, but after locating in southern Indiana, in 1851, he turned his attention to agricultural pursuits. During the Civil war he moved his family to Cooper county, Missouri, where he reared his family. He thrice returned to the land of his birth, and died there on the occasion of his last visit. His wife subsequently returned to Carrollton, Missouri, where her death occurred on January 10, 1898. Simon and Johanna Heins were the parents of ten children, viz: Simon, Jr., killed in Vicksburg, while serving as a Union soldier in the Civil war; William Heins, of Pleasant Hill, Missouri, died February 17, 1895; Gustave, of Carrollton, Missouri; Emil Heins, formerly the subject's business partner till 1899, but now a farmer of Carroll county; Henry, of Springfield, this state; Martha Betzler, of Carrollton, Missouri; three who died in infancy; the subject being the ninth in order of birth.

Daniel Heins received his early educational discipline in the schools of Cannelton, Indiana, and Cooper county, Missouri, and later spent one year at an institution of a higher grade in the city of St. Louis. While still a mere youth he began buying apples which he shipped to Iowa and other states, and in this way demonstrated the business capacity which developed in after years, making him one of the leading business men of the city in which he resides. He learned the machinist and foundry trade, serving five years. At the age of twenty he started a small machine shop in Carrollton, which has since grown into the mammoth establishment of which he is still the head and which is today one of the leading plants of the kind in the western part of the state. Without following in detail the development of this great and diversified industry from its modest beginning, suffice it to state that the plant includes several lines of manufacture, such as general machine and iron work, plumbing, heating appliances, in fact, nearly everything in the way of iron as applied to general use. The rapid growth and well-nigh unprecedented success of this important and far-reaching enterprise led Mr. Heins, in the year 1900, to embark in another, though entirely different, line of industry.

Carroll county being in one of the finest fruit belts of the West and long noted for its large and splendid apple orchards, he saw here an opportunity of making money by manufacturing the surplus apple crops into cider and vinegar; accordingly, in the year indicated, he started the enterprise the success of which since that time has more than met his highest expectations. In addition to cider and vinegar, he also makes a large variety of soft drinks, which he disposes of by wholesale, his plant being represented by a number of traveling salesmen, who supply the demands from the larger cities. These men cover a very extensive territory, including Missouri and several other states, and in order to fill their numerous orders the plant is operated at its full capacity during the entire year, affording remunerative employment to from eight to fifteen hands.

As manager of both the above enterprises, Mr. Heins displays ability of very high order and it is no disparagement of others to claim for him a leading place in the business circles of his city and county. While intent on promoting his own interests, he has not been unmindful of the interests of the public, the good of which he has long had close at heart. To provide the people of Carrollton and vicinity with pleasant means of amusement and recreation, he established, in 1897, the Heins Lake Park, about one mile from the city and easy of access. He broke the ground for this laudable enterprise on June 25th, of the above year, and in due time had the forty acres, which he set aside for the purpose, planted with trees and shrubbery and a number of buildings erected. This beautiful and artistically arranged plat of ground borders on a fine body of water known as Heins lake, which is admirably adapted to boating, fishing, and picnic and general public purposes. Additional to this he has eleven other lakes which afford ample opportunity to the angler, channel cat weighing twelve and a half pounds each, bass weighing five and one-half pounds, and other splendid species of the finny tribe having been taken from these waters from time to time. Mr. Heins has spared neither pains nor expense in providing visitors to the lakes and park with proper means of pleasure, having put a large number of boats on the water and erected houses for their storage, and others for the purposes of bathing. Some idea of the magnitude of his undertaking may be obtained from the fact that the park was laid out on a prairie bare of trees and shrubbery, and the lake excavated by a prodigious amount of labor, the water being supplied by machinery. He has built a number of houses for the storage of ice, and during the warm seasons he supplies the city with this commodity, besides shipping large quantities to other points.

In projecting this important and greatly appreciated enterprise, and putting his ideas into effect, Mr. Heins was actuated solely by a laudable desire to benefit the public, and that he has succeeded admirably in the undertaking entitles him to be considered a benefactor of his kind. No description of the park and the many other features which his generosity has provided can do justice; they must be seen in order that their beauties may be properly appreciated. Since the opening of the park, it has been visited every summer, not only by the people of Carrollton and Carroll county, but by tourists from various parts of the state, all of whom unite in rendering to the proprietor the meed of praise which is justly his due.

Mr. Heins has been twice married, the first time on September 20, 1876, to Susie I. Mills, daughter of John Mills, of Cooper county, the union being terminated on August 24, 1885, after a mutually happy wedded experience of nearly nine years duration. Subsequently, September 20, 1887, he was united in marriage with Laura N. Moore, who was born in Illinois, but reared in Carroll county. His children, three in number, are Nora E., who lives at home; Raymond, who is married and associated with his father in the management of the latter's various enterprises, and Benjamin S., who is also interested in the business at Carrollton.

In his political affiliation, Mr. Heins is a Republican and a man of considerable influence in the councils of his party. He belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and, with his family, attends the Christian church, of which, for a number of years, his family have been faithful and consistent members. He keeps abreast of the times on all matters of public interest, lends his influence to further every enterprise for the material advancement or moral good of his city and county, and does a great deal of charitable and benevolent work, though in a quiet and unostentatious manner characteristic of the true benefactor. In brief, Mr. Heins has made the world better by his presence and influence and he is destined to be remembered in the future as one of the enterprising men and representative citizens of his day and generation in the city of Carrollton. Raymond D. and Benjamin S. Heins, the subject's sons, are rising young business men and have already taken upon themselves much of the management and responsibility of the enterprises which their father established. Like him, they are strongly Republican in principle and keenly alive to the interests of the party and its candidates. Both are working members of the Christian church of Carrollton, the older being also identified with the Masonic brotherhood.

BOSS BROWN, M. D.

Fortified by careful academic and professional training and with a natural predilection for his calling, the subject of this sketch holds worthy prestige among the rising members of the medical fraternity of his native county and, though comparatively brief, his career thus far has been highly creditable and bespeaks for him a distinguished place in his profession at no distant day. Dr. Boss Brown is one of Carroll county's native sons and as such reflects credit upon the place of his birth as well as the family of which he is an honored representative. His father, Dr. Thomas J. Brown, is a native of Tennessee, but for a number of years has been a resident of Carroll county, throughout which he is widely and favorably known as a physician and surgeon of more than ordinary skill and merit and as a public spirited citizen, whose life has been largely devoted to the good of his fellow men. The maiden name of the subject's mother was Sally A. Collett, and she was born in Tennessee.

Boss Brown was born February 10, 1874, and spent his youthful years in pretty much the same manner as the majority of country and village boys. He pursued his studies in the public schools of Bosworth until completing the prescribed course and, after being graduated from the high school, attended two terms at the Chillicothe Normal, where he made commendable progress in the more advanced branches of learning. His father being a physician doubtless had some influence in inducing young Brown to choose a profession, as he early manifested a marked predilection for medicine and while still a mere youth decided to devote his life to the alleviation of human suffering. Actuated by this laudable ambition, he began fitting himself for his profession by a preliminary course of reading in his father's office and in due time entered the Marion Simms Medical College at St. Louis, where he prosecuted his studies and researches until finishing the course and receiving his degree. He was graduated with an honorable record with the class of 1903 and immediately thereafter opened an office at Dean Lake, where he practiced for a period of six months and gained recognition by reason of close attention to his duties and the success which attended his treatment of certain serious cases.

Desiring a larger and more inviting field for the exercise of his talents and being attracted by the thriving town of Bosworth, Doctor Brown, at the expiration of the time indicated, located at the latter place, where he has since built up a large and lucrative practice and forged rapidly to the front among

the rising members of his profession in the eastern part of the county. He possesses many of the characteristics of the successful family physician, including a genial and pleasing presence which never fails to beget confidence on the part of patients and friends, without which the most learned and skillful frequently fail to effect the desired cure. Although a young man, he keeps abreast of the times in following out the advances made in the sciences of medicine and surgery and is widely known by reason of his exceptionally high professional attainments.

The Doctor is a member of the Carroll County Medical Society and various other organizations for promoting the interests of the profession and is also identified with the fraternal orders of Woodmen of the World and the Knights of Pythias. He is a student and close observer and has spared no pains in familiarizing himself with subjects which the majority do not care to investigate. He has read much on industrial, economical, political and social questions and his researches along these and other lines have led him to discard many ideas and things sanctioned by centuries of conventionalism and usage and to advocate measures which to many might appear subversive of the present social order, if not revolutionary. Among these subjects is that of socialism, of which he has made a careful and critical study and of which he is now a pronounced and uncompromising advocate. He does not arrive at conclusions hurriedly, but only after the most mature and painstaking investigation, hence he is strongly grounded in his convictions and amply able to defend the soundness of his opinions when it becomes advisable to do so. Doctor Brown is highly esteemed personally and his friends are as the number of his acquaintances. In connection with his profession he is associated with his brother, T. Jefferson Brown, in the drug business, their establishment at Bosworth being well stocked, complete in its various departments and, under the management of a professional pharmacist, the business has grown steadily until it is now one of the largest and most successful of the kind in the county.

Thomas Jefferson Brown, brother of the Doctor, and, like the latter, a native of Carroll county, Missouri, received his preliminary education in the schools of Bosworth and the Normal Institute at Stansberry, this training being afterwards supplemented by a course in the State University. On quitting the latter institution he entered the Chicago College of Pharmacy, from which he was graduated in the year 1892, and for a limited period thereafter was associated with Fred Beck in that gentleman's drug business at Bogard. Severing his connection with Mr. Beck, he bought an interest

in the drug firm of Cabbell & Richardson, and two years later his brother, Doctor Brown, purchased the interest of Cabbell, thus establishing the firm of Brown Brothers, which still continues and which, as stated, is the largest establishment of its kind in Bosworth and among the most successful in the county.

Mr. Brown entered the profession of pharmacy well prepared for the duties of same and the confidence reposed in him by the public affords the best guarantee of his continuous rise and success. He is not only an accomplished pharmacist, but is also a cultured gentleman with a mind well disciplined by study and a wide range of reading, his acquaintance with literature being both general and profound and his knowledge of the leading questions of public interest and subjects such as scholars and thinkers are accustomed to investigate, being such as to place him among the best informed of his contemporaries.

In politics Mr. Brown is a Democrat, but not a partisan, and in local matters he not infrequently loses sight of party and gives his support to candidates who, in his judgment, are best qualified for the office to which they aspire. He holds membership with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias, aside from which he is interested in charitable and fraternal work wherever it is needed and lends his influence to all laudable measures and enterprises for the general welfare of his fellow men. Mr. Brown is a gentleman of pleasing address and courteous demeanor and those who know him best speak in high praise of his many sterling qualities. He enjoys to a marked degree the esteem and good will of his fellow townsmen and the confidence with which he is regarded by the public has been well and honorably earned.

ISAAC N. CALVERT.

The popular and efficient sheriff of Carroll county, also a representative farmer, is one of a family of eight children whose parents, Peter F. and Mary Ellen (Goodson) Calvert, were natives of Missouri, the former born in Cooper county, the latter in Carroll. William Calvert, the subject's grandfather, a native of Tennessee, was an early pioneer of Cooper county, where he lived until 1845, when he removed to the county of Carroll, with the interests of which the remainder of his life was identified. He was a farmer

by occupation and a man of great industry and energy, also an excellent citizen whose influence was ever on the side of right as he understood it. He had a brother who was a captain of Company E, of the Missouri State militia, which rendered valiant service for the Union during the late war, the subject's father having been a member of the same command also.

Peter F. Calvert grew to maturity in Carroll county and early turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, in which he met with well deserved success. As before stated, he sympathized with the Union during the Civil war and experienced considerable active service in his uncle's company, participating in several campaigns and a number of battles and earning an honorable record as a brave and gallant soldier. In politics he was an ardent Republican and a leader of his party in Carroll county and some idea of his political influence may be learned from the fact that of his family of eight sons, all are zealous supporters of the principles he advocated. In his religious faith he was a Baptist, as was also his wife, both having been active workers in the church, the teachings of which they exemplified in their daily lives. This estimable couple died in Ridge township, which had long been their home, and their memory is cherished as a priceless heritage by their descendants.

Isaac N. Calvert was born December 3, 1869, and spent his early life on his father's farm, where he learned the lessons of industry and thrift which served him such good purpose in after years. He was reared to agricultural pursuits, received his educational training in the public schools of his township and began life for himself as a tiller of the soil, which honorable calling he has since followed with success and financial profit. He has long been recognized as one of the leading agriculturists of the county and as a citizen interested in all that tends to the advancement of the community and the welfare of his fellow men. He is public spirited and enterprising and fully in touch with the times. Mr. Calvert's fine farm of two hundred acres is highly improved, his buildings being modern and in excellent condition and every feature of the place indicates the presence of a man thoroughly up to date and who believes in the dignity of his calling.

As already stated, Mr. Calvert is a Republican and for a number of years has rendered efficient service to his party, in recognition of which, as well as by reason of his fitness, he was elected in 1908 sheriff of the county for a term of four years. Since taking charge of the office, he has discharged the duties of the same with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of the people, proving a very capable and obliging public servant and comparing favorably with the ablest of his predecessors. Previous to being chosen sheriff, he held various township offices and his popularity with the people is

indicated by the fact that in his election to the position he now holds he overcame a large Democratic majority and carried the county by two hundred and fifty votes.

Mr. Calvert is a member of the Modern Woodmen and the Knights of Pythias and an active worker in both fraternities. He was married on April 15, 1895, to Nannie Finley, daughter of Redmond and Sarah Finley, the union being blessed with four children, namely: Mary E., Cecil M., Marold N. and Herbert G., all living and, with their parents, constituting a mutually happy and prosperous family circle.

HENRY C. STANLEY.

The present sketch is concerned with the life of a man who has long been prominent in Wakenda and its vicinity, a member of a family who have done much for the community. Born in the state of Indiana, which has sent to all of the states of the Union men and women who have become leaders, he came early to Carroll county, and there has since been active. He has been successful in his farming operations and his business, and has taken a prominent part in those enterprises which have been for the advancement of the welfare of the community, showing much public spirit. His life is one whose record is interesting to young and old, as honorable, interesting, and instructive of the manner of gaining a success of a high type, measured by whatever standard.

Henry C. Stanley was born in Wabash county, Indiana, on July 26, 1853, the son of John A. and Dorothy Stanley, for whom see sketch of George E. Stanley. Henry was the youngest member of the family, and was twelve years old when his parents came to Carroll county, Missouri, where he has since resided. He has spent the greater part of his life in farming and stock raising, in which he has been very successful, the result of hard work and good management. He now owns two hundred acres of land in Eugene township, very fertile and highly improved. In 1894 he came to Wakenda and has there followed different occupations. In April, 1897, he was appointed postmaster of Wakenda and has since held that office, filling it in an efficient manner. He was active in the organization of the Bank of Wakenda, was made president at that time, and has since continued to hold that office, in which position he has done much to bring the institution up to its present established place among Carroll county banks.

On November 18, 1875, Mr. Stanley was married in Norborne, Missouri, to Mahala Cooley, who was born in Eugene township, the daughter of Nathan and Polly (Casey) Cooley. They are the parents of one child, Minnie Blanche, the wife of James V. McAdoo. Mr. Stanley is one of the best known citizens of his part of the county, and has gained the esteem of the people by his many strong traits of character. Few men in the county are better liked, or have more friends.

JOHN S. CRAWFORD.

The subject of this sketch, who is the second son of Francis M. and Charlotte (Clark) Crawford, and a leading member of the Carrollton bar, is a native of Carroll county, Missouri, and dates his birth from October 17, 1876. After receiving a preliminary training in the common schools, he took a literary course in an educational institution of advanced grade at Avalon, Missouri, upon the completion of which he yielded to a predilection for the law by taking up the study of the same under his own direction. A natural taste for the profession, with an enthusiastic desire to master its principles, enabled him to make rapid progress and in due time he was sufficiently advanced to apply his knowledge to practice; accordingly, on September 22, 1903, he was formally admitted to the bar and immediately thereafter swung his shingle to the breeze and announced himself a solicitor for a share of the legal business of his city and county. Mr. Crawford began the practice in a field long noted for its able and successful lawyers, but, nothing daunted, he applied himself resolutely to his profession and it was not long until clients were attracted to his office. Well grounded in the principles of jurisprudence and with the ability to present his cases in the best possible light, he gained recognition in due time, and within a couple of years succeeded in building up quite an extensive and lucrative practice.

Mr. Crawford's reading and natural bent of mind led him at quite an early age to the study of public questions, and this in time paved his way into the political arena where his abilities were not long in being recognized and appreciated. A zealous Republican from his youth, he soon forged to the front in the councils of his party and in recognition of his efficient services he was in 1906 made chairman of the county central committee, the duties of which onerous and responsible position he discharged with credit to

himself and to the satisfaction not only of his political associates, but of the party within his jurisdiction, for a period of two years. In 1908, without any solicitation on his part, he was further honored by being the unanimous choice of his party for the office of county attorney. His election followed his nomination and, entering upon the duties of the position in January, 1909, he has since discharged the same to the satisfaction of the public, having been re-elected in 1910, and is adding to his professional reputation the meanwhile and taking high rank among the rising lawyers of the Carroll county bar.

Mr. Crawford is a close and critical student and avails himself of every opportunity to widen the area of his legal knowledge. His record is eminently creditable and the success which he has thus far attained may be accepted as a prophecy of still greater achievements in the future, and to a distinction in his profession which his friends believe will ultimately gain for him an honorable position among the leading lawyers of the state. His diligent attention to duty, his high standing as a safe and judicious counsellor, and his ability and tact in maintaining the soundness of his opinions in the trial of cases, and that, too, when opposed by old and experienced attorneys, justify his friends in their predictions and it is needless to state that his course is being carefully and zealously watched by those interested in his success and welfare.

Mr. Crawford was married on the 2d day of October, 1906, to Ruth Todd, daughter of W. D. and Norah Todd, of Hale, Missouri, the father a well known farmer who is now living a retired life. Mr. and Mrs. Crawford's home has been made brighter and happier by the presence of an interesting little son, who answers to the name of Marion Todd, and who has been a welcome addition to the domestic circle ever since the 4th of March, 1908, the day on which he made his first appearance.

WILLIAM R. PAINTER.

It is a well recognized fact that the most powerful influence in shaping and controlling public life is the press. It reaches a greater number of people than any other agency and thus has always been, and, in the hands of persons competent to direct it, always will be a most important factor in moulding public opinion and shaping the destiny of the nation. The gentleman to a brief review of whose life these lines are devoted is prominently

connected with journalism in northern Missouri, and at this time is editor and publisher of the *Daily and Weekly Democrat* at Carrollton, the only daily in Carroll county and two of the most popular papers in this section of the state, comparing most favorably with other papers of their type throughout the country in news, editorial ability and mechanical execution. The county recognizes in William R. Painter not only one of the keenest newspaper men, but also a representative citizen, whose interest in all that affects the general welfare has been of such a character as to win for him a high place in the confidence and esteem of the people.

Mr. Painter is the scion of an excellent old pioneer family of this county, and he was born in the city of Carrollton, August 27, 1863, the son of Samuel L. and Sarah A. (Rock) Painter, the father a native of Virginia and the mother of Carroll county. The elder Painter grew to maturity and was educated in the Old Dominion, and he devoted his life to merchandising, coming to Missouri in 1857, locating in Carrollton, where he lived until his death, in April, 1907. He was actively and successfully engaged in business here for forty years, from the time of his arrival, handling a large stock of dry goods and a general line, always enjoying an extensive trade with the town and surrounding country. His wife preceded him to the grave thirty-eight years, dying in 1869. Three children were born to them, William R., of this review, being the only one living.

Mr. Painter was educated in Carrollton schools and at the School of Mines at Rolla, Missouri, from which he was graduated in 1881. Soon afterwards he began life for himself as a civil engineer, which he followed successfully for six years, during which time, in 1884, he was elected county surveyor for four years. He then engaged in the abstract and loan business with Ralph Lozier, the firm later becoming Lozier, Painter & Morris. In 1894 he became identified with the Carrollton Democrat Printing Company, a corporation of which Mr. Painter was president and editor of the paper, which position he still holds. From the beginning the daily and weekly have more than met the expectations of the company, growing constantly in favor with the reading public, with a large and ever increasing circulation, and with a plant equipped second to none in this part of the state, so that the *Democrat* has become a potent factor not only in moulding public opinion and as a news disseminator, but also as a valuable advertising medium.

Mr. Painter is a clear and concise writer, and in discerning the various questions of the day is a keen, thorough and fearless investigator. He has always stood for progress and through the medium of his paper and other-

wise has lent his influence to all movements and measures promising to advance the material interests of Carroll county or further the development of this locality and its resources. In a business sense the *Democrat* has brought liberal financial returns upon the capital invested, and, under Mr. Painter's judicious management, has proven a series of successes, and his influence has brought him into favorable notice of the leaders of the Democratic party in northern Missouri, his paper being the recognized official organ of local Democracy. His popularity with the people, however, extends beyond political ties, and in every relation which he has sustained to them his conduct has been that of a man whose aims have been correct and whose conduct has never been questioned. Like all enterprising men, he gives close personal attention to every detail of his business, exercises sound judgment in making his plans and seldom fails to carry to successful conclusion anything to which he addresses his mind and energies.

Mr. Painter has been a member of the local school board for a period of eight years and he takes great interest in educational matters, his influence going far to build up the school work at Carrollton. In 1908 he was the Democratic nominee for lieutenant-governor of Missouri, and the returns of the state as shown by the "blue book," the official publication of the state, indicated his election by twenty-seven, but he was sacrificed for political reasons needless to recount here. Owing to his eminent qualifications and his widespread popularity he would no doubt have proven to be one of the ablest men in this office the state has ever had.

The domestic life of Mr. Painter began on January 12, 1888, when he was united in marriage with Cora Herndon, a lady of many estimable attributes and the representative of an honored family of Carroll county, where she was born and reared. This union resulted in the birth of four children, one of whom is deceased, the living being Amanda H., Sarah A. and Herndon W.

Fraternally, Mr. Painter is a Mason, belonging to the blue lodge, the chapter and the commandery. He is also a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Religiously, he belongs to the Presbyterian church, of which he was formerly elder, and he is at present superintendent of the Sunday school, in which capacity he is doing a very commendable work. He has always been loyal to the principles advocated by the Democratic party. Personally he is a man of genial address, generous and of a turn to make and retain friends without effort, straightforward and honorable in all the relations of life and at the same time unassuming and practical.

GEORGE D. VILES.

Among the active, influential and progressive citizens of Norborne, Mr Viles, the cashier of the Citizens Bank, deserves especial mention, for he has always been keenly alive to the interests of his community and ever ready to aid in whatever promised the advancement of the common good. And such men are those who make our modern civilization and boasted progress possible. Mr. Viles is also a keen and sagacious business man, of good financial ability, in whom the residents of his city have the greatest confidence.

George D. Viles was born in Scott county, Iowa, on May 29, 1853, the son of Alvah H. Viles, who was a farmer by occupation and a native of Maine, and Charlotte (Cottle) Viles, who was a native of New York. His parents removed from Iowa to Brown county, Kansas, where they both died. They had three children, of whom George D. Viles was the eldest. He was reared in Jasper and Marshall counties, Iowa, and moved from Marshalltown, Iowa, to Norborne, Carroll county, Missouri, in 1891. While in Marshall county he was engaged in teaching school, then became a candidate for county recorder on the Republican ticket, and was elected to three terms, serving the county with great efficiency and to the satisfaction of the people who had elected him to the office. On coming to Norborne he engaged in the banking business, being one of the organizers of the Bank of Norborne, which was succeeded by the Citizens Bank. Mr. Viles was cashier of the Bank at Norborne, and holds the same position in the Citizens Bank, for which position his training and reliability fit him. He has continued his activity in politics since coming to Norborne and is one of the leading active members of the Republican party. In 1908 he was chosen district delegate to the Republican national convention at Chicago. In fraternal relations he is a member of the Knights of Pythias.

On February 22, 1881, while living at Marshalltown, Mr. Viles was married to Helen L. Golder, who was a native of Wolworth county, Wisconsin, and the daughter of Judge Peter and Mary (Hickox) Golder. To this marriage three children have been born: Mary A. is the wife of W. E. Duncan, of the firm of Marshall, Duncan & Rea; Raymond H.; and Golder, who died in Norborne at the age of nine and one-half years.

The Citizens Bank of Norborne has been successful and the most of its success has been due to the careful management and business-like methods of Mr. Viles. Personally he is well liked and stands high in the opinion of the people of Norborne and vicinity.

REPPS B. HUDSON.

The memory of a great age is the most precious treasure that a nation can possess. As the tree is measured by its own cast leaves, so it is with these deceased noblemen of nature and vanished days which may bring out another blossoming of heroes, of rulers and of sages. The pioneers are gone, but our hearts are warmed and our spirits braced by some faint echo of the words of wisdom they spoke. Such thoughts are actuated in contemplating the career of such men as Repps B. Hudson, a character of unusual force and eminence, whose life chapter has been closed by the fate that awaits us all, and who was for a long lapse of years one of the prominent citizens of Carroll county. While he carried on a special line of business in such a manner as to gain a comfortable competence for himself, he also belonged to that class of representative citizens who promote the public welfare while advancing individual success. There were in him sterling traits which commanded uniform confidence and regard, and his memory is today honored by all who knew him, and is enshrined in the hearts of his many friends.

Mr. Hudson, who was the son of David and Matilda Hudson, was born in Patrick county, Virginia, April 9, 1827. This excellent old Southern family left Virginia in 1838 and moved to Clinton county, Illinois, and five years later, in 1843, came on to Carroll county, Missouri, settling in what is now Moss Creek township, when Repps B. Hudson was only sixteen years of age. They found pioneer conditions and experienced the usual privations and hardships incident to the lives of first settlers. After working on his father's farm a year or two, the subject began life for himself, with no other aid than willing hands and a courageous heart, but his immense energy and grit brought prosperity in due course of time, laying, by hard work, the foundation for the immense fortune he afterwards amassed.

On June 5, 1849, Mr. Hudson was united in marriage with Catherine Orear, of this county, a lady of many sterling characteristics, who proved to be of great assistance to Mr. Hudson in his life work. Seven children were born to this union, five of whom, with the beloved mother, survive, namely: Mrs. Mary E. Goodson; R. B. Hudson, Jr., of Carrollton; Mrs. Dora Cooper, of Ft. Smith, Arkansas; W. E. Hudson, of Carrollton, and Mrs. Laura Guitar, of Abeline, Texas.

Mr. Hudson lived on his farm until 1877, becoming one of the most scientific farmers and extensive stock raisers in Carroll county, and for years his herd of black cattle was one of the finest in the United States. Having ac-



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cumulated a competence in this line of endeavor, he erected a handsome residence in the north suburbs of Carrollton and moved his family thereto in order to spend his latter years more comfortably and to be near his children. In 1881 he organized the Farmers Bank of Norborne, of which he was elected president, and he continued at its head until his death, its large success being due to his able management. He was also one of the original stockholders and organizers of the First National Bank of Carrollton, its widespread popularity being due in no small measure to his judicious counsel.

Thirty years before his death Mr. Hudson united with the Christian church and during that period he was a pillar in the same, being a heavy contributor to the construction of the church at Norborne of this denomination, where he always held his membership, even after moving to Carrollton. But although the Christian church was his choice, this did not prevent him from being liberal with others. Scarcely a house of worship was erected for years in Carrollton that he did not contribute to.

Mr. Hudson was a fine type of our truly American self-made man, early learning to be his own exponent—do his own thinking and acting independently. From a hard-working, steady boy he grew into a rugged, self-reliant, substantial man, and was eminently deserving of the large success he achieved and of the high esteem in which he was universally held. From a poor, penniless youth, beginning at the very bottom rung of the ladder, he climbed steadily until he reached the top. He was always a man of strict integrity and accumulated his wealth by strictly business methods. Of his honesty and kindness, his honor and his gentlemanly qualities, all who came into contact with him readily testify. He was, in short, one of Carroll county's best citizens, and always stood ready to lend assistance to any movement having for its object the general good.

Death came to this excellent citizen suddenly, succumbing to heart failure on December 11, 1901.

Politically, Mr. Hudson was a Democrat, but not a politician, never seeking to parade in the limelight, but was modest and unpretentious, a man whom to know was to respect and admire.

SILAS A. ENYART.

The subject of this review is an honorable representative of one of the oldest and most respected families in Missouri, which fact, with his active and to no small degree strenuous career, entitles him to worthy mention

among the leading men of the part of the state in which he resides. Silas A. Enyart is a native of Carroll county, Missouri, and one of twelve children born to David and Esther (Curtis) Enyart, both parents Kentuckians by birth. David Enyart was a son of Silas Enyart, who migrated in an early day from Kentucky to Missouri and was among the pioneers of Howard county, where he spent the remainder of his life. David Enyart moved from Howard county to the county of Carroll as early as 1835 and secured a tract of wild land which he improved and on which he lived until 1848, when he sold out and went to California, being a little in advance of the tide of gold seekers who crossed the plains the following year. Returning to Missouri after a brief sojourn in the far west, he bought land in Davis county, where he was living at the breaking out of the great Civil war between the Northern and Southern states. Espousing the cause of the Confederacy, he enlisted in Company E, Third Missouri Infantry, Confederate States Army, and not long after entering the service was killed on the bloody battle field of Wilson Creek. He was a man of sterling worth, a pious member of the Baptist church and throughout life acted according to his convictions of right and never purposely wronged a fellow man. Mrs. Enyart survived her husband a number of years and lived to the ripe old age of eighty-three years, departing this life in 1886. She, too, was a Baptist and impressed all with whom she came in contact by her beautiful Christian character and gentle influence in behalf of what was noble, pure and good.

Silas A. Enyart was born December 15, 1843, and enjoyed excellent home training during the formative period of his life. He received his educational discipline in the public schools of Davis county, where he was taken when a mere lad, and when the national sky became obscured with the ominous clouds of civil war he cast his fortunes with the South and rendered valiant service for a cause which he believed to be just and right. Enlisting in a Missouri regiment at the beginning of the conflict, he gave four of the best years of his life to the Confederacy, took part in a number of battles and skirmishes, in two of which he received painful wounds which caused him much suffering. At the close of the war he returned home, but the same year, 1865, entered an independent company and was with his company fighting the Indians in Colorado and Wyoming and other parts of the west.

Mr. Enyart returned to Carroll county in 1876 and bought the farm on which he now lives, having previous to that time owned eighty-five acres which forms a part of his homestead. He has followed agricultural pursuits with success and profit, and now owns a fine farm with many substantial improvements and is in comfortable circumstances. He is a good citizen and

has done much to promote the interests of the community, materially and otherwise, being a zealous member of the Baptist church and demonstrating the practical value of religion in his relations with his fellow men. He votes with the Democratic party and has well grounded political convictions, the soundness of which he is not loth to maintain, though not a politician, much less a seeker of the honors and emoluments of office.

On the 25th day of November, 1868, Mr. Enyart was united in marriage with Martha E. Tomlin, daughter of Mikel and Eliza (Williams) Tomlin, the only fruit of the union being one child that died in infancy. With true Christian and philanthropic motives, Mr. and Mrs. Enyart opened their hearts and home to six orphan children, whom they took when young and reared with the same interest and affection they would have shown to offspring of their own. The oldest of these foster children is Joseph McCavity, who is now married and well established in business; Gertie Wolsie, the second of these children to find a home with the subject, was reared to womanhood and is now happily married and living in Kansas City; James Enyart, a nephew of the subject, was taken and is today one of Carroll county's prosperous farmers; Hugh McCavity, another of the proteges, is deceased; Minnie and Elizabeth Enyart, nieces of Mr. Enyart, are still members of the home circle. Mr. and Mrs. Enyart are entitled to great credit for thus practically demonstrating the spirit of the Master and the lasting gratitude of those who have profited by their loving benefactions will be as incense to sweeten the remaining years of their earthly sojourn. Their lives have been filled to repletion with goodness and charity to their kind and the future awaits them with ample rewards.

JAMES E. WILLIAMS.

Among the farmers of Sugar Tree township, Carroll county, none is better known to the people, nor has more friends, than Mr. Williams. He is the descendant of an old and honored family and himself is their worthy successor. As a farmer he has no superiors in the township and not many equals and has won from his farm a competence.

James E. Williams was born on June 21, 1853, near Lima, Ohio, the son of Reuben B. and Margaret (Hays) Williams. His grandfather, Gresham Williams, was born in Scotland, and came to the United States when a young

man. He subsequently took up land and farmed all his life. His wife was Elizabeth Brundridge, of Ohio, and they were the parents of the following children: Permenns, Simeon, Reuben B., Nelson, and two daughters, Priscilla, who married Amos Habbe, and Emma. Grandfather Gresham Williams died in Ohio in 1861. His wife had preceded him several years.

Reuben B. Williams was born in Pennsylvania, educated in the common schools, and farmed successfully near Lima, Ohio, for several years. He came to Carroll county, Missouri, in 1865 and bought the old Dobbins farm, in Moss Creek township, which is now occupied and owned by his son, Nelson Williams. Reuben B. Williams was a Republican, but never sought office. He and his wife were members of the Methodist church. He died in February, 1877, and his wife in April, 1903. They were the parents of nine children, of whom six are living. Mary married Benjamin Street and is the mother of two children, Elmer and Leona D. James E. is the next in age. Eliza married Thomas Archibald, and is the mother of four children, Claud, one deceased, John L. and Marie. Rosie married John Welsh, and has one child, Roy. The remaining sons were Alanson H. and Nelson.

James E. Williams was educated in the public schools of Carroll county, Missouri, and at the age of twenty-two began farming for himself on rented land for one year, then on seventy acres owned by his wife in Moss Creek township for five years, which he traded for a farm in Kansas, and later traded the Kansas farm for a farm in Montgomery county, Illinois, and this for a farm in southern Missouri. He sold the Missouri farm and bought and improved a farm in Bates county, Missouri, was there one year, then sold this and went to Kansas City for one year. In 1887 he returned to his native Carroll county, and for five years rented land, then bought one hundred acres in Sugar Tree township, which he has brought into a high state of cultivation, on which he carries on general farming and raises some stock. The very appearance of his farm, his fields, buildings and stock, betoken the successful farmer.

On February 24, 1876, Mr. Williams was married to Margaret Knight, the daughter of James and Elizabeth Knight, of Moss Creek township. They are the parents of four children. Laura E. married William Adt, and is the mother of two children, Margaret and Helen. Rose married Charles Shope, and is the mother of three, George, Aline and Reuben. Winnie F. is at home, a teacher in the district schools. James Ernest is at home. Mr. Williams and his wife are members of the Baptist church. In politics he is a Republican and was at one time Republican candidate for judge of the west-

ern district. He has served on the board of township trustees for about eight years. No resident of the township ranks higher in the friendship, confidence and esteem of those who know him than does Mr. Williams.

STEPHEN S. WALSH.

The men most influential in promoting the advancement of society and in giving character to the times in which they live are two classes—the men who study and the men of action. Whether we are more indebted for the improvement of the age to the one class or the other is a question of honest difference in opinion; neither class can be spared and both should be encouraged to occupy their several spheres of labor and influence, zealously and without mutual distrust. In the following paragraphs are outlined the leading facts and characteristics in the career of a gentleman who combines in his makeup the elements of the scholar and the energy of the public spirited man of affairs. Devoted to the noble and humane work of teaching, Stephen S. Walsh, superintendent of schools of Carroll county, has made his influence felt in educational circles of northern Missouri, occupying as he does a prominent place in his profession and standing high in the esteem of educators in other than his own particular field of endeavor. Not only as a teacher and manager of schools has he made his presence felt, but as a citizen in the daily walks of life, his influence has tended to the advancement of the county and the welfare of his fellow men, while the several responsible public positions to which he has been called from time to time bear testimony to his ability to fill worthily high and important trusts. His name with eminent fitness occupies a conspicuous place in the profession which he adorns and his career, presenting a series of successes such as few attain, has gained for him a wide reputation as a successful organizer and manager of educational interests.

Superintendent Walsh was born near Miami, Saline county, Missouri, May 29, 1874, and he is the son of Edward and Susan (King) Walsh, the father a native of Ireland and the mother of Virginia. The elder Walsh emigrated to America in early life and took up farming, which he continued to follow, coming to Missouri in 1852, locating in Saline county. He was reared in England and he came to New York in 1850. He established a good home and developed an excellent farm in Saline county, and, being an

honest, industrious man, he was held in high esteem. His death occurred on September 20, 1909, at the age of seventy-four years, his wife having preceded him to the grave on March 12, 1902. They were the parents of seven children, namely: William, deceased; Stephen S., of this review; James, of Loomis, Washington; Stella, the wife of Dr. W. L. Frazier, of Mountain Home, Idaho; Catherine, the wife of B. M. Lynch, of Norborne, Missouri; Grover lives at Mountain Home, Idaho; Edward died in infancy.

Stephen S. Walsh was educated in the rural school, the Miami high school, the Missouri Valley College at Marshall, and the State University at Columbia, making an excellent record in all these institutions. He spent his boyhood on the home farm and he began life for himself in St. Louis, engaging in the printing business one year, then took up teaching, which he has since followed, all in Carroll county with the exception of two years in Saline county. He was principal of the Wakenda schools, later principal of the schools at Bosworth. On January 22, 1907, he was appointed by Governor Folk to fill the unexpired term of J. Earp as county school commissioner. He performed his duties so satisfactorily that in April, 1909, he was re-elected without opposition. On August 16, 1909, the new law changed the title of commissioner to county superintendent of schools. He was also principal of the Dodson school in Carrollton, as under the old law he could devote part of his time to teaching. In his position as superintendent, he succeeded in greatly bettering the work of the rural schools, inaugurating a special course of study and matriculating them with the high schools of the county.

As a teacher, Superintendent Walsh has met with merited success and in his capacity of superintendent of county schools his record presents a series of successes and advancements such as few attain. He pursues his chosen calling with all the earnestness of an enthusiast, is thoroughly in harmony with the spirit of the work and has a proper conception of the dignity of the profession to which his life and energies are so unselfishly devoted. A finished scholar, a polished gentleman and possessing the traits of character necessary to insure success, the services thus far rendered and the laurels gained bespeak for him a wider and more distinguished career of usefulness in years to come, should he see fit to continue the noble calling which he has heretofore followed with such signal and happy results. Unlike so many of his calling who become narrow and pedantic, Superintendent Walsh is essentially a man of the times, broad and liberal in his views, and has the courage of his convictions on all the leading public questions and issues upon which men and parties divide. He also keeps in touch with

the trend of modern thought along its various lines and, being a man of scholarly and refined taste, his acquaintance with the literature of the world is both general and profound, while his familiarity with the more practical affairs of the day makes him feel at ease with all classes and conditions of people whom he meets. Before his classes he entertains and instructs at the same time. His style is forceful and direct, free from redundancy; his perception is keen and his analysis acute, and in all of his work he selects from a choice vocabulary the precise words that convey his meaning accurately and elegantly. His work in every department of education is characteristically practical and in teaching, in superintending and in devising or modifying the course, he possesses to a remarkable degree the sense of proportion and fitness. Continuous application through a long period of educational work has given him a clear and comprehensive insight into the philosophy of the same and the largest wisdom as to method and means of attainment of ends, while his steady growth in public favor wherever he has labored and his popularity with pupils and teachers have won for him educational standing, to which succeeding years will doubtless add additional luster.

The domestic life of Superintendent Walsh began on August 26, 1897, when he was united in marriage with Caroline Lynch, of Wakenda, a lady of culture and refinement and the daughter of John and Ella Lynch, a highly respected family of that vicinity. This union has been graced by the birth of three children, namely: John, born June 27, 1898; James, born December 19, 1899, and Stephen, born September 1, 1905.

Superintendent Walsh holds membership with the Baptist church and is a teacher in the Sunday school, and fraternally he belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Masonic order. He is an active member of the National Education Association. In 1908 he was appointed by Governor Folk as one of the members from Missouri to the International Tuberculosis Congress at Washington, D. C. He is now and has been for a number of years district representative for the Missouri Society for the Prevention of Tuberculosis.

Though deeply interested in the work to which his life is being devoted, Superintendent Walsh has not been unmindful of his duties as a citizen and to this end takes an active part in supporting all enterprises and movements having for their object the material advancement of the county and the intellectual and moral good of the populace. A reader and thinker, he very naturally gives some thought to politics, his studies and investigations along this line leading him to espouse the Democratic party, although he

by no means is a partisan nor seeker after the honor or emoluments of office. Personally he is popular with all classes, possessing to a marked degree the characteristics that win and retain warm friendships, and by his commendable course in all relations of life he occupies no small place in the favor of the public.

ALONZO T. KENDRICK

The White Rock Quarries of Carroll county, with which the members of the Kendrick family have been long identified, have a reputation greater than local and deserve special mention in such a work as this, as well as the character and attainments of the men who have been their proprietors.

Alonzo T. Kendrick was born in the Pleasant Park neighborhood, fifteen miles east of Carrollton, on October 12, 1840, the son of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Thomas) Kendrick. Both of his parents came to Carroll county in 1835 with their parents, from Kentucky. John and Melinda Kendrick, the parents of Benjamin, came by water to Carroll county, from Lewis county, Kentucky, and later, entered land and died in Caldwell county. Benjamin and his brother, William, remained in Carroll county. William brought a family from Kentucky and spent his life here, dying at the age of sixty. Elizabeth Thomas was the daughter of David and Martha Thomas, of Bath county, Kentucky, her father being the son of Richard Thomas, of Virginia. David Thomas located nearly all of the land in the Pleasant Park neighborhood, one thousand acres or more, and spent his life there, dying in 1845 in middle life. Benjamin Kendrick was married to Elizabeth Thomas in 1837. He had been a stone cutter in Louisville, Kentucky, and on coming to Carroll county admired the White Rock bluff, and in 1837 entered the land about it and at once set to making grindstones and grave-stones. Many of these old stones are still in use. Uncle Ben Kendrick's life was mostly devoted to this quarry and to the making of a farm in connection with it, as there is excellent farming land about the quarry. The valuable stone extends for about a half mile along the bluff, which is located five miles south of Pleasant Park, and his farm extended into the valley. From this quarry, stone was cut for many local buildings in Uncle Ben's time. The last year of his life was spent in DeWitt, five miles from the quarry. He died in 1886, at the age of sixty-eight, having been born on May 28, 1818. His wife had died in 1865 at Mt. Sterling, Illinois.

Uncle Ben Kendrick had filled many of the local offices. During the Mormon war he was captain of a company, and was called by that title for the rest of his life. He took great interest in the affairs of the Methodist church, and was in the first church and the first Sunday school in Carroll county, held under a big white oak tree, and this interest increased as he got older, and caused him to be widely known in church matters.

Of Benjamin Kendrick's family of eight children by his first wife, three are living. His second wife, who was Belle Wright, of Mt. Sterling, Illinois, was the mother of two children. Both children are living, but the mother died in Denver, Colorado, in 1902.

Alonzo T. Kendrick spent his boyhood with his father and learned stone cutting from him, entering the marble business at Mt. Sterling, Illinois. He enlisted in the Southern army late in 1861, and was captured with Col. Frank Robertson's command on the Blackwater in Johnson county, near Knobnoster, in December, 1861. He was taken first to McDowell College Prison, St. Louis, then to Alton, Illinois, and on being paroled at Alton, Illinois, February 26, 1862, took the ironclad oath, and did not re-enlist during the war. He continued in the marble business at Mt. Sterling, Illinois, until 1867, when he returned to White Rock, and soon became foreman of the quarries. In 1872 he took charge of the White Rock quarries, operated by J. A. Ganies & Company, with whom he remained until the company was organized into the Carroll County Sand Stone Company, a partnership company, in 1874, and became one of the firm. He removed to DeWitt in 1884 and entered the hardware trade, retaining the supervision of the quarry business. This company supplied the stone for the Iowa state capitol in 1874 to 1881—one hundred and sixty thousand cubic feet of stone, one thousand two hundred carloads. The company was organized into a stock company March 10, 1902, with A. T. Kendrick, president; Benjamin D. Kendrick, Jr., vice-president; William G. Busby, attorney; and O. A. Kendrick, secretary. Now Mr. Kendrick and his son own the controlling interest in the plant, the stockholders being A. T. Kendrick, president and manager; Otis A. Kendrick, secretary and treasurer; and William G. Busby, vice-president and attorney, A. T. Kendrick having bought the stock held by his brother, B. D. Kendrick. The quarries have been in constant operation, and were seven years in supplying stone for the Iowa capitol, which was finished in 1881. The stone was then in use in St. Louis, Omaha, Kansas City, and Lincoln, Nebraska. A. T. Kendrick has been concerned with these quarries the most of his life and has done some work as a building contractor. The Carroll county

court house and most of the public buildings in the county were fittingly built of the native white rock stone. Mr. Kendrick has never taken part in public life.

Alonzo T. Kendrick was married in 1868 at White Rock to Harriett Dumm, the daughter of Wiley and Catherine Dumm, who were formerly of Chariton county, Missouri. Her grandfather and father were carding machine men in Brunswick and DeWitt, Missouri. She was born in DeWitt. Two of the children born to this marriage reached maturity, Otis A., who is a bookkeeper in Wilcoxson & Company's bank, and Dora, who married E. S. Ruckel, a grocer of Carrollton. Mr. Kendrick has been devoted to his business, in which he has displayed much ability. Of strong and upright character, he is much esteemed and respected by those who know him and can look back over a well spent past life.

CHARLES S. AUSTIN, M. D.

One of the best known physicians of Carroll county is Dr. Charles S. Austin, who for twenty-four years has held a very high rank with his hundreds of patients as well as among his professional brethren, and who is held in high favor with all classes by reason of his worth in professional life, his exemplary habits and his public spirit. He is a scion of distinguished ancestry and he has sought to uphold in every way the dignity of the family name. He was born in this county on November 10, 1862, and he is the son of Robert Archibald and Tillie Elizabeth (Williams) Austin, the former born in Bedford county, Virginia, on September 2, 1835, and the latter in Chillicothe, Missouri, on November 2, 1841.

The early history of the Austin family has never been fully traced, although their coat of arms has been preserved, and it is positively known that William Austin emigrated from Wales to America long before the Revolutionary war and settled in Hanover county, Virginia, and the names of William and Moses Austin are matters of definite record. William Austin served in the Revolutionary war with the rank of captain, while two other relatives are known to have served with the rank of first and second lieutenants. Stephen Austin emigrated to Texas in a very early day, and contributed largely to the early development of that state. Austin, its capital, was named in his honor, and his picture hangs in the Alamo among a galaxy of prominent men. William Wilson Austin emigrated from Vir-

ginia to Carroll county, Missouri, about 1836 and entered a large tract of land in what is now known as Sugar Tree township. His family consisted of these children, John Thompson, William Wilson, Jr., James, Archibald Alexander, Robert Alexander, Peter, Mary Ann, Susan, Francis Brown, Charlotte, Mary Brown, Virginia and Elizabeth; and their families, from that date, have been identified with Carroll county and the state of Missouri and its settlement and history. Sarah Leftwich, widow of Peter Austin, of Bedford county, Virginia, emigrated to Carroll county, Missouri, in the fall of 1842, after a three-months journey overland in wagons drawn by oxen, with twelve children, three of whom died in early life; a number of slaves accompanied them, and the family settled in Sugar Tree township. Her children were named as follows: John A., Mrs. Susan Snead, William L., Mrs. Esther Heston, Mrs. Sarah Price, Mrs. Ann Tommerson, Mrs. Lucy Ball, Dr. Peter E. and Rev. Robert Archibald, all surviving her; and these, together with their families and the successors of W. W. Austin, comprise a large and honored group who have contributed largely to upbuild this section of the county and state and have caused the name to be recognized as one of the larger and more prominent of the country. Robert Alexander Austin, John A. Austin and Dr. Peter Austin served their country in the Mexican war, while Dr. Peter Austin was chief surgeon of Slack's division in the Civil war, and Dr. Peter E. Austin, surgeon, and Rev. Robert Archibald Austin, chaplain, in Price's army during the same strife. Dr. Robert Emmet Austin served with much credit in the late Spanish-American war in Cuba, stationed at Bayamo, as surgeon with the rank of lieutenant and with the Tenth United States Cavalry for four years.

Dr. Charles S. Austin, of this review, was educated in the public schools of Carrollton and Hannibal, Missouri, and he received the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy at Fayette, Missouri, in 1883, the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1898, and the degree of Master of Arts in 1900. He took up the study of medicine early in life and was graduated from the Missouri Medical College at St. Louis in 1887, and he took a post-graduate course in New York in 1891. After his graduation he began the practice of his profession by forming a partnership with Dr. Peter E. Austin, of Carrollton, Missouri, which continued until the latter's death, in December, 1901. In early practice he was coroner of Carroll county, and upon the death of the sheriff of the county he became acting sheriff until a successor could be elected. For years he was and has been a member of the city and county boards of health, was health officer for four years to the county court, was secretary

to the board of pension examiners under Cleveland's administration, and he has been for years a member of the board of curators for Central College for Women, at Lexington, Missouri. In 1900 he began farming and has, by industry and thrift, acquired over sixteen hundred acres of fine Missouri bottom land, which he has cultivated under his direct management in a manner that stamps him as being fully abreast of the times in all matters pertaining to agriculture, his lands being under a high state of improvement and cultivation, and his broad, well kept and fertile fields never fail to attract the admiration of the spectator. He is also widely known as a stock man, having engaged extensively in the cattle and hog business, being an excellent judge of all kinds of live stock. He is a stockholder in several banks and is examiner for a large number of old-line life insurance companies and fraternal orders. As a business man he has been unusually successful, possessing rare soundness of judgment, keenness of perception and discernment, being able to foresee with remarkable accuracy the future outcome of a present transaction. He easily ranks with the most substantial and progressive business men of Carroll county.

For several years before the Spanish-American war Doctor Austin was major-surgeon in Company A, Fourth Infantry, Missouri National Guard, having enlisted in 1895. At the beginning of the war he examined all recruits from Carroll county, and accompanied his company as far as St. Louis and later secured the enlistment of his brother, Dr. R. E. Austin, of this county, who, with the rank of lieutenant, spent four years in Cuba in active service, as mentioned in a preceding paragraph.

As a physician, the subject was, during his active years of practice, one of the busiest and best known of Carroll county's medical men, and he ranked second to none in northern Missouri, being profoundly educated in materia medica and keeping fully abreast of the times in all research work and in whatever pertained to his profession.

The Doctor is a loyal Democrat, and in all the offices of public trust which he has held, he performed his duties in a most faithful and conscientious manner, reflecting credit upon himself and to the entire satisfaction of all concerned. Religiously, he is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, and a faithful supporter of the same. He is prominent in fraternal societies and is a member of the following orders: The American Medical Association, the Missouri State Medical Association, the Missouri Tri-State Association, the Grand River Medical Association, the Carroll County Medical Association, the Association of Military Surgeons

of the United States of America; he is a member of the Wakenda Lodge No. 52, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; George Washington Chapter, No. 24, Royal Arch Masons, and is at present eminent commander of Navarre Commandery No. 45, Knights Templar; he is a charter member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, No. 415. He is a member of the Geographical Society, at Washington, D. C., also a member of several local fraternal societies of Carroll county.

On November 18, 1891, Doctor Austin was united in marriage with Mattie C. Martin, a lady of talent, culture and refinement and the representative of a prominent family, being the daughter of Robert G. and Catharine (Tull) Martin, who have long been influential in business and social life in Carrollton. This union has been blessed by the birth of one son, Harold Martin Austin, born October 11, 1893. He is being educated in the public schools of his native community, also the Harvard Military School at Los Angeles, California. He is making a brilliant record for scholarship and is a young man of much promise.

WILLIAM T. BELCHER.

To the subject of this sketch belongs the honor of being one of the leading farmers and successful stock raisers of Carroll county, an honor attributed to him by general assent, as he has long held worthy prestige in his community and forged to a prominent place among the large land owners of his part of the state. William Belcher is descended from one of the pioneer families of Missouri and traces his genealogy to the early history of Virginia, where his grandfather, James Belcher, was born and reared to manhood. Some time in the early twenties, James Belcher moved to the wilds of Howard county, Missouri, and, entering land, developed a farm and for several years suffered all the hardships and vicissitudes incident to pioneer life. Some of his children were born in the new home in the wilderness and he continued to live where he settled until his death, which occurred in 1835. Among his children was a son, W. L. Belcher, who was born in Howard county and who, in young manhood, removed to Randolph county, this state, where he continued to reside until 1849, when he joined the tide of emigration which crossed the mountains and plains in search of the gold fields of California. He was one of the original "Forty-

miners," celebrated in story and song, and while en route to his far away destination, being one hundred twenty days on the trip, endured many hardships and met with not a few startling adventures and experiences, which if put into print would make a goodly sized volume of interesting reading. After remaining in the remote west until 1852 and meeting with only fair success in his efforts to discover and secure a fortune, he returned to Randolph county, Missouri, where he married Eliza Jane Baker, whose parents were among the early residents, from which time until 1865 he lived on his farm in the county of Randolph and succeeded as a tiller of the soil. In 1865 and later years he purchased in all six hundred and forty acres of land in the northern part of Carrollton township, Carroll county, and one hundred and sixty acres in an adjoining township and, moving to the former place, inaugurated a series of improvements which, when completed, made his farm one of the best in this part of the state.

W. L. Belcher was a man of great enterprise and an excellent and praiseworthy citizen. He took a leading part in the development and progress of Carrollton township and became one of its wealthiest and most influential men. He was a zealous supporter of the Democratic party, a consistent and faithful member of the Christian church and his death, which occurred in the year 1908, was felt as a personal loss by the people among whom he had lived so long and to such worthy purposes. Mrs. Belcher, who proved a fit companion and helpmeet for her energetic and public spirited husband, preceded him to the unknown land by about one year, having departed this life in 1907, each being the last survivor of large families. This estimable couple had a family of five children, namely: Mary, who married Peter A. Starnes, and lives in Carroll county; Eva, who became the wife of J. W. Butcher, is deceased; George L. lives in California; William T., of this review, is the fourth in order of birth; Herman A., the youngest of the number, being a resident of Carrollton township and a farmer by occupation.

William T. Belcher is a native of Randolph county, Missouri, where he first saw the light of day on May 26, 1865. Reared under the rugged, but wholesome discipline of the farm and from early youth accustomed to hard and continuous labor in the fields, he grew to strong and vigorous young manhood, not only with well developed physical powers, but with a spirit of self reliance which enabled him to plan intelligently for the future, to the end that he might become a factor of some consequence among his fellow men. In the district school of the neighborhood and Carrollton high school he received the usual intellectual training and, on ar-

living at an age to begin making his own way in the world, his father gave him a quarter section of land which he at once proceeded to cultivate and improve. With such a start in life, it is not at all surprising that he succeeded in his efforts and from the beginning until the present time his career presents a series of successes and advancements such as the majority of farmers fail to achieve. After a few years he purchased an additional one hundred and sixty acres, which, with his original quarter section, and other purchases, comprise a body of six hundred and forty acres, one of the largest as well as one of the best improved and most valuable landed estates in the county. It is perhaps, pardonable in Mr. Belcher to pride himself upon having bought and now owning almost the entire tract originally owned by his father in Carroll county, as well as having large real estate holdings elsewhere.

In connection with tilling the soil, Mr. Belcher devoted a great deal of attention to live stock, making the latter his principal business and depending upon it for his income. He buys and feeds quite extensively, handling several hundred head every year, besides disposing of quite a number to local parties. Being an excellent judge of stock and a careful buyer, he keeps in close touch with the market and knowing when to sell to advantage, he generally realizes profits by his transactions. By judiciously managing his agricultural and his live stock interests, he has added continuously to his fortune and is today the possessor of an ample competence and among Carroll county's financially solid and substantial men.

Mr. Belcher wields an influence for the Democratic party and, though not a politician in the sense the term is usually understood, he has well grounded convictions and his opinions relative to the issues before the people always carry weight and command respect, even of those from whom he may differ in sentiment. He keeps well informed on questions of public import and, like all good citizens, manifests a lively interest in the welfare of his community, lending his influence and assistance to further all measures and movements for the general good of society and the moral uplift of his kind. Though not connected with any religious organization, he has profound respect for the church, which he believes to be a great power for good and one of the principal accessories of modern civilization. His wife is a member of the Baptist church and he usually accompanies her to the public services of the congregation and contributes liberally to its support, also to the various auxiliaries under its auspices.

The ceremony by which Mr. Belcher and Mattie Wright were united in the bonds of wedlock was solemnized on the 16th day of June, 1902,

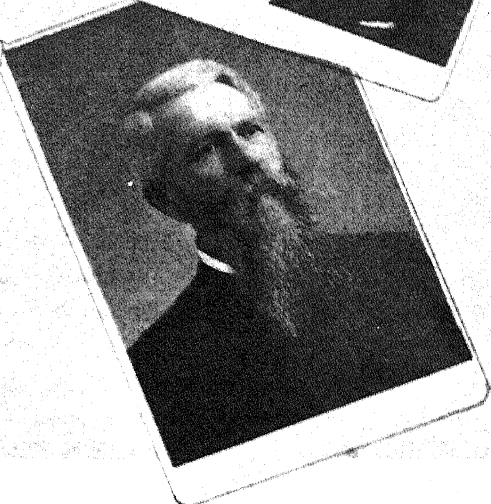
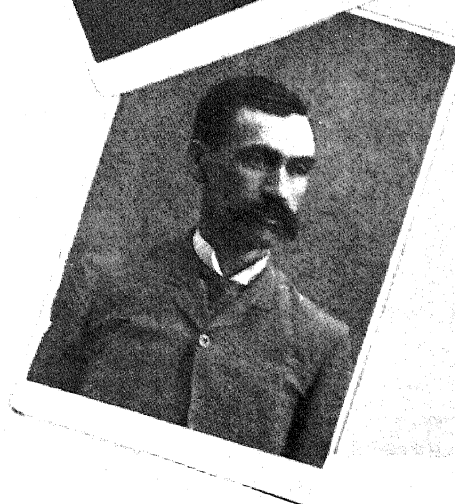
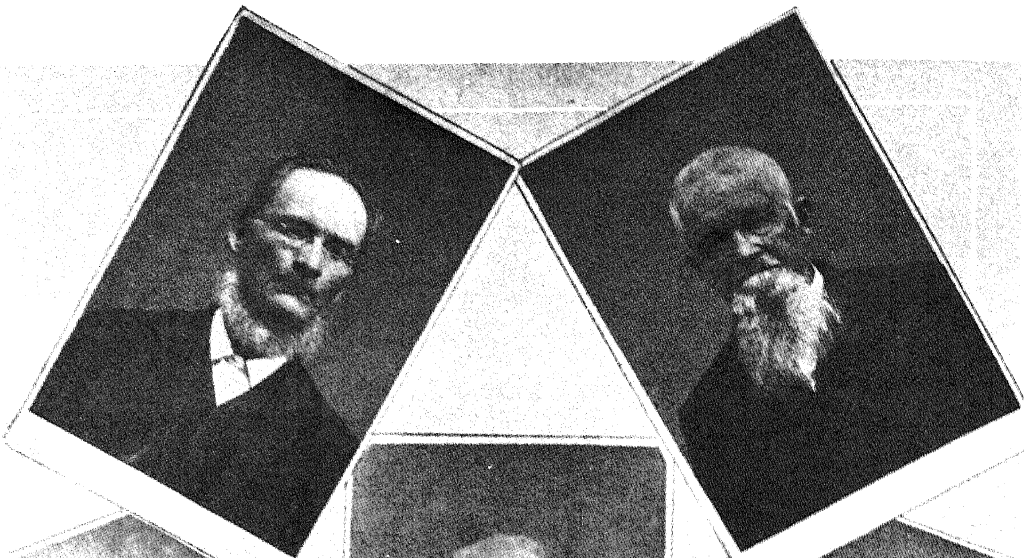
the marriage being blessed with four children, whose names are as follows: Isabel, William Wright, Dora May and Charles L. Mrs. Belcher is a daughter of B. F. Wright and a lady whose intelligence, character and many womanly virtues command the respect and esteem of her many friends and the social circle in which she moves. For facts concerning her family history the reader is respectfully referred to the sketch of Charles Wright, which appears elsewhere in these pages.

EDMUND J. REA.

Edmund J. Rea, president of the Carroll Exchange Bank of Carrollton, and a business man of high standing and wide repute, is a native of Missouri, born in Carroll county on the 30th day of January, 1842. His father, Edmund J. Rea, Sr., was a Virginian by birth, and came in 1837 to Carroll county, Missouri, with the interests of which the remainder of his life was identified. By occupation a farmer and stock raiser, he also took an active interest in public and political matters, serving a number of years as judge of the county court and proving a most competent and popular official. The maiden name of Mrs. Edmund J. Rea, Sr., was Pamela J. Clinkscales. She bore her husband a family of nine children and impressed all with whom she came into contact as a woman of strong mind, whose influence was always for good and who spared no pains in rearing her children to lives of usefulness and honor.

The subject of this sketch, Edmund J. Rea, enjoyed the advantages of the public schools during his early years and later acquired a knowledge of the more advanced branches of study in the high school. He was reared to agricultural pursuits and remained on the home farm until reaching the age of young manhood, when he engaged in merchandising at Lexington, Missouri, until the war broke out.

After serving a year and a half with Gen. Sterling Price, he was honorably discharged at Tupelo, Mississippi, in 1863, and returned to Carrollton, Missouri. During the following year, in company with his brother, Robert D. Rea, Abbott Clinkscales and Jack Graham, he collected a large bunch of cows, which they drove to Helena, Montana, taking six months for the trip out and realizing a good profit on their venture. He again returned to Carrollton in the fall of 1866 and embarked with R. G. Martin, Sr., in the leaf tobacco business, to which he devoted his time and energies until 1870, when he

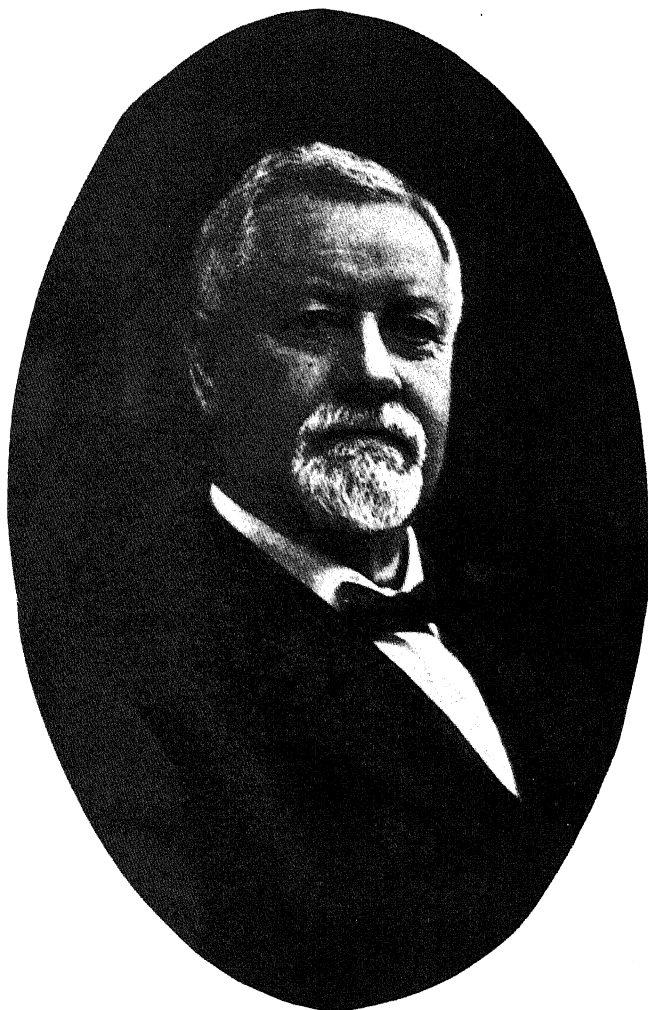


JONATHAN HILL
ALEX TROTTER
WITTEN McDONALD

R. G. MARTIN, Sr.

JAMES TROTTER
E. J. REA
L. B. ELY

Incorporators and Original Stockholders of the Carroll Exchange Bank.



EDMUND J. REA

turned his attention to another and different kind of enterprise, becoming in the fall of that year a leading spirit in organizing the Carroll Exchange Bank of Carrollton, now one of the oldest financial institutions in Carroll county and among the strong and popular banks in the western part of the state.

The Carroll Exchange Bank was founded in the fall of the year indicated by a company composed of Edmund J. Rea, R. G. Martin, L. B. Ely, Alexander Trotter, James Trotter, Jonathan Hill and Witten McDonald, Mr. Martin being elected president and Edmund J. Rea, cashier. The institution started business under very favorable auspices and the high character of the men behind the enterprise commended it to the confidence of the people of both country and city. From the beginning it has grown steadily in public favor and, as before stated, it is today one of the solid monetary institutions of Carroll county, and ranks among the strongest and best managed banks in the state. Not a little of the uniform success which has characterized its course is due to the safe and conservative men by whom it is managed, conspicuous among whom is Mr. Rea, who served as cashier for twenty years and was made president in 1890. He still holds this important and responsible position and in discharging the duties of same displays executive ability of high order, and a familiarity with monetary questions and their relation to the varied interests of the country which entitles him to an honored place among the leading financiers of Missouri and the West.

In addition to his career as a business man, Mr. Rea has a military record worthy of publicity. Having espoused the cause of the South during the late Civil war, he upheld the same by active service in the Confederate army. With his brother, P. H. Rea, he enlisted in Colonel Reeves' regiment, which formed a part of the brigade commanded by General Shelby, and experienced considerable active duty in Missouri, Arkansas and other states with the army under Gen. Sterling Price. He took part in several campaigns and a number of battles, the majority being minor engagements, and tendered his life freely to what he considered a just and righteous cause.

Since old enough to exercise the rights of citizenship, he has been unwavering in his allegiance to the Democratic party, the time-honored principles of which he believes to be for the best interests of the people. He is not narrowly partisan, however, and has never entered the political arena as an aspirant for office or leadership, the pressing claims of his business preventing him from very active participation in public affairs. A reader and thinker, he keeps in touch with the trend of current thought, political and otherwise, and his convictions relative to the leading questions and issues of the times are

well grounded, and his opinions have always commanded the respect of his friends and associates.

Mr. Rea's financial success has kept pace with his business enterprises and he is today in easy circumstances, with a comfortable competence for the future. In addition to his home and other valuable city properties, he has interests in several farms in different parts of the county, from the rental of which no small share of his income is derived. He is a married man and the head of a mutually happy family circle, the inspiring spirit of which being a lady of beautiful life and character, who, prior to assuming the name she now honors, was Theodosia Martin, of Carrollton, daughter of R. G. Martin, one of Mr. Rea's business associates. Mr. Rea and Miss Martin were made husband and wife in the year 1868, and their union has been blessed with seven children, whose names are as follows: Minnie J. married W. H. Winfree and lives in Spokane, Washington; Robert M., a wholesale grocer of Carrollton; Katherine, wife of A. C. Smith, a well known druggist of the same city; Jodie died in infancy, as did James; the sixth in order of birth, Louis T., lives in Oklahoma; and Jesse V., the youngest of the family, makes his home in the city of Spokane, Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Rea are members of the Christian church of Carrollton and manifest commendable interest in the work of the same and in the various organizations under its auspices. Their children likewise belong to the church and the wholesome influence of its teachings, reinforced by proper home training, is manifest in their daily walk and conversation. Those who left the parental fireside to establish homes of their own are well settled and all are progressing finely in their various enterprises and enjoy the esteem and confidence of the people of their respective places of residence.

HON. JOHN BLACKWELL HALE.

Standing out clear and distinct among the names of Missouri's eminent public men is that of the late Hon. John Blackwell Hale, of Carrollton, for many years a leader of the bar in his county and a distinguished representative from his district in the Congress of the United States. John Hale, his father, was a Virginian by birth and belonged to an old and respected family of his native commonwealth. He married in that state, Mary E. Blackwell, and moved to Carroll county, Missouri, where his death occurred in 1838. His wife and family came west the latter year and made Carroll county their

future home, the wife dying here a number of years ago, the children growing to maturity being well known and highly esteemed in their respective places of residence.

John Blackwell Hale was born February 27, 1831, in Virginia and at the early age of seven years removed with the family to Missouri, from which time until his lamented death his life was closely interwoven with the varied interests of his adopted county and state. He attended the schools of his neighborhood and made rapid progress in his studies and in the meantime read all books, magazines and papers he could procure, thus becoming widely informed and a remarkably intelligent youth. Having early evinced a taste for the law and a desire to make it his life work, he entered, at the age of fifteen, the office of Abel & Cabbell, well known attorneys of Brunswick, and under the direction of these gentlemen, prosecuted his legal studies until sufficiently advanced to begin the practicing of his profession.

Mr. Hale was admitted to the bar at Brunswick and immediately thereafter opened an office in Carrollton where his abilities soon gained recognition and it was not long until he secured his proportionate share of legal business. Notwithstanding the fact of his being obliged to compete with old and experienced attorneys at a bar long noted for a high order of legal talent, his advancement was rapid and within a comparatively brief period his name appeared in connection with many important cases and his reputation as a rising lawyer gained for him a large and lucrative practice. When the national sky became overcast by the ominous clouds of civil war he espoused the cause of the Union and at the beginning of the struggle he enlisted in the Sixty-fifth Regiment Missouri Militia, of which by a series of promotions he soon became colonel. He shared with his command the vicissitudes of a number of campaigns, participated in not a few bloody battles, to say nothing of the skirmishes and minor engagements, and made an honorable record as a brave soldier and gallant commander. He served with marked distinction until the cessation of hostilities when he returned to Carrollton and resumed the practice of his profession, which he continued with signal success to the end of his life.

Mr. Hale not only rose to a prominent place in his chosen calling, but was also a leader in public affairs and a politician of much more than local renown. Before the war he represented Carroll county in the Legislature, where he was instrumental in the placing of a number of important laws on the statute books and later became one of the influential politicians of the state. In 1885 he was the Democratic choice for Congress in the second district, and at the ensuing election defeated his competitor by a decisive majority and in due time entered upon his duties as a national legislator.

During his term in Congress he served on several important committees, took an active part in the general deliberations of the body and was accounted an able, industrious and faithful member, whose loyalty to his party was never questioned and who labored earnestly for the best interests of his state and nation. He later affiliated with the Republican party and was a member of the state Republican convention which met at Jefferson City in 1900 and a delegate-at-large to the Minneapolis convention, in both of which bodies he made his influence felt and had much to do in shaping and directing the policies of his party.

As a lawyer, Colonel Hale was easily the peer of the ablest men of the profession in western Missouri and for many years his place at the head of the Carroll county bar admitted of no dispute. He was well grounded in the basic principles of jurisprudence, skilled and tactful in applying his knowledge to practice, and throughout a long and eminently successful legal career his name was above the slightest suspicion of dishonor. Though untiring in the interests of his clients and a formidable adversary in the trial of causes, he treated opposing counsel fairly and was never lacking the courteous and gentlemanly deportment which characterize professional men of high minds and broad views who never stoop to a low or mean advantage and scorn any action that tends to compromise the dignity of their profession.

Mr. Hale was married on the 6th day of January, 1858, to Mary (Clayborne) Cosby, daughter of Winfield and Mary R. (Strange) Cosby, the union resulting in the birth of seven children: Arthur H., deceased; John G., of Chicago; Minor C., of Carrollton; Wingfield W., of Carrollton; Charles P., of Columbia, Missouri; Clayborne W., deceased; Mary Elizabeth, of Carrollton.

Fraternally, Mr. Hale was an Odd Fellow and, religiously, a Baptist. In his relations unto his fellow men he was ever courteous and considerate and in his manner he afforded a striking illustration of the frankness of the well-bred Southern gentleman. All who came in the range of his influence were profuse in their praise of his many sterling qualities and his memory will long be cherished as one of the eminent lawyers of his county and state and as a citizen who conferred honor upon the city which he made his home for so many years. He died in Carrollton on the first day of February, 1905, and a sorrowing multitude followed his remains to their final resting place.

Wingfield and Mary R. Cosby, parents of Mrs. Hale, moved from Virginia to Howard county, Missouri, in 1842 and in the following year changed their residence to the county of Carroll. By occupation, Mr. Cosby was a saddler, and he operated a shop in Carrollton for a number of years.

He departed this life in December, 1864, and his wife in the year 1882. They have a family of three children, namely: Sallie Willie, wife of James F. Tull, of Carrollton; Mary C., widow of the subject of this sketch, and Clara, who married Robert C. Ely, both being deceased.

W. A. HATCHER.

In this sketch is recorded the life of a man who has passed through many and varied experiences, which have given him a more than ordinary fullness of life and have made him capable of being more than ordinarily useful, both in a business and a public way, to the citizens of his community.

William A. Hatcher was born in Marion county, Missouri, on October 29, 1839, the son of Rev. Lemuel Gale Hatcher, a clergyman of the Baptist church, and Sarah D. (Chambers) Hatcher. His father was born in Virginia and was a minister of great piety and power whose ministry was cut short by his death at the early age of forty-five in Lewis county, Missouri. His wife was a native of Kentucky, and died in Carrollton, Missouri, on February 5, 1881, in her sixty-ninth year. William was the third of their five children. The first seventeen years of his life were spent in Lewis county, Missouri, and in 1857 he came with his mother and his step-father, who was Henry Wetherholt, to Carroll county, and lived with them a few years on their farm on section 35, in Egypt township. In 1862 he entered the army, being a member of the enrolled militia for about seven months, then went to California in 1863, making the trip over the plains in a wagon with a drove of mules. There he remained for two years, engaging in teaching school and agriculture. Returning to Carroll county, he combined teaching and farming until 1870, when he entered the mercantile business in Norborne, Missouri, in which he was engaged about one year. In 1880 he moved to Carrollton, Missouri, and conducted a hardware business until September 15, 1881, on which date his store was burned. For one year after this he was engaged in buying and shipping cattle in Sherman, Texas, then returning again to Carroll county, again farmed for a few years, and later removed to Norborne, where he was superintendent of the Badger Lumber Company for three years. In 1895 he became active in the organization of the Citizens Bank, and was chosen president, which position he has held since. This bank is one of the firmly established institutions of recognized soundness in Carroll county, and much of its marked success has been due to the activities of

Judge Hatcher. In connection with his son, Judge Hatcher is the owner of two thousand eight hundred acres of land in Arkansas, which yields to them handsome profits. Since 1867 he has been a Mason.

Hon. W. A. Hatcher has always been a member of the Democratic party, but has had no aspirations to office, although he was elected constable in 1871. But in 1906, against his will, he was literally drafted by his party to accept the nomination on their ticket for presiding judge of the county court, was elected, and has given to the people of the county extremely good satisfaction.

On November 7, 1872, W. A. Hatcher was married to Elizabeth Barnes, who was born in Jackson county, Missouri, the daughter of Dr. T. A. and Virginia (Jones) Barnes, both of whom are natives of Virginia. To this marriage were born two children, Thomas G., and Vallie B., who is the wife of Caskie Curtright. Mrs. Hatcher is a woman of much intelligence and refinement, who has been a true helpmate to her husband.

Judge Hatcher has reached the allotted three score years and ten, and their completion finds him occupying a high place of honor among the people of his county, and in the very height of his usefulness, with prospects—for Time has used him kindly—of service continuing yet for many years. Always a clean and honest business man, his ventures have brought to him financial success, and none of his dealings have been such as to lower in one whit his high reputation. In character and attainments, his life has been well worth living.

WILLIAM W. McKINNY.

The gentleman whose name heads this sketch is descended from one of the oldest families of Carroll county, from men and women who came to Missouri when the county was new and unsettled and braved the dangers of pioneer life. They went through unrelenting toil and great privations, but firmly endured these and by their efforts aided in the building of the state of Missouri, one of the greatest in the Union, considered from any standpoint. And it was the lives of such pioneers as the early members of the McKinny family that made this greatness possible. Certainly this man should honor these sturdy and rugged pioneers, and he does this by living a life which is an honor to any ancestry, if true manhood be the standard of judging.

William W. McKinny was born in Carroll county, Missouri, on March 18, 1863, the son of Jonathan McKinny, who was born in Alabama in 1821 and came to Carroll county, Missouri, in 1830, with his father, George McKinny. George McKinny was born in Tennessee, and died in DeWitt township of Carroll county, where he had spent the greater portion of his life. He was the first postmaster in the township and kept the office for thirty years. Jonathan McKinny was a prominent and respected farmer of Carroll county, and was married to Elizabeth Hensley on March 27, 1840. She was the daughter of James Hensley, was born in Kentucky and, in 1838, came to Carroll county, where her parents spent their lives, her father dying in 1876, at the age of seventy-six. Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan McKinny were the parents of thirteen children, of whom William W. was the eleventh.

William W. McKinny received his education in the schools of DeWitt township, in the Central College at Fayette, Missouri, and at Avalon, Missouri. During his earlier life he followed farming and stock raising, in which he was very successful, and he now owns three hundred and forty acres of the best land in DeWitt township, all highly improved. In 1904 he entered the grain buying business, in 1905 built an elevator at DeWitt, and in 1906 one at Miami Station, Carroll county, Missouri, at which time he formed a partnership with E. P. Crispin. In 1908 he disposed of his interests in the elevators and purchased the controlling interest in the Peoples Bank of DeWitt, of which he has since been cashier. This bank has been noticeably very prosperous since it has been in the management of Mr. McKinny, and his good judgment in financial matters is largely responsible for the safe and assured place which the bank holds among the similar institutions of Carroll county.

On January 27, 1886, Mr. McKinny was married to Anna Cunningham, who was born in DeWitt township, the daughter of Eugene Cunningham, who was a native of Ireland and came to America in 1855, locating in DeWitt township in 1869. By occupation he was a railroad contractor, and he remained in DeWitt until his death in 1902. His wife was Amanda Ward, who was born in Cooper county, Missouri, and died in DeWitt in May, 1909. Mr. and Mrs. McKinny are the parents of one living child, Joseph J., born on September 30, 1898. A daughter, Mary F., died in 1897, when ten months old.

Mr. McKinny is a man who possesses the qualities and traits which gain many friends, and is one of the most public spirited citizens of the town, always taking an interest in whatever promises to be of benefit to the community. In business he is eminently practical and ranks high among representative business men of the county.

REV. THOMAS LEIGH WEST.

This distinguished Baptist divine is a scion of an old and very prominent Virginia family, the history of which in this country antedates by a number of years the war for Independence. His grandfather, James West, of Hanover county, Virginia, was a large planter, and earned much more than local repute as an enterprising agriculturist.

James E. West, son of the above mentioned James and father of the subject of this sketch, was born on the family estate in the county of Hanover and spent all of his life in his native commonwealth. Like the majority of his neighbors and fellow citizens, he espoused the cause of the South during the late Civil war and, entering the Confederate army at the beginning of the struggle, served with an honorable record until its close, giving several years to what he considered a righteous cause and participating in a number of the campaigns and hard-fought battles which made Virginia historic ground from 1861 to 1865. Five of his brothers were Confederate soldiers also and likewise strove manfully to uphold the honor of their beloved state and drive the invader from its soil. All distinguished themselves by bravery and gallantry on the field of battle and during a long and arduous service their records were without a stain. James E. West was a planter and succeeded well at his vocation, in addition to which he manifested a commendable interest in all matters of public import, kept in touch with the leading questions and issues of the times, and gave his influence and assistance to all laudable means for the advancement of his county and state or for the general welfare of his fellow men. Mary M. Johnson, wife of James E. West, was a daughter of William De Priest and Martha (Hope) Johnson, the father a well-to-do planter and prominent citizen, the mother a descendant of an old English family that settled in Virginia in colonial times and figured prominently in the early history of the commonwealth. Both branches of the family were represented in the war of the Revolution, in which struggle the ancestors of Mr. West also took part.

Mr. Johnson was one of the noted men of his day and generation in his native county, enjoyed marked social distinction and was a true type of the old landed aristocracy of the South of which so much has been said in history and which has furnished writers of lighter literature so many interesting and pleasing themes. He lived after the courteous stately manner of an age forever past and left the impress of a strong personality deeply stamped upon the community honored by his residence and citizenship.

Thomas Leigh West was born August 10, 1859, in Louisa county, Virginia, and received his preliminary education in the schools of the lo-

cality in which he was reared. Later he entered the Richmond College, at Richmond, where he prosecuted his studies until completing the prescribed course and receiving in June, 1884, the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Having decided to devote his life to the ministry, he became a student of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Kentucky, where he continued his studies and researches until being graduated in April, 1887, soon after which he took charge of the Baptist church at West Point, Virginia, where he labored with great acceptance during the eighteen months ensuing. At the expiration of the period indicated, he resigned at the above place, and, in August, 1889, became pastor of the First Baptist church of Carrollton, Missouri, which relation he sustained with mutual satisfaction and profit until 1897, when he severed his connection with the congregation to become corresponding secretary of the board of State Missions and Sunday Schools of the Missouri Baptist General Association, to which important responsible position he was appointed the latter year.

The post which Reverend West now holds is one of the most important and far-reaching within the gift of the denomination to which he belongs. He has charge of all the Baptist mission work in Missouri. The plans which the board which he represents have made to extend the work to all parts of the state is being carried out under the able direction of the subject and the sum of about sixty thousand dollars a year is required to locate missionaries and support them in their work. Reverend West has demonstrated superior ability as an executive and leader and thus far his efforts have resulted in most gratifying success. The members of the board and church at large repose implicit confidence in his ability and faithfulness and what he has already accomplished may be accepted as an earnest desire for still greater achievements in the future. By nature and training he is admirably fitted for the position which he so ably fills, being not only profoundly versed in ecclesiastical matters and familiar with the history of the church in the state and its needs, but he possesses rare foresight and tact which enables him to plan with every assurance of success and locate men where they will do the greatest amount of good. He is a born leader, a natural executive and his power of foretelling the future outcome of present action is proof that the board has made no mistake in estimating his worth and placing him in a position where his abilities may be exercised with the greatest possible freedom and effect.

Reverend West is a scholarly and erudite divine, a clear, forcible and logical preacher, whose strong and eloquent appeals as he pleads with men to forsake the paths of sin and seek the narrow way which leads to happiness and peace in this life and eternal felicity in the life to come, seldom fails

to arouse an interest among his auditors and cause many to repent. He possesses a dignified, though pleasing presence, is easily approachable, and where he sustained the pastoral relation his congregation grew rapidly in numbers and influence, and at the same time he won a large place in the confidence and esteem of the people, irrespective of church or creed. Although deeply interested in the line of effort to which his time and talents are being devoted, he is not unmindful of his relations to the community nor the duties of citizenship. He encourages every enterprise which has for its object the material prosperity of the city and county and all measures and movements for the social advancement and moral good of his fellow men find in him an earnest advocate and liberal patron.

Reverend West, on April 12, 1898, was united in the holy bonds of wedlock unto Annie May Trotter, daughter of Alexander and Martha F. (Minnis) Trotter, a brief account of which will be found in the sketch following this review. Mr. and Mrs. West have no children of their own, but are deeply interested in the young people of the community and lose no opportunity to promote their welfare. In the social and intellectual life of the city, as well as in religious circles, the influence of this estimable couple has long been felt for good and as leaders in a number of laudable projects they are directing the minds of the people along lines which make for the general welfare.

Reverend West's parents had seven children, of whom he is the second in order of birth, the names of the others being as follows: William B., the oldest of the family, lives in Richmond, Virginia, where he is president of the American Terminal Ware House Association and one of the prominent business men of the city. Eppie died at the age of fourteen. James E., Jr., is with his brother in Richmond and is head of the Old Homestead Manufacturing Company. Benjamin H., for a number of years a successful lawyer of Virginia, is deceased. Mary Ann lives in Richmond, as does Charles H., the youngest of the number, who is a leading coal merchant of that city. The Wests are among the prominent old families of the Virginia capital and, as indicated in a preceding paragraph, their genealogy is traceable to an early date in the colonial period. The name has long been identified with the history of the state and wherever known it stands for honorable manhood, cultured and refined womanhood and a high order of citizenship.

Peter Trotter, brother of Mrs. Annie May West, was born in Carroll county, Missouri, May 19, 1859, being a son of Alexander and Martha F. (Minnis) Trotter, natives of Kentucky and Missouri respectively. John Trotter, father of Alexander, was born in Virginia, but when a young man

went to Kentucky, removing thence to Missouri in the early twenties and settling in Carroll county, where he entered lands and became widely known as a fearless pioneer. He is said to have made one of the first, if not the first, improvements on the present site of Carrollton and his wife's brother, John Stanley, donated the land on which the city now stands as a site for a town.

Alexander Trotter grew to maturity in Carroll county and by occupation was a farmer and trader in live stock. He went to California in 1849 with the Wilcoxsons and others, but after a few years in the far west, returned little if any richer than when he started. He became one of the leading agriculturists and stock raisers of the county and was one of the organizers of the Carrollton Exchange Bank in 1870 and served as first vice-president of the institution. He lived an upright and useful life and was called from earth on March 1, 1906, his wife dying in April, 1904. He was a prominent member of the Masonic fraternity, a Democrat in early life, but later became a Republican and, with his wife, belonged to the Baptist church.

Alexander and Martha F. Trotter had four children, namely: James W. (deceased), Louis C. (deceased), Peter, the subject of this review, and Annie May, who married Rev. Thomas Leigh West and lives in Carrollton.

Peter Trotter was educated in the schools of Carrollton and on quitting the high school accepted a position in the Exchange Bank, which he held for a period of fifteen years. Severing his connection with the institution at the expiration of that time, he devoted his attention during several ensuing years to other pursuits, but later returned to the bank and in 1907 was elected its vice-president, which position he still holds. Mr. Trotter is an able business man, especially in finance and banking, and stands high in the esteem and confidence of his friends and fellow citizens. He is a member of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, including the degree of Knight Templar, and the Shrine and is also identified with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. In politics he is an independent Democrat, but in local matters votes for the man, regardless of party.

WILLIAM A. FRANKEN.

Although a young man and but recently admitted to the bar, the subject of this review has achieved marked success in his profession and since January 1, 1911, has been judge of probate court of Carroll county, Missouri.

Henry H. Franken, father of the subject, was born in Germany and when four years of age was brought to the United States by his parents, his father dying at sea, his mother with the rest of the family arriving safely at their destination and settling in Cooper county, Missouri, where she spent the remainder of her life. Henry H. Franken grew to maturity in Cooper county and at the age of twenty-two came to Carroll county, and went into the harness business at Norborne, in connection with which line of trade he also engaged quite extensively in grain and stock buying. He married, when a young man, Sybilla Koenig, whose parents came to this country from Germany many years ago and settled near Madison, Wisconsin, where Mrs. Franken was born. When Mrs. Franken was sixteen years old she moved with her parents to near Boonville, Cooper county, Missouri, at which place she was married to Mr. Franken. The children of this union are as follows: Joseph H., who lives near Albany, Missouri; Mary E., wife of Franklin A. Early; Henry H., Jr., of Norborne; William A., of this review; Katherine, Margaret, Irene, Francis, Clara, Viola, Laura A. and Urban, all of whom except Francis are living and have received or are receiving good educations. Henry H. Franken, Sr., was the youngest of five children, the names of the other members of the family being as follows: Joseph F., deceased; Mary, who married Nicholas Hainnen; Margaret, wife of Nicholas Meistrell; and Katherine, who became the wife of A. Smith.

William A. Franken was born March 21, 1880, in Norborne, Missouri, and spent his early life in his native town. At the proper age he entered the public schools of the town and, possessing a bright mind and an aptitude for study, his progress was commendable and in due time he passed on to institutions of a higher grade, where he likewise earned an honorable record as a close and critical student. Having early manifested a predilection for the legal profession, Mr. Franken entered the law department of the University of Missouri, where he pursued his studies until completing the prescribed course and receiving his degree, having graduated in 1906 as valedictorian of his class. Fortified with high academic and professional training, he was admitted to the bar in the spring of 1906 and immediately thereafter engaged in the practice of law at Carrollton, where he gained recognition in due time and it was not long until he had succeeded in building up a remunerative business, which has grown steadily in magnitude and importance, until he is now regarded as one of the successful young attorneys at a bar which has produced some of the ablest legal talent in the state.

Mr. Franken is well grounded in the basic principles of his profession and, with the ability and tact to apply his knowledge to practice, his rise has been rapid and, as stated above, he now occupies a position in legal circles such as few of his age and experience attain. He attends strictly to business, is loyal to the interests of his clients and in the trial of causes has shown himself able to cope with old and experienced practitioners and that, too, in a manner which proves himself a foeman worthy of their steel. Ever since old enough to read and think intelligently, he has taken a lively interest in public questions, the trend of his mind naturally leading him into the political arena, where for a number of years he has been a forceful factor in the ranks of the Democratic party. In recognition of efficient services to his party as well as by reason of his fitness for the position, he was honored in 1910 by being nominated for the office of probate judge, to which office he was elected in November, 1910.

Mr. Franken is personally quite popular with the people and his friendships are bounded only by the limits beyond which his acquaintance does not extend. He possesses a pleasing address, is easily approachable and, being a man of the people with their interests at heart, his advancements and success and the high esteem in which he is held are easily accounted for.

On June 15, 1909, Mr. Franken was united in marriage with Laura Coontz, of Vandalia, Missouri, daughter of J. F. and Susan Coontz, natives of Ralls county, this state, and among the respected families of the town in which they reside. Mr. and Mrs. Franken are popular in the social circles of Carrollton and, as devoted members of the Roman Catholic church, wield a potent influence in the religious life of the city.

JOSEPH B. BARGOLD.

The family of which the gentleman whose name heads this review is a member, is one well and favorably known in Eugene township, Carroll county, where so many of its members have lived honorable and useful lives, and have acquired prosperity by their energy and ability, as well as gaining many friends and becoming persons of influence in their neighborhoods. Descended from the sturdy German race, they have exemplified its highest virtues, and owe much of their success in life to the constitution and ideals inherited from German ancestors.

Joseph B. Bargold was born in Chariton county, Missouri, on February 7, 1864, the son of John and Maria (Werhle) Bargold. His parents

were natives of Germany, who came to this country and located in Chariton county, where John Bargold died on December 24, 1873, at the early age of forty-seven. He was a man of strong character, honest and honorable, and respected by his neighbors. Joseph B. Bargold was the oldest of five children, and came to Carroll county with his mother and the remaining children in 1876, locating in DeWitt township, where they lived until 1881, when they moved to Eugene township, where he has since resided. Mr. Bargold has followed farming and stock raising since boyhood, and has accumulated a considerable amount of property. He is the owner of two hundred and eighty-four acres of land in Eugene township, all improved, and which well repays the labor and efforts which are expended on it.

Mr. Bargold was married in Eugene township on May 1, 1907, to Maud May Henderson, who was born in Carroll county and is a daughter of W. S. and Frances Henderson. To this marriage one child has been born, a sweet little girl, Ruth L.

Mr. Bargold takes a good degree of interest in all public affairs, and has been active in the councils of the Republican party in his township, having often served as a delegate to the county conventions. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity. One of the progressive and up-to-date farmers of the community, he obtains proportionately large returns for his scientifically directed farming operations, and is also a man whose personal qualities have made him a man of influence in the community.

BENTLEY HUDSON.

The subject of this review is a native of Monroe county, Ohio, born September 28, 1844. His family on the paternal side is English, his father and grandfather having been born in the old country. William Hudson, the latter, by trade a calico printer, came to the United States about the year 1820 and located at Philadelphia, but after a brief residence in that city moved to Ohio where he bought land and became a tiller of the soil. Later he went to Canada, where he remained about two years and then moved his family to Wisconsin, where he spent the remainder of his life. William Hudson, Jr., the subject's father, was born in Devonshire, England, in 1810, and at the age of ten accompanied his parents to America and spent the years intervening between that time and his young manhood at the different places referred to above. While still a youth, he learned the cooper's trade which he followed for some years in Ohio, and about 1831

he was married in that state to Nancy Hurd, whose parents were among the pioneer settlers of the community in which they lived. In 1851 Mr. Hudson moved his family to Carroll county, Missouri, and entered eighty acres of land in section 2, township 55, which he at once proceeded to improve and which, with the help of his sons, he soon developed into a good farm. He became a successful agriculturist and praiseworthy citizen, and continued to reside on the land which he purchased from the government until his death, in the year 1869. He and his wife were taken sick about the same time and all that medical skill could do to arrest the progress of their illness was done, but in vain, as they continued to grow worse until death terminated their suffering, both dying on the same day and their bodies were laid to rest in the same grave. They were esteemed members of the Christian church and their lives a practical exemplification of their profound religious faith. Mr. Hudson was originally a Whig and a local politician of some note, and when the Republican party was organized he became one of its most pronounced adherents, being among the few in this part of Missouri to accept principles which the majority considered detrimental to the peace and quietude of the body politic.

William and Nancy Hudson were the parents of seven children, namely: Susana C., widow of James Jimison, now living at Hale; William A., member of the Seventh Missouri Cavalry in the Civil war, who died at Little Rock, Arkansas, in 1863; John died while the family lived in Ohio; Jefferson, who was associated with the subject in the drug business and who died suddenly in 1903; Mary departed this life some years ago, and Hulda, the youngest of the family, died in infancy; Bentley, the subject, being the sixth in order of birth.

Bentley Hudson was a lad of about seven years' growth when his parents moved to Missouri and he grew to maturity and received his education in the county of which he has since been an honored resident. On July 14, 1861, he enlisted in the Eighteenth Missouri Infantry, with which he served until the close of the Civil war, his military experience the meanwhile being replete with duty well and faithfully done. He shared with his comrades the vicissitudes and dangers of the long and trying period through which he passed, took part in some of the noted campaigns of the war and, beginning with the bloody engagement at Shiloh, continued at the front until the list of battles in which he participated amounted to twenty-two, a record such as few soldiers can produce. When the war closed, he returned to Missouri and for about two years thereafter operated a saw mill at Brunswick. At the expiration of that time he engaged in agricultural pursuits which he followed in Carroll county for five years, when he discontinued

farming and during the ensuing seven years devoted his attention to the manufacture of lumber.

Disposing of his mill at the expiration of the period indicated, Mr. Hudson, a short time afterwards, bought a drug store at Bedford, which he moved to Clyone in 1882. When that village was merged into the town of Hale, he transferred his stock to the latter place, where in due time he built up an extensive business, which he continued with marked success until his retirement from active life in 1905.

Mr. Hudson was the first druggist in the village of Clyone and, having no opposition in his line, did remarkably well as long as he remained in the business. His various enterprises prospered and he is now in independent circumstances and well situated to enjoy the life of honorable retirement which he is now living. He enjoys to a marked degree the respect and confidence of his neighbors and fellow citizens, stands high in the esteem of the public and ranks among the enterprising and representative men of the county with which he has been so long and so prominently identified.

Mr. Hudson was married on the 25th day of December, 1867, to America Sharp, whose parents, Daniel and Lottie (Squire) Sharp, moved from their native state of Kentucky many years ago and were among the early settlers of Carroll county. Mrs. Hudson bore her husband three children and departed this life on March 7, 1872. She was a lady of beautiful life and character, a kind and loving wife, an affectionate and devoted mother, and her loss was not only felt by her immediate family, but by the large circle of neighbors and friends who held her in such high esteem. The children have also been called to the other life, two of them dying in infancy and a daughter, Myrtle, the youngest of the number, at the early age of twelve years. Mr. Hudson is a Republican in all the term implies and an active worker for his party. He holds membership with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Knights of Pythias and in religion subscribed to the simple teachings of the Christian church, with which he has been connected for a number of years.

WILLIAM C. BAIRD, M. D.

One of the notable figures among the physicians of Carroll county is Dr. William C. Baird, who is the oldest practitioner in the county, having been in the practice of medicine for forty-eight years, during which time he has become well known and has relieved much suffering. For thirty years of that time he

has been a minister of the gospel and has added to the curing of mortal bodies the caring for immortal souls, a most worthy combination. Doctor Baird is the author of the chapter on the medical profession in the history of Carroll county.

William C. Baird was born in Lincoln county, Missouri, on July 9, 1838. His father was James A. Baird, who was born in 1803 in Kentucky, and died in 1876 in Lafayette county, Missouri; his mother was Martha A. (Briggs) Baird, who was born in Kentucky, and died in 1866 in Lafayette county, Missouri. James A. Baird was a pioneer farmer and stock raiser of Lincoln county, Missouri, to which he moved in 1823, and was also long a farmer in Lafayette county.

William C. Baird passed his early boyhood in Lincoln county and was thirteen years old when his father removed to Lafayette county. Until 1858 he assisted his father in the work of the farm, and in 1860 took up the study of medicine in Carroll county, under Dr. G. P. Herndon, who was located three miles north of Carrollton. He studied with him for two years, then attended the medical lectures in the Missouri Medical College of St. Louis in 1860 and 1861 and at Chicago, Illinois, after which, returning to Carroll county, he practiced with Doctor Herndon until the outbreak of the war. In 1861 he enlisted in Company C, Reeves' regiment, of Carroll county, served six months, and received his discharge on December 15, 1861, at the end of his term, at which time he was offered the position of sergeant on re-enlistment, but did not accept.

On May 28, 1862, Doctor Baird moved to Mandeville, Carroll county, where he engaged in practice alone and remained for thirty years. In the years 1864 and 1865 he spent a portion of his time at Rush Medical College, and graduated there in 1865. On July 25, 1862, he was married to Janie L. Erickson, who was born on November 4, 1844, and who died in Mandeville on November 7, 1877. To this marriage were born seven children: James, of Kansas City, Kansas, married Agnes Horse, of Ohio; William married Anna McCall, and lives on a farm in Carroll county; Mattie married William Henderson, who lives in Bogard, Carroll county, and clerks in Mr. Thomas' store; Emma Lou married James L. Kramer, and lives on a Carroll county farm; Ethel married Ed S. Walker, who is a rural route carrier from Bogard; James is in the stock business in Kansas City as a commission merchant; Thomas is a farmer of Pratt county, Kansas, and married Myrtle Johnson.

Doctor Baird moved to Tina, Carroll county, Missouri, in 1892, practiced there for three years, then was three years in Coloma, and in 1898 came to Bogard where he has since practiced. In 1878 he was married to Mrs. Martha J. McCall, who was the daughter of J. M. and Sarah Bradon, of this county, and was born on June 11, 1852.

Doctor Baird is the oldest physician in practice in the county and has been in active practice for forty-eight years. He is a member of the State, the Grand River, and the Carroll County Medical Associations, and has been four years the president of the latter, which position he now holds. For forty-four years he has been a member of Bogard Lodge No. 101, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. In politics he is a Democrat, and has been thirteen years a school director. He was appointed pension examiner under President Cleveland and held the position for four years. In 1866 he joined the Methodist church, South, at Mandeville, has been a consistent Christian since, and has been preaching for thirty years and more. He was ordained deacon in 1888 at Maryville, Missouri, by Bishop Hardgrove, and in September, 1897, was ordained elder at Memphis, Missouri, by Bishop Chandler. He preaches at Bogard to a congregation of ninety-two members, and formerly preached at Mandeville. His wife and all his children are members of the same church.

The life of Doctor Baird has been one of great usefulness to his community and one which has gained for him the respect and the love of very many people, because of his Christian character and his many good works. He occupies a high and unique place in the annals of this section of Carroll county.

JOHN L. LOWRANCE.

This well known farmer and stock raiser was born January 21, 1848, in Lafayette county, Missouri, being the oldest of seven children whose parents were John F. and Martha (Rice) Lowrance, natives of Tennessee and Missouri respectively. The Lowrance family in this country appears to have had its origin in North Carolina, of which state Abram Lowrance, the subject's grandfather, was a native. John F. Lowrance came to Missouri in 1844 and settled in Lexington, where he lived for six years, during which period he went to California, but did not remain very long in the far

west. After a short time there he returned to Missouri and at the expiration of the time indicated moved to Carroll county and settled near Carrollton where he engaged in agricultural pursuits and spent the remainder of his life. John F. and Martha Lowrance were the parents of one son, John L., Martha Lowrance having died January 31, 1848. John F. Lowrance was again married in 1850 to Mary F. Smart, of Carroll county. Of this union six children were born: Robert, Charles, Ellington, Harvey, Moses and Susan, wife of William Dickson.

John L. Lowrance grew up amid rural scenes and on his father's farm received his first practical experience in the matter of earning a livelihood. At the proper age he did his part in the labor of the fields and, being the oldest of the family, much of the duty and responsibility of the farm naturally fell to him. Right well did he discharge the trust thus assumed, for until arriving at manhood's estate he assisted his father and directed the work of his younger brothers as they became old enough to be of service on the farm. In due time he began tilling the soil for himself, which calling he has since followed with encouraging results, being at this time one of the substantial farmers of his township and in comfortable circumstances. Mr. Lowrance has a good farm, which he cultivates according to the most approved methods and, being a judge of soils and their adaptability to the various grains and vegetables grown in this part of the state, his labors are usually rewarded with abundant crops. He is industrious, thrifty and economical, which qualities, being directed and controlled by mature judgment and wise discretion, have enabled him to provide well for his family and accumulate a surplus for future years.

Mr. Lowrance has long been interested in the affairs of his township and from time to time has filled various local offices in the same, including those of trustee and treasurer, and during the past twenty-two years he has been a member of the school board. In these positions he has not only manifested fine business ability, but an interest in behalf of his fellow citizens which mark him as a truly capable and faithful servant of the public. He belongs to the Democratic party and has been active in promoting the success of the same, being a local leader of considerable influence and an indefatigable worker in campaign years. As a citizen, he takes broad and intelligent views of public matters, keeps well informed on the questions of the times and uses his influence in behalf of law, order and good local government and always stands for what is just and right.

Mr. Lowrance has been twice married, the first time on September 10, 1871, to Frances Miller, daughter of Samuel H. and Martha (Young)

Miller, who died February 7, 1906. On October 18th of the ensuing year, he wedded Lucy Mercer, of Bosworth, his present wife, who is a native of Missouri and of English descent. Mr. and Mrs. Lowrance have a comfortable and pleasant home and enjoy the respect of the large circle of neighbors and friends with whom they associate. They take an active interest in the social life of the community and are greatly esteemed by all who know them.

THOMAS KNOTT.

One of the representative citizens of his township and county, whose life is an example of what can be accomplished by a man of determination and perseverance, and which should prove inspiring and instructive to the young, is Mr. Knott, who has been in a true sense the architect of his own fortunes and has builded them in a way which has benefited not only himself, but the community of which he is a part.

Thomas Knott was born in Bellbuckle, Bedford county, Tennessee, on February 1, 1852, the son of Risdon and Lovina (Frizell) Knott. Risdon Knott was born on a farm in Bedford county, Tennessee, in 1819; his wife was born in the same county in 1825, and they were there married. They are the parents of seven living children: Thomas, of Texas; Josephus; Mary, now Mrs. M. J. Potter; Lewellyn, of Dallas, Texas, now Mrs. P. C. Caskey; Laura, now Mrs. Newnham; Ida, the wife of James Caskey, of Idaho, and Enola, who married Charles Farralan, of Idaho. In 1858 Risdon Knott moved to Carroll county, Missouri, where his younger children were born, and took up two hundred acres of land in Hill township on which he lived until 1871. That year he was one of a great number of people who moved to Texas, and died there in 1873, his wife having preceded him in 1865. He had many hardships during his earlier life, but finally did well and prospered, and was known to many people of his township, all of whom respected him.

Thomas Knott received the greater portion of his education in a log school house in Hill township, which had the logs cut away for windows and split puncheons for seats. This he attended for about three months a year and spent the remainder of his time in assisting in the raising of tobacco, corn and wheat on his father's farm. When his father moved to Texas, Thomas rented land and worked for himself, as he had teams, and each year cultivated from forty to eighty acres. In 1875, the best crop year which he has known, he had in eighty acres of corn, and raised four thousand bushels, which he sold

at twenty-five and one-half cents per bushel, shelled and delivered at the railroad station. In those times, with such prices, times were hard for the farmer. By the time he was twenty-six he had saved quite a little money, and was married to Martha Sheehan in Leslie township. He had rented the farm on which he now lives before his marriage, and bought it the next year. It then consisted of one hundred and twenty acres, to which he has added until he is now the owner of six hundred and thirty-one acres, worth ninety dollars per acre. Since coming to Carroll county he has resided there constantly except for the year 1872, which he spent in Texas prospecting for better things, which he did not find and returned to Carroll county to stay.

Mr. Knott now keeps about one hundred cattle, of the Polled Angus breed, one hundred hogs of the Poland-China breed, and twenty to twenty-five horses and mules. Each year he raises sixty to eighty acres of corn, which is insufficient for his own use. He has built a barn, sixty by seventy-two feet, a horse barn, forty by seventy-two feet, and granaries and sheds adjoining, while he recently erected one of the best and most modern residences in the county, having fifteen rooms and all modern improvements. In religion he is a member of the Methodist church and is one of its trustees and a member of the building committee, the congregation having just erected a three thousand five hundred dollar edifice, which is one of the finest in this section. In politics he is a Democrat, and has served as justice of the peace for two terms and held minor offices. His children are Mollie, who is at home, and Charles, a resident of Bogard.

Mr. Knott is one of the largest and most successful farmers in the community and owes his prosperity to his own efforts. He is well known and well liked, has many friends, and possesses much influence in local matters.

ROBERT L. CASEBOLT.

R. L. Casebolt, a well-to-do farmer and esteemed citizen of Miami township, is a native of Saline county, Missouri, and dates his birth from the 1st day of August, 1868. His father, Edward Casebolt, was a son of William Casebolt, who moved from Virginia to Missouri about the year 1853 and settled in the county of Saline where he spent the remainder of his life, dying in 1877. Edward Casebolt, whose birth occurred in Virginia, married, after the family came to Missouri, Hannah Bowen, of Saline county, by whom he had thirteen children, one dying in infancy and three after reaching mature

years. Mr. Casebolt was a prosperous farmer, a praiseworthy citizen and was highly esteemed by the residents of his community. He served with an honorable record in the Confederate army during the Civil war, was one of the influential Democrats of the township in which he lived and for a number of years was an active member of the Masonic fraternity and Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Early in life he united with the Christian church and continued a faithful and consistent member of the same until his death, his wife, who is still living, being likewise a communicant of the same religious body and a woman of excellent character and many Christian virtues.

Robert Casebolt grew to maturity in his native county and early became familiar with the active duties of farm life. He was reared to habits of industry and economy and at the proper age entered the public schools. He attended Miami high school and entered the State University, in which he pursued his studies at intervals until a young man, meanwhile devoting the spring and summer months to labor on the family homestead. He began life for himself as a tiller of the soil and from the time of attaining his majority until his removal to Carroll county, in 1901, cultivated a portion of his father's land and succeeded well at his labors. In the year indicated he purchased one hundred and twenty acres four miles from Carrollton, and since that time has lived on the same and prospered, besides carrying forward a number of improvements and making his farm one of the most productive and valuable of the township in which it is situated. In connection with general agriculture he devotes considerable attention to the raising of live stock and he has so conducted his labors and managed his interests as to place himself in easy circumstances.

Mr. Casebolt, on the 2d day of December, 1897, was united in the bonds of matrimony with Flora Mertens, whose parents, Henry and Margaret (Bishop) Mertens, came to Missouri in pioneer times and were among the early settlers and esteemed families of Saline county. Two children have blessed this marriage, a son, Robert Lee, and a daughter who answers to the name of Lillian.

Mr. Casebolt is not only one of the progressive agriculturists of his township, but also enjoys distinction and prestige as an enterprising citizen who manifests a lively interest in the development and growth of the country and uses his influence to promote the social and moral good of his fellow men. He votes with the Democratic party and in matters religious subscribes to the plain, simple teachings of the Christian church, in which he was reared and with which since early life he has been identified. He is a leading spirit in the local congregation which holds his membership and in his official capacity

of deacon has done much to promote the interests of the organization and disseminate the truths of the gospel in his own neighborhood, and also contributing liberally to the work of the church in the home and foreign fields. Mrs. Casebolt is a member of the church also and a willing worker in its various lines of effort. She is a lady of character and worth and is highly regarded by the large circle of friends and neighbors in which she moves. Mr. Casebolt has served his township in various official capacities, though never posing as an office seeker, the positions he has held having come to him without solicitation on his part. He was assessor for some years and filled the office with ability and credit, and as clerk of Miami township he likewise proved a capable and faithful public servant and fully met the expectations of his fellow citizens.

JOHN C. HIGGINBOTHAM.

The subject of this sketch was born in Mercer county, Missouri, April 29, 1858, being one of eleven children in the family of Charles Y. and Amanda (Moore) Higginbotham. The paternal branch of the family in this country is quite old, dating from the early part of the seventeenth century when eleven of the Higginbotham brothers came from England and scattered among the different colonies, the one from whom the subject is descended having located in Virginia. Joseph Higginbotham, grandfather of John C., was a native of that state and spent his entire life within its borders. Among his children was Charles Y., whose birth occurred in Virginia, but who, in 1844, moved to St. Charles, Missouri, thence to Mercer county, and still later to the county of Howell, where his death occurred. Amanda Moore, wife of Charles Y. Higginbotham and mother of the subject of this review, was born in Tennessee, came to Missouri when young and departed this life in Howell county in the year 1908.

John C. Higginbotham was reared to farm labor and has always been an industrious tiller of the soil. In the public schools he acquired a fair education and during his minority assisted in the cultivation of the home farm and in various other ways contributed to the interests and support of his mother after she became a widow. Beginning life for himself as a farmer, he followed his vocation in Missouri until 1891, when he moved to Kansas, but, after spending a year in that state, he went to Oklahoma at the opening of the Cherokee strip and, securing one hundred and sixty acres in the same, remained in the territory until 1909. Disposing of his possessions in Oklahoma

that year, he bought one hundred and seven acres in Carroll county, Missouri, to which he at once removed and on which he has since lived and prospered.

As a farmer, Mr. Higginbotham ranks among the most enterprising and successful in Carroll county, being a man of great industry and energy and possessing the ability to turn every possible means to his advantage. He has made valuable improvements on his place and brought it to a high state of cultivation, so that it is now one of the most desirable farms of the township in which it is located and impresses all beholders as being the home of a progressive American agriculturist, who is a master of his calling and a believer in the dignity of the same.

Mr. Higginbotham was married in 1890 to Augusta Elle, who was born October 2, 1865, and whose parents were among the pioneer settlers of Warren county, this state. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Higginbotham, namely: Eva, Ida, Virginia, Lexia and Augusta, all living, and those of proper age pursuing their studies in the public schools. In his political belief, Mr. Higginbotham is a Democrat and a man of considerable local influence in his party. He has never asked for office or leadership, but is untiring in his efforts to promote the interests of his friends who stand for public recognition, and the candidates of his party have always found in him a zealous and influential supporter. Religiously, he subscribes to the Christian creed and for a number of years has been a faithful and consistent member of the church and active in all of its lines of effort. Mrs. Higginbotham is also a valued worker in the same local church with which her husband is identified. Both are greatly respected among their neighbors and have many warm friends in the places where they formerly lived.

WALLACE O. STEWART.

Among the honest, hard working and industrious farmers of De Witt township, whose efforts have obtained for them a competence of this world's goods, have given to life a significance which comes from the consciousness of any work well performed, and, who, on account of their qualities of mind and heart, have won the esteem and respect of their fellow citizens, and therefore are on that account entitled to representation in a work of this kind, Mr. Stewart deserves especial mention. He is a careful and progressive farmer, who gives to his soil the best of cultivation, manages all his work well and has reached prosperity through his capability.

Wallace O. Stewart was born in Defiance county, Ohio, on October 12, 1862, the son of William and Catherine (Wortenbe) Stewart. His father was born in Ohio on December 10, 1831, his mother in the same state on July 4, 1836. They came to Carroll county, Missouri, in the fall of 1866, and settled in the eastern portion of the county, where they spent the remainder of their lives. Mrs. Stewart died on October 28, 1883, Mr. Stewart surviving until December 14, 1907. They were highly respected and influential residents of the community. Of their seven children, Wallace O. Stewart was the second and was but four years old when his parents came to Carroll county, in 1866, since which time he has lived in the county. He has made farming his occupation and has found it a lucrative one, the toil spent on his fertile soil rewarding him well. At present he owns one hundred and eighty-five acres of improved land.

Mr. Stewart was married in Carroll county on April 24, 1890, to Alice B. Thurlo, who was born in Sullivan county, Missouri, on October 27, 1865, the daughter of Silas and Anna (Smith) Thurlo. Her father was a native of Ohio and her mother of Missouri. They came to Carroll county in about 1867 and located in Ridge township, where Mr. Thurlo died on September 3, 1908, in his seventy-sixth year, at the close of a life of great usefulness. Mrs. Stewart was the second of eight children. To Mr. and Mrs. Stewart two children have been born, Floy and Mary Fay.

Mr. Stewart has ever been a capable and progressive farmer, and has erected good buildings on his land. He has made many friends in the neighborhood, who bear testimony to his many admirable qualities.

HENRY VOGELSMEIER.

As indicated by his name, the subject of this sketch is of foreign birth, hailing from Hanover, Germany, where he was born on November 29, 1843, being a son of Casper and Mary Vogelsmeier. The father lived and died in the fatherland and the mother, some time after the death of her husband, came to the United States and spent the remainder of her days in Missouri. Casper and Mary Vogelsmeier were the parents of five children, Ernest, the oldest of the number, being the first of the family to come to America. He left Germany in 1853 and, on arriving at his destination in this country, located in St. Charles county, Missouri, later removing to the county of Saline, where his death subsequently occurred. Charles, the

second in order of birth, accompanied his mother and the rest of the family to the United States, and, settling in St. Charles county, Missouri, in due time became a prosperous farmer. After accumulating a competence, he moved to the city of St. Charles, where he is now living a retired life. Elisa, who also lives in St. Charles county, married William Vogel, some time after whose death she became the wife of Fred Heilman. The subject of this review is the fourth of the family, the fifth and youngest being Fred, a resident of Saline county, this state, and by occupation a farmer and stock raiser.

In the year 1857 Mrs. Vogelsmeier and her four younger children took passage for America in a sail boat, which, after a long and tiresome voyage of nine weeks, finally arrived at New Orleans, its destination. From that city the family went by boat to St. Louis, a trip of nine days, and thence to St. Charles, Missouri, where Ernest, the oldest son, was then living. As already stated, Mrs. Vogelsmeier spent the remainder of her life in the county of St. Charles, dying there in the year 1875. Henry Vogelsmeier was a youth when he accompanied the family to this country and for a number of years thereafter he lived in St. Charles county and devoted his attention to the pursuit of agriculture. On March 4, 1868, he married Elizabeth Drosselmeier, whose parents, Frank and Mary Drosselmeier, came to America in an early day and were among the pioneer settlers of St. Charles county. In the year 1881 Mr. Vogelsmeier disposed of his interests in the above county and, moving to Carroll county, purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land in Wakenda township, on which he settled and made a number of improvements. He soon became one of the leading farmers of the community and his success was such that within a comparatively brief period he was enabled to buy an additional one hundred and sixty-five acres, and still later thirty-five acres more, thus increasing the area of his estate to three hundred and sixty-five acres, one of the finest bodies of land in the township. By his industry and excellent management he carried out a series of improvements until his farm was one of the best and most valuable in the county, and his success as an agriculturist continued until he was the possessor of a sufficiency of this world's goods to enable him to retire from active labor and spend the rest of his life in comfortable retirement. Purchasing a beautiful home in Carrollton in 1906, he moved to the city that year and since then has been enjoying some of the material blessings resulting from his industry and the rest and quiet which he has so well deserved.

Mr. and Mrs. Vogelsmeier are zealous Lutherans in their religious belief and helped organize the first church of that faith in Carrollton. They have been loyal to the interests of the society, true to its teachings and exemplify the same in their relations with their neighbors and friends. They have a family of five children, namely: Henry, married and living on a farm, has two children; Charles, who is married, and has three children, is also occupied in farming; Edward, who is married and the father of one child, his occupation being that of a farmer; Louis, who is also engaged in agricultural pursuits, and Hilda, her mother's companion and assistant in the home. Politically, Mr. Vogelsmeier upholds the principles of the Republican party and keeps well informed on the questions of the times. Straight-forward and honest in his dealings, and true to the principle of justice and right, he has the confidence of his fellow-men and stands high in the esteem of the public as a citizen.

JOHN MICHAEL LOOS.

The well-to-do farmer and enterprising citizen of whom the biographer writes is a native of Adams county, Illinois, and one of a family of five children, whose parents, Fredrick and Henrietta (Stelling) Loos, were born in Germany. Mr. and Mrs. Loos came to the United States in 1844 and settled in Adams county, Illinois, where their children were born, but after a residence of twenty-four years in that state, they moved to Carroll county, Missouri, and located on the farm in Carrollton township, which the subject now owns, the land at that time being largely as nature had made it and presenting little to encourage a home-seeker. With characteristic energy and fortitude, however, Mr. Loos addressed himself to the task of improving his possession, and it was not long until he had a goodly portion of the land cleared and in cultivation and substantial buildings erected. He was an industrious, hard-working man, who persevered at whatever he undertook, and in due time the farm was in an excellent state of tillage and the family in comfortable circumstances.

Fred Loos became a naturalized citizen of the United States as soon as it was possible for him to do so, and from that time to the time of his death he took an active interest in the affairs of his different places of residence and rose to an influential position as a public spirited man. He espoused the cause of the Democracy and became a zealous party worker.

In religion, he was originally a member of the German Congregational church, but there being no organization of that belief in Carroll county, he and his wife afterwards united with the Presbyterian church, of which they continued faithful members during the remainder of their lives. Mrs. Loos died in 1892, her husband four years later, three children surviving them and being well settled as far as material things are concerned.

John M. Loos was born on August 18, 1849, and spent his childhood and youth in his native state, receiving his education in the schools of Adams county. He accompanied the family to Carroll county, Missouri, in 1868 and remained with his parents until he attained his majority, when he purchased forty acres of land in Carrollton township and began the pursuit of agriculture upon his own responsibility. Reared to industrious and thrifty habits, he succeeded from the beginning and within a comparatively short time he was enabled to add sixty acres to his original purchase, making the area of the farm what it has since been, besides inaugurating and carrying to completion a number of substantial improvements in the way of buildings, fences and other accessories of a first-class landed estate.

Mr. Loos is a man of progressive tendencies and in the carrying out of his ideas on agriculture he has met with the most gratifying success, being at this time in easy circumstances and well situated as concerns the future. He carries on general farming and stock raising and by diligent attention and judicious management seldom if ever fails to raise abundant crops and realize ample returns from the sale of same. He wields an influence for the Democratic party and as a citizen is enterprising, public spirited and deeply interested in all measures having for their object the material progress of his township and county and the social and moral welfare of the populace.

Mr. Loos was married on March 2, 1876, to Eliza Jenkins, of Hale, Missouri, daughter of Enos Jenkins, a well-known resident of that town, the union being terminated by the death of Mrs. Loos in the month of September, 1891. On November 9th of the ensuing year, Mr. Loos married his present wife, whose maiden name was Lily Long, a daughter of J. R. and Salina (Alsop) Long, natives of Tennessee and Illinois, respectively, and for some years residents of Carroll county. Mr. and Mrs. Loos are respected members of the Methodist church and stand high in the community in the minds of the people. They lend their influence to all charitable and humanitarian enterprises and manifest commendable interest in the social as well as in the religious life of their neighborhood.

HENRY H. O'DELL.

One of the largest and most capable farmers of Hurricane township, a man who has made a thorough study of the methods of bringing up and keeping up land, and who makes application of his knowledge in all his farming, is the subject of review in this sketch. We can have naught but condemnation for the wasteful farmer who exhausts and lessens the fertility of his soil; the measure of our disapproval for him is the measure of our applause for the one who restores the fertility which he has taken from the soil, and even adds to its natural richness. For he who increases the fertility of his farm is doing a noble work for posterity; he who depletes it is robbing them of their inheritance.

Henry H. O'Dell was born in Ray county, Missouri, on August 14, 1851, on a farm. His mother died when he was seven, his father when he was nine, and he lived with his brother and his sister, Patsie, who took care of him until he was about fifteen. His life before he became of age was spent in attending school and working out on the farm. When he was eighteen he went to Jackson county and worked for a Mr. Fowler, whose daughter, Eliza, he married on July 14, 1871. He then rented a little forty-acre farm from his father-in-law, and worked this for seven or eight years, at the expiration of which time his wife's mother and another neighbor went his security so that he could buy forty acres for himself. He slowly accumulated a little money, bought forty acres more and built on this a good house and barn, then bought two tracts, one of forty acres, and a little later one of thirty-two. This land was all Missouri river bottoms and of unexcelled fertility. Later he bought eighty acres more, this making his holdings in Jackson county, Missouri, aggregate two hundred and thirty-two acres, almost all in one tract. Five or six years later he traded this land for his present farm of three hundred and twenty acres in section 32, of Hurricane township, Carroll county, and in 1906, after thirty-eight years' residence in Jackson county, moved to this farm. He built an addition to the house immediately after, and also a barn.

Mr. and Mrs. O'Dell are the parents of the following children: Fidillia, who died on April 18, 1905, the wife of J. D. Heffner, and the mother of four children; Virilda, the wife of Jesse Myers, a resident of Cass county, Missouri, to whom she has borne two children; Drusilla, who married Claude Giffin and is the mother of two daughters, living now in Jackson county, Missouri; Oral J., who lives in Jackson county, and married Mabel Adams, who bore him two children; Orvis I., at home; Verdie, who died

when she was fourteen; Ogle, Thomas, Fowler and Muriel, at home, the latter nine years old. Mr. O'Dell is a member of the Baptist church, and is affiliated with the Democratic party, but is no politician.

When Mr. O'Dell bought his present farm it was run down, but he has used clover extensively and is improving it all of the time until now he has it in good condition. He keeps about one hundred and ten sheep; twenty cows, operating a dairy; fifteen horses; three jennets, and an apiary of forty hives of bees. He raises about ninety acres of wheat, ten acres of alfalfa, which he has found a very paying crop, and very little corn, his farming being of the kind best calculated to improve his soil. Much of his land has been fenced since he moved on it, and he uses the most modern implements of cultivation, being one of the progressive farmers in all lines. Though but a short time a resident of Carroll county, Mr. O'Dell has made many friends. Personally he is a man of strong character, and of high honor and integrity, devoted to his work and his family.

HUGH McCLELLAN.

The subject of this sketch is one of the few remaining veterans of the Civil war, of those men whom the younger of us remember as but recently in the prime of life, whom now we see on the downward road, fewer in number, feeble in strength; men who gained in their service experience which fitted them well to cope with the peaceful duties of life after the close of war. These men gave their lives to their country; to some of them she returned the gift unimpaired, to some enhanced in value, to some battered and misshapen; from some she took the full gift, and wholly appropriated it to her use; the original gift was the same in all cases, and the man who returned from the war had given his life to his country as truly as he who died on the field of battle; the country had returned the gift to the one. And all honor is due to the few men who remain with us of that great army to receive our honor.

Hugh McClellan was born in Adams county, Illinois, on January 13, 1842, the son of William and Eliza (Donnelly) McClellan, who were natives of Pennsylvania, but spent the latter portion of their lives in Adams county, Illinois. They were the parents of seven children, of whom Hugh was the eldest. He was reared in Adams county, and while living there enlisted, on August 13, 1863, in Company G, Seventy-eighth Illinois Infantry,

and served for two years and eight months. He was under General Sherman and was one of the men who followed him in his march to the sea, and with his regiment took part in many of the leading engagements of the war, including Chattanooga, Murfreesboro, Franklin, Tennessee, Atlanta and Jonesboro, besides many smaller engagements. During his service he was ever a faithful and brave soldier. On leaving the army Mr. McClellan returned to Adams county and engaged in farming. He was married there, on December 13, 1866, to Mary Bernice (Albert) Barry, the widow of W. B. Barry, who had been a soldier and died on his way home from the army, between Louisville, Kentucky, and Indianapolis, Indiana. Mrs. McClellan was born in Hardin county, Kentucky, and grew up in Adams county, Illinois. She was the daughter of Daniel D. Albert, a native of New York state, and Mahala (Dietz) Albert, who was a native of Kentucky. Her parents came from Illinois to Carroll county, Missouri, in 1874, and located in Combs township, where they lived for many years and where Mr. Albert died. Mrs. McClellan was the sixth of eleven children.

In April, 1874, Mr. and Mrs. McClellan, with four children, moved to Carroll county, Missouri, and settled eight miles south of Carrollton, where they lived for five years, then moved to Carrollton township for a few years. In 1887 they came to De Witt township and located on the farm where they now live. Mr. McClellan owns forty acres and has followed farming since the war.

Mr and Mrs. McClellan are the parents of eight children: Ira A.; Edith M., the wife of William Libby; Jessie Eva, the wife of John Singer; Ollie B., the wife of Charles Huffman; Rena M., who died in De Witt township in her twentieth year; William; Daisy, who died when eighteen years old; and Dollie, the wife of Gilbert Poe. Mrs. McClellan is an active member of the Methodist church. Mr. McClellan is a man who takes part in all the public affairs of his township, and is a member of the Democratic party. He is an enthusiastic member of the Grand Army of the Republic. Few of the residents of the township are better known, and none are more highly respected than is he.

REV. JOHN F. SCHMIDT.

The popular and beloved pastor of Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran church was born in Perry county, Missouri, June 20, 1865, being one of thirteen children in the family of J. Henry and Wilhelmina (Naeser) Schmidt,

both natives of Germany. These parents grew to maturity in the land of their birth and shortly after their marriage came to the United States and settled in Perry county, Missouri. In 1854 Mr. Schmidt purchased land in the village of Frohna and erected a house thereon, which he and his good wife occupied for a period of forty-nine years, and in which their children were born and reared. Both have reached a ripe old age, he being eighty-five and she seventy-six years of age, and of their thirteen children, all but five are living and well settled in their respective places of residence.

Rev. John F. Schmidt received his early educational training in the parochial schools of Frohna, later took an academic course at Fort Wayne, Indiana, and during the three years ensuing pursued his theological studies in St. Louis, where he was duly graduated in 1888. Soon after completing the latter course he was formally ordained to the ministry and, taking charge of Immanuel church at Carrollton, he has labored very acceptably to the present time, the meanwhile more than doubling the membership of his congregation and endearing himself not only to his own people, but to the public at large, irrespective of creed. Reverend Schmidt is a learned and able divine, a clear, logical and eloquent preacher and his long pastorate in the city where he resides has been greatly blessed in the widening and strengthening of the influence of his church, and the winning of many souls to the life. Among the Lutheran clergymen of Missouri, he is held in high esteem and the people among whom his lot has been cast look to him as to a kind father for counsel and guidance.

On July 14, 1889, Reverend Schmidt was united in marriage to Anna Lueders, daughter of August and Marie (Roth) Lueders, early settlers of Perry county, this state, the father a merchant by occupation. Nine children have been born to this union, namely: Otto, Martin, Erwin, Frieda, Paul, Rudolph, Edgar, Edna and Eva, the two last being twins, all living at home except Erwin, who died in infancy.

WILLIAM E. HUDSON.

By a life of persistent application and consistent endeavor along conservative and legitimate lines, William E. Hudson, well known banker of Carrollton, has made for himself a name which is unanimously accorded a proud position among the foremost citizens and business men of this section of the state. His enterprise, force of character, sterling integrity,



WILLIAM E. HUDSON

fortitude amid discouragements, and marked success in bringing to completion large schemes in the business world, have contributed very largely toward the development of this locality. He has always been a strong man, both physically and mentally; of great business capacity and a thorough organizer; good in the generalities of business; strong in his friendships, and never willing to give up one whom he trusted until that one had fully proven his unworthiness of that trust; strong in his convictions of right and in his hatred of the tricks in business, of which some men even boast, his integrity stands as an unquestioned fact today among friends, acquaintances and business associates. Born to lead, his experiences have made him a safe counselor and guide. He is independent in thought, a fearless and original investigator and always has the courage to stand upon his convictions. He stands today in the zenith of his powers and a worthy example for young men to pattern after, as showing what intelligence and probity may accomplish in the way of success in life. But Mr. Hudson was fortunate in his ancestry, it being generally known that "blood will tell," and no man ever had a worthier, stronger, more sterling father than he, one whose schooling in the world's affairs doubtless did much to fit the subject to discharge ably his duties as president of the First National Bank at Carrollton.

William E. Hudson was born March 3, 1863, on a farm in this county, the son of Repps B. and Catherine (Orear) Hudson, both natives of Virginia, from which state the father came to Carroll county, Missouri, about 1842, locating among the pioneers in Moss Creek township, and there followed farming and stock raising very successfully until he moved to Carrollton in 1877 where he lived until his death, in 1901, at the age of seventy-five years. A complete sketch of him appears elsewhere in this work. The mother is still living. Five of their seven children survive: Repps B., of Carrollton, who operates the old home farm; Mary is the wife of T. B. Goodson, of Carrollton; W. E., of this review; Mrs. Dora Cooper, of Ft. Smith, Arkansas; Laura Guitar, of Abeline, Texas.

W. E. Hudson was reared on the home farm, where he worked during the summer months and attended the district schools in the winter time, also the public schools at Carrollton and the Jones Commercial School at St. Louis, from which he was graduated. On September 12, 1881, he entered the Farmers Bank at Norborne, Missouri, of which his father was president, and he worked there for four years as bookkeeper, then for four years he assisted his father and brother on the farm in the cattle business. In 1889 he assisted in the organization of the First National Bank of Car-

rollton and became its first cashier. He was assisted in the formation of this institution by James R. Clinkscales, who was its first president and whose death occurred in the fall of 1893, and in January, 1894, Mr. Hudson was elected president, being only thirty-one years of age at the time, but his splendid training had fitted him for this position, the duties of which he discharged most worthily to the present time, his judicious management resulting in rendering this one of the soundest, safest and most popular banking institutions in northern Missouri.

Mr. Hudson was married on November 7, 1889, to Minnie Combs, of Lexington, Kentucky, a lady of culture and refinement and the representative of an excellent old Southern family. This union has been graced by the birth of two children: Margaret, who is a student at Miss Knox's private school, at Brier Cliff Manor, New York, and Leslie C., a student at Dr. Holbrook's private school at Ossining, New York.

Mr. Hudson still engages in farming and cattle raising, devoting special attention to the latter. He is a director in the Beggs Wagon Works at Kansas City. He and his wife belong to the Christian church, and politically he is a Democrat, and he belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He has always stood for the material advancement of his city and county, and by his courteous manners and genial disposition has gained for himself a large circle of friends.

DUNCAN M. DICKINSON.

One of the best remembered men in Carroll county of a past generation was the late Duncan M. Dickinson, a man whom to know was to respect and admire, and he did much for the general good of this locality in various ways. He was born December 3, 1822, one mile north of Zanesfield, Logan county, Ohio. He was the son of Thomas and Maria (Lowe) Dickinson, both born and reared in Virginia. The subject grew to manhood on his father's farm in Ohio, and when twenty years old he accompanied his brother, Nelson, to northwestern Missouri, walking most of the way, carrying his clothes in a knapsack a distance of eleven hundred miles. Remaining with his brother a short time, he started in search of work, which he found at cutting logs to build a house and in teaming and other odd jobs, working first at six dollars per month when he began teaming in Lexington. He later cut cord-wood, and he and other wood-choppers made a raft and descended the river to the

bluffs. One evening while a crowd was assembled on a hill at Camden, Missouri, they saw a flat boat, loaded with people and household goods, coming down the river and it landed at that place. In it was a young girl suffering with the measles. When this fact became known the crowd stood back, but Duncan M. Dickinson went forward, wrapped a blanket around the girl and took her to a nearby house. He made the assertion that he loved her from the time he took her in his arms. She proved to be Julia Ann Carpenter, and was about nineteen years of age, while Mr. Dickinson was then twenty-four. She was born in the same county in Ohio from which he had come, and she had made the trip to Missouri with her parents when eleven years old. Her mother was deceased at that time and she was living with a married sister. They became better acquainted and the following year this pretty romance culminated in their happy marriage. Soon after their marriage they went to Nodaway county, this state, where lived a brother of the subject, and there he bought forty acres of land. The following year they all sold out and returned to Ohio, where they remained a year, the subject having become greatly attached to the great prairies of the country of the "big muddy water," that he returned and settled in the northwestern part of Carroll county, and there they lived until the spring of 1855, and then sold out and went down into the eastern part of the county and bought a quarter section of land near where Bosworth now stands. In 1858 he sold out there and bought eighty acres west of that place, whither he moved. Working hard, he soon had a good home. He being a "free state" man, the slavers looked upon him with suspicion when the rebellion broke out in 1861. In April, 1862, an effort was made to induce him to join Price's army, but he refused, and finally joined the state militia, in which he served until the fall of 1864, in the summer of which year his wife took her family of six children back to Ohio, whither he went also after his discharge and remained one year, when he returned to Missouri. He and his brave-hearted wife were nearly financially ruined and broken in health and spirit on going back on their little farm, but being industrious and good managers, they soon had a good home. His faithful and loving wife was claimed by death in the spring of 1872, leaving eleven children. This event so distracted Mr. Dickinson that he could scarcely do anything for several years, but he survived her twenty-nine years, passing to his rest on June 1, 1901. All of their children are surviving in 1910. The mother had lived but forty-five years, the father passing his seventy-eighth milestone. He was a worthy member of the Dunkard church, and a good and useful man. His wife was a member of the Christian church and very devout.

The subject is remembered as a man who never shirked his duty in times of war or peace, brave, upright, honest, kind and generous and to know him was to accord him praise.

GEORGE FREDRICK LOOS, SR.

It is a notable fact that very many of the progressive and most highly honored citizens of Carroll county are of Germanic blood, having been born in the fatherland or being of the second generation in America; of this large class of our citizens the Loos family is worthy of special mention, owing to the fact that its several members have long been well known here and have conducted themselves in a manner that has won the admiration of all who have had occasion to know them, not alone for their thrift, but also for their wholesome lives and generous impulses. The name of George F. Loos, Sr., will long be remembered by the people of this community, for it was closely associated with the development of this county in various ways for over a quarter of a century and, although he now sleeps peacefully in "God's acre," his many acts of kindness are being cherished by the host of warm friends whom he left behind. He was born in Hessen Darmstadt, Germany, March 19, 1823. There he grew to maturity and received a good education. Believing that greater advantages awaited him in the newer Republic of the West, with his parents he emigrated to America and settled near Quincy, Illinois. In the fall of 1848 he was married to Henrietta Stelding, who was born in Lippe, Germany, January 1, 1821.

They followed farming until 1868 and were very successful, developing a good farm and establishing a good home, remaining there until 1868, when, with their four sons, Michael, Frederick, John and George, they came to Carroll county, Missouri, where they spent the remainder of their days on the farm now owned by the two sons, Michael and Frederick, John having settled in the West and George dying in childhood.

Mr. Loos was an excellent farmer and was especially noted for his success as a fruit grower, being one of the leading horticulturists of this section of the state and much of his income was derived from that source. He was also something of a florist and loved flowers. From his many varieties numerous yards, gardens, cemeteries, etc., were beautified. He was well liked by all who met him and was regarded as one of the leaders in his community. He and his good wife were faithful members of the Presbyterian

church at Carrollton. The latter, "Grandma" Loos, as she was familiarly called by her neighbors and many friends, was a woman of many splendid characteristics and was noted for her kindness and hospitality, being universally loved by all classes. She passed to her rest in December, 1893, Mr. Loos surviving until September 1, 1896. A monument in the Pleasant Hill cemetery marks their last resting places.

George F. Loos, Jr., who now resides on the home place, is known to possess many of the sterling attributes of his father and is a successful agriculturist and a good citizen in every respect, according to his neighbors. He was married on April 13, 1884, to Mary R. Denger, of Carrollton, Missouri, daughter of George and Mary R. (Kaffenberger) Denger, a well known family of this vicinity. This union has been blessed by the birth of two children, Michael J. Loos, born July 2, 1888, and George F., born November 9, 1893. The birth of the mother of these children occurred on February 22, 1863. Mr. and Mrs. Loos have a pleasant and neat home and they have a host of friends in this community.

THOMAS N. HAUGHTON.

One of Washington township's most progressive agriculturists and one of Carroll county's most loyal and public-spirited citizens is Thomas N. Haughton, a man who has won success in life because he has worked for it along legitimate channels and has not waited for fortune to come to him on the "tides in the affairs of men," he having preferred to fight his own battles and surmount his own obstacles, but at the same time he has not neglected his duties as a neighbor and citizen, always aiding in any way possible the upbuilding of his locality.

Mr. Haughton was born in McLean county, Illinois, February 10, 1860, on a farm, his father, Matthew Haughton, who was born in England, having been a farmer, coming to Illinois in an early day. He first learned the stone-cutter's trade. Coming to Chicago from his native land, he followed teaming there, but devoted most of his subsequent life to farming.

Thomas N. Haughton spent his boyhood on the home farm in Illinois, coming directly from that state to Carroll county, Missouri, in the fall of 1869. There were but few schools in this part of the county at that time and it was two or three years before any school was provided for in the district where his parents located, but for a few years he attended school there during the brief winter terms. He endured many privations and hardships

here incidental to pioneer life. It was difficult to raise good crops here then, the country being new. The sod was tough and could not be cultivated with success the first year. Prices were high and the family traded first at towns fifteen miles remote, such as Carrollton, Utica and Norborne. He grew up on the home farm and assisted his father develop it and establish the family home. He occasionally worked at odd jobs. He soon had a start and purchased forty acres of his present place, the spring he was twenty-one, going in debt for most of it and hauled corn to Norborne, eighteen miles, and shucked corn for twenty-five cents per bushel. The following year he was married to Minnie Keavault, in Fairfield township, the date of their marriage being March 19, 1882. They began housekeeping at once on the place and have lived here ever since. He has been most successful and is deserving of a great deal of credit for what he has accomplished, considering the fact that he started in life with practically nothing, having had nothing with the exception of three horses when he came here. He has developed one of the best farms in the community and has it moderately improved with substantial and comfortable buildings on it. Prior to his marriage he canvassed for several months in various parts of the state and Kansas. He moved into the little house that stood on the place when he purchased it and lived in the same a short time, and began working his land and rented fifty acres. He was successful and later purchased one hundred and sixty acres, near his first forty, buying this "on time." After fencing and breaking the latter, he sold it at a good profit. He then bought one hundred and twenty acres across from his first forty, and later bought forty acres more. Later he added to his holdings, and also traded a few times, finally becoming the owner of the two hundred and forty acres which he has brought up to a high state of improvement and cultivation. He has built on to and improved his house, till it is a comfortable seven-roomed house. He has also built a barn of forty by fifty feet, and has installed a wind-mill, put out an orchard and made various improvements, so that his place takes a very high rank among the fine farms of the county. Stock raising and farming have been his main vocations, though he tried his hand at other lines, with but indifferent success.

The following children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Haughton: Maude, Vira, Emery, Ardis; two children are deceased.

Fraternally, Mr. Haughton is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Plymouth, and has passed all the chairs of the same, and, although he lives five miles from the lodge hall, he takes a great deal of interest in lodge work. He has always been identified with the Baptist church and is a liberal supporter of the same. Politically, he is a Republican, takes

an active interest in party affairs and is a leader in his township. He was township committeeman for about eight years and his influence is felt in each campaign. He is widely known in the county and is one of the leading citizens of Washington township, being good, honest and popular with all classes.

THOMAS DICKINSON.

The subject of this biographical memoir has long been sleeping the sleep of the just, and he was never a resident of Carroll county, but he was the progenitor of the well known Dickinson family here and his record is very worthy. He was born in Berks county, Pennsylvania, November 13, 1787. In 1802 he moved with his family to Virginia, locating near Clarksburg, Harrison county, and in 1807 came to Ohio and worked on the first mill built in the northern part of that state, which was located near where East Liberty now stands. He worked hard for six dollars a month. He returned to Virginia in 1808 and in 1810 he was married to Maria Lowe. At that time slavery was something of a paramount issue and he and his father, being Quakers, were opposed to the system of keeping slaves. In the spring of 1811 he and his father decided to leave the state because their views on this subject fostered antagonism and made it unpleasant for them, and in August of that year they arrived at the home of John Garwood, near East Liberty, Ohio, Thomas having been in the employ of that gentleman upon his former visit here, and they permanently located at Zanesfield. He was one of seven children.

Thomas Dickinson first settled on a small farm at the foot of Mitchener hill, on the east side of Zanesfield on the East Liberty road, and built a small log cabin near Mad river. In the winter of 1812 he went to Sandusky, being compelled to sleep out three nights, scraping the snow away for a place to make his "bed." While living at that cabin they were bothered a great deal by the Indians, and when he was absent from home his wife was compelled to take the children down on the prairie and sleep out, fearing that the red men would come in the night. Mr. Dickinson moved from that place in 1813, to the headwaters of the Cherokee, where he put up a small house and covered it with bark. In his reminiscences in later life he says he had bad luck there, throwing a "splinter" at his mare and killing her. The wolves killed his sheep. He says he laid off his hat while cutting down a tree and his cow ate that, and the following night the cow pulled his trousers out of the place he

had cut for a door in his cabin and ate them. That being the only pair he had he said he felt a little discouraged. The next day the cow ate buckeye leaves and died. While he and his wife were away burying the cow, the cabin caught fire and everything they had was burned. They had three children; he carried two and his wife one and they returned to Zanesfield to repent their bad luck. He then enlisted as a minute man under Captain Schuyler and was in the employ of the government for two years, acting as a guard and minute man and driving an ox team. After the close of the war of 1812 he lived near Zanesfield until 1830, when he moved on a farm which was later his home for over a half century. In 1820 he returned to Virginia, where he says "mother" Lowe gave him a feather bed which he carried back to Ohio on horseback.

At the death of this sterling patriarch he had ten children, eighty-five grandchildren, one hundred and twenty great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. His funeral was one of the largest ever held in his community, the train being over a mile long. He was a good man and held in the highest esteem. He did not make a loud profession of his religion, but had certain Christian rules that he always adhered to. He pitied littleness, loved goodness and admired truthfulness and gentleness and nobility of character. His record as a soldier and citizen was that of a brave, sincere, honest man.

MARTIN URLY DICKINSON.

The Dickinson family is too well known in Carroll county, where it has been prominent since the pioneer days, to need any formal introduction here. Suffice it to say that its several members have played well their roles in the drama of civilization and have done much toward the general upbuilding of the county and have borne unassailable reputations.

One of the best known of the present generation is Martin Urly Dickinson, of Fairfield township, who was born on June 11, 1867, eleven miles northeast of Carrollton, in Van Horn township, and he has lived on a farm all his life. He received a limited education in the common schools and assisted with the work about the home place. His mother died when he was four and one-half years old and the father brought up the children until the subject was ten years old; then he went to live with his brother Victor, with whom he remained until he was fifteen years old, then began working out by the month, earning from fifteen to eighteen dollars per month, but he saved

his money until he had five hundred dollars. He went to Ohio when seventeen years old to visit a sister. He and Will Bushby rented a place and bought stock and soon had a good start. Prior to that time he had made a trip to Kansas, where he remained several months, feeding cattle in the wintertime, then returned to this county. When twenty years old he went to Oklahoma, and at Oklahoma Springs made a race for a quarter section of land when that country was opened up. He ate one meal on his land and gave it up to a neighbor and returned to Carroll county in May, 1889, rented a farm for three years, clearing one thousand dollars each year, then bought his present place in section 2, Fairfield township, consisting of one hundred and twenty acres, which was improved, for the most part, there being no buildings on it. He has not only put on modern and substantial improvements, including an attractive and commodious dwelling, large barns and outbuildings, fences, etc., but has added to his original purchase until he has two hundred and eighty acres of choice land—in short, one of the most desirable and one of the best farms in the township.

Mr. Dickinson was married on September 7, 1890, in Leslie township, this county, to Florence T. Tevault, daughter of Thomas and Amanda Tevault. She was born in Carroll county, October 2, 1871. Her parents came to this county among the early settlers and were from Tennessee, locating here about the same time that the subject's father came. To Mr. and Mrs. M. U. Dickinson only one child has been born, Robert Raymond, whose birth occurred July 11, 1891, and who is living at home.

Mr. Dickinson is not only a successful general farmer, but also a stock raiser, handling large herds of cattle, etc. He keeps some thoroughbred Angus, also some fine sheep. He took this land when it was poor and its fertility has doubled since then.

Mr. Dickinson is a Republican in politics. His house is one of the finest in appearance and one of the most conveniently arranged in the township. It consists of eight rooms, has a hot and cold water system, bath, hot-air furnace and is elegantly furnished and neatly kept. He has a beautiful lawn and everything about his place shows thrift, good management and prosperity. He is deserving of a great deal of credit for what he has accomplished considering the fact that he started in life with nothing and has made it all himself. He has been greatly assisted and encouraged by his wife, a woman of strong characteristics, like himself. Her mother died when she was very young and she was reared by strangers and Drew Elder, an uncle by marriage, making her home with the latter six years, then lived with a half brother until she was thirteen years old, going to Kansas with him in the memorable

"grasshopper" year, and stayed with him until his wife died, then lived at the home of Bud Elder until her marriage, the latter being Drew Elder's son.

Mr. and Mrs. Dickinson are popular in their community in church and social circles and have a host of friends throughout this part of the county.

JOHN A. LUNGREN.

No man who has lived in Carroll county in recent years had a wider or more loyal coterie of friends than the late John A. Lungren, a man in whom converged such a commendable array of sterling attributes that to know him was to admire and respect him, for his life was led along conservative lines and in a wholesome manner—in a manner, in fact, that proved inoffensive to every one who chanced to come into contact with him, and he labored to goodly ends not only for himself and family, but also for the general public, being a man of influence for the betterment and upbuilding of his neighborhood.

Mr. Lungren was born on August 7, 1842, in Sweden, and therefore belonged to that thrifty and much welcomed class of our foreign element from the Scandinavian peninsula, who have done so much for various sections of America, proving most excellent citizens wherever they have dispersed. He was the son of a farmer and spent his boyhood on the home place, emigrating to America in 1860. He proved his loyalty to his adopted country by enlisting in the Federal army toward the close of our great Civil war, by becoming a member of the First Illinois Artillery. He saw much hard service, was taken prisoner and confined in the noted Andersonville prison. His enlistment dated from February, 1864, and he was discharged at Springfield, Illinois, in 1865. He began farming on rented land in Illinois after his army career, having located in that state upon his arrival from Sweden, and he soon had a good start.

Mr. Lungren was married on March 29, 1876, to Anna L. Carlson, whose birth occurred in Sweden on February 12, 1853. When a young woman she emigrated to America with relatives and located first in Illinois, later moved to Missouri, she and Mr. Lungren having met in the former state. After their marriage they moved to the present Lungren homestead, this locality then being a wild prairie. He bought eighty acres and, as he prospered, added more land until at the time of his death he owned four hundred acres of very valuable land and was one of the substantial men of his community.

He built a large barn on his place in 1893, which was burned in 1903. Later his sons erected on the present place a substantial barn, forty-six by fifty feet. The house is a six-roomed, comfortable and neatly kept one and everything about the place indicates thrift and good management. He was always a hard worker and managed well, so that he accumulated rapidly. He carried on general farming and stock raising.

The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. John A. Lungren: Ida, Emma, Albert, Charles, Oscar (at home), Henry, Jennie, William, Benjamin, Lawrence, Leonard, Bessie and Bertha.

Mr. Lungren was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, and politically he was a Republican, but not an office seeker. He belonged to the Methodist church. The death of this excellent citizen occurred on August 18, 1896, three miles east of Standish, Carroll county. He was well known throughout the county and respected by all classes.

Oscar Lungren, mentioned above, was born September 18, 1883, on the farm where he now lives and which he has continued to work, having devoted his life to agricultural pursuits in a most successful manner. He attended the common schools of his district, also the high school at Richmond two years. He and his brother bought a farm of two hundred and twenty acres near Roads in Fairfield township and lived there four years, selling out in 1909. He has remained unmarried and is the oldest of his father's boys at home. The farm has been divided up among the children and he owns part of it, and is doing well in the management of the place. Politically, he is a Republican, and, like the rest of the family, belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church. He is a worthy son of a worthy sire in every respect.

THOMAS B. McWILLIAMS.

The name of T. B. McWilliams needs no introduction to the people of Carroll county, he having long been one of the substantial and prominent citizens of Combs township, honored as a public-spirited, industrious citizen and upright man in social life and a veteran of the Union army. He was born in Belmont county, Ohio, August 18, 1842, on a farm, and is the son of John McWilliams and wife, the father having been a carpenter, of Irish blood, while the mother was of English descent, her progenitors having been among the early settlers of North Carolina. His mother's people settled a county in

Kentucky when it was a territory and Trigg county was named for them. The subject had little educational advantages and he was compelled to study at home. His family came to Jefferson county, Iowa, in 1853, and there he attended school awhile. His father died when he was one year old, and his mother subsequently married Hiram Bishop, who reared the subject, he being a kind step-father and a good man. T. B. McWilliams remained at home until he was twenty years of age. He enlisted in the Union army in Jefferson county, August 2, 1862, in Company H, Fifth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, in the Army of the Southwest, under Grant. He was in General McPherson's division until that general was killed, then was under General Logan. Mr. McWilliams was all through the Vicksburg campaign, was also on the Yazoo Pass expedition in Mississippi and the Chattanooga campaign, at Missionary Ridge, Atlanta, and saw much hard service, but was sick with swamp fever and in the hospital a short time. He was a very faithful soldier according to his comrades. He was mustered out at Chattanooga, Tennessee, August 13, 1864. He had enlisted to fill out an old regiment that went out in 1861, his enlistment being for two years, which proved to be very strenuous ones, filled with much marching and fighting, and his record is one of which his descendants may well be proud.

After the war Mr. McWilliams came to Illinois, where he followed farming for about two years, then came back to Iowa, and a year and a half later he was married, in 1866, in Jefferson county, Iowa, to Sarah Sadler, which union resulted in the birth of the following children, living: Eva E. married George Calvert and lives near her father; Ira married Cordelia Pennington and lives in Bosworth; Edna E. married John Pennington and lives in Kansas City; John H. married Dora Pennington and lives in Ridge township; Bertha married Jefferson Pennington and lives in Ridge township; James married Nora Pennington and lives in Combs township; Lula is living at home.

Ten years after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. McWilliams came to Carroll county, having lived, prior to that time, in Kansas, in 1870, and in Arkansas. In 1875 they went to southwestern Missouri and remained five years, Mr. McWilliams working three years in the Joplin lead mines. They moved to Arkansas in 1875 and in the fall of 1876 came to Carroll county, Missouri, and settled in Van Horn township, remaining on the place he located on there about two years, and then moved near their present place, moving on the farm they now occupy in 1883 and have remained here ever since, at first buying forty-eight acres, now owning fifty-one acres. The land was timbered when he came, but Mr. McWilliams has cleared it and developed

a good little farm, has erected a good five-roomed house and a substantial barn and outbuildings, and he has made a very comfortable living, bringing his place up to a high state of cultivation. He rents his farm at the present time.

Mr. McWilliams is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic post at Carrollton, and belongs to the Baptist church at Bosworth, having been a deacon in the Big Creek and Bosworth churches twenty-four years. Politically, he is a Republican and has very ably served in a number of minor offices, but has never taken a very active part in political matters. He started out with nothing and has experienced many hardships, but he has in his later years lived very comfortably. On his place is to be found a splendid little orchard of peaches, apples, berries and various small fruits, and he has a number of bee-hives.

HENRY C. MANNING.

The career of Henry C. Manning has been varied and interesting, and the history of Carroll county, especially Eugene township, which has long been honored by his residence, will be more interesting if a record of his activities and achievements are given prominence, and a tribute to his worth and high character as a man of affairs, a public-spirited and enterprising, broad-minded citizen.

Mr. Manning was born at the old town of Miami, Saline county, Missouri, November 23, 1844. His father had lived there only about a year, having moved to that point to escape the flood of 1844. His death occurred when the subject was two years of age, then the family moved to Carroll county, locating in what is now Miami township. Henry C. Manning grew up in this locality, going to school in Eugene township and remaining with his mother until he was fourteen or fifteen years old. He felt his patriotism sway him to definite action while still a mere youth, and on August 11, 1864, he enlisted in the Forty-fourth Missouri Volunteer Infantry (Company H), under Colonel Bradshaw's army of the West, the Sixteenth Army Corps, under Gen. A. J. Smith, his enlistment taking place in Carrollton, and he was mustered in at St. Joseph, Missouri. He performed very efficient service as a soldier. The regiment was sent to St. Louis, then to Raleigh, Missouri, where it was drilled awhile, then went back to St. Louis, then into Paducah, Kentucky, thence to Nashville, Tennessee, taking part in the engagement at Columbia, then retreated to Franklin, that state, with Hood's army behind,

and they were in that fierce fight; then they went back to Nashville, and after continuous skirmishing, engaged in the three days' battle, then chased Hood through Tennessee until New Year's eve, 1865; then the regiment was moved south to Eastport, Mississippi, where it went into winter quarters, thence down the Mississippi river to New Orleans, being ordered from place to place for several weeks, finally sent to Spanish Fort, Alabama, where they besieged the Confederates fourteen days and nights, then marched through Alabama to Montgomery, thence to Tuskegee, that state, thence to Selma, and to Jackson, Mississippi, later to Vicksburg, thence home by way of St. Louis, being mustered out at St. Louis on August 15, 1865. Thus during his twelve months' enlistment he had seen a great deal of service. He came home by steamboat, and soon afterwards took up farming, he and his brother renting eighty acres, "batching" several years, but they got a good start and bought the place, the subject selling his one-half interest in 1873, then bought and traded another place in the same neighborhood, of forty acres.

In November, 1868, Henry C. Manning married, in Eugene township, Elizabeth Harmon, and to this union the following children were born: Ida, Rena, John, Ella and Annie. The wife and mother passed to her rest in March, 1880, and Mr. Manning was subsequently married to Della McLanahan, which union resulted in the birth of the following children: George, who is now at home, was formerly in the navy and lost an eye at target practice on the battleship "Kansas"; Vena, Milton, Alice, Mary and Clay Minnis are all at home.

Mr. Manning traded his one-half interest in his original place for forty acres, which he kept until 1904, then bought forty acres more, and sold that place in 1908, and bought eighty acres, which he still retains and on which he makes his home, now owning one hundred and sixty acres of excellent land, which he has brought up to a high state of improvement and cultivation. He has erected several sheds and a good barn, thirty-six by thirty-six feet, and he always keeps some good live stock which takes considerable of his time in connection with general farming.

Politically, Mr. Manning is a Republican, but he is not a politician and no office seeker. He takes an active part in the church of the Latter Day Saints, of which he is a worthy member. He formerly belonged to the Grand Army of the Republic. He has been very successful as a business man and has made what he has unaided, having started in life with but ten dollars, consequently he is deserving of much credit for what he has accomplished. He is respected by all and is well known throughout the county.

CARY GOODSON.

To present in detail the leading facts in the life of one of Trotter township's busy and successful men and throw light upon some of his more prominent characteristics is the task assigned the biographer in placing before the reader the following sketch.

Cary Goodson is a native of Carroll county, Missouri, born in the township of which he is now an honored citizen, on the 25th of April, 1852, being a son of James M. Goodson, who moved to this state from Kentucky a number of years ago and spent the remainder of his life in Carroll county. The subject's early life on his father's farm led to the formation of good and industrious habits and he grew up a strongly developed young man with well formed purposes as to his future course of action. During his childhood he attended subscription schools near his home and later pursued his studies in the first high school established in Carrollton, after which he became his father's faithful assistant on the farm until arriving at an age to begin making his own way in the world. On attaining his majority his father gave him one hundred acres of land, to the cultivation and improvement of which he at once addressed himself.

Mr. Goodson's career as a farmer appears to have been successful from the beginning, as but few years elapsed until he was enabled to increase his landed interests and from time to time thereafter he purchased other real estate until he now owns a fine body of land, all in Trotter township and admirably situated for agricultural and live stock purposes. He is engaged in general farming and raises abundant crops of wheat, corn, vegetables and oats, besides all kinds of fruits grown in this latitude, and in addition thereto, devotes a great deal of attention to live stock which he breeds and raises upon quite an extensive scale and in which his success has indeed been gratifying. He has managed his various interests very judiciously and is now one of the financially solid and independent men of his township and county, with an ample competence at his command for the future.

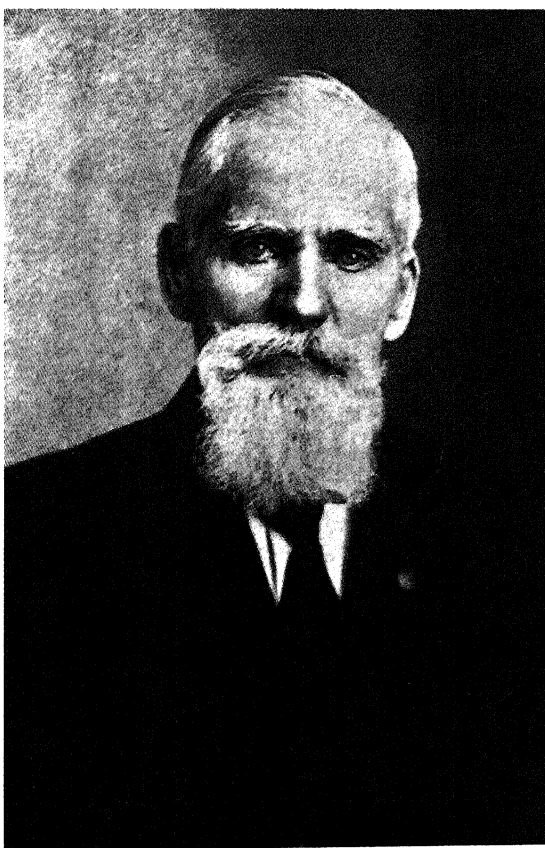
Mr. Goodson, in 1874, was united in marriage to Sarah F. Trotter, who was born in Trotter township, in the year 1856, being a daughter of Joel and Susan Trotter, natives of Missouri and Virginia respectively. Mr. Trotter was killed in the Civil war, and his wife, who is still living, has made her home for some time past in Oklahoma. Mr. and Mrs. Goodson have children as follows: Raymond, who married Emma Stamm, and lives in this township; Maud is the wife of Mat Drake, a farmer of Carroll county; Ralph, who lives in Trotter township, married Mary Woodson;

Charles married Beulah Beaty and is one of Trotter township's successful farmers; Leslie, Lewis, Alexander and Mary are still with their parents on the family homestead. Mr. Goodson and family belong to the Baptist church, in which he has been a trustee for several years. He is a Republican and prominent in politics, being a judicious adviser in the councils of his party and an untiring worker for its success. Though laboring hard for others and making many sacrifices for the cause, he has never sought nor desired office or political distinction, being content with the simple title of citizen. He is highly esteemed for his many sterling qualities, and no citizen of his community occupies a more conspicuous place in the confidence of the public.

ALLEN HENRY.

The subject of this sketch, a prominent business man of Bosworth and a veteran of the greatest civil conflict in the annals of history, is a native of Meigs county, Ohio, where he was born in the year 1844. He spent the first fourteen years of his life in his native county, during a part of which time he attended the district schools, and when not engaged in his studies he assisted his father in cultivating the farm. In 1858 he removed with the family to Carroll county, Missouri, and settled on the eighty-acre farm in Ridge township which his father bought and which was afterwards increased by an additional one hundred and sixty-acre tract in the same locality. On this large and well conducted farm young Henry lived and wrought until 1862, when he enlisted in Company F, Sixty-fifth Missouri Infantry, under the governor's call, and after serving two years and three months re-enlisted in Company I, of the Forty-ninth Missouri Regiment, and continued with this regiment until the close of the war, receiving his discharge on the 8th of August, 1865.

Mr. Henry saw much active service during his military experience and took part in a number of battles, including the capture of Mobile, Alabama, the actions at Spanish Fort, Fort Blakeley, and several others, besides numerous skirmishes and minor engagements, to say nothing of the long marches and various strenuous duties which enter so largely into the make up of a soldier's career. At one time while at Carrollton, recruiting for his regiment, the Confederates captured the town and took him prisoner, but after holding him five days, he was paroled and, being exchanged soon afterwards, he rejoined his command in due time and served



ALLEN HENRY

with a gallant record until mustered out at the close of the struggle. Returning home at the expiration of his term of service, he resumed the pursuit of agriculture and later, in partnership with his brother, Joseph, since deceased, he purchased the family homestead, on which he lived and prospered for a period of sixteen years, when he moved to Bosworth, where he has since been buying and shipping grain, doing an extensive and lucrative business. Mr. Henry operates a large elevator in the town and buys the greater part of the grain handled at this point, his patronage, which takes a wide range, including the majority of the farmers for many miles in every direction. From the beginning his business has grown steadily in magnitude, until he is now one of the largest and most successful grain dealers in the county. By judicious management he has accumulated a handsome competency and is in independent circumstances, owning, in addition to a fine modern home in Bosworth, five other residence properties and thirteen building lots in the town, all of which are increasing in value and represent no small amount of capital. At one time he owned large farming interests, his real estate in the county aggregating three hundred and forty acres of excellent land, the greater part of which he sold and invested the proceeds in other kinds of property.

Mr. Henry is a public spirited man and has used his influence and efforts to promote the interests of his town and county and encouraged to the extent of his ability all laudable enterprises for the general welfare of his fellow citizens. He has done much for the material improvement of Bosworth, has co-operated with others in promoting enterprises for the intellectual, social and moral growth of the community and has always stood for good local government and a strict enforcement of the law to this end. He bears an excellent reputation, being a man of marked probity and freedom from debasing habits and exemplary in the home circle as well as before the public. For a number of years he has been an influential member of the Grand Army of the Republic, not only in the local post in Carrollton, to which he belongs, but as a delegate to the state and national encampments. He has taken an active part in the deliberations of the order and been honored from time to time with important official positions. Politically he is strongly Republican and enjoys distinctive prestige in party circles as a counselor and leader, being one of the prominent Republicans of Carroll county and wielding an influence in district and state affairs, as well as in local matters. Religiously, he belongs to the Christian church and is a deacon in the same, also holds the office of trustee and was a member of the first building committee having in charge the erection of a house of

worship in Bosworth. Mrs. Henry is likewise a member of the church and a diligent and conscientious worker in the same.

Mr. Henry was married in the year 1867 to Almyra Lauck, who was born in Meigs county, Ohio, in 1842, being a daughter of Simon and Nancy (DeWitt) Lauck, natives of Ohio and Virginia respectively. The father was a resident of Carroll county, Missouri, for a number of years and served two terms as county judge, besides holding various other offices and taking an active part in public affairs. The following are the names of the children born to Mr. and Mrs. Henry: Simon married Rose Brownlee and lives at Iola, this state; Ida, wife of Pearl Thomas, lives in Bosworth; Clemmie B., now Mrs. Robert Howard, lives in Oklahoma; Mrs. Viola Buckley resides in that state also, and Norah, who married Mr. Hollister, of Carroll county, makes her home in Bosworth. Thus in a cursory way have been set forth the leading facts and more salient characteristics in the life of one of Carroll county's enterprising business men and representative citizens. His career has been one of which his friends feel proud and the influences which he has ever exerted for the general welfare have gained for him a prominent place in the esteem and confidence of his fellow men.

WILLIAM E. FREEMAN.

Among the prosperous and progressive farmers of Cherry Valley township, Carroll county, none better deserves mention than the gentleman whose name heads this sketch, for in his occupation he is unexcelled by any of his neighbors, and by his diligence, industry and ability has won a comfortable living from the soil and has built up one of the best farms in the county. He is also a man who by his strength of character has become influential, his judgment being highly regarded by those who know him.

William E. Freeman was born in Cherry Valley township, Carroll county, Missouri, on March 1, 1862, the son of William R. Freeman, who was a native of Virginia, Culpeper county, near Gains Cross Roads. He removed from Virginia to Carroll county, and there engaged in farming until his death, on April 23, 1862. A plain, sturdy and honorable man, he had the complete respect of his neighbors. William E. Freeman was his only child by his father's second marriage, his mother's maiden name being Mary L. Van Rensselaer. As his father died when he was but a few weeks old, he missed the paternal guidance in his early life, but being fortunate in having a Chris-

tian mother he probably escaped the snares and pitfalls which many fall into. In Cherry Valley township he grew up, living the ordinary life of a farmer's boy, and receiving the greater part of his education from the common schools. His life has so far been spent in farming, which he has found both pleasant and profitable, and he now owns two hundred and ten acres of fertile farming land, all of which is highly improved and which yields to him bountiful returns for his labor.

Mr. Freeman was married on August 25, 1895, in Cherry Valley township, to Mollie W. DeMent, who was born and reared in the same township as her husband and was the daughter of William and Margaret DeMent, well known residents of the county. To this marriage six children have been born: Ola L., Alta R., Olga L., Maggie M., Lillie and Mary W., who form a very interesting and attractive family of young people.

In politics Mr. Freeman is a Democrat and has taken a great degree of interest in all the affairs of his township. He has held the offices of constable, collector and township assessor for several terms each, and has given satisfaction to the party which elected him and the people whom he served. He and his wife are active members of the Methodist church, South. In fraternal relations he is a member of the Odd Fellows. His duties and occupations have brought him into contact with most of the people of his township, to whom he is personally known, and many of whom are his true friends.

JOSEPH D. PENNISTON.

Joseph D. Penniston was born in Ohio, on November 17, 1842. His father was William M. Penniston, who was a native of Yorkshire, England; his mother was Elizabeth Schofield Penniston, a native of Lancashire, England. They removed from Ohio to Ray county, Missouri, in the fall of 1867, where they lived till their death. Mr. and Mrs. Penniston were known and respected as honorable and upright residents of the communities in which they lived. Of their six children, Joseph D. was the eldest. He spent his early life in Ohio, and while living on his father's farm was married to Mary C. Branstetter, who was born in Ohio, on February 23, 1847. With his wife and one child, he moved to Ray county, Missouri, in the fall of 1867, and lived in that county till 1885, when he removed to the farm in Prairie township, Carroll county, where he now resides. This contains two hundred acres of highly improved land, which he devotes to general farming and stock raising.

and which abundantly repays his toil and care bestowed upon it with a comfortable living and fair profits. This farm is one of the best in location and fertility in the township and under management excelled by none.

Three children were born to Mr. Penniston's marriage, Charles, Richard, who died when five years old, and Ora. Mr. Penniston has always taken an active part in public affairs, and has acted with the Democratic party. He was elected as judge of the county court on his party ticket, and served for two terms. For several years he has held the office of justice of the peace. In no department of county government is absolute honesty and freedom from graft more essential than in the county judge's office. On these men depends the administration of the county's finances, and here are the greatest opportunities for, on the one hand, private gain at the public expense; on the other hand, the conservation of the county's money and saving to the people. It is certainly fortunate for a county to have had for its judges such men as Mr. Penniston, whose honesty is absolutely above suspicion and whose devotion to the public interests was so marked during his term.

Judge Penniston is a man of strong and influential character, has taken a leading part in the development of his community, and has those qualities which gain and keep friends for a man.

WILLIAM STRATHMAN.

A very marked change has taken place in the farmer's situation in the last few years. For a time the farmer seemed to be the most unfortunate man in America, with every man's hand against him. His was the least respected of occupations. Now how changed! Circumstances have altered to such an extent that the farmer is no longer at the mercy of the traders and transporters, but is holding the reins himself, is receiving high prices for his produce, and is becoming envied by the city dweller because of his prosperity. The banks can testify to the change in the general prosperity of farmers. Fifteen years ago they were loaning city money on mortgages to farmers; today they are loaning the farmers' money on mortgages to city men. Mr. Strathman has been fortunate in becoming an active farmer at an opportune time.

William Strathman was born on the farm where he now lives on December 14, 1884, the son of William and Sophia (Graper) Strathman. His father was a well known and successful farmer of Egypt township, Carroll county, Missouri, who was much respected among his neighbors. He died when in

his fiftieth year, following his faithful wife by a few years. They were the parents of seven children, of whom William was the fifth. By hard work, honest dealing and good management, his father had accumulated a good estate, and he had a reputation for raising the best of crops, which his sons have sustained.

William Strathman, Jr., grew to manhood on the old homestead where he now resides, his boyhood differing little from that of any other farm boy, being passed in working on the farm in the summers and attending the common schools of Norborne in the winter. He has been engaged in farming since his maturity and, in company with his brother Rudolph, owns one hundred and sixty acres of fertile and well improved land near Norborne. Their farm is one of the best in that region, and no other is more systematically cared for, as the brothers are experts in the matter of cultivation of the soil and the arts of farming. Mr. Strathman is unmarried. He is a young man, the greater part of whose history is yet to be made, but he has gained many friends, shown much efficiency in his chosen occupation, is already the owner of a fair amount of property, and bids fair to become one of the influential men of his county.

WILLIAM D. PINNEY.

Under present conditions, farming, by the use of improved machinery, labor-saving devices and methods of cultivation, has been robbed of most of the hard labor which was its earlier characteristic, and the farmer's task today is light compared with that of his ancestor fifty years ago. In fact, this occupation, which once required the severest labor, is, though not entirely freed from such, much less toilsome than many of the city occupations, as well as more remunerative. Mr. Pinney's career is an example of what can be accomplished on the farm by a man of intelligence and energy, who applies his abilities. And not only has he attained prosperity and gained a reputation for himself as a first-class farmer, but he has had the privilege of serving his county well in an office where the qualities of honesty and fidelity to a trust, which he pre-eminently possesses, are most needed—the office of county judge.

William D. Pinney was born on a farm in Scotland county, Missouri, on March 20, 1857, the son of Milo and Harriet (Skinner) Pinney. His father was a native of Connecticut, his mother of Pennsylvania, and they came from Scotland county, Missouri, to Carroll county, Missouri, in 1873, locating in Miami township, where they remained until their death. Milo Pinney was a

man of much influence in the community. He was born in 1821, and died in 1882; his wife was born in 1826, and died in 1884. Of their seven children, William D. Pinney was the second. His early life up to the age of sixteen was spent on a Scotland county farm, in the usual pursuits of a country boy, and since 1873 he has been a resident of Carroll county. His education was received in the common schools. At an early age he took much interest in farming and has devoted the greater portion of his life to farming and stock raising, in which he has been very successful and has accumulated land until his holdings in Carroll county now amount to five hundred and sixty acres, all fertile and highly improved. His residence and farm buildings are set upon an excellent natural location, are handsome and commodious, and entirely adequate to the needs of their owner, while, compared with other buildings in the county, they rank among the best.

Mr. Pinney has always taken an active part in public affairs and has acted with the Democratic party. For six years he served as county judge, for four years of that time as presiding judge, and during his term the court house was built. While in office he was careful of the interests of the people and, while believing in a liberal expenditure of money, saw that the public money was well spent and not misapplied.

On December 14, 1887, Judge Pinney was married to Sarah Herren, who was a native of Carroll county. To this marriage three children were born, Horace S., William Grover and Lewis E. Mr. and Mrs. Pinney are members of the Christian church, and take a leading part in church work.

Personally, Judge Pinney is a thorough gentleman, of a pleasing and agreeable manner, a man who has won liking for his social qualities as well as respect for his business ability and esteem for his devotion to the public interests.

CHRISTIAN GERLING.

Among the substantial and respected agricultural families of Carroll county, none stand higher than the Gerling family. Their father, who came to this country a poor boy, by his honesty, industry and thrift, accumulated a very large tract of farming land and was influential among his neighbors, always throwing that influence on the side of right and of progress. His sons and daughter have been worthy descendants of their father, have been guided by his ideals, and are making and have made honorable records for themselves.

Christian Gerling was born on November 21, 1860, in Madison county, Illinois, the son of Christian and Elizabeth (Berghan) Gerling, both of whom were born in Germany. The elder Christian Gerling came to this country when only fourteen years of age, and located in Madison county, Illinois. He worked on a farm, later buying one hundred and eighty acres there, on which he followed general farming until 1882. In that year he sold his farm and came to Carroll county, Missouri, where he bought the old Wagner farm of five hundred and eighty acres in Wakenda township, and later added to this one hundred and sixty acres in one tract and forty in another, improved the land and erected several excellent buildings. His profits from his farm were large, ranking him among the most prosperous farmers in the county, and his farm was known all over the county. He was the father of six children, Charles, Edward, Lewis, Philip, Christian, and Elizabeth, now the wife of Herman Landgraf, of Kansas. Mr. Gerling died on November 29, 1898. No worthier citizen has lived on Carroll county's soil.

Christian Gerling attended the common schools of Madison county, Illinois, and assisted his father on the farm until he grew to manhood. He worked on the home farm until he was about thirty years of age. In 1898 he became the owner of one hundred and thirty acres in Wakenda township, Carroll county, Missouri, which he has improved, and which is now one of the best farms in the township. His residence is commodious, convenient and well located, and his outbuildings are adequate to the needs of his farm. Mr. Gerling follows general farming, which he believes best suited to his land, and raises some stock.

On June 18, 1891, Christian Gerling was married to Kathrine Ostermeyer, the daughter of Herman Ostermeyer, of Madison county, Illinois. They are the parents of three children, Louisa, who married Otto McCumber, a farmer of Carroll county, and Erna and Frieda, who are at home. Both Mr. Gerling and his wife are active members of the Lutheran church and for three years he has been a deacon of the church. In politics he is a Democrat. Mr. Gerling is one of the substantial citizens of his county, well known and well liked as a man of character and purpose.

FRANCIS M. KINNAMAN.

A retired farmer and for a number of years one of the leading men of his calling in Carroll county, the subject of the sketch was born in Madison county, Indiana, on the 12th day of April, 1845. Hiram L. Kinnaman, his

father, was a native of North Carolina, and his mother of Indiana; the latter, prior to her marriage, was Cassandra Crossley. These parents reared their family of twelve children in the state of Indiana and there the mother departed this life in 1871. Mr. Kinnaman subsequently came to Carroll county, Missouri, where he ended his earthly sojourn, dying in 1897, at the advanced age of eighty-eight years. The children born to this estimable couple were as follows: David and Conrad, deceased; Walter, who lives in Oregon; Henry, deceased; Lon, a citizen of Kansas; William, deceased; Richard, deceased; Jane, widow of William Smith, of Indiana; Emily, Sarah and Margaret, all three deceased; and one that died in infancy unnamed.

Francis M. Kinnaman received only a limited education in the district schools of his native county and acquired his first practical knowledge of the world on his father's farm. In 1866 he drove from Indiana to Missouri and bought a tract of wild land in Carroll county, which he soon cleared and reduced to cultivation, besides adding a number of improvements as circumstances would admit. By diligent and persevering labor, he not only made one of the best farms in his locality, but also increased his realty at intervals until he had at one time three hundred and seventy acres of as fine land as Carroll county could boast, the greater part of which he brought to a high state of cultivation and improved with substantial buildings. On this farm he lived for many years and prospered beyond the average tiller of the soil. He devoted his time and attention to general agriculture, raised large crops of the grains, vegetables and fruits grown in this latitude and so managed his interests as to amass a comfortable fortune which enabled him to discontinue further active duties of the farm. In 1902 he turned his land over to other hands and moved to the beautiful and commodious home in Bosworth which he purchased that year and in which, surrounded by many material favors and blessings, he has since lived in quiet and honorable retirement.

Mr. Kinnaman was married on September 13, 1868, to Katherine Kinsey, whose parents, David and Lavina (Lutz) Kinsey, were natives of Pennsylvania, but when quite young went to Indiana, where they were married, each being but seventeen years of age when made husband and wife. Mr. and Mrs. Kinsey were pioneers of the county in which they settled, and after residing there until 1874, they moved to Missouri where they rounded out sixty-two years of happy and prosperous wedded life. Mr. and Mrs. Kinnaman have a family of ten children, whose names are as follows: David, who lives in Oklahoma; Roy, whose home is in Washington state; Harry, of Oklahoma; Allen, who lives in the state of Washington; Mark, who lives in Washington state; Lottie, who married John Thurlo and resides on the home

farm, which her husband manages; Nellie, who is still with her parents, and three others who died in their infancy. In his political allegiance, Mr. Kinnaman is a pronounced Democrat, and as such has been a factor of considerable influence in the political circles of the county. He served several years as trustee of his township, was school director for a number of terms, besides filling various other local offices, in all of which he displayed excellent business ability and earned an honorable record. For the past twenty years he has been identified with the First National Bank of Bosworth, being a stockholder and a director of the institution and greatly interested in its growth and prosperity. As a citizen Mr. Kinnaman is public spirited and progressive and, having faith in the future of the city in which he resides, he lends his influence and aid to all legitimate means for the accomplishment of this end. He keeps in touch with the times on all matters of general interest, encourages every laudable enterprise for the betterment of society and the welfare of his fellow men and since taking up his residence in Bosworth, he has taken an active part in municipal affairs. Respected and honored by his fellow men and filling no small place in the public eye, he stands for good government and a high standard of citizenship and the city in which he lives is proud to number him among its most esteemed and praiseworthy residents.

MARTIN M. DAMRON.

The spirit of a pure, noble and earnest life burned in the mortal tenement of the late Martin M. Damron, than whom no man of Carrollton township enjoyed a higher measure of esteem or possessed in a more marked degree the confidence of his fellow citizens. His life, though short of the allotted one of Sacred Writ, being but forty-four years, three months and twenty-seven days, was nevertheless one of fullness and completeness, of vigor and inflexible integrity. His aims were always high, his purposes noble, and within the sacred precincts of home he was the loving husband, the tender father, and his relations with the members of the family circle were ideal and eminently worthy of imitation.

Martin M. Damron was a native of Adair county, Kentucky, and a son of Elzy and Eliza (Powell) Damron, who were also natives of that state. He was born on the 12th day of June, 1861, received his educational discipline in the county of his birth and grew to maturity familiar with the duties and responsibilities of life on the farm. About the year 1879, while still a

youth, he came to Missouri and bought ninety acres of land near the village of Wakenda and such was his success in cultivating the same that he subsequently was enabled to add to his realty from time to time until he finally became the owner of an excellent farm of two hundred and forty-four acres, which he brought to a high state of tillage and improved with good buildings and the various other accessories of a first class landed estate.

After residing on the above farm until March, 1901, Mr. Damron exchanged it for a quarter section six miles north of Carrollton, which he also improved and on which he lived and prospered until the time of his death. He was a man of industrious and exemplary habits, possessed more than ordinary energy, and his sound judgment and wise forethought enabled him to take advantage of circumstances and so direct his affairs as to become one of the model farmers of Carroll county, also one of the leading citizens of the community in which he resided. He succeeded well in all of his undertakings and in due time amassed considerable wealth and rose to a position of financial independence.

Mr. Damron was happily married on November 6, 1884, to Babbie Neet, daughter of John and Martha E. (Smart) Neet, the former a son of Rudolph and Rebecca Neet, natives of Adair county, Kentucky, and among the earliest settlers of Carroll county, Missouri. John Neet, father of Rudolph, was the first of the Neet family to come to this part of the state. He left Kentucky at a very early date and after a number of weeks' travel through a wild and uninhabited country, finally reached what is Carroll county, but which at the time of his arrival was a wilderness in which the Indians roved at will and into which as yet comparatively few white men had penetrated. The Neets are an old and respected family and ever since the original settlement of the county the name has been intimately associated with its history.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Damron was blessed with seven children, whose names are as follows: Johnnie, a daughter who lives with her mother at the family homestead; Tommie, who died in September, 1887, when only two months old; Jessie, who married William J. Sullivan and lives at Spokane, Washington; Pet, an infant that died at the age of three months; Martin E. lives at home and helps cultivate the farm; Sue Mary died at the age of two months, and Robbie Grace, who is still a member of the home circle.

Mr. Damron was a self-made man in the true sense of the word, as he rose from an humble beginning to an influential place among the successful farmers and enterprising citizens of Carroll county, and that, too, without the help of influential friends, his only capital being his strong arms, backed

by a firm will and a determined purpose to succeed. He displayed distinctive wisdom and ability in the management of his affairs and as a tiller of the soil he had few equals and no superiors in his part of the county. In his relations with his fellow men he was governed by principles of honor and rectitude and his ideals of duty and citizenship were always noble and lofty. Among his neighbors and friends he ever maintained a reciprocity of interest, and wherever known his name was honored and his simple promise had all the sacredness and binding force of a written obligation. As already stated, his home life approached very near the ideal and he found his highest satisfaction in the family circle after the labor of the day was done and the door closed to the world. He was the soul of hospitality and good fellowship and no worthy object met with his refusal, nor did any unfortunate go unfed from his door.

Mr. Damron was taken ill on the 4th of September, 1904, and within a short time typhoid fever developed and made its slow but sure headway. The best medical services were retained and an experienced nurse from Kansas City secured, but despite the physician's skill and all that gentle and tender ministrations could do, the fell disease progressed until the 9th of the ensuing month when the spirit left its frail tenement and returned to the God who gave it. The funeral of Mr. Damron was largely attended, for the people of his own and other communities realized that in his death they had lost a true friend, a loyal and obliging neighbor and a public spirited and praiseworthy citizen. His body was laid to rest in the Adkins cemetery, five miles north of Wakenda, where, with the dust of many others, it awaits the resurrection of the just.

Since her husband's death, Mrs. Damron, with the assistance of her family, has run the farm and displayed excellent business judgment and wise discretion, which with her high character, beautiful life and many estimable qualities of womanhood, have made her quite popular and she has many warm personal friends in the community where so much of her life has been spent.

ALBERT FRANKLIN SMITH.

Few residents of Carrollton are as well known as the enterprising business man whose career it is the biographer's pleasure to review in the following lines. Albert F. Smith is a native of Carroll county, Missouri, born at Mandeville on December 13, 1863. His parents, William P. and Susan

(Traugher) Smith, were natives of Mississippi and Kentucky respectively, the former born January 16, 1836, the latter in the year 1841. The subject's paternal grandfather, John Smith, was born in Tennessee in 1810. He went to Mississippi in an early day and about the year 1842 moved from that state to Carroll county, Missouri, locating near the site of Mandeville, where he purchased land and became a prosperous tiller of the soil. He married Frances Brown and had a large family of sixteen children, equally divided between the sexes, the majority of whom grew to maturity and reared families of their own.

The subject's maternal grandparents were John L. Traugher, born in Pennsylvania, and Ellen Ross, a native of Kentucky, born in the years 1810 and 1813 respectively. They were married in the state of Kentucky and had several children, Mrs. Smith being one of the number who came to Missouri and spent the greater part of her life in Carroll county.

William P. Smith, father of the subject, was reared in the county of Carroll and devoted nearly all of his life to teaching. He was one of the pioneer pedagogues of this part of Missouri and, in connection with educational work, held various local offices, besides giving some of his time to agricultural pursuits. He was a prominent Democrat, and a leading elder of one of the first Christian churches organized in Carroll county; he also joined the first Masonic lodge in this part of the state. In 1892 he went to Oklahoma, removing thence in 1908 to Arkansas. By his first wife, whose name is mentioned above and who died in the year 1873, he had seven children, and there were six by his subsequent marriage with Mary Cree.

Albert F. Smith was reared in Carroll county and after completing the common school course attended for a term an academy at Avalon, where he obtained a knowledge of the higher branches of learning. With a well disciplined mind and a natural aptness for the work, he turned his attention to teaching, which he continued for a number of years in his native county and a part of one year in California. He went to the latter state in 1889 and remained until 1895, when he returned to Carrollton and entered the employ of the large mercantile firm with which he is now identified. On February 1, 1896, he accepted the position of cashier in the New York store, and five years later became a stockholder in the company. Also took charge of the advertising, which he still controls. He was in the gents' furnishing department three years, had charge of the shoe department for one year and at the expiration of that time became assistant clothier, which position he held until the retirement of his superior in 1906, when he became head of the clothing

department. In the meantime he continued his relation as advertiser, in connection with which he has charge of all collections and in various other ways looks after and promotes the interests of the firm.

Mr. Smith possesses superior business capacity and is a factor of much importance and influence in the commercial circles of Carrollton. His department, which is one of the most important in the concern, he manages with ability and tact and it is not presumption to say that the success of the large enterprise with which he is identified is due to his exertions as much as to those of any other member of the company. He enjoys the confidence of his associates, and is held in high esteem by everybody connected with the business, also by the public at large. A gentleman of intelligence and culture, of pleasing address and demeanor, he possesses the faculty of making and retaining warm friendships. Mr. Smith's peculiar family environments have made it impossible for him to contribute as he would to the social circles of his city. While in California Mr. Smith not only taught school, but from 1890 to 1895, inclusive, was in the newspaper business and succeeded well as an editor and publisher. He was married on the 23d of October, 1889, to Maggie Meier, daughter of Jacob M. Meier, of Carrollton, and has two children, Vida Pauline and Beulah Marguerite, the latter holding a position in the store, where her services are greatly appreciated.

Mr. Smith became a member of the Carrollton Christian church in 1899, and was made one of the officers in 1901, which position he still holds. He is enthusiastic in Bible school work and very seldom misses a session of the Bible school or a service of his congregation.

HENRY STRATHMAN.

The banking business in this country has undergone a marked change in recent years with the establishment of many banks in smaller towns and cities, for whose existence there was formerly no demand, but which fill a need under present conditions and prove very profitable ventures to their stockholders, while serving the wants of the communities in which they are located. The success and efficiency of these banks depends largely on the character, address and business ability of the officers. The Citizens Bank of Norborne is fortunate in the selection of all its officers, and none of them are more capable in their positions than is Mr. Strathman, the assistant cashier, a man qualified by much experience.

Henry Strathman was born in Madison county, Illinois, on December 1, 1860, the son of William and Louisa (Berghorn) Strathman, both natives of Germany, who came to this country seeking better opportunities. William Strathman died in Madison county, Illinois, when seventy-three years old; his widow is still surviving. Henry was the fourth of seven children, and was reared on his father's farm in Madison county, living at home until March, 1882, when he came to Carroll county, Missouri, and began to farm in Egypt township. He continued to be actively engaged in farming until the summer of 1900, when he removed to Norborne and for three years was engaged in the confectionery business there. Then he became connected with banking as the assistant cashier of the Citizens Bank, and is at present holding that position. He has been successful in all his operations, and is a man of good business ability, very efficient in his duties in the bank.

Mr. Strathman was married on January 27, 1889, in Madison county, Illinois, to Clara Lange, a native of that county, the daughter of C. W. F. and Mary Lange. Mrs. Lange died in Edwardsville, Illinois, in January, 1910. Mrs. Clara Strathmore died in Norborne, Missouri, on March 25, 1903, when thirty-seven years old, after having been a faithful wife and loving mother. She left four children, Clara L., Albert J., Walter F. and Stella R.

Mr. Strathman has not yet wholly severed his connection with agriculture and owns one hundred and sixty acres of land in Egypt township, all highly improved. He has made many friends and is well liked in Norborne and Carroll county.

J. A. LYTH.

The gentleman whose name forms the caption of this sketch has been for a long time identified with the interests of Carroll county, being one of the old residents of this part of the country. When he came to this region the roads of the neighborhood had not been built, although the country was fairly well settled, and he was one who took part in the building of the roads. At that time the farmers were very far from markets, and had to go twelve miles to Sumner, twenty-five miles to Carrollton or Chillicothe, and eighteen miles to De Witt, in order to reach a city from Hurricane township. All of the smaller towns and cities which now dot the country have since come into being. Mr. Lyth has witnessed the great development of this region and has taken his full share in its progress, for he is a man of some influence in his neighborhood.

J. A. Lyth was born in Columbia, Boone county, Missouri, on August 21, 1844. When he was twelve his father died and his mother bought a farm and moved to it. J. A. attended school until the war and then enlisted in Company H, Perkins' battalion, Ninth Missouri Brigade, of the Confederate Army, under Capt. George Roland and General Price. He enlisted in Boone county in 1864, and joined the main army in October of that year, took part in Price's raid through Missouri, and went as far west as Lexington, when the army was forced back into Texas. In the spring of 1865, a month after Lee's surrender, his brigade surrendered at Shreveport, Louisiana.

After the war, during which Mr. Lyth's career had been marked by uniform courage, he removed to Audrain county, Missouri, and stayed two years on a farm. In the spring of 1871 he moved to Livingston county, Missouri, remained there three years, returned then to Boone county, and in 1876 came to his present farm in Hurricane township, Carroll county. He bought one hundred and sixty acres of land, mostly unimproved and little of which was under cultivation. On this he has erected a handsome residence, a barn forty by forty-two, a buggy house, scale house, several sheds and other buildings. His land is well kept up, and is fenced with hedge and wire. At one time Mr. Lyth bought one hundred acres of land more, but gave it to his two sons. He now owns a block in Hale, one hundred and twenty by three hundred feet in size, on which he has erected a house.

Mr. Lyth was first married on April 16, 1874, in Livingston county, Missouri, to Mary Dougherty, who died in 1887. She bore to him three children, Ambrose, L. B., and Thomas, deceased. He was married a second time near Hale, Missouri, on March 1, 1893, to Mrs. Hulda J. Staten. She was the mother of two children, Minnie and Clara, by her former marriage, and has borne to Mr. Lyth one child, a sweet little daughter, Alice, five years old.

In politics Mr. Lyth is a Prohibitionist. He is one of the active members of the Methodist church, South. A man of strong character, who has fought the peaceful battles of life with the same spirit with which he fought in the war, he is much respected in his community and considered one of its substantial citizens.

JOHN BARGOLD.

The sons of John Bargold, Sr., are his best monument. Able and prosperous farmers, progressive and enterprising in all their methods, obtaining the best of yields and good profits from their soil, making their farms

noted as examples of good husbandry, they rank high among the agriculturists of the county. And they are as good citizens as farmers, for they are possessed of the sturdy and elemental German virtues, which make for order and the good of the community, and they have done all they could to better their surrounding neighborhood. Social companions of a high order, they have not lacked for friends.

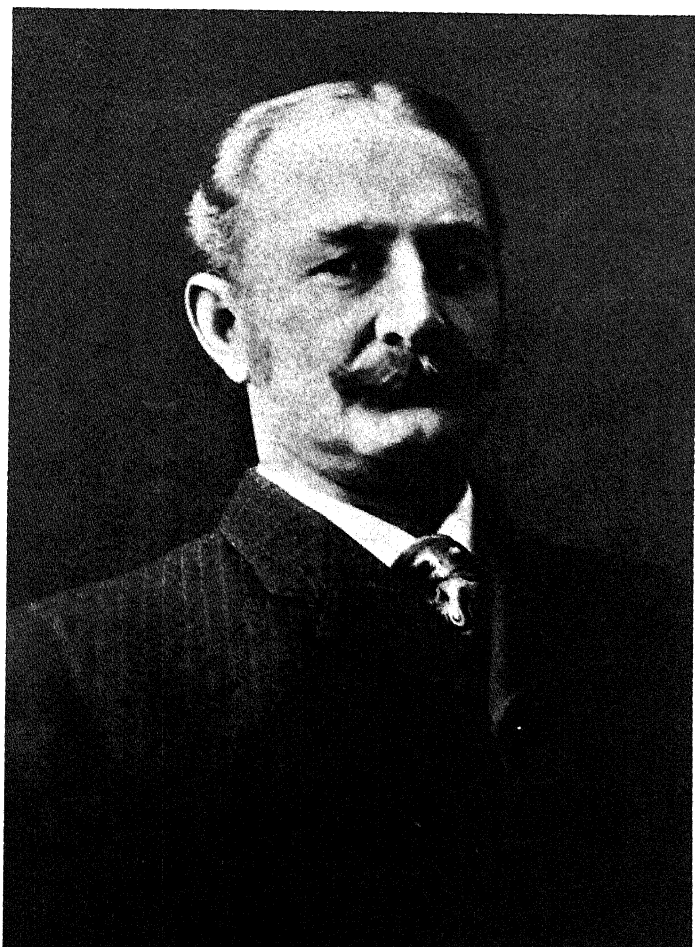
John Bargold was born in Chariton county, Missouri, on April 16, 1865, the second child of John and Maria Bargold, for whom see sketch of Joseph B. Bargold. John Bargold, Jr., spent the first eleven years of his life in Chariton county, Missouri, and then came with his mother and the other children to DeWitt township, Carroll county, Missouri, where they lived until 1881, when they came to Eugene township, where he has since resided. Mr. Bargold has followed stock raising and farming since boyhood, and has found it very profitable under his intelligent management. At present he is the owner of three hundred and thirty acres of improved and fertile land, on which he has erected good buildings and set out shade and fruit trees, making a handsome residence location.

John Bargold was married in Bosworth, Missouri, on March 20, 1895, to Eliza Kelly, who was a daughter of M. Kelly, an old settler of Carroll county. She was born near Norborne, Missouri. Mr. and Mrs. Bargold are the parents of three children, Joseph, Beulah May and Ethel Lena.

Mr. Bargold is a man who takes much interest in the affairs of the neighborhood and is especially interested in education. For some time he has held the office of school director. Well known in his township, he is a man of influence and has always thrown that influence on the side of what he believed to be right and for the people's interests.

MARSHALL WILLIAM CRATON, A. B., M. D.

The biographies of successful men are instructive as guides and incentives to those whose careers are yet to be achieved. The examples they furnish of patient purpose and consecutive endeavor strongly illustrate what is in the power of each to accomplish. Dr. Marshall William Craton, of Carrollton, who ranks as one of the leading professional and business men of Carroll county, is a conspicuous example of one who has lived to good purpose and achieved a definite degree of success in the special sphere to which his talents and energies have been devoted. United in his composition are



MARSHALL W. CRATON, M. D.

so many elements, of a solid and practical nature, which during a series of years have brought him into prominent notice and earned for him a conspicuous place among the enterprising men of northwestern Missouri, that it is but just recognition of his worth to write at some length of his life and achievements, for there are few professions that make a greater draft upon the mental, physical and moral nature of a man than does that of medicine, so he who succeeds in this exacting calling must needs be a man of rare innate qualities and sterling attributes of both head and heart. The gentleman whose name introduces this biographical record is one of the leading physicians of Carrollton, and probably no other in this locality has a larger practice. He is generally recognized as a man of great professional ability, and by his genial and affable manner and bright and sunny disposition has endeared himself to the entire community.

Doctor Craton is the scion of a fine old Southern family, his birth having occurred in Rutherfordton, North Carolina, July 11, 1856. He is the son of the late Dr. John Miller Craton, who practiced medicine in the above named town for a period of fifty years prior to his death, and a grandson of Isaac Craton, of Irish descent, who, having held many public offices, and thereby having to sign his name to many documents, changed the way of spelling his name from Creighton to Craton. The ancestry of the Craton family has been traced back to the fourteenth century, a genealogical work on the same having been compiled, a copy of which was presented to Doctor Craton, of this review, by the late Count John A. Creighton, the founder of Omaha, Nebraska, and that city's greatest benefactor, he having given and endowed the Creighton University and Hospital of that city. Being a great and philanthropic Catholic, the title of count was bestowed upon him by Pope Leo XIII, in 1895. Dr. Craton, of this review, bears a striking physical resemblance to Count Creighton, although only distantly related to him. In this genealogy the Cratons are referred to as a family of physicians, there having been over three hundred physicians bearing the name of Craton since the fourteenth century. Dr. M. W. Craton is a brother of Dr. S. B. Craton, of Syracuse, New York, a noted specialist on the eye and ear. His mother, whose maiden name was Margaret Williams, was born in Syracuse, New York, and was of Scotch descent, being the daughter of Dr. Mather and Elizabeth (Forman) Williams, the father a direct descendant of Cotton Mather and his wife the daughter of Judge Forman, the founder of the city of Syracuse, New York and one of the first projectors of the Erie canal. The city has honored Judge Forman by erecting a statue to his memory in

Forman Park, which park is also named for him, and his name is recorded in the history of the state of New York as the founder of Syracuse. Judge Forman's wife, Elizabeth, was the daughter of Boyd Alexander, of Glasgow, Scotland, a member of Parliament and one of Scotland's wealthiest men.

Doctor Craton, of this review, was one of a family of nine children, he being fourth in order of birth. He was reared in Rutherfordton, North Carolina, the place of his birth, and there attended the public schools, entering Wofford College when fifteen years of age, that old historic institution being located in the beautiful South Carolina town of Spartanburg, which lies just at the foot hills of the Piedmont range of mountains. From this institution he was graduated in 1876 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. After finishing his college course, Doctor Craton entered his father's drug store and office and began the study of medicine. In 1879 he entered the medical department of the University of the City of New York, where he made a brilliant record and from which institution he was graduated in 1882 with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. After completing his studies in the metropolis, he returned to his home town in North Carolina, where he practiced medicine for two years with great success, in fact, he became so popular there that the citizens held a public meeting, resolving to petition him to remain in their midst, but desiring a wider field for the exercise of his talents, Doctor Craton started out on a prospecting tour, stopping at Munfordville, Kentucky, to visit his sister, whose husband was pastor of the First Presbyterian church at that place. While visiting in the Blue Grass state the Doctor was a guest at a house party given by Gov. Simon Bolivar Buckner, the figure of greatest historic interest in the United States today, and his wife at their summer home, "Glen Lily," a few miles from Munfordville, and it was there that Doctor Craton met Miss Mary Belle Smith, a daughter of Francis Asbury Smith, of Munfordville, one of the most successful, enterprising and wealthiest men of Hart county, Kentucky, and she being also a great-niece of Ex-Gov. William Smith, of Virginia. The Doctor and Miss Smith were united in marriage on December 18, 1884. Mrs. Craton is a lady of talent, culture and pleasing address, and by the material aid rendered with such un-failing loyalty to the cause of independence in the Revolutionary war by her uncle, Ex-Gov. William Smith, of the Old Dominion, Mrs. Craton became one of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

The year following their marriage Doctor Craton and wife came to Missouri and located in Carrollton, where the Doctor formed a partnership with

Dr. E. A. Waggener, at that time the leading physician of this city. A year later this partnership was dissolved, each taking separate offices. By his indomitable energy, great ability and honorable course as a physician and surgeon, Doctor Craton has built up a very extensive and satisfactory practice throughout the county, his name having become a household word in this locality. He ranks among the leading practitioners of materia medica in the northern part of the state, being recognized among the medical fraternity as a perfect diagnostician, having kept fully abreast of the times in everything pertaining to his profession, being untiring in his research work, a vigorous and independent thinker, and a natural-born doctor, wedded to his profession. His fame has long since transcended the bounds of this county, and he is frequently called in consultation to remote localities in this and adjoining counties, and often to other states.

Doctor and Mrs. Craton have an elegant stone residence on North Main street, whose permanent furnishings are very handsome, modern and attractive in every appointment. This union was graced by the birth of two daughters, Margaret Elizabeth, who is still a member of the home circle, and the eldest daughter, Mabel Dixon, who passed in to the great beyond on February 23, 1911, at the age of twenty-five years. She was a most charming and beautiful young woman, popular with the best social circles of Carrollton, numbering her friends by the scores, made by her winsome, genial manner and her bountiful good nature. Two sons born to this union were laid away in infancy.

In religious work the Doctor and family are associated with the Methodist Episcopal church, South, in which the Doctor filled the office of trustee and steward and was also a member of the building committee of the handsome new memorial church of the local congregation. Politically, the Doctor is a stanch Democrat. He belongs to the Grand River District Medical Association and the Carroll County Medical Society. He maintains a neat and convenient office, fully equipped with up-to-date appliances and accessories.

Personally Doctor Craton is a man whom it is a pleasure to know, a refined, genteel gentleman, amiable, kind, generous and gentle to all, a loving and devoted father and husband, scattering sunshine in his home, and, in fact, wherever he goes, consequently he has the confidence, good will and esteem of all who know him, truly one of the notable men of his day and generation in the medical world of the Middle West.

JONATHAN B. RILEY.

The present sketch is concerned with the life of a man who has seen a greater variety of experience than the average farmer, one who spent some years of his younger life amid the picturesque and exciting scenes of the Western plains, and who in mature life is one of the solid and substantial farmers of Hurricane township.

Jonathan B. Riley was born in De Kalb county, Missouri, on October 11, 1848, the son of William W. Riley, who was born in Georgetown, Kentucky, in 1819, and died in Hurricane township, Carroll county, Missouri, in 1886, and Mary A. Riley, who was born in Scott county, Kentucky, in 1821, and died in Hurricane township in 1904. On September 23, 1839, William W. Riley passed through Carroll county on his way from Scott county, Kentucky, to Clinton county, Missouri. Three years later he moved to De Kalb county, Missouri, expecting when he moved that the county seat would be located near his farm, and it was located within a mile and a quarter of the place, thus justifying his sagacity. Here he remained until 1865, and then moved to Van Horn township, Carroll county. In his younger days he was a school teacher, but spent his later life in farming and was a much respected resident of his community. For twelve years he operated a water mill, one of the first in Carroll county.

Jonathan B. Riley received his education in De Kalb county, and at the age of twenty-two left home and went west. For six years he was a cowboy and freighter on the plains, spending the last two years in New Mexico and the Panhandle region of Texas. In those days life on the plains presented real excitement, and sometimes hardships. On his return to Carroll county, Mr. Riley rented a farm until 1882, and then bought eighty acres in Hurricane township. In August, 1891, he removed to his present farm, which consists of two hundred and twenty acres. He is a general farmer, raising corn and wheat and keeping about forty head of cattle, seventy hogs and fifteen horses and mules. His farm is well fenced with wire, and its present owner has made all the improvements. In 1905 he built a comfortable home, about which is a lawn, well kept, and ornamented with flowers. He has built two barns, fifty by fifty and thirty-six by forty, and a feeding shed, thirty by sixty-four feet in size.

In 1884 Mr. Riley was married to Anna Broyles, who was born in Hurricane township in 1866, the daughter of William Broyles, who was born in Cooper county, Missouri, in 1829, and died in Hurricane township in 1904, and Mary Broyles, born in Illinois in 1839, and now living in this township.

To this marriage have been born the following children: Mary Ellen, who married Robert Bates, and lives at Hale, Missouri; D. Ernest; Plutia L., Forrest R., Clyde William and Junie F. Mr. and Mrs. Riley are members of the church of Christ. Mr. Riley is a member of the Masons and the Woodmen of the World, holding affiliations with the lodges at Hale, and in politics he is a Democrat. He is a man of strong character, and is widely known and highly esteemed in his township as a man of ability and worth.

REV. ADOLPH A. SCHAEFER.

This eminent Roman Catholic divine, for several years the efficient and popular pastor of St. Mary's church, at Carrollton, is a native of Flerzheim, near Bonn-on-the-Rhine, Germany, born on the 7th day of June, 1865. The family emigrated to the United States in 1871. His father, Andr w Schaefer, was of German birth and by occupation a cabinetmaker, and his mother, who prior to her marriage bore the name of Gertrude Detrick, was of the same nationality as was her husband.

Father Schaefer, who is the second in a family of four children, spent his early life in his native city and received his elementary education in the parochial schools of the same. Having decided to give his life to the sacred office of the priesthood, he began his preparatory work at St. Benedict's College, Atchison, Kansas, where he devoted five years to close and patient study, at the expiration of which time he entered St. Francis Seminary at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where he finished his theological course and was graduated on May 5, 1888. Immediately following his ordination, Father Schaefer was made pastor of the church of the Immaculate Conception at St. Joe, where he labored with much acceptance for six months, when he was transferred to the church in Easton, Missouri, where he spent the seven years ensuing, during which time he labored with great assiduity and success, building up his congregation numerically and spiritually and endearing himself not only to his parishioners, but to the people of the town and surrounding country, irrespective of church affiliation. From Easton he was returned to St. Joseph to take charge of St. Mary's church of that city, to which he sustained the pastoral relation for a period of eight years and which, like his former parish, prospered greatly under his labors and oversight.

Father Schaefer's next field of labor was in Trenton, Missouri, where his efforts were likewise successful in the strengthening of his church and

spreading the gospel among the people and where he also won an abiding place in the esteem of the public. From Trenton he was transferred to Aholt, and after a successful pastorate at that place, came to Carrollton, where, since the year 1907, he has been pastor of St. Mary's church and a prominent and influential factor not only in the religious life of the city, but in secular affairs as well. Father Schaefer has been untiring in his efforts for the improvement of his parish along all lines, as well as diligent in advancing the general interests of the mother church, and his career of a little more than three years in his present field has been fruitful of great and lasting results. His people esteem him for his piety and with a great fervor they manifest gratitude for the good which he has accomplished in their behalf and many residents of the city outside of the pale of his church feel honored in being called his friends. From the beginning of his labors in his sacred office to the present time his primary object has been to glorify God, exalt the Christ, extend the bounds of the Holy church and disseminate the truths of the gospel, to the end that the world may be made better and humanity won to the higher life. His is, indeed, a noble, though a self-sacrificing mission, fraught with great and permanent good to those over whom he exercises spiritual control, and he looks not to the present life for his reward, but to the eternal years beyond death's mystic stream.

HERBERT EARICKSON CASON.

"When a good man dies the people mourn," is a scriptural statement amply verified by the death of the enterprising man and representative citizen whose life story is briefly told in the following lines.

Herbert Earickson Cason was indeed a good man, the influence of whose example is still felt among the people of the community upon which the impress of his strong, virile individuality is deeply and indelibly fixed. "He stood four square to every wind that blew," a man in the full meaning of the term, whose ideals were always high, whose purposes were noble, and whose achievements gained for him a place in the community second to that of none of his contemporaries. Mr. Cason was a native of Glasgow, Missouri, where his birth occurred on the 11th day of March, 1858, having been the only child of L. H. and Martha J. Cason, both parents born in Howard county, Missouri, and representatives of old and prominent families of that part of the state. George Cason, the subject's grandfather, was a native of

Virginia and at quite an early day migrated to Missouri and took an active part in the pioneer history of the above county. L. H. Cason, who became a well-to-do farmer and representative citizen of Howard county, married, in his young manhood, Martha J. Earickson, a lady of beautiful life and character to whom her son was indebted for many of the sterling qualities of head and heart for which he was distinguished.

Herbert Earickson Cason was reared on the family homestead near Glasgow, Howard county, and, being an only child, enjoyed exceptional advantages during his childhood and youth, both as to home training and educational discipline. On completing the common school branches, he entered Pritchett Institute at Glasgow, where he prosecuted his studies until finishing the prescribed course, following which he turned his attention to farming. Shortly after attaining his majority the death of his father threw the management of the estate upon his shoulders and from that time on he conducted the work of the farm and looked after his mother's interests and ministered to her comfort with the filial devotion characteristic of a true and noble son. As an agriculturist he was more than ordinarily successful, as is indicated by the fact of his having added greatly to the estate which fell to him and becoming within a comparatively short time one of the financially strong and reliable men of the county honored by his citizenship.

Mr. Cason came to Carroll county about the year 1882 and purchased a fine farm in Carroll township, which he brought to a high state of cultivation and otherwise improved. Here his career likewise presented a series of continued successes and it was not long until his place, with its splendid modern residence and attractive surroundings and other buildings and improvements in keeping therewith, was pronounced by all beholders one of the most beautiful and desirable rural homes in the county, which reputation it still sustains. A man of progressive ideas in the matter of agriculture, Mr. Cason made use of modern implements and methods and managed his affairs so as to realize the largest possible returns from the time and labor expended on his estate. He impressed all with whom he came in contact as a broad-minded farmer, who believed in the honor and dignity of his calling, and during his residence in Carroll county his influence was beneficial in that he induced others to imitate his example in his efforts to reduce agriculture to a scientific basis, instead of making it a perfunctory means of obtaining a mere livelihood. He was ambitious to excel and such were his energy, judgment and foresight that he rarely if ever failed to carry to successful completion any undertaking to which he addressed himself and the ample fortune which he accumulated bore testimony to the enterprise and spirit which he threw into his vocation.

Mr. Cason ranked high as a citizen and was ever ready to encourage any and all movements for the material advancement of his township and county and for the social and moral improvement of his fellow men. He took broad views of men and things and, being a wide reader, a close and intelligent observer, he kept in close touch with the leading questions of the day and to no small degree became a leader of thought and moulder of opinion in his community. He was a Democrat in politics and as such rendered valuable service to his party, both as a judicious adviser in its councils and a formulator of policies in the conventions which he attended, besides being an active worker with the rank and file when campaigns were in progress. In 1889 he united with the Methodist Episcopal church, South, and entered upon the line of Christian duty and activity which characterized the remainder of his life. His was a life of religious faith which he manifested in his relations with his fellow men and all with whom he came in contact bore cheerful testimony to his high Christian character and exemplary life.

Mr. Cason, on November 19, 1879, contracted a matrimonial alliance with Mary Willie Eads, whose parents, William M. and Laura (Blackwell) Eads, were natives of Kentucky and Missouri respectively, and of English descent. Rev. Martin Eads, Mrs. Cason's grandfather, was a distinguished minister of the Methodist church and for more than a half century preached the gospel in Virginia and other states and brought thousands of converts into the church. Laura Blackwell Eads was a daughter of A. C. and Eliza Ann (Earickson) Blackwell, both members of old Virginia families, the paternal branch being of Scotch-Irish extraction. Joseph Blackwell, father of A. C., was prominent in the public affairs of his part of Virginia in colonial times, and at the breaking out of the Revolutionary war entered the American army, in which he rose to the rank of colonel and as such served with distinction until independence was achieved.

The home life of Mr. and Mrs. Cason was the noble example of the true American home. Six children were born to them. The eldest, Laura Stuart, was born in Glasgow, Missouri, December 19, 1880, and died September 2, 1882. Everett Shackelford was born June 27, 1882, at Glasgow, Missouri. He graduated at the Carrollton, Missouri, high school, going from there to the Missouri State University, and later, to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology to complete his studies. On September 25, 1907, he married Pauline Childs Hartman Edwards, of Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania. Fannie Louise was born at Carrollton, Missouri, February 20, 1884, and died March 23, 1886. A second son, William Eads, was born at Carrollton, Missouri,

November 12, 1886. He graduated from the Carrollton high school, and then completed his education at the Virginia Military Institute. On October 6, 1909, he married Opal Louise Minnis. To this union was born a daughter, September 11, 1910. A third son, Louis Henry, was born at Carrollton, Missouri, on September 12, 1888. He graduated at the Carrollton, Missouri, high school, and then finished his training at the Virginia Military Institute. A fourth son, Malcolm Blackwell, was born at Carrollton, Missouri, on August 18, 1902. He graduated with high honors from the Carrollton high school, and is completing his work at Vanderbilt University.

The life of Mr. Cason was in every respect a useful and honorable one and replete with many lessons and incentives to the young men at the parting of the ways. He ever kept before him the high ideals of duty which had such a marked influence in developing a well rounded Christian character, and, wherever known, his reputation was above reproach and his name the synonym of all that was noblest and best in manhood and citizenship. He departed this life July 30, 1909, and it is needless to state that his death was felt as a personal loss, not only by his family and immediate relatives and friends, but by the public of Carroll county and Howard county as well, in both of which he was widely known and highly esteemed as one of the representative men of his day and generation.

IRVIN J. FISHER.

The gentleman whose brief biography is presented in the following lines traces his family history in this country through six generations, his paternal ancestors having been among the early settlers of Pennsylvania in colonial times. They came from Germany and were tillers of the soil, as were their antecedents from time immemorial. Certain members of the Fisher family moved at a very early date to Virginia and took an active part in the development and settlement of several counties of that commonwealth, but the branch to which the subject belongs appears to have lived in Pennsylvania for many years and later migrated from that state to the west. George Fisher, grandfather of the subject, a Pennsylvanian by birth, moved to Ohio many years ago and settled at Columbus, where several of his children were born, among the number a son, Jacob, who was married in Pike county, Illinois, in October, 1859, to Margaret Shultz, daughter of Solomon Shultz, a native of

Pennsylvania and an early settler of the Buckeye state. Shortly after their marriage Jacob Fisher and his wife moved to Calhoun county, Illinois, where they lived until 1884, when they disposed of their interests there and came to Carroll county, Missouri, locating on a farm seven miles northeast of Carrollton, which he had purchased in 1872 and on which he lived until his death, in the month of May, 1896. Mrs. Fisher survived her husband several years, departing this life on March 20, 1901.

Jacob Fisher was a farmer by occupation and a very prosperous man. He accumulated a handsome fortune, consisting largely of real estate, and at the time of his death owned two hundred and sixty acres of land in Carroll county and four hundred and eighty acres in Illinois, besides other valuable property. He and his good wife had been Presbyterians in early life, but afterwards united with the Methodist church, of which they continued faithful members until called to the unseen world. They had nine children, whose names are as follows: George died in infancy; Laura, who died in 1881, was the wife of L. H. Galloway, also deceased; Mary, who married P. A. Clapsaddle, lives in Los Angeles, California; Charles died when three years old; Bert F. lives at Standish, Carroll county; Lavina departed this life at the tender age of two and one-half years; Forrest died at the age of two years; and Roy, who lives on the home farm; Irvin J., of this review, being the fifth in order of birth.

Irvin J. Fisher was born July 6, 1868, in Calhoun county, Illinois, and passed his early years in his native state. After finishing the common school branches, he took a business course in a commercial college at Sedalia, Missouri, following which he spent one year in the Wesleyan College at Cameron, this state. Still later he entered the Gem City Business College at Quincy, Illinois, from which he was graduated in 1892 and on October 2d of the same year he married Leona Etta Enyeart and went to Oklahoma, where he spent the two ensuing years. From the latter state he returned to Illinois, where he farmed until the death of his father, after which, in 1901, he moved to Carroll county, Missouri, and bought the one hundred and twenty acres in section 29, Carroll county, Missouri, on which he still resides and which under his effective labors and good management has become one of the most beautiful and desirable rural homesteads in Carroll county.

Mr. Fisher engaged in general agricultural and stock raising and his success has been commensurate with the energy and good judgment displayed in all of his labors and undertakings. Progressive in his ideas and a believer in the efficacy of modern improvements, his advancement has been continuous,

until he is now classed with the leading farmers of his part of the county, and as a citizen he takes high rank among his contemporaries. He lends his influence to all legitimate means for the material improvement of the county, stands for what is best in manhood and citizenship and every enterprise having for its object the social and moral good of his fellow men invariably enlists his encouragement and support.

Mrs. Fisher is a daughter of Rev. W. R. and Lucy Enyeart, who moved from Indiana to Missouri in an early day and were among the early settlers of Chariton county. She has borne her husband four children, namely: Hazel, Neva, Vera and Velma, all living and giving promise of usefulness in whatever line of duty they may engage in the future. Mr. and Mrs. Fisher are Methodists in their religious faith and devoted members of the church with which identified.

DAVID WILLIAMS.

Farm life offers today many advantages which were not the portion of those who earlier followed this occupation, and Mr. Williams, who has made farming his life work, has found it both pleasant and profitable. He has also had the peculiar satisfaction of having developed his farm from unimproved land to one of the best farms of the township, with excellent buildings and highly cultivated fields.

David Williams was born on a farm near Springfield, Missouri, on February 7, 1863. His parents moved to Carroll county, Missouri, in 1865, and settled on the farm where he now lives, which his father bought, and shortly afterwards died. Soon after this the family went back to their old Tennessee home and lived there for six years, renting a farm from his uncles. Then in 1875 his mother returned to Carroll county with David and two of his brothers. David received his education in the schools of Tennessee and of Leslie township in Carroll county. For some time the family lived in a small house, but in 1897 Mr. Williams built a good house, and has erected a barn, sixty-eight by forty feet in size, with a corn crib and other buildings.

Mr. Williams was married twice, the second time to Ellen Phillips in 1891. To this marriage were born three children: Earl, in 1895; Allie, in 1899, and Hazel in 1904, bright and interesting young people. Mr. Williams is a member of the Baptist church.

The farm which Mr. Williams now owns consists of one hundred and twenty acres, which his efforts have brought to a high state of improvement.

On this he has erected all the present buildings, has put down three wells, has fenced the greater portion, mostly with woven wire, and has kept the land in good condition. This land is all under cultivation, its owner raising corn, hay, stock and a little fruit. He keeps ten to fifteen horses, ten cattle and seventy-five hogs, and usually raises about forty acres of corn. The farm is located in one of the most fertile regions of the county, on section 36, Leslie township.

Mr. Williams is a Republican in politics and takes a full share in the activities of his party. He is esteemed as one of the capable and progressive farmers of the county, and is a man whose personal qualities have won for him many friends.

EDDIE MILLER.

Not only are Missouri's farms producers of grain and stock, those articles which have placed her in the forefront of productive states, but they produce a nobler crop than these—a crop of men and women of strong and sturdy character, honest, fearless and upright, who have grown up from the city's artificiality, and are physically, mentally and morally strong and sound, fitted to cope with life, with little danger of failing in its pursuits. The present sketch is concerned with a young man of character and attainments, of an honored and respected family, a type of the sons of Missouri's farms.

Thomas C. Miller, the father of the subject of this sketch, was born in Scott county, Indiana, on January 10, 1839, the son of Jacob Miller, a native of Pennsylvania, and Mary Redenbaugh Miller, a native of Indiana. Both his parents died in Scott county, Indiana. They were the parents of five children, of whom Thomas was the second. He grew to manhood in Scott county and was married there on March 24, 1864, to Letha Ann Blocher, who was born in Scott county on January 14, 1846, the daughter of David and Mary (Ferris) Blocher, who came to Carroll county, Missouri, and died there. After his marriage Mr. Miller settled on a farm in his native county, and lived there till 1873, in January of which year he came to Carroll county, Missouri, and settled in De Witt township, where he has since resided, and where he owns one hundred acres of land, eighty of which are improved. He is considered as one of the best farmers in his neighborhood, and has many friends. His family consists of three living children, Laura, the wife of

George Winfrey, Ed and Charles. A son, William Henry, died when twenty-three years old.

Eddie Miller was born near Scottsburg, Indiana, on August 5, 1872, the fourth child in the family in order of birth. When he was eighteen months old his parents came to Carroll county, Missouri, and he has since resided in De Witt township, this county. He has always followed farming and has found it a profitable and pleasant occupation. He was married to Eva Perry, a daughter of James Perry, and a native of Carroll county. To this marriage were born four children, Harry, Gilbert and Ray, who are living, and Goldie, who died when ten years old. Mr. Miller has a very interesting and attractive family and takes much interest in them, devoting his time to his farm and his family. He owns one hundred and twenty acres of excellent land in De Witt township, and operates about three hundred acres, the greater portion of which is rented.

Mr. Miller is a progressive young man, who makes use of the most modern methods in the management of his farm, and believes that there is a great future in farming in Carroll county, as well as much present profit. He is popular among his neighbors and is one of De Witt township's most promising citizens.

MATTHEW G. GARNER.

Among the surviving veterans of the great civil conflict which determined the integrity of the Union is the subject of this sketch, who was loyal to his country in its hour of peril and extremity and who has ever been its friend and staunch supporter in "the piping times of peace."

Matthew G. Garner is a native of Huntingdon county, Pennsylvania, and a son of John and Eleanor (Norris) Garner, both born and reared in that part of the state also. Matthew Garner, the subject's grandfather, was a Marylander by birth and a member of an old German family which settled in the colony of that name a number of years prior to the war for independence. He married Mary Brumbaugh, whose antecedents were German also and among the early colonists of Maryland, one of her brothers having served with distinction throughout the Revolutionary war. Matthew Garner and wife were prominent in Lutheran church circles, and one of his contributions to the cause he loved so well was a large stone house of worship which he built at his own expense and which is still standing as a monument to his piety and generosity. The subject's uncle, now an aged man of ninety years.

still owns the old Garner homestead in Huntingdon county, which has been in the family name ever since the time of the colonists.

Matthew G. Garner was born on March 25, 1843, and grew to mature age in his own county, where he early became accustomed to the routine of life on a farm. When the great Civil war broke out and President Lincoln issued his call for volunteers to suppress the same, he was one of the first young men of his county to respond.

On September 16, 1861, when but little past his eighteenth year, he enlisted in Company C, Fifty-third Pennsylvania Infantry, with which he served until mustered out at Harrisburg, October 31, 1864, the meantime being with his command in all of its varied experiences of campaign and battle and nobly bearing his part as a brave and gallant soldier. Mr. Garner's regiment was in the Army of the Potomac and took part in the several Virginia campaigns which made history during the earlier and later parts of the war. He shared with his comrades the vicissitudes which the soldiers of the above army suffered and participated in some of the hardest battles which stained the soil of Virginia with fraternal blood, including Fair Oaks, the Seven Days battle, Bull Run, South Mountain, Antietam and many others, to say nothing of minor engagements and skirmishes. In one battle he was taken prisoner and condemned to be shot, but was paroled a short time before the order was to go into effect, having been one of the first paroled prisoners of the war. During his entire period of service he was on active duty and experienced many hardships and not a little suffering, but through it all he nobly sustained his reputation as a brave and fearless defender of the cause he considered just and right and at the expiration of his term of enlistment was discharged with a record of which any soldier might well be proud.

Shortly after the close of the war, Mr. Garner came to Carroll county, Missouri, and in April, 1866, settled on a farm of forty acres in Stokes Mound township, which he still owns and on which he now lives. In his young manhood he learned the trade of carpentry and masonry and worked at both after moving to Missouri. Indeed he depended very largely on his mechanical skill for a livelihood during the first few years in his new home in the west. He still occupies the dwelling which he originally erected on his farm, though by subsequent additions it is now a large and comfortable building, being one of the most imposing residences in the township. He has likewise added to his real estate until his farm is now among the best in this part of the county, and as a tiller of the soil his success has been such that he is now in independent circumstances.

Mr. Garner has always been a Republican and a staunch supporter of his party and its policies. He cast his first ballot for Abraham Lincoln, since which time he has voted for the several Republican successors of the first Republican President and defended the soundness of his principles whenever it became necessary so to do. Despite his well known partisanship, he was elected township tax collector in 1889, in a jurisdiction strongly Democratic and has served as such continuously ever since, having been twice re-elected without opposition. He has been a member of the school board for fifteen years, and in 1910 was his party's candidate for the office of probate judge.

In 1868 Mr. Garner helped to establish the mail route from Chillicothe to Carrollton, since which time he has been identified with various public enterprises and made himself useful to his fellow citizens in business and other capacities. In 1895 he was appointed assignee of the Citizens Bank of Tina, Missouri, and discharged the duties of the same with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of all concerned. He has ever manifested an interest in his community and county and given his encouragement and support to any enterprise for the general welfare of society and the moral uplift of his kind. A believer in revealed religion and a student of the Holy Scriptures, he subscribed to the creed of the German Lutheran church and his relations with his fellow men have ever been governed by high Christian principles such as he manifests in his daily life. He is a member of Fred Miller Post No. 130, Grand Army of the Republic, takes a leading part in the deliberations of the organization and at various times has been honored by his comrades with important official positions.

Mr. Garner was married on February 25, 1869, to Octavia Plaster, daughter of William and Charlotte (Davidson) Plaster, who were early settlers of Carroll county, moving here from Illinois in 1858 and locating on the farm where they spent the remainder of their lives. Mr. and Mrs. Garner are the parents of four children, namely: William H., who died at the age of eighteen months; Charlotte Ellen, who was born in 1871, and departed this life in the year 1902, leaving her husband, John B. Hatt, and one child to mourn her loss; John T., the third in order of birth, married Ruth Goodson (now deceased), and holds a position in the Carrollton post-office; George M., the youngest of the family, married Vallie Pennington, and lives on the home farm. Mrs. Garner, like her husband, is a respected member of the German Lutheran church, but of recent years has attended the Methodist church, there being no organization of the former religious body in the community where she resides.

JOHN FORSYTHE.

The subject of this sketch is recognized as one of the most successful farmers and stock raisers of Carroll county, and his high standing as a citizen entitles him to honorable notice among the representative men of his day and generation in the community where he has lived so long and to such worthy ends. John T. Forsythe, the subject's grandfather, was a native of Ireland. He brought his family to the United States in 1832, landing at Baltimore, Maryland, from which city he moved by wagon to Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, where he remained a short time, proceeding thence to Guernsey county, Ohio.

Hugh Forsythe, son of the above and father of the subject of this sketch, was born in Ireland, as was also his wife, who prior to her marriage bore the name of Jane Dunlap. Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Forsythe came to America with the former's father in 1832, but went no farther westward than Pittsburg until 1838, when he removed to Guernsey county, Ohio. He bought land in that county and lived on the same until 1842 when he sold out and went to St. Louis, Missouri, where he worked for a short time as a brick maker. In the winter of the year indicated he moved to Brown county, Illinois, where he made his home until his death, which occurred in the summer of 1872. Hugh and Jane Forsythe were Presbyterians of the strictest sect and their exemplary Christian lives gained for them the respect and confidence of their neighbors and friends. They were among the early settlers of Brown county, Illinois, in which they located and experienced many trials and hardships during their experience as pioneers. They had a family of ten children, nine of whom grew to maturity and reared families of their own, their names being as follows: William, who lives in Carroll county, near the village of Tina, and is a farmer by occupation; John, whose name introduces this sketch; Eliza lives on the family homestead in Illinois; James, who died in 1904; Robert, of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Mariah, wife of John Beanse, a farmer of Carroll county, living near Tina; Margaret Ann, deceased, was the wife of George Frey, of Brown county, Illinois; Hugh A. died in childhood; Alexander, of Sumner county, Kansas; and Mary M., who lives with her older sister, Eliza, on the home farm in Illinois. After the death of the parents, the homestead was made over to these two daughters, who have managed it very successfully ever since.

John Forsythe was born in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, on the 4th day of October, 1834. He accompanied his parents from Pittsburg to Guernsey



JOHN FORSYTHE

county, Ohio, and from there to St. Louis, and still later to Brown county, Illinois, the meanwhile assisting his father with the work of the farm and growing up to the full stature of vigorous, well developed young manhood. In early life he received no education except that obtained by reading such books and papers as he could procure, which were few, all of his time being required on the farm. Actuated by a strong desire to widen the area of his knowledge, he frequently devoted the greater part of his nights to reading and study and in this way became in due time widely informed on many subjects and enjoyed the reputation of being one of the most intelligent young men of his neighborhood. Later he attended a night school for six months and such progress did he make in his studies that at the end of the term he was sufficiently advanced to pass the required examination and received a teacher's license. During the three years ensuing he taught in the public schools of Brown county, during which time he seriously contemplated making the medical profession his life work, but finally decided to devote his energies to a more congenial calling.

In 1863 Mr. Forsythe enlisted in Company B, Fourteenth Illinois Infantry, with Colonel Palmer, under whom he served until the close of the war, receiving his discharge at Springfield, Illinois, in September, 1865. Returning home, he farmed the home place until the fall of 1868, when he went to Chariton county, Missouri, where he remained about one and one-half years, at the expiration of which time he moved to Carroll county and purchased half of section 17, in Ridge township, to which he gave the suggestive name of "Sunny Side Farm." On this beautiful and desirable place he lived and achieved signal success as a tiller of the soil and raiser of fine live stock until 1906, adding to his realty in the meantime until his farm contained six hundred and sixty-five acres of excellent land which he brought to a high state of cultivation and improved with good fences, modern buildings and other accessories such as are found on first-class western farms.

As a breeder and raiser of live stock Mr. Forsythe has few equals and no superiors among the farmers of Carroll county. His specialties are full blooded Angus cattle, which he raised for both the local and general market and which always command the highest current prices, Duroc and Jersey hogs, which he marketed every year in large numbers, and thoroughbred horses, which he raised principally for roadsters, although he has disposed of not a few for draft purposes also. For some years he has devoted much attention to fine poultry of the Brown Leghorn and other superior

breeds, all of his chickens being blooded and a number of the finer ones representing no little investment. His animals and poultry have taken a number of premiums and prizes at the different fairs and stock shows where exhibited and his success and reputation have made him widely known among stock men and poultry fanciers throughout Missouri and other states.

Mr. Forsythe believes in extending his means to worthy ends, accordingly he has not been sparing in the matter of improving and beautifying his home. His dwelling, a large and commodious edifice, containing fourteen rooms and thoroughly equipped with modern conveniences and comforts, is a model of architectural taste and beauty and one of the finest country residences in Carroll county. In 1906 he erected a splendid modern home in Bosworth, to which he retired that year, and in February, 1910, he disposed of five hundred and five acres of his estate for the sum of thirty-three thousand dollars, which, with other ample means at his command, makes him one of the wealthiest men of the county, as well as one of the most enterprising and public spirited citizens. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, the Masonic fraternity and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, a frequent donor to charitable and benevolent institutions, and on matters of religion holds very liberal views. He is a reader, a thinker and an investigator and arrives at conclusions only after very careful and conscientious research. He aims to keep in close touch with the trend of modern thought and is well informed relative to the leading issues of the times and questions on which men and parties differ.

On January 18, 1868, Mr. Forsythe was married to Rebecca June Garrison, daughter of George and Sarah (Vail) Garrison, of Schuyler county, Illinois, the ceremony having taken place in that state. Six children have been born to this union, namely: Herbert, formerly a banker, but for some years a real estate dealer doing business in Arkansas; Florence May married William Henry Boyle, a farmer of Carroll county, and is the mother of two sons; Daisy, wife of Dr. Lewis Pennock, resides at Plainview, Texas, where she and her husband are practicing osteopathy, both being graduates of the Still College of Osteopathy at Kirksville, Missouri, the oldest institution of the kind in the world; they have two children, a son and a daughter, and are succeeding admirably in their profession; Gertrude, the fourth of the family, now Mrs. Townsend, is located in Ottumwa, Iowa, where her husband is in business; Bertha, the next in order of birth, died at the age of twelve years; and Elmer Ellsworth, the youngest, died in infancy.

ALLEN B. MEDLIN, SR.

In the collection for material for the biographical department of this publication there has been a constant aim to use a wise discrimination in regard to the selection of subjects and to exclude none worthy of representation in its pages. Among the worthy citizens of various vocations is found the name of Allen B. Medlin, Sr., well known public administrator of Carrollton, a man who has made a success in his business career and at the same time has established a reputation for uprightness in all the relations of life.

Mr. Medlin was born in Cooper county, Missouri, August 17, 1843, the son of Hardy and Winifred (Scott) Medlin, the father a native of North Carolina and the mother of Kentucky. The father was a farmer and he came from Tennessee to Cooper county, Missouri, in an early day. He went to California in 1850, making the long, hazardous trip across the plains to the gold fields, and upon his return to the country of the "big muddy water," three years later, he came to Carroll county, locating ten miles northeast of Carrollton, in Combs township, and there he became well established and lived until his death, September 30, 1864, his widow surviving until November 8, 1895. They were the parents of seven children, namely: Sarah Ann, deceased; William K., Buford Judson and James P. are also deceased; Allen B., of this review; Elizabeth Jane and Rebecca are both deceased. The father and all three of his living sons were in the Union army.

Allen B. Medlin was educated in the county and district schools and he began life as a farmer, his father having moved to Carroll county when he was seven years of age and when the latter was but a mere lad he was put to work in the fields. Later he turned his attention to the business world and for seven years, from 1872 to 1880, he engaged in the coal business at Miami Station and for three years he was in the mercantile business at Shootman, Carroll county. He was postmaster at that place for three years also. In May, 1893, he moved to Carrollton and a year or two later re-entered the mercantile business, which he followed with his usual success until 1903, then entered the fire insurance and real estate business, in which he is still engaged, having been very successful in the same. In 1904 he was elected public administrator on the Republican ticket, his majority being the largest ever received in this county, beating his opponent by six hundred and twenty-five votes, and so well did he perform his duties in this connection that he was re-elected for four years in 1908, leading the ticket again with a majority of over three hundred.

Mr. Medlin was married first in May, 1870, to Dorcas Scott, who was born and reared in Carroll county, and to this union these children, living, were born: Martha W., wife of Charles A. Benson, who lives on the old home place in Combs township; Allen B., Jr., lives on a part of the home place in Combs township; Maud is at home; those deceased are, Elizabeth, who died when three years old, and three children who died in infancy. Mrs. Medlin's death occurred in March, 1885, and on December 30, 1889, Mr. Medlin was married to Hannah Varty, at Apple River, Jo Daviess county, Illinois, to which union there has been no issue.

Fraternally, Mr. Medlin is a Mason, belonging to Wakenda Lodge No. 52, having a life membership. He has been a Mason over thirty-seven years, and also belongs to the Fraternal Aid.

Mr. Medlin still owns his home farm of one hundred and fifty acres in Combs township. He proved his patriotism in the days of national trial and gloom, by enlisting in 1862 in the State Enrolled Militia and in 1863 enlisted in the Fourth Missouri Provisional State Militia, in which he served until it disbanded, doing mostly guard duty; however, he was in a few fights, and was wounded at Wakenda, a ball having passed through his thigh, that engagement taking place between Calvert's company and Bill Anderson's famous guerrilla forces. Mr. Medlin is a pensioner.

LEWIS VICTOR DICKINSON.

Lewis Victor Dickinson was born in either Nodaway or Andrew county, Missouri, on May 4, 1850. His parents lived there but a few months after his birth, then removed to Logan county, Ohio, their native state, making the journey by wagon. They remained in Ohio for a few years, then returned to Missouri and not long afterwards came to Vanhorn township, Carroll county, and made that their future home, with the exception of one year in Ohio, in 1864. Since that time Lewis V. Dickinson has been a resident of this county, and devotes his time and attention to farming. He now owns four hundred and seventeen acres of land, which is fairly well fenced, and raises stock and grain. He keeps Aberdeen Angus cattle, raises blooded Chester White hogs, and some horses and mules, always shipping his own stock to market. His farm machinery is modern and up-to-date, as are his well kept barns and buildings, and he has built a very handsome and convenient residence, with modern equipment throughout.

On December 9, 1875, Mr. Dickinson married Anna Reiserer, who was born near Toledo, Ohio, on October 14, 1854, her parents having come to Carroll county, Missouri, when she was three years old. To this marriage were born two children: Anna, born August 5, 1877, who married Joseph S. Cramer December 23, 1903, who lives in Tina, Carroll county, a newspaper man and county judge; and George, born April 2, 1882, who married Lara Starnes April 9, 1903, and they have a son, Lester, born March 18, 1904. Mr. Dickinson, his wife and daughter are consistent members of the Methodist church, North, and he has held nearly all of the offices in the church. He is a strong Republican, and has held township offices for several years, but has never sought office.

JOHN WELBORN.

Among the leading agricultural and representative men of Carroll county due credit must be accorded the well-known citizen whose name appears above. John Welborn is a native of Hancock county, Illinois, and a descendant of an old North Carolina family that was represented in that county in the person of Henry Welborn, the subject's father, as early as the year 1850. From the most reliable data obtainable the Welborns appear to have been pioneers of North Carolina, where several of the name settled in colonial times and became actively identified with the development and growth of their respective localities. Henry Welborn was born in that state November 30, 1817, and there married, when a young man, Ellen Bodenhammer, whose antecedents were also pioneers of the same locality in which the Welborns settled. As stated above, Henry Welborn, in 1850, moved to Hancock county, Illinois, where he bought land which he improved and on which he lived until his death, which occurred on February 10, 1891, his wife preceding him to the other life in the year 1856. This couple were the parents of two children, the older, a daughter, Julia, who married J. Garwood and lives in Illinois, the younger being the subject of this review.

John Welborn was born on February 20, 1853, and grew to maturity in his native county. He attended the district schools during his early years and when a young man began farming for himself in Hancock county, where he continued to reside until 1880, when he went to Kansas. Not being satisfied in that state, he returned to Illinois the following year, and in 1882 moved to Knox county, Missouri, where he secured land and followed his chosen

calling during the sixteen years ensuing. Disposing of his interests in Knox county in 1898, he moved to Carroll county and bought the farm in Carrollton township on which he still lives, in the meantime purchasing other real estate, until his home place now contains two hundred acres, besides being interested in other land in different parts of the county.

Mr. Welborn devotes his attention to general farming and has been quite successful. His homestead, which is eligibly situated, is under effective cultivation, and the improvements, which are of the best order and in excellent condition, include the comfortable modern dwelling and various other buildings and accessories which indicate the home of a prosperous tiller of the soil and a master of his vocation. Although reared to the sturdy discipline of the farm and his life filled with ceaseless toil and endeavor, he has found time to devote to matters other than his own, having been long interested in public affairs, both local and general, and taken an active interest in the welfare of his fellowmen.

Mr. Welborn gives his political allegiance to the Democratic party, though never an aspirant for public honors or the emoluments of office, and in matters religious the Methodist Episcopal church represents his creed. Fraternally, he is a Mason of high standing, being an influential worker in the blue lodge, and he is also identified with the Fraternal Aid, a secret benevolent order which of recent years has become quite popular throughout Missouri and other states.

Mr. Welborn has been twice married, the first time on the 5th of September, 1877, to Lena Grove, of Illinois, who departed this life in Kansas May 16, 1881. Subsequently, on February 5, 1882, he wedded his present wife, whose maiden name was Lulu Eldred, a daughter of Eugene and Phila E. (Sherman) Eldred, of Climax, Michigan. Caleb Eldred, father of Eugene, was a native of New York and a member of an old and well known family of that state. Mrs. Phila E. Eldred was the daughter of Wesley and Mila Sherman, who moved from New York to Michigan in an early day and were pioneers of the county of the latter state in which they located. Eugene Eldred entered the Federal army at the beginning of the Civil war and rendered valiant service for the Union until the close of the conflict. He came to Carroll county some years ago and earned the reputation of an upright honorable man and praiseworthy citizen.

Mr. Welborn had one child by his first wife, a son, George, who is now one of Carroll county's prosperous farmers. His second marriage has been blessed with eight offspring, namely: Mary, wife of Herman Hering;

Henry, who died at the age of seven months; Frank, who lives in Kansas; Clarence lives at home and helps cultivate the farm; Ellen married William Dimick and resides on a farm in Carroll county; Emma, Ethel and Elmer, who are still with their parents. Mrs. Welborn is a zealous Methodist and a member of the same local church to which her husband belongs. Both are deeply interested in religious and charitable work and all enterprises of a benevolent and humanitarian character are sure to enlist their influence and hearty co-operation. They have a beautiful and attractive home, in which a spirit of genuine hospitality and good fellowship prevails, and their door, as well as their hearts, is open to those who need assistance and encouragement. Mr. Welborn possesses a distinctive personality and impresses in a quiet but certain way all with whom he comes in contact as a man of strong moral force who seldom if ever stops short of the accomplishment of his purposes, and whose influence is ever on the side of right where moral issues are concerned.

NICHOLAS H. SPOTTS.

Prominent among the names of the farmers of Carroll county stands that of Mr. Spotts, who is known as an influential man among his neighbors and a capable and energetic manager. His family has been composed of men and women who have taken an active part in the communities which have claimed them as residents, and he is a worthy descendant.

Nicholas H. Spotts was born on July 30, 1842, in Saline county, Missouri, the son of William and Martha (Huston) Spotts. His paternal grandfather, Jacob Spotts, was born in Augusta county, Virginia, and his wife was a native of the same state. Jacob Spotts was a farmer and a member of an old and highly respected Virginia family. He was the father of seven children, three sons and four daughters.

The maternal grandfather of N. H. Spotts was Benjamin Huston, who was born in Augusta county, Virginia, and was by occupation a farmer. He was the father of eight children, two sons and six daughters, of whom Martha was the third in order of birth. Benjamin Huston and his family were members of the Methodist church, and were numbered among the influential families of Augusta county. Benjamin Huston died at the age of seventy-five, his wife at the age of fifty. William Spotts, father of the subject, was educated in the common schools and followed farming in Saline county, Mis-

souri, throughout his life. He was a Democrat in politics, but never aspired to office of any kind. The owner of five hundred and twenty acres of land in Saline county, he devoted his attention to its cultivation. He had lived in this county for twenty years preceding his death. Seven of his children grew to maturity and four died, some of them in infancy. Those who grew up were John W., Jameson K., Nicholas H., Rudolph H. and Benjamin H., twins, Edwina and Adrian. The father of these children died in 1863, at the age of forty-eight, their mother in 1895. The latter was a member of the Methodist church.

Nicholas H. Spotts was educated in the common schools of Westport and from early youth assisted his father on the farm. When he was sixteen years old he accompanied his father to Texas and, in connection with him, farmed in Dallas county for about five years. He then entered the Union army as a private in Company H, Eleventh Missouri Cavalry, and served until the close of the war, with an honorable record. He was sent as an escort to accompany Governor McCormick to New Mexico and Arizona, and in that capacity traveled many thousand miles over the plains of various western states and saw much hard service. After the termination of this duty he went with his regiment in its campaigns in Arkansas and Georgia. In August, 1865, he was discharged and located in the neighborhood in which he now resides. He farmed on rented land for about five years, then purchased his present farm in Moss Creek township. This consists of one hundred and sixty acres, is highly improved and has on it an elegant residence and good outbuildings. General farming and stock raising have won for the owner of this farm a comfortable living.

In September, 1873, Mr. Spotts was married to Kittie Haines, who was the daughter of William and Susan Haines, of Carroll county, Kentucky. Of the children born to them eight are living and four dead. Those living are Susan, wife of Edward Porter; William, who married Florence Lent, and is the father of one child, Lois Irene, and is now farming in Oklahoma; Daisy, who married John D. Booker, is the mother of three children, Russell, John D. and an infant; Rollie is at home; Edgar married Dove Nicholds and has one child, Floy Marie; Repps married May Boschert; Roscoe and Julian Clyde are at home. Mrs. Spotts is a member of the Baptist church.

In politics Mr. Spotts is one of the active and substantial Republicans of the county, and stands high in the councils of this party. He is a man of many strong qualities and is well known among his neighbors and esteemed by many as a friend.

GEORGE F. HEIDEL.

Among the enterprising business men of Carrollton whose activity and influence tended to the growth and prosperity of the city was the late George Heidel, whose lamented death, a few years ago, was deeply felt and sincerely mourned by those who had learned to appreciate his many sterling qualities and honorable standing as a public-spirited citizen. Mr. Heidel was a native of Carroll county, Missouri, and the youngest of four children in the family of Dr. Ignace and Amanda (Folger) Heidel, the father born in Germany, the mother in North Carolina. Doctor Heidel was a graduate of the University of Heidelberg and became one of the noted physicians and surgeons of his time. He came to the United States in the vigor and prime of manhood and located in Carroll county, Missouri, in a very early day and was one of the pioneers of the medical profession in this part of the state. He acquired a very extensive practice and, as stated above, rose to a prominence in his calling and achieved a wide reputation as a successful healer of suffering humanity. His brother Charles, also a physician and surgeon, likewise became widely known to his profession and was a noted practitioner in Carroll and neighboring counties during the pioneer period. Dr. Ignace Heidel reared a family of four children, whose names were Cheleus, Mollie, Ruh and George F., the subject of this review.

George F. Heidel was born February 6, 1859, and spent his early life in Carrollton, receiving his education in the schools of the city. When a youth of fourteen he entered the mercantile house of Baum & David as a clerk and continued in that capacity until young manhood, when he severed his connection with the firm to engage in business for himself, which he did by opening a gents furnishing and general tailoring establishment. By steadfastness of purpose and honorable dealing he soon built up an extensive and lucrative trade and for many years led the city of Carrollton in the lines he represented. His stock was always large, complete and selected with special reference to the taste of his customers and by employing none but skilled cutters he never failed to satisfy the most critical and exacting in the matter of fine wearing apparel. He was likewise a good business man and from the beginning his enterprise prospered and in due time gained for him financial independence. After accumulating a comfortable fortune, he disposed of his business in 1900, from which time until his lamented death, on December 29, 1904, he lived a retired life, respected and honored by all who knew him.

Previous to her marriage, Mr. Heidel's wife was Laura Falkenstein, daughter of Capt. W. A. and Louisa (Jenkins) Falkenstein, natives of Vir-

ginia, but moving from that state to Maryland about the year 1859 or 1860. Captain Falkenstein was a man of considerable note in the latter state where he was active in public affairs, and for some years represented his county in the Legislature. He served as captain in the Third Maryland Infantry (Union) in the late Civil war and soon after the close of the struggle moved to Missouri, where he spent the remainder of his days. His ancestors were Germans and certain of the family came to America in a very early day and were among the pioneer settlers of Virginia. Captain and Mrs. Falkenstein were the parents of nine children, namely: Mary V., Louis F., John J., William G., Martha E., Laura, Grant, Von Fogle and Harry H., the first, second and youngest of the family being deceased.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Heidel resulted in three offspring, Ena Ruh, Charles J. and Marguerite, the two youngest both dying in infancy. Mr. Heidel was a man of strong domestic tastes and his home life was almost ideal in its beauty and simplicity. Among his neighbors and friends he was always the courteous, high-minded gentleman and during a very busy and useful life he was never known to stoop to anything low or undignified or perform an action inconsistent with his profession as a Christian. Mr. Heidel was not a member of any church, but his wife and daughter, Ena Ruh, held membership in the Presbyterian church. He was very popular with the public and from time to time was elected to positions of honor and trust; in all of which he manifested abilities of a high order and was loyal in the discharge of his duties. He was an active worker in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Elks and several other fraternal societies and exemplified their principles in his relations with his fellow men. Honorable, upright and true to his ideals, he will long be remembered as one of the representatives of his day and generation in Carrollton.

GILBERT J. PELTIER.

Gilbert J. Peltier, dealer in real estate and for a number of years a prominent man in the business circles of Carrollton, was born in Clinton county, New York, September 5, 1845, being the second of eight children whose parents were John B. and Dorothy (Drummond) Peltier, both natives of York state. John and Fannie (Palan) Peltier, his grandparents, were among the early residents of Clinton county, New York. Her father was a Revolutionary soldier and distinguished himself by many acts of bravery during the

progress of that struggle. He entered the army as chaplain of a company which he recruited and by a series of promotions rose to the rank of colonel, in which capacity he was serving when the war closed. John B. Peltier was reared in New York and when a young man went to Memphis, Tennessee, where he engaged in business. After a short time in that city he returned to his native state, where, in the early forties, he married Dorothy Drummond, and in 1869 moved his family to Carroll county, Missouri, and founded the town of Wakenda. He erected a store building and a dwelling, which formed the nucleus of the village, and for a number of years was in the mercantile business and did well. He took an influential part in promoting the growth of the town and developing the resources of the surrounding country, stamped his individuality upon the community and made his home at Wakenda until his death, in the year 1888. Mrs. Peltier survived her husband about twenty years, departing this life in California in 1908. Both were members of the Roman Catholic church and reared their children in that faith. They were zealous in all lines of religious and charitable work, exercised a wholesome influence among their neighbors and townspeople and are remembered in the community which they founded for their many helpful deeds and kind ministrations.

As stated above, the family of John B. and Dorothy Peltier consisted of eight children, namely: Samuel, who has been a resident of Oklahoma ever since the territory was opened for settlement; Gilbert J., of this review; Amelia, who resides in Santa Monica, California; Adelaide, now Mrs. Dr. W. E. Reed, of Los Angeles, California; Albert, a farmer of Carroll county, Missouri; Joel; and Nellie, who lives with her older sister in California.

Gilbert J. Peltier grew to mature years in his native state and while still a youth was graduated from a school at Lawrenceville, New York, following which he fitted himself for the practical duties of life by attending business college in the cities of Binghamton and Lowell. For a number of years thereafter he was associated with his father in the mercantile business and about 1895 established the real estate office in Carrollton, which he has since conducted. During the fifteen years he has devoted to his present line of effort, he has built up an extensive patronage in Carroll county and throughout Missouri, besides doing quite a large business in other western states and meeting with success such as few in his line attain. He has bought and sold much property in Carrollton and other cities and his land deals have been numerous, some of them very large, and he is today one of the best known real estate men in the state.

Mr. Peltier has been twice married, the first time in New York to Maggie M. Robage, who bore him one child, Charles Gilbert, and departed this life some years ago in Wakenda, her son dying at that place also. Subsequently, on September 7, 1882, he was united in marriage with Ora B. Queen, daughter of Capt. Oscar B. and Sarah A. (Scott) Queen, natives of Washington, D. C., the union being blessed with three children: Anna D., who lives with her parents; Alice, wife of Edwin L. Barker, of Kansas City, to whom she has borne one child; and Edwin, who married a Miss Plunkett and lives in Carrollton.

Capt. Oscar B. Queen, father of Mrs. Peltier, moved to Carroll county, Missouri, in 1852 and settled on a farm. He entered the Federal army at the breaking out of the late Civil war, as captain of Company M, Seventh Missouri Cavalry, and served in the commands of Generals Phillips and Crittenden. His military career was replete with duty bravely performed and later he served four years as postmaster of Carrollton and earned an honorable record as a capable and obliging official. He spent his closing years in retirement at Carrollton, and died April 21, 1876, in this city, his wife dying in the month of January, 1906, in her eighty-first year. The Queens were of English stock and settled in New York many years ago, the Scotts coming to this country from Scotland in an early day and also among the old families of Clinton county, New York.

Mr. Peltier has always manifested commendable interest in the prosperity of the city in which he resides and encourages all laudable means with that end in view. He is public spirited and progressive, discharges the duties of citizenship as becomes a broad minded American of today and, with his wife and family, belongs to the Catholic church.

ROBERT H. BROWNING.

The record of a busy and successful life must ever prove of interest and profit to the student who would learn the intrinsic value of individuality. Such was the career of the late Robert H. Browning, whose success in his chosen sphere of endeavor was a stimulus to his neighbors and fellow citizens and whose influence on the social and moral life of the community was marked and salutary. Few men of Carroll county were as widely and favorably known and none occupied a higher or more conspicuous place in the esteem and confidence of the public. Robert H. was the son of Elijah Browning, a

native of England, who, in company with his brothers, came to the United States in an early day and settled in Virginia. After a residence of some years in that state, Elijah migrated to Clark county, Kentucky, where he established a home in which his son, Robert H., of this review, was born on July 27, 1821. Seven years later (1828) the family moved to Howard county, Missouri, where the subject grew to maturity and where, at the breaking out of the war with Mexico, he enlisted in Company G, First Missouri Regiment, under Colonel Doniphan, with which he served in New Mexico and Arizona, California and other parts of the West until the cessation of hostilities.

In 1856 Robert Browning settled in Livingston county, and in due time became a prosperous farmer and stock raiser, both of which branches of agriculture he conducted upon an extensive scale and in which he achieved a reputation much more than local. He purchased a large tract of land which he stocked with cattle of the finest breeds and in the course of a few years he rose to prominence among the leading stock men of the state, as well as becoming one of the most influential and public spirited citizens of the county. In addition to high grade shorthorn cattle, which he raised and shipped quite extensively, he gave considerable attention to hogs of the Poland China breed, from the sale of which he derived a large part of his income. Though primarily a farmer and stock raiser, Mr. Browning had various other interests of a business character, besides taking an active and influential part in promoting the material development and prosperity of the county and lending his influence to enterprises having for their object the welfare of society and the moral advancement of the community. He was a leading spirit in organizing the Bank of Hale, held a large amount of stock in the same and at the time of his death was serving as vice-president of the institution.

Mr. Browning was a man of keen, practical intelligence and sound judgment and entertained broad and liberal views concerning the leading matters of interest before the people. He read much and was well informed on many subjects. Notwithstanding the interest he ever took in political parties and their policies, he never aspired to office or public recognition of any kind, though frequently importuned by his friends to accept positions which his abilities so well qualified him to fill. On all questions of public moment, he had strong and well grounded convictions and his attitude toward these and others matters, such as religion, economics, political economy, etc., was not difficult to ascertain. He was plain spoken and at times aggressive in the expression of his opinions, though never offensively so, as he respected the opinions of others and gave them the same right of private judgment which he claimed for himself.

Mr. Browning never united with any church, although a believer in revealed religion and a liberal contributor to its dissemination among the people. He frequently attended public worship and was ever ready to credit the church with being a great moral force in society and the principal factor in civilization and the state. He refused, however, to be bound by denominational or party ties, as he recognized in every human being, however humble or obscure, a divine origin and an immortal destiny and in the God who reigns over the universe, a kind, benevolent Heavenly Father whose charity is as boundless as his might and whose tender care for the weakest of his creatures will in his own good time bring them to the happiness and peace which, through force of circumstances, have been denied them on earth. He possessed broad humanitarian principles and was essentially a man of the people and a forceful factor in their affairs. The confidence of his fellow men in his integrity and honor was boundless and no one stood higher than he in the esteem of the public or showed himself more worthy of the respect which he enjoyed.

On February 22, 1859, was solemnized the marriage of Robert H. Browning and Eliza Alexander, daughter of Spencer A. and Susan (Leaton) Alexander, natives of Tennessee who moved from that state to Missouri as early as the year 1837 and settled near Bedford, in Livingston county. The Alexanders were of Scotch descent and the family was represented in Tennessee from a very early date. Mrs. Browning, who was the oldest of their daughters, was born September 12, 1840. Immediately following their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Browning set up their domestic establishment on the farm near Avalon, which was to be their home for forty-two years, or until 1904, when Mrs. Browning purchased a beautiful and commodious residence in Hale where she has since lived, surrounded with many material blessings and numerous friends who manifest a deep and abiding interest in her comfort and welfare.

Mr. and Mrs. Browning had a family of eight children, five of whom are living, namely: Robert H., a prominent lumber dealer of Hale, and one of the leading business men of Carroll county; Spencer A., who is the proprietor of a mercantile establishment at Avalon and holds worthy prestige among the representative business men of this part of the state, is married and the father of two sons, Watson and Roger; Samuel J., a successful farmer and stock raiser, lives near Avalon, his family consisting of a wife and one son, who answers to the name of Rex; Mrs. Lizzie Piatt, the youngest of the number, lives at Chillicothe, Missouri; Mrs. Kate Baker, living near Tina, wife of Charles Baker, is the mother of six children, namely: Ethel, Sue, Leslie, Edith, Ralph and Robert Baker. The following are the names of the deceased

members of the family: Susan, who died August 10, 1899, aged thirty-eight years; Luella died December 29, 1891, at the age of twenty-five; and Mary Amanda, who departed this life on June 17, 1882, when twenty years old.

FRED HALBAUER.

The subject of this review is an influential citizen of Hale who for a number of years has been engaged in the manufacture of flour and, as proprietor of one of the largest mills in Carroll county, fills a very important place in business circles. Fred Halbauer was born in Pike county, Illinois, March 19, 1857, being a son of Fred and Rosine (Enos) Halbauer, both natives of that state and lifelong residents of the farm. The subject was reared in the county of his birth, attended the district schools in early life and when a young man came to Missouri and embarked in the general mercantile business at the town of Compton. After remaining two years at that place and meeting with fair success, he turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, which he followed with encouraging results for seven years, at the expiration of which time, in 1888, he worked for A. H. Scranton in the implement and grain business at Hale. The firm thus constituted secured a lucrative patronage and in due time became widely known and quite popular, but after an existence of about eight years it was dissolved by mutual consent and the subject, in 1890, began work in a flour mill at Hale.

Purchasing the mill at Hale on January 1, 1897, Mr. Halbauer addressed himself energetically to his business and was soon the recipient of a large and lucrative patronage. To keep abreast of the times and meet the demands of the trade, he afterwards completely remodeled the mill and equipped it with the latest improved machinery for the manufacture of flour by the roller process. He increased its capacity also, until the daily output now averages seventy-five barrels, for which there is a growing demand, both local and general, which taxes the mill to the utmost to supply. The brands of flour are high grade and strictly first class and in both the local and general markets compete with the best from other mills in the western part of the state. Since remodeling his mill, Mr. Halbauer's success has been continuous and, as indicated in a preceding paragraph, he occupies today a conspicuous place among the leading business men of his town and county. His relations with his fellow men and with the public at large, both business and social, have been in every respect honorable and above reproach and in the community where

he resides no one is held in higher personal esteem or enjoys in a greater degree the confidence of his fellow citizens.

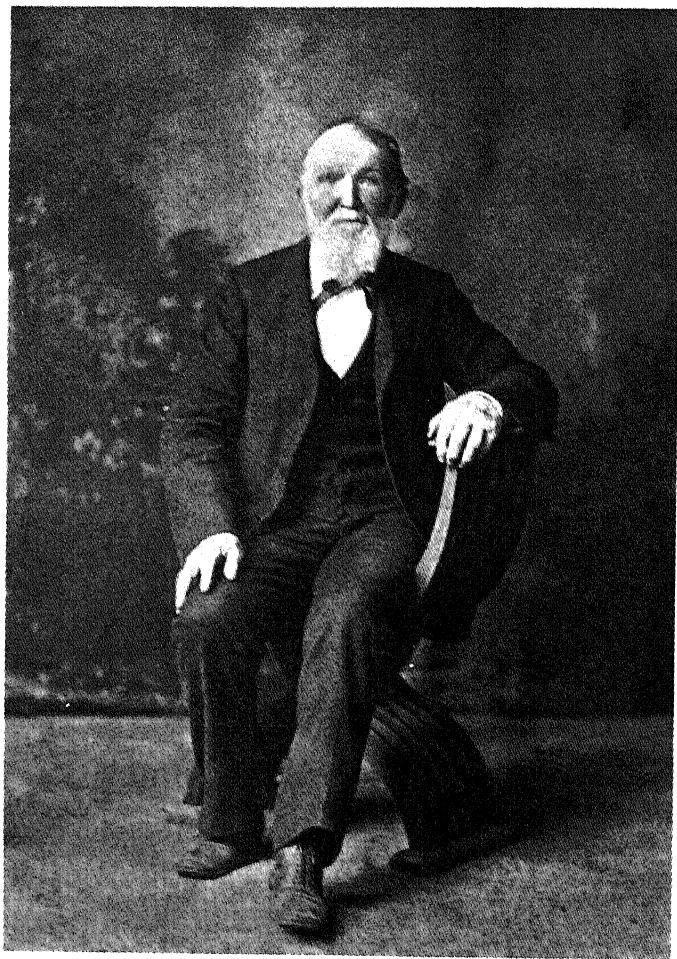
Interested in all that makes for the material progress of his city and having at heart the moral advancement of the same, he encourages all laudable means to these ends and his influence has ever been exerted for the right on every issue submitted to the people. He is a Republican in his political allegiance, but not a politician or aspirant for public honors, and his fraternal relations include membership with the Masonic brotherhood. Religiously, he is identified with the Christian church of Hale, to which body his wife also belongs, both being faithful and consistent members and active in disseminating the Gospel in their own and other localities, also in foreign lands.

Mr. Halbauer's domestic life began in June, 1897, when he was joined in marriage with Mary E. Roseveltdt, daughter of John Roseveltdt of Oklahoma. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Halbauer, namely: Artelia, Margaretta and Munzell, all living and adding much to the interest and happiness of the home.

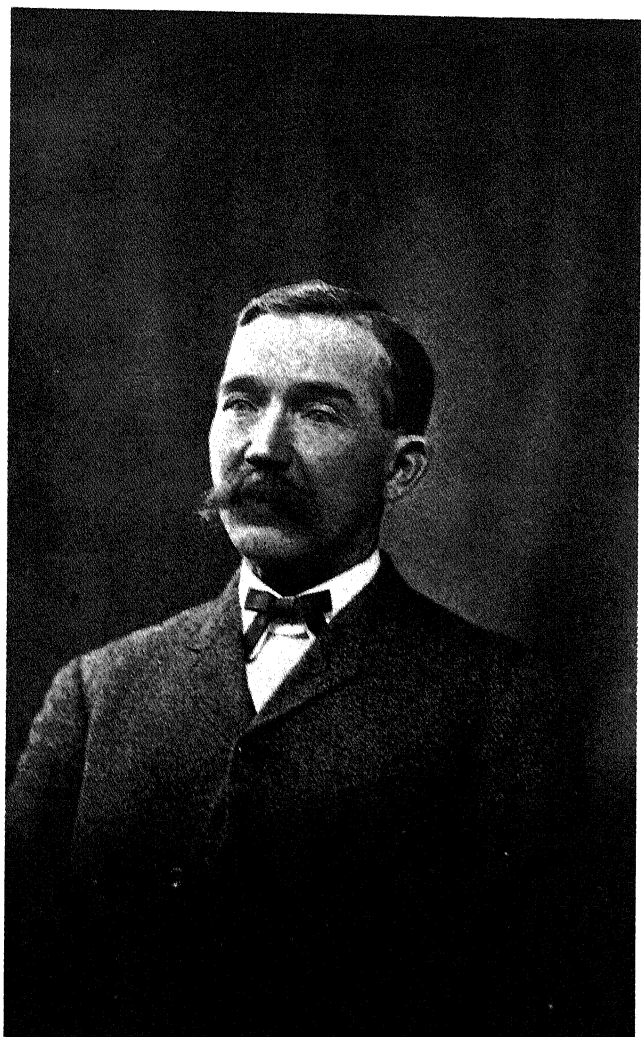
FRANK E. MINNIS.

The subject of this review comes of Scotch-Irish ancestry and is a scion of one of the oldest families of Carroll county, and as such has nobly sustained the reputation of his ancestors and added to the luster of the honorable name which he bears. He is a successful agriculturist and enjoys a reputation throughout the community for intelligence, sagacity and integrity second to that of none of his compeers.

Thomas and Permelia Minnis, the subject's grandparents, were natives of Tennessee. As early as the year 1819 they migrated to Howard county, Missouri, where they were among the first white settlers and after living in that part of the state until 1834, they moved to Carroll county and located on a quarter section of land which Mr. Minnis purchased from the government. This land lies in Trotter township and was for many years the Minnis family homestead, being now the home of a granddaughter, Mrs. Emma (Minnis) Chandler. In many respects Thomas Minnis was more than an ordinary man. He possessed sound, practical intelligence, and in due time became a leader among his neighbors, many of whom referred their business matters to him and reposed implicit confidence in his judgment and integrity. He filled various offices in his township and



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served as sheriff of the county for several years and represented it in the Legislature two terms in an early day. He was a member of the county court for twenty years, and in early days was county assessor two terms. He took part in the Mormon war and was long a leader in the community. He lived an honorable, upright life and died many years ago on the farm which he redeemed from the wilderness.

James H. Minnis, son of Thomas and father of the subject, was born in Howard county, Missouri, August 30, 1822, and removed with his parents to Carroll county in 1834. He helped clear and improve the homestead in Trotter township and in early life learned tailoring. After attaining his majority he began working at the trade and followed the same during the ten years following. At the expiration of that time he embarked in the mercantile business at Carrollton as a member of the firm of Ely, Minnis & Company, and for a period of thirty years was one of the leading tradesmen of that city. Disposing of his commercial interests in 1869, he moved to Trotter township, on the old Minnis homestead, where he engaged in agricultural pursuits, which he conducted with marked success until his death, which occurred on February 23, 1906. Malinda Toberman, wife of James H. Minnis, and mother of the subject, was a native of Virginia, born on the 13th day of April, 1827. She became ill about the same time as her husband and departed this life February 21, 1906, two days previous to his death, both being buried at the same time and in the same grave.

Frank E. Minnis was born May 27, 1856, in Carrollton, Missouri, and spent the years of his childhood and youth in his native town. During the Civil war period he attended the subscription schools, in which he obtained his preliminary education, and later entered the public schools of Carrollton, where he pursued his studies until completing two years of the high school course. After the family moved to the country, he assisted his father with the work of the farm and on attaining his majority engaged in agriculture upon his own responsibility, which honorable vocation he has since followed with encouraging success, owning at this time a fine estate of one hundred and eighty acres and ranking among the most enterprising farmers of the township in which he resides. Mr. Minnis has brought his land to a high state of cultivation and raises abundant crops of all the grains, vegetables and fruits grown in this latitude, his farm being well improved and comparing with the best of its area in the county. He has made all his improvements, including a commodious modern dwelling with a full complement of comforts and conveniences, a substantial barn thirty-six by fifty-two feet in size, also a feeder

thirty by thirty-two feet, besides enclosing the place and subdividing the fields with fine wire fencing of the most approved kind. He still retains on his farm and puts to good use two log buildings erected in 1832, and which he permits to stand in memory of time and scenes forever past.

Mr. Minnis is one of the influential Democrats of Carroll county and as such has rendered worthy service to his party, in recognition of which he has been honored from time to time with important official trusts. He served twelve years as trustee of Trotter township and proved a most capable and judicious public servant, and he was also a member of the school board one term during which the present fine school building in district number five was erected. He served two terms of two years each as judge of the western district county court and it was during his incumbency that the present county court house, one of the finest structures of the kind in the state, was planned and built, together with all the improvements subsequently added. Among other important business which came before the court during his term of office was the Sugar Tree drainage case, which attracted wide attention and interest and which, largely through his efforts, was settled to the mutual satisfaction of all the parties concerned. In all of his public relations Mr. Minnis displayed ability of a high order and was unremitting in his efforts to promote and safeguard the interests of the people. He met the high expectations of his friends and fellow citizens, irrespective of political affiliation, and left the various offices with which he had been honored without a taint of suspicion on his record. Fraternally he is a member of the Knights of Pythias and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and religiously belongs, with his family, to the Methodist Episcopal church, South, in which for a period of four years he has been a member of the official board.

Mr. Minnis, in the year 1885, was united in marriage with Joanna P. Smith, whose birth occurred in Ohio on the 26th of November, 1859, the union being blessed with the following children: Walter S., an oil operator of Coalinga, California; Roger M., who is in business in Carrollton; Smith E., Horace J. and Homer T., all three still with their parents, a son, Frank E., Jr., having been killed by a horse when ten years old.

JOHN FOLTZ.

John Foltz, a retired farmer, who is spending the evening of a long and useful life in the city of Hale, is a native of Ohio, where his birth occurred on the 4th day of November, 1833. His parents, Joseph and Mary (Jones)

Foltz, who were born in that state also, moved to Indiana in 1840 and spent the remainder of their lives on a farm, both dying a number of years ago. Of their family of nine children, the majority grew to mature years, the subject of this sketch being the third of the number and the only one living in Carroll county, Missouri.

John Foltz was reared on his father's farm, having been about eight years old when the family moved to that state. He early decided to make agriculture his vocation and after assisting his parents until arriving at an age to make his own way in the world, addressed himself to his vocation, which he carried on in Indiana until 1865, when he sold his farm there and moved to Carroll county, Missouri. Since locating in this state, he has owned two farms and his labors as an agriculturist and stock raiser were in a marked degree successful.

Mr. Foltz applied himself so industriously and energetically to his life work and managed his interests to such good advantage that in due time he found himself the possessor of a handsome competence, sufficient indeed to enable him to forego further active duty and spend the remainder of his days in retirement; accordingly, in 1905, he discontinued farming and, turning the place over to his son, took up his residence in Hale, where he owns an attractive home, fully equipped with conveniences and comforts in which, as already stated, he is spending his declining years in quiet and content. In the best sense of the term, he is a self-made man and the architect of his own fortune. His early life was beset with many obstacles and difficulties, but, with a spirit born of a determination to succeed, he gradually surmounted everything calculated to hinder his advancement and in the course of years he became the possessor of a handsome property and reached an influential position among the successful men and enterprising farmers of the communities in which he has lived. He has always been actuated by noble purposes and, throughout a protracted and honorable career, has attended strictly to his own affairs, lived at peace with his neighbors and fellow men and made the world better by his presence and influence.

On December 31, 1857, Mr. Foltz was married to Julia N. Lightfoot, daughter of John and Mary (Shrieves) Lightfoot, natives respectively of Maryland and Ohio and among the early settlers of Indiana, to which state they moved in pioneer times and in which their deaths subsequently occurred. Mr. and Mrs. Foltz are the parents of twelve children, two of whom died in infancy, the names of those who grew to maturity being as follows: Francis J., who lives on and farms the family homestead in Hurricane township is a married man and the head of a family of six children; Eli, also a farmer,

is likewise married and the father of two children; Calvin, also a farmer and stock raiser of Carroll county, his family consisting of a wife and one child; Leander, who is married and the father of one child, and follows agriculture for a livelihood; Della, now Mrs. Evans, lives in Chicago; Jennie, who married John Jacobs, to whom she bore two children, and is now deceased; Hattie, wife of D. G. Hendricks and mother of six offspring, lives in Oklahoma; Nettie is the wife of Charles Hiniger, who conducts a meat market in Hale; Cora Dell and Alice Bell, twins, are the next or tenth in order of birth; the former being the wife of James Deardoff and the mother of two children; the latter married Giles Lewis and lives in North Dakota, their family consisting of five children.

Mrs. Foltz is an excellent woman, a kind and affectionate wife and mother who spared no pains in rearing her children and implanting in their young minds the principles of obedience and rectitude to the end that they might grow up useful men and women, and honor any station of life which they might be called to fill. She is likewise an agreeable neighbor, loyal to her family and friends, and has long been a respected member of the Methodist church. Though not connected with the church himself, Mr. Foltz believes in religion, attends the services of the congregation to which his wife belongs and is a frequent contributor to its support, also to other laudable means for the moral improvement of the community and the general welfare of his fellowmen.

WILLIAM H. CLUTE.

A retired farmer and prominent citizen of Hale, also a veteran of the late Civil war, the subject of this biography is a native of Albany county, New York, where he was born June 28, 1840. His parents, Richard R. and Mariah (Vanolinda) Clute, both natives of New York state, moved to Ohio in the early forties and lived there until 1868, when they removed to Caldwell county, Missouri, where Mr. Clute's death subsequently occurred, after which his widow returned to Ohio where she spent the remainder of her days. Of the six children in the family of Richard R. and Mariah Clute, the subject of this sketch was the first born.

William H. Clute spent his early years on his father's farm in Ohio, enjoyed the advantages of such schools as the country at that time offered and at the breaking out of the war between the North and South tendered his services to his country and in due time was at the scene of conflict, sharing with his comrades the vicissitudes and dangers of campaign and battle until

the cessation of hostilities. He enlisted June 28, 1861, in Company K, Twenty-Fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, under Colonel Givens, and served with the same regiment until the close of the war, when he was mustered out at Camp Chase, Ohio, receiving his discharge in June, 1865.

At the expiration of his period of enlistment Mr. Clute returned home and three years later, 1868, disposed of his interests in Ohio and came to Missouri, locating in Grand River township, Livingston county, where he engaged in farming and stock raising which he carried on with gratifying success until October 21, 1909, when he turned his place over to other hands and moved to Hale where he is now living a life of honorable retirement. By consecutive labor and judicious management, Mr. Clute accumulated a handsome competence and is now in very comfortable circumstances with a sufficient means in his possession to safeguard his future and render it free from care and anxiety. He is a pronounced Republican in politics and an influential worker for the success of his party, though not a seeker after the honors or emoluments of office. The only public position he ever held was that of justice of the peace, his record as such being in every respect creditable. Fraternally, he belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, including the Rebekah degree, the Knights of Pythias and for a number of years he has been a leading spirit in the Grand Army of the Republic post with which he holds membership.

On October 3, 1867, Mr. Clute was united in marriage with Harriett Miller, daughter of Isaac W. and Sarah (Morgan) Miller, of Ohio. Six children are the fruits of this union, namely: Sadie M., born March 3, 1869, married W. S. Fish on the 14th day of October, 1888, and lives in Livingston county, Missouri; Marilda, whose birth occurred December 24, 1870, was married on June 21, 1897, to Andrew Burnside and lives in Livingston county, this state; Mary A., born August 12, 1873, became the wife of J. M. Burnside on November 7, 1893, and is also a resident of Livingston county; William W., born October 9, 1875, married Iva A. Hargrove on the 6th day of March, 1879, and lives in Montana; Nathaniel was born August 19, 1884, and on March 20, 1906, he married Willie Alexander and lives on a farm in the county of Livingston; Hattie Pearl, the youngest of the family, was born August 19, 1884, and on November 10, 1902, she was united in marriage with G. W. Alexander, a farmer of the above county.

Mr. Clute's children are well settled and command the respect of the people of the several communities in which they reside. They are intelligent ladies and gentlemen, an honor to their parents and stand high in the esteem of their neighbors and friends. Mr. and Mrs. Clute are greatly respected in the city of their residence and are spending their declining years in quiet and content.

REZIN C. SHAWHAN, M. D.

Although a recent addition to the medical fraternity of Carroll county, the subject of this sketch has already attained a prominent place among his professional brethren and is regarded by them and the general public as a physician of rare ability and skill and as a surgeon with few equals and no superiors in this part of the state. Dr. Rezin C. Shawhan is a native of Douglas county, Illinois, and a representative of an old Southern family, whose history in this country is closely identified with that of Virginia, in which state his parents, James H. and Sarah E. (Jones) Shawhan, were born and reared. James H. Shawhan and wife moved to Illinois in an early day and were among the pioneer settlers of Douglas county. By profession he was a civil engineer, but after moving west he turned his attention to agriculture which he followed with success and profit the remainder of his life. A man of much more than ordinary intelligence and judgment, he became quite prominent in politics and for many years was one of the leading Republicans of Douglas county. He was twice elected sheriff, besides serving the county in various other official capacities and was an ardent supporter of Hon. Joseph Cannon when that distinguished statesman first entered public life, the friendship thus engendered continuing as long as Mr. Shawhan lived.

Of the nine children of James H. and Sarah E. Shawhan, Rezin C. is the eighth in order of birth. He was born on the 31st day of July, 1871, and spent his early life in his native country, receiving his preliminary education in the public schools of the same. Later he entered Southwest Kansas College, of Winfield, Kansas, where he was graduated in 1892 and shortly thereafter yielded to a desire of long standing by taking up the study of medicine, which he prosecuted in the University Medical College of Kansas City until completing the prescribed course and receiving his degree. Graduating from that institution in 1897, he was appointed assistant city physician of Kansas City, but after holding the position for one year, resigned and went to Leavenworth, where for three years he was assistant surgeon of the Soldiers' Home, an institution with which he had previously been connected in a professional capacity. At the expiration of the period indicated, he severed his connection with the Home for the purpose of engaging in the practice of medicine upon his own responsibility, and in looking about for a favorable field for the exercise of his talents, was attracted to Hale, Missouri, as the one offering the best advantages; accordingly, in 1900 he opened an office here and, applying himself closely to the duties of his profession, soon gained recognition and

within a comparatively brief period his practice exceeded his expectations and won for him an influential place among the leading physicians and surgeons of the county.

Doctor Shawhan keeps in close touch with the trend of medical thought and avails himself of every opportunity to increase his efficiency in the noble calling to which his talents are being devoted. Actuated by this laudable desire, he took, in 1909, a post-graduate course in St. Louis, where he made a specialty of surgery, and since then his achievements in that branch of his profession have paved the way to an extensive and remunerative practice and given him more than local reputation, as he is frequently called to distant places to perform operations requiring more than ordinary skill. As a surgeon, Doctor Shawhan, although a young man, has few peers and he bids fair to rise to a place of eminent distinction in a branch of the profession, which rests upon a scientific basis and in which none except those of a high order of natural and acquired ability can hope to excel. His success thus far is the best guarantee for his continued advancement in the future and, should he be spared to achieve his desire, his name is destined to occupy a high place in the category of Missouri's eminent professional men. He is identified with a number of medical societies and associations, with which he keeps in touch, and at the present time is vice-president of the Grand River Medical Association, one of the leading organizations of the kind in the state.

Doctor Shawhan was married, November 24, 1897, to Harriett A. Chapman, daughter of J. A. and Lucine Chapman, of Cowley county, Kansas, the union resulting in the birth of a son who answers to the name of Ralph. Doctor and Mrs. Shawhan are esteemed members of the Methodist Episcopal church of Hale and manifest commendable interest in the social and intellectual life of the town. In politics he is a Republican and, though well informed on the questions of the day and abreast of the times on matters of current interest, the claims of his profession are such as to prevent him from taking an active part in public affairs or of mingling much with his fellow men in political matters

JASPER N. BATES.

This enterprising mechanic and respected citizen of Hale is a native of Wapello county, Iowa, and one of a family of ten children born to Francis and Sarah (Inman) Bates. Charles Bates, the subject's grandfather, was a native of England; he came to the United States in an early day and settled in

Ohio, removing thence a number of years later to Iowa, where he spent the remainder of his life. He learned cabinetmaking in the land of his birth and worked at the trade after becoming a citizen of this country, but in the main he devoted his attention to agriculture and in due time achieved marked success as a farmer. Francis Bates, son of Charles and father of Jasper N., was born in Ohio and when a young man learned the cabinetmaker's trade under his father and, like the latter, also engaged in agriculture as his chief means of procuring a livelihood. He married, in Iowa, Sarah Inman and in 1858 moved to Missouri where he remained until his death, in 1860, his wife, who survived him, dying in Kansas at the advanced age of eighty-six years. Francis Bates was an intelligent man, a skillful mechanic and was greatly esteemed by all who knew him. He voted with the Republican party and had the courage of his convictions on the leading issues of the time and, with his good wife, was a devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Of the large family that once gathered around the fireside of the excellent couple, six are living, the subject of this review being the sixth in order of birth.

Jasper N. Bates, whose birth occurred on March 22, 1851, spent his early years in his native county and grew to maturity under the wholesome discipline of his father's farm. There he developed a strong and vigorous physique, and learned the lessons of practical industry which formed the basis of his subsequent rise and success, and it was in the fields also that he learned to place a proper value upon honorable toil, without due appreciation of which a man compromises his honor and dignity as a rational being. After attending the district schools until acquiring a knowledge of the course of study, he took up the trade of blacksmithing and, possessing natural mechanical ability of a high order, it was not long until he became not only a proficient, but a very skillful workman. In 1875 he started in business for himself at Hale and the shop which he erected and equipped that year he still occupies, being at this time, in point of continuous service, one of the oldest mechanics of the town, as well as among the best known and most popular. He has always been attentive to his duties and as a result has never lacked a large and lucrative patronage. By his industry, thrift and skill, he has accumulated a liberal competence and is now in easy circumstances, his future being well provided for.

Mr. Bates, on March 17, 1874, was united in the bonds of wedlock with Mollie Easton, daughter of C. B. and Eliza C. (Rayburn) Easton, the union being blessed with two children, the older of whom, Robert, is married and lives in Hale, his wife having formerly been Mary Riley; he is the father

of two children, a boy and a girl who answer to the names of Laverna and Hollis. Lena, the second of the subject's offspring, is the wife of C. T. Scranton and lives in Hale.

Mr. Bates is an honest, straightforward and upright man who attends strictly to his own interests and whose character and reputation have ever been above reproach. He enjoys to a marked degree the respect and confidence of his fellow townsmen, encourages all legitimate means for promoting the welfare of the community and wields an influence for the Democratic party. His religious creed is represented by the Methodist Episcopal church, of which himself and wife have been faithful members for many years, and his name is on the record of the Masonic lodge of Hale, of which he is an active worker.

PERRY A. SHAFFER.

The subject of this sketch, a prosperous farmer living at Hale, was born in Knox county, Missouri, October 16, 1858, and is one of a family of six children, two sons and four daughters, whose parents, J. R. and Sarah (Walsh) Shaffer, were natives of Virginia and Maryland, respectively. This couple were married in the latter state in 1851, immediately after which they went to Illinois, removing thence in a short time to Missouri, but subsequently returned to Illinois, where they made their home until 1870. On November 6th, of that year, Mr. Shaffer moved his family to Carrollton, Missouri, where he bought property. Two years later he purchased a farm, on which he lived until 1888, when he changed his residence to Bosworth. After residing in that town until 1906, he moved to Hale, where his death occurred in January, 1907, and where his widow still lives.

J. R. Shaffer was a man of excellent parts and stood high in the esteem of his neighbors and fellow citizens. He was honored from time to time with various local offices, in which he proved his worth as a reliable public servant and was long an influential Democrat and a prominent member of the Christian church. He began life in a humble capacity, but, by energy and capable management, so conducted his affairs as to accumulate a comfortable competence and win the proved American title of a "self-made man." The six children of Mr. and Mrs. Shaffer are all living and doing well and are among the most respected people of the various communities in which they reside.

Perry A. Shaffer attended the common schools in his youth and acquired a practical knowledge of the branches constituting the usual course of study. He grew up familiar with the duties of rural life and, while still a mere lad, did his part in the cultivation of the farm, besides in many other ways making himself useful to his parents. On arriving at manhood's estate, he chose agriculture for his vocation and has devoted his time and attention to the same ever since, meeting with well merited success and winning a place in the front rank of those whose occupations are the same as his own. He owns a finely improved farm of eighty-four acres in one of the most productive districts of Carroll county, and by his industry, thrift and good management has placed himself in comfortable circumstances and made his farm one of the most beautiful and desirable homes of the locality in which it is situated. In March, 1899, Mr. Shaffer moved to Hale, where he likewise owns a beautiful and well-appointed dwelling, though he still gives personal attention to his agricultural interests, which have grown steadily in importance. His farm being near the town, he drives to and from it daily and has matters so arranged as to be no longer under the necessity of laboring as in former years, being, as already stated, financially independent, with a liberal amount of this world's goods laid by to safeguard his future.

On November 20, 1883, Mr. Shaffer and Olivia Dulany were made husband and wife, she being a daughter of W. P. and Frances (Jefferies) Dulany, natives, respectively, of Missouri and Kentucky. Mr. Dulany was born in 1829 and the following year was brought to Carroll county by his parents and in due time grew to maturity and became a successful farmer and public-spirited citizen. After acquiring a competency, he retired to Hale, where he spent the last nine years of his life, dying on March 2, 1899. Mrs. Dulany, whose birth occurred in 1830, died in 1903. She and her husband were charter members of the First Christian church of Hale and active in its support.

Mr. and Mrs. Shaffer have two children, Orville W., who married Ella Snody, of Saline county, this state, and lives in Hale, where he conducts a lumber yard. Ruth is the wife of Alva DeBolt, a well-to-do farmer and stock raiser of Carroll county.

CLYDE M. HUDSON.

The subject of this sketch, a rising member of the Carroll county bar and since 1905 postmaster of Hale, is a native of Livingston county, Missouri, and a son of the late Milton J. and Mary (Hanney) Hudson, appropriate

mention of whom will be found at the close of this sketch. Clyde M. Hudson was born on August 28, 1881, and spent his early life at or in the vicinity of Hale. At the proper age he entered the schools of the town, which he attended until completing the prescribed course of study, making rapid and commendable progress, and in due time being graduated from the high school with an honorable record as a student. In the meantime, while still a youth, he manifested a strong desire for fitting himself for the profession; accordingly he entered the office of his brother, Hon. Frederick S. Hudson, a prominent lawyer of Chillicothe, under whose direction he prosecuted his legal studies until his admission to the bar in the year 1904. Opening an office in Hale, the young attorney entered upon the practice of his chosen calling and it was not long until he gained recognition and built up quite an extensive and lucrative professional business.

From the beginning of his professional career Mr. Hudson has exhibited a high order of legal talent, especially in that he aimed to acquire a critical knowledge of the law, coupled with the opinions and the correctness of a position when once taken. He is recognized as a safe and reliable counsellor in whom clients repose the most implicit confidence, and in the trial of cases he is eminently fair and honorable, proving under all circumstances a courteous though formidable antagonist. His professional experience, though comparatively brief, has been highly satisfactory, and the success he has thus far achieved affords the best evidence of a brilliant career in the future.

Mr. Hudson early became interested in public and political matters and ever since old enough to exercise the rights of citizenship he has been earnest, unwavering and influential in defense of the principles of the Republican party. His activity in political circles and judicious advice in party councils made him one of the Republican leaders in Carroll county, and it was in recognition of his services as well as by reason of his fitness that he was appointed, in November, 1905, postmaster of Hale, the duties of which responsible position he has since discharged with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of the public.

Mr. Hudson's father was his immediate predecessor in the postoffice and the son has proven an able and worthy successor. Since entering upon his official duties his relations with the public have been mutually agreeable and satisfactory, and it is the consensus of opinion that the town has never had an abler or more courteous, judicious and obliging postmaster than the gentlemanly official who now has charge of Uncle Sam's mail business at this point.

Mr. Hudson is a zealous worker in the Masonic fraternity and from time to time has been honored with important trusts in Hale Lodge No. 216, with which he holds membership, having held nearly every office within the gift of his brethren, including that of master, in which he displayed rare executive capacity and force. He is at present district lecturer for the twentieth Masonic district. He is a believer in revealed religion and a student of the sacred Scriptures, which he takes for his only rule of faith and practice, being a faithful and consistent member of the Christian church and an active worker in all lines of good work under the auspices of the same.

Mr. Hudson is a married man and the father of one child, Charles Milton, who died in infancy. Mrs. Hudson was formerly Miss Pearl Shinn, the accomplished daughter of Dr. J. M. Shinn, a well-known dentist of Hale, and the ceremony by which she became the wife of the subject was solemnized on the 15th day of June, 1904.

Milton J. Hudson (deceased), father of Clyde M. Hudson, whose career is briefly outlined in the preceding sketch, and for many years a prominent and public-spirited citizen of Carroll county, was born in Monroe county, Ohio, on March 3, 1842. He was a son of William Hudson, a native of England, the latter having been the son of John Hudson, whose birth occurred in London and who never left his native land. William Hudson came to the United States about 1819 or '20 and settled in Philadelphia, removing thence, after a brief residence, to Ohio, where he met and married Nancy Hurd, who bore him seven children, Milton J. being the fourth in order of birth.

Milton J. Hudson moved with his parents to Carroll county, Missouri, in 1851, and located on a farm near Hale, where in due time he grew to manhood and became a successful agriculturist and stock raiser. At the breaking out of the late Civil war he espoused the cause of the Union and on the 2d day of April, 1861, enlisted in the Eighteenth Missouri Infantry, with which he rendered valiant service until mustered out at St. Louis on August 28, 1865. His military experience included some of the most noted campaigns and battles of the war, among the most important battles attending the siege and downfall of Atlanta. At Corinth he was captured and for four months was confined in the notorious prison pen at Andersonville, where, with hundreds of other brave Union men, he suffered hardships and indignities which the Southern leaders themselves said were a disgrace to civilized warfare. At the close of the war he returned home and resumed farming, which he continued with marked success until 1884, when he discontinued

agricultural pursuits and, in partnership with his brother, opened a drug store at Hale, where he continued in business until his death.

Mr. Hudson, in the month of March, 1857, was united in marriage to Mary A. Hanney, daughter of John Hanney, the following children resulting from the union: Frederick, a prominent lawyer of Chillicothe, and the present representative from the sixth senatorial district of Missouri in the upper house of the General Assembly; Julia, who married Walter Fisk and lives in Pueblo, Colorado; Charles B., a leading attorney and counsellor at law, practicing his profession in Wichita, Kansas, and Clyde M., attorney and postmaster of Hale, whose sketch precedes this review.

Mr. Hudson was a Mason of high standing, a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Ancient Order of United Workmen and a leading spirit in the Grand Army of the Republic post to which he belonged. In matters religious he had well-grounded convictions and for many years was a faithful and devoted member of the Christian church, his widow being an active and influential worker in the same organization at the present time. He was a good man, a praiseworthy citizen and always commanded the confidence and esteem of those with whom his lot was cast. He lived a useful life, was honorable in his relations with his fellowmen and his influence was ever on the side of right as he understood the right. In brief, he was an honorable and devout Christian who showed his faith by his works and a courteous gentleman whom to know was to esteem and honor. He departed this life August 10, 1905, and his loss was profoundly deplored by all who enjoyed the privilege of his acquaintance.

LEWIS E. TULEY.

The subject of this sketch, who holds distinction among the representative business men of Carrollton, is a son of the late Joseph N. Tuley, a brief review of whose life and eminent services is herewith presented.

Joseph Nathaniel Tuley was born in Shelby county, Kentucky, May 1, 1845. He was the oldest son of Elisha and Sarah Tuley, and is the second of the nine children to be called to their reward. When a child six years old he came with his parents to Missouri and the family settled in Marion county. Here Mr. Tuley grew to manhood, receiving what education he could get from the rural schools. On December 22, 1868, he was united in marriage to Laura Althea Willis, who died June 9, 1877, and was buried in

Marion county. No children were born of this union. On June 19, 1878, he was married to Susan Ennis. Of this union four children were born, three of whom, with the wife, survive him: Lewis E., Mrs. S. E. Brookover, of Fort Smith, Arkansas, and Mrs. H. E. Cook, of Carrollton, Missouri.

Mr. Tuley came to Carrollton in 1870 and from that day until his death he was one of its foremost citizens. For a time he was engaged in a mercantile business. He then became associated with Mr. Kierolf in the publication of the *Democrat*. At the death of Mr. Kierolf he continued the publication of the *Democrat* with J. B. Jewell. When he severed his connection with the *Democrat* he entered the real estate business. He afterwards formed a partnership with J. L. Grant and, in connection with his real estate, conducted a general insurance business, under the firm name of Tuley & Grant. Later Mr. Grant retired and R. C. Ely became his partner, and at the death of Mr. Ely Mr. Tuley took his son in the business with him. He was a splendid business man and acquired a competence.

When a young man Mr. Tuley united with the Methodist church, South, and for the past twenty years was one of the substantial members of the Memorial Methodist church, and for nearly as long he was chairman of the board of trustees or of the board of stewards. When the new church was built he was one of the most liberal contributors, and, being chairman of the building committee, he supervised the erection of the building. Later, when the new parsonage was erected, he gave more liberally than was expected.

Mr. Tuley was a man of commanding appearance, strong character and rare business ability. He started at the bottom of the ladder and forced his way to the top. He was honest to the core, had the full confidence of the business world, and his word was as good as his bond.

For more than thirty years Mr. Tuley was a member of the Odd Fellows lodge, filling almost every office with the same care in which he did everything he undertook. As a citizen he was one of the best. He had confidence in the city and in the people. He invested his money freely in any enterprise that would build up the city, and worked unceasingly for what he thought was for the best interest of Carrollton.

Besides his wife and children, Mr. Tuley leaves five brothers and two sisters: Elias M. and George W. Tuley, of Monroe City; Mrs. W. A. Willis, of Carrollton; W. T. and J. L. Tuley, of Palmyra; W. E. Tuley, of Independence, and Mrs. B. G. Hayden, of Chillicothe. Mr. Tuley died on the 30th day of May, 1909, at Hot Springs, Arkansas, where he had gone in hopes of benefiting his health.

Lewis E. Tuley was born in Carrollton, Missouri, November 3, 1880. He spent his early life and secured his education in his native city and, while still a mere youth, he became associated with his father in the real estate and insurance business and since the latter's death has conducted the business alone and greatly extended the scope of his operations. In the management of other matters connected with the estate, especially the newspaper accounts, he is being assisted by his sisters, Mrs. Mary Brockover and Mrs. Lily Cook, the former's husband, S. E. Brockover, having formerly been in business at Fort Smith, Arkansas, Henry E. Cook, the husband of the latter, being a prominent harness dealer in Carrollton.

Mr. Tuley inherits many of the sterling characteristics for which his father was distinguished, and as a business man and citizen he occupies a prominent place among his contemporaries. Although a young man, he has made his influence felt in his city and county, and his career thus far justifies his friends and admirers in predicting for him a bright and promising future. A pleasing address and winning personality, combined with the sturdy qualities of manhood which beget confidence and command respect, have gained for him many warm friends in the social circles of his city, and he likewise enjoys the esteem of the general public, by which he has long been highly regarded. Mr. Tuley is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and, with the rest of the family, holds membership with the Memorial Methodist church of Carrollton.

MARION B. AUDSLEY.

The town dweller can know nothing of the satisfaction which the farmer gets from the sight of his growing crops in seasonable weather. Nothing is more beautiful than the green fields of young corn, the embodiment of vigor and life, the mature stalks weighted with the bending ears, or the golden fields of ripened wheat and the herds of fat cattle grazing in the green luxuriant pastures. These sights appeal to all, but especially to the farmer who can call them his own and who knows he is the instrumentality which has called into existence these living pictures of great value.

Marion B. Audsley was born in Saline county, Missouri, on November 23, 1862, the son of Edward and Cinderella Audsley, for whom see sketch of Joseph E. Audsley, another son. Marion B. Audsley was the second of ten children, and has lived in De Witt township, Carroll county, since he was

two years old. His education was received in the common schools, and since leaving school he has been engaged in farming, which he has found both agreeable and profitable, and his time and labor spent on his two hundred and thirty-three acres of improved land has been fully rewarded.

On August 16, 1893, Mr. Audsley was married to his first wife, Mabel Fash, who was born and reared in Carroll county. To this marriage was born one child, Marion Russell. Mrs. Mabel Audsley died in De Witt township on January 10, 1896, and Mr. Audsley was married in Kansas City, Kansas, on May 3, 1899, to Mary Edith Lewellen, who was born in Carroll county, Missouri, on July 30, 1871, the daughter of John A. and Elizabeth (Foster) Lewellen. To this marriage three children were born: Esther L., Raymond H. and Lewis D. Mr. and Mrs. Audsley are active members of the Baptist church, and he is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America.

Mr. Audsley is considered as one of the most progressive farmers of his neighborhood and as one of its influential citizens. He is well known in his township and has many friends who have been attracted by his true worth.

ISAAC H. STONE.

Prominent among the influential citizens of Bogard stands Isaac H. Stone, the incidents of whose long and successful life form both an interesting and instructive article and whose career should prove an inspiration to the younger people. During his life he has met and conquered many obstacles, in spite of which he has made his life truly valuable, not only to himself, but to the community in which its force has been felt. As a builder of houses he has shaped some of the best in the county, and has wrought into them thorough workmanship, built on a firm foundation; as a builder of character, he has followed the same plan, with results easily apparent to those who know him.

Isaac H. Stone was born in Jacksonville, Illinois, on October 5, 1836, the son of John D. Stone, who was born in Mercer county, Kentucky, in 1809, and died on September 22, 1893, at St. Louis, and Elizabeth P. (Chaplin) Stone, who was born in Bear county, Kentucky, in 1819, and died on August 22, 1899, in Carroll county, Missouri. When Isaac was a child his parents moved to St. Louis, and he attended common school, but was comparatively behind those of his age in advancement until he was seventeen years old, when he began to study by himself and soon out-

stripped those who had been ahead of him. His father was one of the earliest building contractors of St. Louis, and Isaac worked with him and learned the carpenter's and architect's trade. For two years he studied architecture, and he followed his trade until 1867, when he bought an eighty-acre farm in Carrollton township, on which he lived until 1906, when he moved to Bogard. This farm is very fertile and all under cultivation. On it he raised stock, corn, wheat and oats. He built the house and other buildings on his farm, and also erected several houses in the nearby neighborhood, though he did not follow the carpenter's trade much after removing to his farm. While working continuously at his trade he built and superintended the building of the old Jacobs Hotel at Carrollton, also put up some other buildings there. In 1904 the county court appointed Mr. Stone to superintend the erection of the court house at Carrollton, which he did from the excavation of the first shovelful of dirt until the building was occupied, and the people are all well satisfied with his work. This is one of the finest court houses in the country. Mr. Stone is the owner of one whole block in the residence portion of Bogard, and on moving there built a fine modern residence, which is classed as the best house in the town.

On January 24, 1857, in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Mr. Stone was married to Marion B. Little, who was born in New Albany, Indiana, on May 22, 1841. She was the daughter of James Little, who was born in Baltimore, Maryland, in 1810, and died in St. Louis, Missouri, on December 9, 1877, and of Mary Tracey Little, who was born in Baltimore in 1818, and died in St. Louis on August 25, 1864. To this marriage were born ten children. John H. married Lucy Gardner, and lives in St. Louis, where he has been for twenty-seven years a member of the mounted police; Mary E. married John French, a farmer of this county; William L. died at the age of fifteen; Ben married Mary Eoff, and is now marshal of Bogard; Ida L. married I. N. Freeman, of Riverside, California; Seth W. married Lulu Vaughn, and lives in Riverside, California; Alice B. died at the age of one year; Leon H. married Dewille Fleming, and lives in Bogard; Clay B., unmarried, lives at home, and is engaged in the real estate business; Tavia married Bert Stone, a retired farmer and teamster of Bogard.

Mr. Stone has been a member of the Christian church for thirty-eight years, his wife for fifty-five, and for seven years he was an elder in the church. Fraternally he is an Odd Fellow, has filled all the offices in the lodge, and is a Mason, in which body he has held several offices, while he

and his wife are members of the Rebekahs and of the Eastern Star. In politics Mr. Stone is a Democrat. Although he is seventy-four years old, one would never believe it from his appearance. He has never worn glasses and his eyesight is much better than that of most men of his age, though until he was seventeen years old he suffered with his eyes. He has never been ill a single day since he can remember. Highly respected and influential, he bids fair to enjoy many more years in the community where he has lived so long.

JOHN L. DICKERSON.

John L. Dickerson, a prosperous mechanic of Tina, was born in Phelps county, Missouri, November 24, 1864, and is the third of six children in the family of Henry Manuel and Minerva (Casselman) Dickerson, natives of Tennessee and Missouri, respectively. Henry Dickerson came to Missouri in 1852 from Nashville, Tennessee, making the journey on horseback and meeting with not a few experiences on the way. In early life he was a teacher, but after settling in this state he turned his attention to farming, in connection with which he also operated a blacksmith shop. He became a resident of Carroll county in 1886, from which time until his retirement from active life, a few years later, he lived on a farm and succeeded well at his labors. After accumulating a sufficiency of this world's goods to render the remainder of his days comfortable, he moved to the village of Tina, where he and his good wife are now living in quiet and content. Henry Dickerson served in the Union army during the late war between the North and South and took part in a number of battles. He is a Republican and an ardent party worker, and for a number of years has been a zealous and faithful member of the Christian church, his wife being a communicant also. Mr. and Mrs. Dickerson are the parents of six children, whose names are as follows: Prof. Robert Dickerson, of Rolla, Missouri, for twenty-six years a teacher in the state school at that place and an educator of high repute; Amelia, wife of Ed. Mitchell, also lives at Rolla; John L., of this review, is the third of the family; Mary, who married William Pollard, lives in Carroll county, where her husband is engaged in farming; Jennie, now Mrs. John Hull, lives in Oklahoma, and Ed, the youngest of the number, is a Carroll county agriculturist.

John L. Dickerson grew to maturity in his native county of Phelps and received his educational training in the public schools. His early years were

spent on his father's farm and when a young man he learned blacksmithing and in due time became quite a skilled mechanic. He came to Carroll county in 1885 and two years later erected a shop at Tina, which he still operates. Since locating at his present place of business he has been very successful and at the present time has perhaps a larger patronage than any other blacksmith in the town and is rapidly becoming independent. As stated above, he is a very proficient workman, which accounts for his extensive business, for as a mechanic he has few equals and no superiors in his section of country.

In connection with his trade Mr. Dickerson for some time dealt in agricultural implements and machinery and did quite well at the business. In addition to a beautiful and attractive home in the village, he owns an eighty-acre farm in the vicinity, which he rents, and, as indicated in a preceding paragraph, he is in comfortable circumstances and well situated to enjoy the material blessings of which he and his family are surrounded. He has served as school director and for the past nine years has been superintendent of the Sunday school under the auspices of the church with which he and his family are identified.

Mr. Dickerson was happily married on February 22, 1891, to Laura Boley, daughter of Field Boley, of Carroll county, the union resulting in three offspring, Robert and twin daughters who answer to the names of Hester and Esther. Mr. and Mrs. Dickerson belong to the Presbyterian church and are active workers in the same, their daily walk being consistent with their religious profession. Fraternally he holds membership with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Woodmen and politically is a staunch supporter of the Republican party. Mr. Dickerson encourages every enterprise that makes for the advancement and prosperity of the thriving town in which he lives and is regarded as a man of high principles and a public-spirited citizen.

PERRY B. PARSLEY.

In point of continuous service, the subject of this sketch is one of the oldest business men in Carroll county, forty years having passed since he began selling goods, during which period he has devoted little of his time or attention to any other line of effort. Perry B. Parsley is a native of Missouri and dates his birth from April 8, 1856, having first seen the light of day in Caloma, Carroll county, where his parents settled many years ago.

The paternal ancestors of Mr. Parsley in this country were among the early settlers of Alabama, in which state his grandfather and father were born, the former living and dying within the bounds of his native commonwealth. Thomas Parsley, the father, went to Kentucky some time during the pioneer period and there married Susan Davidson, the daughter of a frontiersman, and later, about the year 1846, came to Missouri and entered a tract of land near Coloma, Carroll county, for which he paid the government price of twelve and a half cents per acre. Subsequently he moved to another point in Carroll county, where from time to time he secured a large amount of land which he sold and traded and in this way became quite well to do. He improved a good farm, was a successful tiller of the soil and for a number of years took an active interest in the development and growth of the section of country in which he located.

Thomas Parsley was a man of high repute, a zealous member of the Cumberland Presbyterian church in early life, but there being no local society of that denomination in the part of Carroll county where he settled he and his wife united with the regular Presbyterian church in Leslie township and continued faithful to the same to the end of their days. He was an uncompromising Republican in politics and during the late war served in the Home Guards of Carroll county, and was untiring in his efforts to preserve peace and harmony among his neighbors and friends. Some time after the death of his first wife, whose name is mentioned above, and who preceded him to the unknown country beyond the vale by twenty-one years, he married Mrs. Elizabeth Campbell Owens, who died in 1910. Mr. Parsley departed this life on November 21, 1892, and left a number of children to mourn his loss, also a large circle of relatives, neighbors and friends. By his first wife he had eight children, namely: John, a Union veteran of the Civil war, now residing in Tina; James D., of Coloma, Carroll county, who was also a Union soldier during the civil strife; Mrs. Nancy A. Little, deceased; Marietta, likewise deceased, was the wife of G. G. Hayes; William A., who lives in Tina; Perry B., of this review; Robert J., a farmer of Carroll county, and Susan (deceased), who married Nathan Moore. Mr. Parsley's second marriage resulted in four offspring, whose names are as follows: Thomas died in infancy; Fannie departed this life in childhood; Charles died at the age of eighteen, and Lavinia, the only survivor, married Neal Vaughn and lives on a part of the home place.

Perry B. Parsley was born in Carroll county and his life has been pretty closely interwoven with its subsequent history and growth. He attended

during his youth a school in a building where split saplings were used for seats, but, despite such unfavorable conditions, he applied himself closely to his studies and made commendable progress. He remained on the farm assisting his father until young manhood, when he borrowed money at twenty per cent interest with which to buy sheep. After dealing in these animals for a while and meeting with only indifferent success, he became interested in the mercantile business with his brothers, John and William, the former having opened a store at Coloma in 1865 and the latter purchasing an interest in the firm in 1875. In 1906 the stock at Coloma was exchanged for a farm, but in the meantime, with the platting and founding of Tina, the subject and his brother John opened a general store in the new town, and it was not long until they built up a lucrative business and were on the high road to prosperity. The establishment has changed hands several times since the business was started, however, but Mr. Parsley continued at the village the meanwhile or in the immediate vicinity, and, as before stated, has devoted his attention during the past forty years to his mercantile interests.

Mr. Parsley's protracted experience as a merchant has made him known throughout a large area of country, and among his friends and fellow citizens he is held in very high esteem. His dealings have always been strictly honorable and his character and integrity above criticism. Those with whom he mingles speak in praise of his many sterling qualities of mind and heart, and during a very active and useful life his aim has been to treat others as he would be treated and to exemplify in his daily walk and conversation the Christian faith which for many years he has professed. In his fraternal relations he is identified with the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons and the order of Woodmen, and in politics he is an ardent supporter of the Republican party, as are his brothers also.

On January 25, 1875, the ceremony by which Mr. Parsley and Anna Vance were united in the bonds of wedlock was duly solemnized, the latter being a daughter of Rev. Silas and Catherine (Bozzell) Vance, who moved from Indiana about 1872 and have since been honored residents of Carroll county. Mr. and Mrs. Parsley have four children, Bessie, Effie, Flossie and Birch, all living and still inmates of the parental home. In their religious belief, the subject and his wife are Baptists and zealous members of the local church to which they belong. They are greatly esteemed in the social circles of the community, take a leading part in all charitable and humanitarian enterprises, and their influence, both active and potential, has been for the good of their kind.

WILLIAM THEODORE MUNSON.

To the subject of this sketch is due the credit of being one of the most successful breeders and raisers of fine live stock not only in Carroll county, but in the western part of Missouri. He is also a prosperous farmer, a large land owner and a veteran of the Civil war, in which he served with an honorable record to uphold the cause of the national union. William Theodore Munson is a native of Hancock county, Illinois, where he was born on November 11, 1840. He comes of sturdy New England stock and traces his family to an early period in the history of Vermont, in which state his grandfather, Eliphalet Munson, was born and reared. E. P. Munson, son of Eliphalet and father of the subject, was also a native of Vermont; when quite young he removed with his parents to Hancock county, Illinois, where he grew up during the pioneer period and where in due time he married Catherine Saunders, whose family moved to Illinois from Ohio in an early day. During the latter part of their lives E. P. Munson and wife resided in the county of McDonough, where their respective deaths occurred a number of years ago. They had eight children, the subject of this sketch being the oldest of the family, the names of the others being as follows: Daniel, deceased; Mary, who married J. L. Kirkpatrick, both deceased; Lydia, wife of J. M. Butcher, of Monmouth, Illinois; Edith, now Mrs. Ed. James, of Beardstown, that state; Nora married Joseph Clark and lives at Austin, Texas; Catherine Franklin, wife of Ed. Franklin, of Houston, Texas, and Ollie, who became the wife of George Bryan and departed this life some years ago in the state of Kansas.

The early life of William Theodore Munson was spent in his native state and while a mere youth he learned by practical experience the true meaning of farm labor. In the district schools he acquired a knowledge of the common branches and until his twenty-first year he remained with his parents, assisting in cultivating the homestead. Being the oldest of the family, much of the labor of the farm fell to him and he discharged his duty with true filial devotion until 1861, when he exchanged the implements of husbandry for the death-dealing weapons of warfare. On August 2d of the year indicated young Munson entered Company H, Second Illinois Cavalry, and devoted the three years following to the cause of the Union. During that period he was with his command in several noted campaigns and a number of battles, including the engagement at Holly Springs, Mississippi, the siege and capture of Vicksburg, Banks' ill-starred expedition up the Red river, and many others.

to say nothing of numerous skirmishes, in all of which he sustained the reputation of a brave and gallant soldier who never shirked a duty, however hazardous or dangerous it might prove. During his military experience he had many narrow escapes and was frequently in situations of extreme peril. In the battle of Holly Springs his horse was shot from under him, but in this, as in all other engagements in which he participated, he came out unscathed, and at the close of the war, after three years of strenuous life and service, his body was unmarked by a single injury.

Returning to Illinois at the expiration of his period of enlistment, Mr. Munson resumed the pursuit of agriculture and was thus engaged in his native county until 1875, when he moved to Carroll county, Missouri, where he has since lived. On coming to this state he bought, near the present site of Tina, three hundred and twenty acres of land, for which he paid the sum of thirty-two hundred dollars, and at intervals since then has made the following purchases: A quarter section at sixteen hundred dollars, one hundred and sixty acres for eighteen hundred dollars, a second quarter section on which the town mentioned now stands for twenty-four hundred dollars, making the amount of real estate in his possession at one time eight hundred acres, which, at a conservative estimate, was worth at least seventy-five dollars per acre. Mr. Munson brought a portion of his fine estate to a high condition of tillage, but the greater part was devoted to pasturage, for which the land seemed peculiarly adapted. He learned that live stock was more remunerative than the raising of grain, vegetables, etc., and for a number of years gave his attention very largely to this important branch of farming, being, as already stated, one of the leading stockmen of the county and among the most successful breeders in the western part of the state. On his farm were some of the finest shorthorn cattle and registered blooded horses in this section of Missouri, but he manifested special interest in swine, his noted Fairview herd of Hampshire hogs being of as good strains of blood as can be found, many of them having taken first premiums at the various fairs and stock shows where exhibited. His fine stock farm at Tina was known throughout Missouri and other states and is frequently visited by men from near and far desirous of improving their breeds of domestic animals.

Mr. Munson is without a peer in Carroll county as a successful breeder and raiser of fine animals, and through his influence many farmers in this part of the state have been induced to improve their live stock, finding it just as easy and far more profitable to raise good animals than poor or indifferent ones. He takes a pardonable pride in his business and is entitled to much

credit for what he has done for the farmers of Carroll and adjacent counties. He is also greatly interested in his home, which he has beautified and rendered attractive at no little expenditure of time and means, and it is universally considered that his farm and improvements are among the finest and most valuable in Carroll county.

The domestic life of Mr. Munson dates from November 22, 1866, at which time was solemnized his marriage with Alice Ogle, daughter of Absalom Ogle, of Morgan county, Illinois, the union being blessed with children as follows: Charles W., a farmer residing near the village of Tina, is married and the father of one girl, who answers to the name of Forest; Flora, wife of W. J. Fox, lives near Tina, where her husband is engaged in agriculture and stock raising, their family consisting of two offspring, Ray and Geneva; Hattie F. married Ed. Parsley, of Chillicothe, Missouri, and is the mother of four children, Emma Estell, Vera and Edwin; Catherine, the fourth in order of birth, is the wife of C. F. Carleston, a jeweler of Tina, and has one daughter, Hester; Dollie, the youngest of the subject's children, died at the age of twenty-five years, leaving a vacancy in the family circle which can never be filled.

On November 14, 1883, Mr. Munson sold to the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad Company forty-nine acres of land for a town site, and after Tina was platted and the lots placed upon the markets he became the agent for selling the same. In due time he disposed of all the lots except ten, which he purchased for his own use, and in view of the favorable prospects for the railway the town grew rapidly, and since the completion of the road, in September, 1884, it has become one of the most important local stations on the line. For much of its advancement and growing importance as a trading and shipping point the village is indebted to Mr. Munson, who from the inception of the enterprise has manifested a lively interest in its progress and contributed more perhaps than any other man to make it not only an advantageous business center, but a beautiful and attractive place of residence as well. In 1899 Mr. Munson sold his farm and has since resided at Tina.

Mr. Munson is one of the influential Republicans of Carroll county and ever since becoming a citizen of this state he has exercised a strong influence in political circles and taken an active part in public affairs. Before leaving Illinois he was justice of the peace for a number of years and during the past ten years he has been trustee of his township, besides serving as a judge of the eastern district of the county court and serving one term as presiding

judge of the county court and discharging the duties of a notary public. Twenty-seven years ago he was made an Odd Fellow and from that time to the present he has been a zealous member of the order and his life a practical exemplification of its wholesome influence on human conduct. Mr. Munson ranks with the most intelligent and progressive factors of the county in which he lives and his sterling worth in every relation of life is recognized and appreciated by the large circle of friends and acquaintances with whom he mingles. Honest, upright and honorable, he has acted well his part in life and in the distant future he will be remembered as having been one of the leading men of the county honored by his citizenship.

THOMAS ALLEN SHIELDS.

The gentleman whose career is presented in the following lines is Carroll county's most extensive real estate dealer and through the medium of his business he has become widely known throughout Missouri and other central and western states. Paternally he is the scion of an old and respected family whose history in this country is traceable to the early annals of Maryland, in which state both his father and grandfather were born. The latter, whose name was James Shields, went to Kentucky in an early day and figured quite prominently in the section of the country in which he settled. He reared his family in the latter state, became one of the leading men of his community, and died many years ago, honored and esteemed by all who knew him. Hezekiah Shields, son of James and father of the subject, was an infant when his parents left Maryland. He grew up and married in Kentucky, choosing for a wife Jennie Gray, daughter of David Gray, an early settler and prominent citizen of the latter commonwealth. In 1869 Hezekiah Shields moved his family to Carroll county, Missouri, and settled near Stokes Mound, where he purchased two hundred and forty acres of land, which he lived on until his death in the spring of 1875. He was a man of high character and excellent reputation, a successful farmer and for many years a devout member of the Methodist Episcopal church. He reared a family of seven children, whose names are as follows: Lucinda, widow of Samuel Griffiths, late of Carroll county; John Wesley, of Livingston county, Missouri; Mrs. Malinda Culliver (deceased); Eliza, wife of Isaac Lewis, of Carroll county; James, a Union soldier in the late Civil war, who died two years ago, and Thomas Allen, whose name heads this article.

Thomas Allen Shields was born March 30, 1849, in Fleming county, Kentucky, and lived in his native state until reaching the years of young manhood. His early experience included the usual routine of labor on the farm during certain months of the year. He attended such schools as his county afforded, which is not speaking in very high praise of his educational advantages. He made the most of his opportunities, however, and possessing a naturally bright mind and from early childhood evincing a taste for books and study, he became in due time a widely read and remarkably well informed youth.

In 1869, when twenty years of age, he removed with the family to Carroll county, Missouri, and for some time thereafter assisted in cultivating the farm near Stokes Mound and in other ways contributed to the interest and comfort of his parents. Arriving at an age when it became necessary to begin making his own way in the world, he turned his attention to agriculture, which he followed in this county until 1902, when he went to Oklahoma with the object in view of seeking his fortune in that new and promising country. After ten months' experience there, however, he returned to Carroll county and in 1903 began dealing in real estate at Tina, where he has since resided, building up in the meantime a business of such magnitude and far-reaching importance as to place him undeniably in advance of any other man in Carroll county similarly engaged.

Mr. Shields possesses keen, practical intelligence and business capacity of a high order, which, with his broad views of men and affairs, have enabled him to take advantage of opportunities and extend his interests under circumstances which to many would have been discouraging or have resulted in failure. He has made many sales and brought about numerous deals in Carroll county real estate, which, however, is but a small part of his business, as he handles large tracts of land, improved and unimproved, in a number of states and by liberal advertising has made his name familiar throughout the West, in many parts of which he has extensive interests and a large and lucrative patronage. During the few years that he has been located at Tina he has sold more land in Carroll county and effected more exchanges of property than any other real estate dealer. At the same time his business in other parts of Missouri and in the various states where he operates has grown rapidly in volume and importance, making him today one of the leading men of his vocation in the West.

Mr. Shields has been a Republican since old enough to exercise the rights and privileges of citizenship and is recognized as one of the influential factors of his party in Carroll county. He has never sought nor desired office, but

is ready at all times to work for his friends and to make any reasonable sacrifice in their behalf. He was reared under the influence of the Methodist faith and for many years has been a faithful member of the church, as are also his wife and family.

Mr. Shields was married October 13, 1868, to Martha C. Tyler, a native of Kentucky and daughter of William and Fannie Tyler, of that state. Mr. and Mrs. Shields have ten children, the majority married and doing well at their respective vocations. The family is greatly esteemed and wherever known the name stands for honorable manhood and womanhood and a high order of citizenship.

JERRY B. STANDLEY.

The gentleman whose name introduces this review belongs to a family whose appearance in this part of the state of Missouri and the opening of Carroll county for settlement were contemporaneous events. According to the most reliable data obtainable, grandfather Standley, from Wilkes county, North Carolina, moved to this part of the state as early as 1818 and entered the land on which Carrollton now stands, and later, when the site of the seat of justice was officially selected, he donated eighty acres for a town site and other public purposes. He was one of the first permanent settlers of the county and is remembered as a man of more than ordinary energy and daring. He took an active and influential part in the development of the section of country in the vicinity of Carrollton and his name is permanently connected with the founding of the town and the early years of its history.

Uriah Standley, the father of the subject, was reared in Carroll county, and in due time became one of the leading farmers of the same. He, too, ranked among the representative men of his community and his influence in the settlement and development of the country was marked and salutary. He married, in early manhood, Harriett Lucas, who in her early years came with her parents from Kentucky, and he became the father of twelve children, the subject of this sketch being the youngest of the family. Shortly after his marriage, Uriah Standley moved to the north part of the county, where he lived until his death, in 1880.

Jerry B. Standley, whose birth occurred in Carroll county on March 30, 1855, was reared amid the inviting prospects of rural scenes and while still a mere lad learned the lessons of industry and thrift on the family homestead. In the public schools of his township he acquired a knowledge of the branches

which constituted the usual course of study and, until attaining his majority, he helped cultivate the farm and in various other ways made himself useful to his parents. Being the youngest of the family, he escaped much of the hard work incident to the development and improvement of the home place; nevertheless, he ate not the bread of idleness, but grew to the full stature of manhood with the idea ever in his mind that true success depended upon earnest effort and that idleness was very near akin to crime. Having decided to devote his life to agricultural pursuits, and early applying himself to that vocation, Mr. Standley has been successful as a tiller of the soil, having arrived at the meridian of life. After his election to the office of county treasurer, in which office he served two terms, he moved to Carrollton. Later, at the end of his second term, he purchased the elegant suburban home where he now resides. In the fall of 1910 Mr. Standley, in response to the importunities of his friends, allowed his name to be used in connection with the nomination for presiding judge of the county court and was elected to that office by a handsome majority. He is now quite well situated, with ample means to insure his future against adversity, and, like all good citizens, manifests an abiding interest in what makes for the progress of the community and the common welfare.

On the 29th of December, 1881, Judge Standley was united in marriage to Elizabeth F. Knox, whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Knox, were early settlers of Livingston county, this state. Mr. Knox came from Indiana and Mrs. Knox from Tennessee. The union resulted in the birth of four children, namely: Jennie Ethel, Alva May, Katherine E. and Fred J., all living except Ethel, who died at the age of seventeen months.

In early life Mr. and Mrs. Standley were Methodists, but of recent years they have been members of the Presbyterian church and earnest workers in the organization with which they are now identified. In his fraternal relations, Mr. Standley belongs to the Modern Woodmen, aside from which he holds membership with no other secret or benevolent order. He has never had any personal ambition for office or public distinction, nevertheless he has allowed his friends to honor him with various positions of trust and he keeps informed on the questions of the day and in touch with the times relative to matters in which the people have an interest and which concern materially their welfare. He is an honest, industrious man, who attends to his own affairs, being a typical representative of the large and eminently respectable class of citizens to whom the country is so greatly indebted for its advancement and for the prosperity which it now enjoys.

WILLIAM W. KING.

Of the merchants of Bogard, none is better known to the public, or has higher standing as a man of strict honor and integrity, than William W. King, the pioneer druggist of the city, who has been in business here for twenty-five years. During that time he has prospered and has witnessed and aided in the growth of his city. Well fitted by training before he entered business for himself, he has studied the needs and wants of his customers and has, by supplying these, benefited both them and himself, having built up from a small beginning a lucrative business.

William W. King was born in Fulton, Calloway county, Missouri, in 1857. His father was James E. King, who was born in Maryland in 1819, and died in Carroll county, Missouri, in 1884; his mother was Sara E. (Martin) King, who was born in Kentucky in 1835, and died in Bogard, Missouri, on July 14, 1910. When William was two years old his parents moved to Maryland and remained there six years, then came to Carroll county, Missouri, and in 1865 moved to the city of Carrollton. James E. King was a carpenter and built several of the best buildings in Carrollton, including the old court house. For three or four years he was an alderman from the first ward in Carrollton. All of his life he was a consistent member of the Christian church, and was also a member of the fraternal order of Odd Fellows. He was a man of strong character, much respected in his community.

When his parents were living in Carrollton, William W. King began to clerk in Mr. Rogers' drug store and was in his employ for nine or ten years. He then moved to Bogard, and after clerking in a drug store for one year, in 1885 he started in business for himself, keeping a general line of drugs, and has been here ever since. He is now the oldest druggist in the city, having been in business for a longer period of time than any who are now living in Bogard. His success has been marked, as, starting with a stock worth about two hundred dollars, he has built up the business until his stock is now worth one thousand four hundred dollars, not including the fixtures, and he is the owner of considerable real property in the town, including several lots worth one thousand five hundred dollars or more.

Mr. King was married in 1891 to Katie Day, who was born in Lewis county, Missouri, in 1871, the daughter of James Day, who is a native of Kentucky, and Ailsa Hill Day, who was born in Lewis county, Missouri.

In fraternal relations, Mr. King is a member of the Odd Fellows, and has filled all the offices of the lodge two or three times; a member of the Modern

Woodmen of America, in which order he has filled all the chairs; and was formerly a member of the Knights of Pythias and of the Knights of the Macca-bees. He is a member of the Christian church, his wife of the Baptist, and he is clerk of the church at Bogard. In politics Mr. King is a Democrat, but never sought office. He is a man whose many strong traits and companionable qualities have made for him many friends.

JOHN TERRY GRAVES.

To estimate the value of the service rendered by the country newspaper is a task of exceeding difficulty when one takes into account the many ways and manners in which such a paper renders service. It gives to the people of the neighborhood an account of the doings of their little world, fulfilling in this way its function as completely as a metropolitan daily; it brings to them a catalogue of the stores and business houses of their city or village and keeps them informed as to their facilities for service to customers; but its pre-eminent function is the leadership on questions of public interest and the shaping of public sentiment. Here the newspaper occupies a unique and almost supreme field and its power is greater than we may at first conceive. Well it is, then, that the *Bogard Dispatch* is in the hands of so able, honorable and intelligent a man as Mr. Graves, who is well qualified for the leadership of public thought, and is a man of progressive and enterprising spirit.

John Terry Graves was born in Moberly, Missouri, in 1880, the son of Sidney J. Graves, who was born in Virginia, and Ludie McCrary Graves, a native of Missouri. His father died in Bogard in 1903, at the close of a life of honor and usefulness; his mother is now living in Bogard. The parents of John T. Graves remained in Moberly until he was six years old, and then moved to several different Missouri towns during the next ten years, in 1900 locating in Bogard. Here his father established the *Bogard Dispatch*, and his son, who had learned the newspaper business at Karney, Missouri, took over the paper at his father's death and for the past seven years has been its proprietor and editor. The *Dispatch* is a paper of four seven-column pages, and has a circulation of about five hundred in the locality of Bogard. It is a sheet full of news, and has taken a prominent part in the advocacy of measures for the betterment of the community.

Mr. Graves is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America and of the Masons. In politics he is a Democrat. For many years he has been

identified with the Baptist church, in 1904 was ordained as a Baptist minister, and has preached ever since, for a time being pastor at Bogard.

A man of the highest Christian character, kindly and enterprising, Mr. Graves is in a situation where in his double capacity as editor and pastor he has a double influence in his community, and has always exerted this to bring about right living on the part of all, in all the situations of life. It is deserving that the labors of such a life shall be richly blessed.

JOHN T. BEANS.

Whenever mention is made of the capable farmers of Stokes Mound township, the name of John T. Beans comes at once to mind. His farm is not the largest in the township, but it is one of the best cultivated, and his profits to the acre are larger than those of most farmers, because of his larger yields and the care which he exercises to obtain the greatest value from the labor expended on his soil.

John T. Beans was born in Loudoun county, Virginia, on November 15, 1842. When he was four years old his parents moved to Stark county, Ohio, and he attended the district schools there until he was about thirteen years old, when his parents moved to Brown county, Illinois. His father was a shoemaker by trade, and his son John assisted him in farming until his death, and after that time carried on farming alone.

On August 8, 1860, John T. Beans enlisted in Company D, One Hundred and Nineteenth Illinois Infantry, and served until August 18, 1865, when he was mustered out. He took part in the battles of Nashville, Red River, and the Red River campaign, Pleasant Hill, Tupelo, Mississippi, and several minor engagements, and was with General Sherman after the siege of Vicksburg, during this time enduring many hardships.

In December, 1878, Mr. Beans moved to Carroll county, and located on the farm of two hundred and forty acres where he now lives. This was a partly wild and unimproved land then, but is now very well fenced with wire and hedge, and he has erected a barn thirty-eight by forty-eight, and corn crib and tool sheds, and follows general farming. His success has been marked, due to his careful methods of cultivation, which have gained for him the deserved reputation of being one of the best farmers in the township. He raises corn and hay and keeps about fifty cattle.

Mr. Beans was married to Maria Forsythe, who was born in Brown county, Illinois, in 1844. To this marriage two sons were born who are

living with their father and carrying on the farming operations: John W., who is unmarried, and Ernest, who married Lily Duncan. Mrs. Beans is a member of the Presbyterian church. Mr. Beans is a strong Republican, but never was a candidate for office. During his residence in this county Mr. Beans has manifested qualities of sturdy and substantial manhood which have gained for him the respect and esteem of those who know him, and his farming methods are the object of his neighbors' admiration.

JOHN T. MORRIS.

Selecting the law as his sphere early in life, John T. Morris, of Carrollton, has devoted his energies to that profession, ignoring other aspirations to make himself what he is today, a thorough master of legal science in all its ramifications. The common law, the statutes of Missouri, the history, progress and growth of jurisprudence, as well as the higher and more abstruse principles of equity, are all completely at his command, constituting him a leader of the bar, which position is readily conceded by his associates. As a practitioner, he is cautious, vigilant and indefatigable, contesting every point with unyielding tenacity and employing his vast store of legal knowledge in sustaining his positions and attacking those of his adversary. In argument Mr. Morris is clear, forcible, logical and convincing, his irreproachable personal character and untarnished honor giving him great weight with juries, and his known ability and learning equally impressing the bench.

Mr. Morris was born in Carroll county, Missouri, December 5, 1863, and he is the son of James Thomas and Jenetta (Hannan) Morris, the father a native of Kentucky and the mother of Virginia. The elder Morris, a successful farmer and stock man, came to Missouri when young in years and here he spent the remainder of his life, dying February 4, 1890. A man of strict integrity and splendid characteristics, he was honored and respected by all who knew him. His widow survived until about five years ago. They were the parents of three children, two of whom died in infancy, John T., of this review, being the only survivor. He was reared on the home farm and there assisted with the general work during the crop seasons, attending the district schools during the winter months, later attending the high school at Carrollton, from which institution he was graduated in 1884;



JOHN T. MORRIS

then he taught four years in the country schools and two years in the Carrollton high school, being principal of the same when he gave up educational work. He was very successful in this vocation, his services being in great demand, and had he continued in the same, there is little doubt but that he would have become one of the leading educators in northern Missouri. When in school he was valedictorian of his class, and he was especially strong in literature and history, which branches he taught here. But he seemed to have an especial bent for the law, and left the school room to begin an earnest study of the same on June 1, 1890. Making rapid progress, he was duly admitted to the bar, and in May, 1891, he formed a partnership with Ralph F. Lozier, which has continued with unabated success and ever-increasing clientele until the present time, this firm being regarded as one of the strongest and most active in this and surrounding counties, figuring in most of the important cases that have come up in the local courts during the past two decades; in fact, ever since Mr. Morris was admitted to the bar in December, 1890, he has been a very busy man, finding little time to devote to anything else but his practice. Although active in the Democratic party, he has never sought the emoluments of public office, never been a candidate for anything, although frequently solicited by his friends to serve his party in some public capacity.

The domestic life of Mr. Morris began on December 24, 1890, when he was married to Ethel Brandom, eldest daughter of John F. Brandom, a prominent Carroll county citizen. Mrs. Morris is a lady of culture and many praiseworthy characteristics which have long rendered her a favorite with a wide circle of friends. Four children have graced this union, three of whom are living: Helen is a student in the State University; Jenette and Adaline; one child died in infancy.

Mr. Morris is a member of the Baptist church, being a deacon in the same, and also treasurer. He has a very pleasant home in Carrollton, in which city he has lived continuously since the fall of 1890, and he has a fine suite of offices over the First National Bank. He is one of the native sons of the county of which she may well be proud.

JOHN W. WILLIAMSON.

The importance that attaches to the lives, character and work of the early settlers of Carroll county and the influence they have exerted upon the cause of humanity and civilization is one of the most absorbing themes that

can possibly attract the attention of the local chronicler or historian. If great and beneficent results—results that endure and bless mankind—are the proper measure of the good men do, then who is there in the world's history that may take their places above the hardy pioneer. To point out the way, to make possible our present advancing civilization, its happy homes, its arts and sciences, its discoveries and inventions, its education, literature, culture, refinement and social life and joy, is to be the truly great benefactors of mankind for all time. This was the great work accomplished by the early settlers and it is granted by all that they builded wiser than they knew. Admit that, as a rule, but few ever realized, in the dimmest way, the transcendent possibilities that rested upon their shoulders; grant it that their lives, in certain instances, were somewhat narrow and that they realized but little the great results that ultimately crowned their efforts; yet there exists the supreme fact that they followed their restless impulses, took their lives in their hands, penetrated the wilderness and, with a patient energy, resolution and self-sacrifice that stands alone and unparalleled, they worked out their allotted tasks, accomplished their destinies and today their descendants and others enjoy undisturbed the fruitage of their labors.

Prominent among the worthy representatives of the pioneer element in Carroll county is the well known gentleman to a review of whose life the attention of the reader is now invited. For many years John W. Williamson has been a forceful factor in the growth and prosperity of the vicinity adjacent to the city of Carrollton, three miles north of which he maintains his commodious and attractive home, and as such his name and reputation have extended far beyond the limits of the locality in which sixty years of his industrious and useful life have been spent.

Mr. Williamson was born June 24, 1827, in Scott county, Kentucky. His parents were John and Rachael (Tarrant) Williamson, the father a native of Ireland who emigrated to America in his youth and settled in Rockbridge county, Virginia, and there met and married Miss Tarrant, a native of the same. Later they moved to Scott county, Kentucky.

John W. Williamson grew to maturity in his native state and received such education as the old-time schools afforded, which was not extensive. He came to Missouri in 1851 and located in Carroll county. Before leaving his native state he had studied medicine at Covington and Newport, but he never practiced his profession, believing that the free life of the husbandman was more to his tastes and equally attractive from a remunerative standpoint. When he came here the country was sparsely settled and only partly developed and he has lived to see and take part in the wonderful growth of the same,

having spent practically all his time in Carroll township, with the exception of the years from 1864 to 1866 in Nebraska, since emigrating to this state, and he has followed general agricultural and stock raising pursuits since taking up his residence here. He has developed an excellent farm which he has kept well improved and well tilled.

Mr. Williamson was married in October, 1859, to Mary C. Smith, who was born in Marion county, Missouri, June 4, 1836. She is still living, having spent practically all of her life in the vicinity of Carrollton, to which city her parents moved when she was six months old.

To Mr. and Mrs. Williamson six children have been born, namely: Hugh, who lives on a farm in Carroll township; Anna died in infancy; John I. lives in Kansas City; Mary married W. J. Wise, of Carlisle, Kentucky; Charles is living at home; Fannie is deceased.

Mr. and Mrs. Williamson are worthy members of the Christian church and, politically, Mr. Williamson is a Democrat, but he has never been a public man, though he has kept well posted on current matters and has always supported such measures as made for the general upbuilding of his county whose interests he has had at heart from his earliest residence here.

JOHN W. MINNIS.

One of the foremost business men of Bogard is John W. Minnis, whose furniture store and undertaking establishment is thoroughly up-to-date and equal to similar enterprises located in much larger cities. He has for some time been identified with the interests of the community, and has witnessed and aided in its development, taking active part in whatever has promised to be of benefit to the public.

John W. Minnis was born in Sullivan county, Missouri, in 1863. His father was Thomas Dee Minnis, who was born in 1829 in Saline county, Missouri, was a pioneer of that county, and who passed through Carroll county when there was only one house between Carrollton and Chillicothe. His father was at one time sheriff of Linn county, and died in 1852, while crossing the plains with his son Thomas. Thomas Dee Minnis married Elizabeth Bingham, who was born in Tennessee in 1836. When John W. was an infant his parents moved to Iowa, and lived there for one year, then came to Trotter township, Carroll county, where his father and his father's brother-in-law, a Mr. Smith, bought a large tract of land. Here Thomas Dee Minnis lived

until 1890, when he bought a farm south of Mandeville, Carroll county, which he later sold and moved to Oklahoma, but after his wife's death, which occurred in 1904, he returned to Carroll county, where he is now living.

John W. Minnis lived with his parents until 1888, in March of which year he was married to Allie Brown, who was born in Carroll county, in March, 1867. She was the daughter of Theodore Brown, a native of Germany, who died in 1894, and Mary E. Falke Brown, who was born in Germany, and died in 1907. After marriage Mr. Minnis farmed in Leslie and Van Horn townships until 1898, and also bought and shipped stock. In that year he started his present business in Bogard, keeping a general line of furniture and undertaking supplies. He began with a stock worth five hundred dollars, and has gradually increased his business until he now carries a three thousand five hundred dollar stock. His undertaking work is highly spoken of and since 1899 he has been a licensed embalmer. There is no other undertaking shop in Bogard. Mr. Minnis still carries on operations on his eighty-acre farm in Van Horn township, following here general farming and stock raising.

In politics Mr. Minnis is a Democrat. Fraternally he has been a member of Bogard Lodge of Masons for twenty-six years, has been master two years, and has filled all the chairs; he has been a member for ten years of Bogard Lodge No. 463 of Odd Fellows, and has filled all the offices in this as well as in the camp of Modern Woodmen of America; he is also a member of the Knights of the Maccabees. He and his family are members of the Christian church and he was formerly superintendent of the Sunday school, and for a short time an elder. His children are: Pearl I., who is a graduate of the Bogard high school and is now attending a ladies' college at Lexington, Missouri; Herman T., who is assisting his father and attending school; and Jessie May, in school.

Mr. Minnis is well known in the community and highly esteemed. He is a successful business man and farmer and a man whose many companionable traits have won for him friends.

CHARLES E. SHARTZER.

For several years brought by official position into contact with most of the citizens of the community, and having been for a long time a resident of the township, Mr. Shartzter is well known about Bogard as a man of character and influence, who has always lent his aid to advance the interests of the community in every way.

Charles E. Shartzter was born in Dauphin county, Pennsylvania, on September 26, 1861, the son of Jacob and Christina Shartzter, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania, and both now deceased. When Charles was one year old his parents moved to Sangamon county, Illinois, where they lived for eight years, then moved to Moultrie county, Illinois. Charles followed farming there until 1896, and then moved to Carrollton township, Carroll county, Missouri, and was a farmer there for three years, continuing farming until 1902, at which he had been successful and accumulated some property. In 1902 he moved to Bogard, and was appointed postmaster by President McKinley, serving for eight years and one month. During this time four rural free delivery routes were established from Bogard and the business of this fourth-class office increased one-third during his incumbency. Since leaving the postoffice, where he was very competent, he has been a writer of fire insurance.

In 1887, Mr. Shartzter was married to Grace Wood, who was born on July 4, 1869. To this marriage seven children have been born, all of whom are at home. Lester C., the oldest, is a clerk in a store at Bogard. The other children are Oscar L., Velma, Christina and Marion J., who are in school, and Marvin and Maurine, twins. Mr. Shartzter is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America and has been their clerk for eight years. His religious affiliations are with the Methodist church, South, of which he has been a trustee for six years, and for about ten years at different times superintendent of the Sunday school. In politics he is a Republican, has held the township offices of clerk and assessor, and takes active part in county politics. He is a strong temperance advocate. Mr. Shartzter is a musician of ability and ever since he was eighteen years old has been leading choirs in different churches, thus becoming an expert in this work. Of strong and upright Christian character, against whose honor and integrity no shadow has ever rested, he is much esteemed and respected by the many people who know him.

JOHN PARSLEY.

The present sketch is the interesting record of the life of a man who has passed through many hardships in the pioneer days, but who finally reached a position of wealth and of influence in his neighborhood, John Parsley, who was born on December 23, 1841, near Memphis, Tennessee. Thomas Parsley, his father, was born in Alabama on January 5, 1817, and died on November

14, 1891. He served a year in the Florida war, and then returned to Alabama. Later making a visit to one of his war comrades, John L. Davidson, he met Susannah Davidson, and on meeting her again in Tennessee, he was married to her, and eighteen months later they started to Missouri. For two years he worked as an overseer of slaves on a farm above Memphis, and there John was born. A year after John's birth the family started for Carroll county, Missouri, but stopped at the lead mines in southeastern Missouri, where Thomas Parsley worked in the tower house for six months, and then went to Osage county. In July, 1845, they again headed for Carroll county, and on August 15, 1845, arrived at Osborn Anderson's, on Spring branch of Grand river. Here Thomas Parsley rented a small farm of a Mr. Fleetwood, and lived there two years, then, moving three miles west and south of the present location of Coloma, he entered forty acres, borrowing the fifty dollars to enter the same from William Miles, with Clelland Caskey as security. He built a log house, covered with clapboards, with puncheon floor and stick chimney, the house chinked and daubed with mud, and having but one door of split boards, and no ceiling. That winter he went to the Missouri river bottoms and cut cordwood for Noah Woolsey at seventy-five cents per cord until he made enough to pay back the borrowed fifty dollars. Meantime his wife and two sons had a hard time to keep themselves and their one horse and one cow alive. They lived on this farm two and one-half years, when Thomas sold it for two hundred and twenty-five dollars in gold and silver, and bought eighty acres of Hiram McCall, paying two hundred and seventy-five dollars. He borrowed a yoke of oxen and made rails and loaded them on a wagon, and John and his mother helped to build the fence and unload the rails. The only meat they had to eat was obtained when Thomas would hunt and kill deer or turkey. On that farm, which was later the site of Coloma, they lived for three years, and in the fall of 1854 sold it for seven hundred and twenty-five dollars.

Thomas Parsley now bought eighty acres of tax title land for one hundred and fifty dollars; then, the homestead law coming into force, he entered under it eighty acres at twelve and one-half dollars per acre, and eighty farther west at one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre. In 1855 he started with two wagons and teams for Pike's Peak, but did not go through. On July 20, 1861, he and his son John, with thirty others, enlisted and went to Lexington to hold the place against General Price, but remained there but a short time. Mrs. Susanah Parsley, who was born in Kentucky in 1819, died in Carroll county, Missouri, on November 15, 1869. She was the mother of the following children: Sarah Ann, who died in infancy; John; James D., born on

December 11, 1843; Nancy, born in 1848; Nettie, in 1850; William A., on March 14, 1853; Perry B., on April 8, 1856; and Robert J. Some time after her death Thomas Parsley married Lizzie Campbell, who bore him three children, Charles, Fannie and Lovie. Thomas Parsley lived to a respected old age, dying in 1891.

In September, 1861, John Parsley enlisted in Company G, Merrill's Horse, which became in 1862 the Second Missouri Cavalry. In October, 1861, he became sick with typhoid pneumonia and was sent to Benton Barracks hospital, where he remained until the latter part of January, 1862, when he was sent to Sedalia to rejoin his regiment, but as it was not there when he arrived, was sent back to general headquarters at Jefferson City, and took the mumps. Here he remained two weeks, and started to reach his regiment at Columbia, but after four days was pronounced ill with smallpox, and was sick for thirteen weeks. He had been made company clerk, and served in that capacity when not in the hospital. At Little Rock, Arkansas, he was sick with typhoid pneumonia for two months, and coming home on hospital furlough, remained there all winter. He took part in the battles of Lexington, Kirksville, Boonville, Brownsville, Arkansas, Bayou Metra, Little Rock, Red River, Saline River, and minor skirmishes, and was mustered out at Little Rock, Arkansas, on October 12, 1864. After being mustered out he was commissioned by Governor Fletcher second lieutenant, Company C, Missouri State Militia, which commission he held till peace was declared.

Having returned from the army, John Parsley was married, on December 8, 1864, to Nancy E. Little, who was born in Cooper county, Missouri, on January 19, 1841. She was the daughter of Jonas Little, who was born in Tennessee, and Mary Little, a native of Cooper county. Her parents were married in Cooper county, moved from there to Carroll county in 1850, and entered eighty acres on Big creek, on which they spent the remainder of their lives. John Parsley, after his marriage, bought a farm of one hundred and twenty-four acres, on which he lived for about two years, and then went into the mercantile business in Coloma, first in partnership with Doctor Rogers, who sold out to Doctor Dice, whose interest was purchased by William A. and Perry B. Parsley, brothers of John, and the three ran the store until the town of Tina was built. After that John Parsley was in business at Tina for several years until 1908, when he retired, having been successful. He owns a fine residence, a brick store building in Tina, and ten acres of land near. For fourteen years he was postmaster at Coloma, and for seven years at Tina.

Fraternally, Mr. Parsley is a member of the Odd Fellows at Tina, in which lodge he has filled all the chairs, and he was formerly an active Mason.

He and his wife are members of the Methodist church, North, and he has been a trustee of the local congregation since its organization, and has been a deacon and elder and filled minor offices. A member of Fred Miller Post of the Grand Army of the Republic at Tina, he has filled the chairs. In politics he is a Republican, and has served as township treasurer and collector and was for four years justice of the peace. He is a man of strong Christian character, and is one of the esteemed and influential citizens of Tina.

Mr. and Mrs. Parsley are the parents of the following children: Addie Belle, born on September 16, 1865, died in infancy; Emma Jane, born on April 11, 1867, married John Evans, and is now deceased; Nevy Doll, born on August 8, 1868, married Julius Murphy, and lives in Chillicothe, Missouri; Peter Allen, born on March 9, 1870, married Rose Hanner, and lives in Chillicothe; Harry Reed, born on September 17, 1871, married Bertha Barnett, and lives in Lincoln, Nebraska; Eddy, born on March 22, 1873, married Hattie Munson, and lives in Chillicothe; Mary Susan, born January 30, 1875, married Abe Simpson, and lives in Ridge township; Oma, born on July 4, 1877, is married and lives in Herman, Nebraska; Ernest, born February 10, 1880, married Myrtle Carter, and lives in Bucklin, Missouri. Willie Evans, the son of Emma Jane (Parsley) Evans, was raised by his grandparents after his mother's death.

STEPHEN W. GRACE.

The history of a county or state, as well as that of a nation, is chiefly a chronicle of the lives and deeds of those who have conferred honor and dignity upon society. The world judges the character of a community by those of its representative citizens and yields its tribute of admiration and respect to those whose works and actions constitute the record of a state's prosperity and pride. Among the prominent and highly honored citizens of Carroll county of a past generation, who became well known because of their success in private business affairs and the part they took in public matters, was the late Stephen W. Grace, whose long, active and eminently useful life resulted in incalculable good to the people of Carrollton and vicinity.

Mr. Grace was a native of Hampshire county, West Virginia, where he first saw the light of day on September 1, 1837, and there he grew to maturity and was educated in the public schools. When thirty years of age he emigrated to Missouri and settled in Livingston county, and later, in 1881, he came to Carrollton where he resided until his death, on March 31, 1907.

In a business way Mr. Grace was very successful, having been a man of indomitable energy, good judgment and honesty. The major part of his business life was spent as proprietor of a grocery store, which he managed in a manner that always insured him an extensive trade and he was always identified with the material, as well as the moral and educational, interests of the community, being an advocate of whatever tended to the general good. Before coming to Carrollton he had united with the Methodist church, South, and during the years of his residence had been a faithful and consistent member of that church, which will long greatly miss his counsel and his help.

Prior to his coming to Missouri Mr. Grace was united in marriage with Frances L. Blue, who, with three daughters, Mrs. John Haines, of Muskogee, Oklahoma, Mrs. Luther Minnis and Miss John Schramm, of Carrollton, and one son, Skip, survive him, the son being a successful and enterprising merchant in Carrollton.

Thus has passed one of the exceptional men of the community—a man without enemies, who lived honestly and uprightly, who thought and acted from a heart overflowing with love for the Master and his fellowmen, that which he knew to be right, and his going has left in the business and religious world a vacancy which will be hard to fill.

O. F. TODD.

The present review is of the life of a man who is known not only in Carroll county, but in the greater part of the state where his profession calls him. He is a member of the guild of auctioneers, and has by his ability in this line become widely known and much in demand. The stockmen of Missouri have all heard of Colonel Todd, and many of them know him personally, while his unique and efficient methods of conducting his sales are at once the envy and the despair of other members of his profession.

O. F. Todd was born in Livingston county, Missouri, on September 9, 1868, on the farm where he lived until 1903. He attended school in Livingston and Carroll counties, and remembers that at the time of his school days the country all about was open prairie, unbroken and unfenced. This land now is improved and worth one hundred dollars per acre. The parental homestead was situated on the line between Carroll and Livingston counties. His parents were Jasper Todd, who was born in Howard county, Missouri, of Irish and English ancestry on his mother's side, and German and English ancestry

on his father's, and Martha Stevens Todd, whose parents were born in Kentucky, her father of Irish descent and her mother of English. They were married at St. Joseph, Missouri, in 1849, and are the parents of the following living children: William Davis, of Hale, Carroll county, Missouri; Rebecca Ellen, of Grundy county, Missouri; Jasper, Jonathan, and Mary Frances, of Carroll county, and O. F., all of whom are married. The week after his marriage Jasper Todd moved to Howard county, Missouri, and after four years there removed to Livingston county, where his family was brought up. He died in 1873 on the home farm, and his wife remained there the rest of her life, dying at the home of her son John in 1908. She had come to Missouri when seven years old.

O. F. Todd was married to Allie M. Anderson, whom he met first at the neighborhood parties which he attended. She was the daughter of William Anderson, a native of Illinois, and Louisa Strickler Anderson, a native of Pennsylvania, and was born on an Illinois farm, from which her parents moved when she was nine months old to Missouri, and when she was seven or eight years old her parents moved to a farm adjoining the home of Jasper Todd, in Carroll county. Her marriage to Mr. Todd took place in Carroll county on June 16, 1889, and she has borne to him two children, Ina Jane, born on August 23, 1891, and Frances Ellen, born on July 11, 1894.

After marriage Mr. Todd remained on the home farm for thirteen years. Although he was born in Livingston county, it was just across the county line, and he has been practically a resident of Carroll all his life. He located on a farm of four hundred and twenty acres in Stokes Mound township, in 1902, which he worked on the shares, receiving one-half the product, and also took charge of a part of his father's farm. In 1903 the owner of the farm sold it and Mr. Todd came to Bogard and began auctioneering and buying mules. In this he has been very successful, and in 1909 broke the record in the United States, as far as known, for the number of sales cried, and the amount of stock sold, having cried the biggest sale in the shortest time, and indeed most of his sales are cried in correspondingly quick time. His business of crying sales extends over this section of the state, embracing particularly Carroll, Livingston, Grundy and Ray counties, and he also makes good money buying mules, which he ships to St. Louis, the largest horse and mule market in the world. He owns property in Bogard, and has a half interest in a restaurant and meat market there.

Colonel Todd, as he is known because of his profession, is a member of the Masons, the Odd Fellows and the Modern Woodmen lodges in Bogard, and of the Knights of Pythias lodge in Hale, and has filled many of the offices

in all of these except the Knights of Pythias. He, his wife and daughter are members of the Eastern Star. In politics he is a Democrat, and served for four years as deputy sheriff under George Magee. In 1908 he received the nomination for sheriff of Carroll county on the Democratic ticket, but was defeated in the election. Colonel Todd is a jovial and agreeable companion, and has many friends wherever he is known. In his chosen vocation he is without a superior in his section of the state, and perhaps in the country, for which reason his services are constantly in demand.

GEORGE E. STANLEY.

It is rarely that one family is so much concerned in the business enterprises of a town as are the members of the Stanley family in Wakenda. Business men of sound judgment, in whom the people have confidence to the fullest extent, they have done many things for the advancement of their community and have made their influence felt in all departments of its activities. Certainly their father made to his neighborhood the greatest gift in the power of man to make, when he brought to it his stalwart sons, who have since taken a prominent part in all its affairs.

George E. Stanley was born in Whitley county, Indiana, on February 1, 1848, the son of John A. and Dorothy (Hooper) Stanley, both of whom were natives of Wilkes county, North Carolina. His parents moved from Miami county, Indiana, to Carroll county, Missouri, in October, 1865, driving through in a wagon, and settled on a farm about two and one-half miles west of Wakenda, where Mrs. Stanley died on May 5, 1888, at the age of seventy-nine. John A. Stanley survived until July 22, 1900, when, on a farm two miles south of Wakenda, he breathed his last, at the age of eighty-nine. Both he and his wife were active members of the Methodist church and were true Christians. Mr. Stanley farmed all his life, and found it very profitable, as well as agreeable. No citizen of Carroll county was more respected on account of the goodness and strength of his character than was he. He and his wife were the parents of twelve children, six of whom died in Indiana. The six who came to Missouri were James H., Thomas F. (see his sketch), John M., George E., Henry C. (see his sketch) and Nancy E., the widow of Samuel Marsh.

George E. Stanley was the ninth in this family of twelve. On February 26, 1864, at the age of sixteen, he enlisted in Company G, One Hundred and

Twenty-ninth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and served until September 13, 1865, when he was mustered out of the service. At Lovejoy Station, near Atlanta, Georgia, he received a wound in his left hip. His record was that of a consistently brave and reliable soldier. Soon after leaving the army he came with his parents to Carroll county, Missouri, arriving in November, 1865, and he has since been a resident of the county. For many years Mr. Stanley made his home with his parents, and followed farming, which he found attractive, pleasant and lucrative. He now owns one hundred acres in Eugene township, highly improved land. In politics he has always been active in township and county affairs, working with the Republican party, and for fifteen years he held the office of township clerk and assessor in Eugene township. Then, in 1894, he was elected sheriff of Carroll county, and served two years with general satisfaction. Mr. Stanley is now secretary and treasurer of the Wakenda Elevator Company, but devotes the most of his attention to the Bank of Wakenda, of which he has been cashier since January 1, 1907, and for whose success and sound rating he is largely responsible. He is a member of the Odd Fellows, and is one of the active members of the fast diminishing Grand Army of the Republic. Both he and his wife were active in the Methodist church.

On January 6, 1897, in Eugene township, George E. Stanley was married to Dora Ellen Booker, who was born in Hamburg, Iowa, the daughter of Jasper and Jane Booker. They were the parents of one son, Cleon E. Mrs. Stanley, after a few years of faithful and happy married life, died in Wakenda, on April 18, 1906, at the age of thirty-eight.

The record which Mr. Stanley has made in life has been an honorable and enviable one, from the time of his early enlistment in the army of his country to his present peaceful service in the interests of the people of that country. Successful financially, he has won also that higher success which is measured by character, and has gained the unqualified esteem and respect of the people of his community.

CAPT. WILLIAM S. SNOW.

The present generation of Americans know little of the conditions which existed during the Civil war, that great struggle which tried the men and women of this nation in the early sixties. This is a peaceful generation and

they are familiar neither with the thrill and the carnage of battle, nor with the awful suspense in which those lived who stayed at home, but who had loved ones away on the field of danger. Perhaps woman's part in that struggle was after all the hardest to bear. But certainly the soldier's life brought out the stuff of which men are made, or revealed its absence. Captain Snow had an excellent record in that war, having risen by merit from the ranks to the command of a company; the war developed him, and since he has lived a life of honor and usefulness.

William S. Snow was born in Louisville, Kentucky, on January 12, 1840, the son of Isham and Mary (Spencer) Snow, both natives of Kentucky, who moved to Marion county, Indiana, lived there a short time, and then removed to Franklin county, Missouri, in 1859, where they lived during the Civil war. Later they moved to Pulaski county, Missouri, where Mrs. Snow died, while Mr. Snow died in Laney county, Missouri. They were the parents of thirteen children, of whom William was one of the oldest. He came with his parents to Franklin county, and has since been a resident of the state. On July 21, 1861, he enlisted in Company K, Eleventh Missouri Infantry, was soon promoted to sergeant, then to first sergeant, was commissioned as second lieutenant, and at the close of the war returned home as a captain in command of his company, he having been commissioned a captain, but not mustered. Having won his promotion by meritorious service as a soldier in the different capacities to which he was assigned. His service was with the Army of the Tennessee in its various campaigns, and lasted until January 15, 1866. On returning from the army, he went back to Franklin county and engaged in farming there for two years, then moved to Pulaski county, where he lived until 1877, when he came to Eugene township, Carroll county, and has since resided there. The greater part of his attention has been given to farming, in which he has been successful.

Captain Snow was married on April 21, 1864, to Sarah Lewis, a native of Wales, who was brought to this country by her parents when only seven months old. Captain and Mrs. Snow are active workers in the Methodist church, and are both esteemed as true Christians. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic. Captain Snow has always taken a prominent part in affairs of public interest, has shown much public spirit, and in politics has acted with the Republican party. A man of strong purpose and will, of honor and integrity without question, he is highly respected by the people of his neighborhood.

HENRY HERMAN.

The career of the gentleman whose life is briefly outlined in this sketch affords a striking example of the possibilities within the reach of every young man of well defined purposes and which, if properly utilized, never fail to lead to success and fortune. Coming to the United States from a foreign land, with no capital and no friends to intercede for him, he literally began at the foot of the ladder, but by a persistence which hesitated at no obstacle he gradually surmounted the many difficulties in his way and, mounting round by round, in due time reached the eminence of success which he today occupies and which has made him a conspicuous and influential factor in the business interests of the thriving town which is proud to claim him as a citizen. Henry Herman is a son of Peter and Marguerite (Schmidt) Herman, both of whom lived and died in the fatherland. The youthful years of the subject were spent in his native country and after receiving the usual training in the public schools, he turned his attention to blacksmithing and, while still young, became quite proficient in his line. In 1864 he bade adieu to the land of his birth and came to the United States, making the voyage in a sailing vessel which was eleven weeks in arriving at New York city, its destination. From there young Herman went to Canada, where he spent the ensuing two years at his trade, and at the expiration of that time came to Missouri, locating in Saline county in April of the year 1874.

Mr. Herman operated a blacksmith, wagon and general repair shop at Gilliam, in the above county, of which town he was the founder. In addition to his shop he erected, in April, 1878, a dwelling house on the present town site and it was not long until others moved to the locality and purchased property, so that within a few years quite a thriving village sprang into existence. Mr. Herman's establishment met a long-felt want in the community and was extensively patronized by the farmers of a large area of surrounding territory. He built up a large and lucrative patronage, became widely known as an industrious and skillful mechanic and also enjoyed marked prestige as a public spirited citizen and man of affairs. When Bosworth was started in 1889, he moved to that town and established a blacksmith shop which he operated in connection with the implement business, in both of which lines he was highly successful. He continued business as he originally began until 1905, when he sold his shop and since that date has devoted his attention to his large and growing commercial interests, which now include all kinds of farming implements and machinery, a full line of hardware, coal, seed, lumber and building materials. From a modest beginning he has gradually enlarged the scope of

his operations until he now leads the trade in the several lines which he represents, his establishment being one of the largest and most successful of the kind in Carroll county.

Mr. Herman possesses business ability of a high order and is a man of unusual discernment and sagacity. As stated in a preceding paragraph, he began his career in this country alone and unfriended, and for the remarkable success which has attended his efforts and made him one of the leading citizens of Bosworth, he is indebted to nothing but his own efforts, energy, sound judgment and well matured business capacity. He has been an influential factor in the affairs of Bosworth ever since becoming a citizen of the town, having been four times elected mayor, besides serving for a number of years on the school board and filling various other local offices. Politically he is a Republican and as such wields a strong influence for his party, both as a judicious counsellor and active worker. Religiously, he is a Methodist and with his wife belongs to the local church in Bosworth, of which he is a liberal supporter. He was made an Odd Fellow in 1876 and since that time has been active in upholding the principles of the order and from time to time has been honored with important official positions in the lodge at Bosworth.

Mr. Herman was happily married on June 16, 1873, to Louisa Schoeder, of Chicago, who was born in Germany, but came to this country when young and spent a number of years in the Illinois metropolis. Mr. and Mrs. Herman are the parents of four children, the oldest of whom, a son, died at the age of four years. Henry, the second of the family, is married and the father of two children. He is associated with his father and is one of the leading young business men of Bosworth. Louisa, the third in order of birth, married P. E. Raber and lives in the city of Chicago, where her husband is in business; Walter, the youngest of the number, is also married and in business with his father, having charge of the lumber interests of the firm.

ANDREW J. WEST.

It is hard and almost useless to try to form an estimate of the value of a human life. No one save he who has lived the life knows the motives which have prompted his actions, and actions seemingly good many times have been prompted by base motives, while those that we adjudge base would often appear different did we know the motives and causes which actuated them and the circumstances surrounding. Then there is no adequate standard by which a life can be judged. There is a tendency today to measure success by the

accumulation of money, yet all recognize that such a standard is not the highest; another standard is the gaining of station and power, yet, though these are usually the result of service to the common good, often they are not, and if a true standard could be adopted and applied, perhaps many a person whom the world now considers weak and lowly and even condemns, would stand higher than those whom it praises.

Andrew J. West was born in McLean county, Illinois, on March 4, 1867, the son of William and Maria (Wilson) West. William West came to Ray county, Missouri, in the fall of 1867, and there located, where he remained until his death, in 1886, at the age of sixty-one. His wife was born in 1833, and died in Wakenda, Missouri, in April, 1901. Mr. and Mrs. West were respected in the community in which they lived as among the people of strength and influence. They were the parents of seven children, of whom Andrew J. West was the sixth. He was reared in Ray county, and lived there until he was twenty-one. In 1893 he came to Wakenda, of which town he has since been a resident for the greater portion of the time. For about eight years he was engaged in the saloon business at Wakenda. During his residence here he has made many acquaintances and friends and is one of the well known citizens of the town, being much interested in public affairs.

On December 18, 1895, in Ray county, Missouri, Mr. West was married to Daisy D. Griffith, who is a native of Howard county, Missouri. They are the parents of two children, Raymond M. and Charles L., who died on July 23, 1909, when he was seventeen months old.

WILLIAM S. RUCKEL.

In the present sketch mention is made of one of the oldest citizens of DeWitt, a man who has had much experience in life and who has for many years served the people of DeWitt in different public capacities. As postmaster, as justice of the peace and as county judge he has looked after their interests faithfully and has gained the respect of many who are glad to honor him. Now, at an age far beyond that allotted to man, he can look back over his past life and consider it, while not in all things just as he would have had it, yet one well and wisely spent and one which has been of much use to his fellows.

William S. Ruckel was born in Columbia county, Pennsylvania, on January 26, 1827, the son of Jacob Ruckel, who was a native of Pennsylvania, and of Martha (Hazlett) Ruckel, a native of New Jersey. His parents were much respected residents of Columbia county, where they died.



WILLIAM S. RUCKEL

William S. was the second of a family of five children. At the age of eighteen he was apprenticed to learn the foundry trade, serving for three years. After learning his trade he moved to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and worked there for four years, then worked in Baltimore, Maryland, for six years. While living in Baltimore he was married, on April 8, 1852, to Sarah B. Northam, who was born in Middlesex county, Virginia, on October 7, 1827. In 1857 they moved to Carroll county, Missouri, and purchased land in Harrison township, on which they settled in 1861, and lived there until 1867, when they came to DeWitt township, and remained on a farm there until 1883. Mr. Ruckel was a careful and painstaking farmer, found this occupation profitable, and is now the owner of two hundred acres of land, one hundred and fifty of which are located in Carroll county.

In 1883 Judge Ruckel moved to DeWitt, where he has since lived. In 1880 he had been elected county judge, and in 1882 was re-elected, serving four years and giving general satisfaction. In politics he has always been a strong Republican. For ten years he served as justice of the peace, and for twenty years he was postmaster of DeWitt. For many years he has been a member of the Baptist church. In all his relations with the public Judge Ruckel has appeared a courteous, accommodating gentleman, ever mindful of the interests of others and of the duties of his office, and, being a man of strong individuality, he has had his full share of influence in the development of the town of DeWitt.

On May 8, 1861, William S. Ruckel enlisted in Company D, Third Regiment United States Reserve Corps, and served under General Lyon. Later he served in the state militia and other military organizations.

Mr. and Mrs. Ruckel are the parents of three children: Henry, of Saline county, Missouri; Anna, who was the wife of Frank Gordon and died in DeWitt; and Alexander S., of Carrollton, Missouri. His sons occupy honorable positions in their localities. Certainly such a life as that of Judge Ruckel is one which should be interesting and inspiring to the young, because of his many-sided success.

TORRENCE L. CRANE.

A successful attorney at law and dealer in real estate at Bosworth, Torrence L. Crane was born in Carroll county, Missouri, July 18, 1874. His family is of English descent and has been represented in this country since the

colonial period. His grandfather, George C. Crane, was born in New York, of English parents, and in an early day moved to Indiana, where he lived for a number of years and where in early life he was known as a brave and daring pioneer. Disposing of his interests in that state late in life, he moved to Missouri, where he spent the remainder of his days. John F. Crane, father of the subject, was a native of Indiana and by occupation a farmer. He served in Company G, Sixty-seventh Indiana Infantry, during the late Civil war and about three years after its close he moved to Carroll county, Missouri, and purchased a farm, on which he lived until his death in 1896. Ollie M. Cline, wife of John F. Crane and mother of Torrence L. Crane, was born in Pike county, Illinois, and is still living on the homestead in Carroll county, where the family originally settled. She bore her husband five children, namely: Nora, wife of Thomas Newsome, of Carroll county; Torrence L., of this review; Berton M., who lives on the home farm; Earl, who occupies a part of the same place and also one who died in infancy.

Torrence L. Crane was educated in the common schools and after having graduated from the Carrollton high school in 1894, devoted the ensuing three years to teaching. He achieved distinctive success as an educator and, had he continued in the work, would doubtless have attained high rank among the leading school men of his county and state. He had other and far different plans for his future, however, and at the expiration of the period indicated he carried out a resolution which he had formed some years previously, by taking up the study of law, to which he applied himself so assiduously that in 1898 he was admitted to the Carroll county bar and began the practice of his profession at Carrollton. Mr. Crane became a resident of Bosworth in 1902 and has made the town his home ever since. After maintaining an office at the former place for six months, he decided to transfer it to Bosworth and since doing so he has built up quite a lucrative professional business, in connection with which he deals extensively in real estate, in which his success has been very gratifying.

Mr. Crane is a man of energy and applies himself very closely to any matter of business he has in hand. Although but recently admitted to the bar, his practice has steadily advanced until now he has quite a large clientele at Bosworth and elsewhere, and in the matter of real estate his business is growing rapidly in magnitude and importance. He is a very busy man and has achieved well merited success, both professionally and financially, and, judging by the past, it is eminently proper to bespeak for him a continuance of his success and good fortune with each succeeding year. He is one of the influential Republican leaders of Carroll county and in 1908 was his party's candi-

date for representative, but, owing to the normally large majority of the opposition, failed of election with the rest of the ticket. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity and Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in both of which he has held important offices, being at this time master of Bosworth Lodge No. 597, of the former fraternity. In matters religious the Baptist church represents his belief, being, with his wife, an active and consistent member of the local church at Bosworth and a liberal contributor to its support, also to the propagation of the general work of the denomination in this country and in foreign lands.

Mr. Crane is a married man and the head of an agreeable family circle, consisting of two interesting children besides himself and wife. His marriage took place on the 12th day of May, 1903, and the lady who then exchanged her name for the one she has since honorably worn, was Miss Mary Ord, daughter of Robert Ord, of Carroll county. As stated above, the union has been blessed with two children, Harrold V. and Ernest L., whose presence adds greatly to the interest and happiness of the household.

JOHN E. CREEL.

Few among the citizens of Wakenda are better known than is Mr. Creel, the efficient manager of the W. E. Thomas Lumber Company, one of the leading business enterprises of the town. Ever since his young manhood he has been employed in the lumber business, and is thoroughly familiar with all kinds of lumber and with every department of the operation of a retail business. Being a man much interested in his community, he has taken part, so far as he could, in all enterprises which promised its improvement.

John E. Creel was born in Adair county, Kentucky, on December 28, 1848, the son of Simeon and Martha (Elliott) Creel, both of whom were natives of Kentucky. They came to Carroll county in 1851, and settled about ten miles northwest of Carrollton in Trotter township. Here Mrs. Creel died in 1864, at the age of forty-four. Mr. Creel removed to Carrollton in 1873, and died there in 1902, at the age of eighty-five.

John E. Creel, the fifth of nine children, was only three years old when his parents came to Carroll county, and he was reared in Trotter township, attending the schools there and engaging in farming. In 1873 he came to Carrollton and obtained employment in the lumber and implement business with W. S. Crouch for seven years, then worked for the McDonald Lumber

Company for three years, then, in the spring of 1883, removed to Norborne, Missouri, and took charge of the business of the Badger Lumber Company there for about ten years. He then returned to Carrollton and was with W. S. Crouch for a year, in 1895 moving to Wakenda, where he has since had full charge as manager for the W. E. Thomas Company of their retail lumber business here, in which capacity he has given satisfaction, both to his employers and to their customers, being a valuable man in this situation.

Mr. Creel was married in Carroll county, Missouri, on September 27, 1868, to Fannie Allen, a daughter of Thomas and Martha Allen, who was born in Kentucky in 1851. Her parents were early settlers of Carroll county. Mr. and Mrs. Creel are the parents of four children: Mollie married Otho Wheat, and died at Hale, Missouri, in July, 1907, when about thirty-two years old; Mattie is the wife of A. F. Jenkins; Robert and Jarvis are the sons of the family. Mr. and Mrs. Creel are members of the Missionary Baptist church. He is a member of the fraternal order of Odd Fellows.

A plain, sturdy and substantial citizen, who has done his duty wherever called upon, Mr. Creel has many friends in his county and is respected for his true worth. He has always taken much interest in his home and his family.

CHARLES E. GORMAN.

Among the prominent and influential residents of Wakenda who deserve especial mention in such a work as this is Mr. Gorman, a well known business man and farmer, whose operations have brought him into contact with the greater number of the people of the township. His business methods have brought to him success and prosperity, and he is an example to those younger than he of what may be accomplished in this region by a man of ambition and energy who seizes his opportunities. He has also taken a leading part in all enterprises which have had at heart the development of the community, and has aided them with his influence and his financial support if needed.

Charles E. Gorman was born in Washington county, Indiana, on September 11, 1862. His father was J. N. Gorman, a native of Ireland, and his mother was Ann Hamilton Gorman, a native of Indiana. They moved to Eugene township, Carroll county, Missouri, in 1880, and there lived on a farm until Mr. Gorman's death, on December 2, 1908. His wife is still living. J. N. Gorman was a man of strong character, whose energy had won for him success, and whose many companionable qualities had made friends of those who knew him.

Charles E. Gorman came to Carroll county with his parents in 1880, and lived with them until his marriage, in 1887, after which he engaged in farming for himself, continuing until 1900. His success as a farmer was very marked and was due to the care which he gave to the cultivation of his crops and to his strong organizing ability. In 1902 he engaged in the mercantile business and the buying of grain and stock in Wakenda. Here, as in agriculture, he has prospered by the application of business principles and system, for he has a keen mind for the solution of business problems. He is the owner of seven hundred and seventy-four acres of good farming land in Eugene and Miami townships.

Mr. Gorman was married in Carrollton, Missouri, in January, 1887, to Jennie E. Ryan, who is a native of Indiana. To this union the following children have been born. Bertie, now the wife of John Peters; Anna, who married J. W. Hollister; Ralph; Eddie; Edith; and Roscoe, who died when three years old.

Mr. Gorman is a member of the Masonic fraternity, has taken much interest in its workings and in his life has exemplified its teachings. Natural ability, rightly directed, aided by hard work and perseverance, have brought to him a high degree of prosperity, and his life has so impressed others that he is a man of much influence in his community.

JONAS GROVES.

This well-to-do farmer and stock raiser is a native of Carroll county, Missouri, and dates his birth from the year 1869. He first saw the light of day in Ridge township, of which he is now an honored resident, being a son of William and Sarah Groves, the father dying March 8, 1910. In early life the subject attended the district school at Big Creek, Ridge township, and when not engaged in his studies, assisted with the farm work. He grew to maturity with good habits well fixed and, like a dutiful son, remained with his parents until his twenty-seventh year, the meanwhile, however, engaging in agricultural pursuits for himself on a part of the family homestead, besides purchasing a portion of his present farm. In the year 1896 Mr. Groves entered upon his independent career as a tiller of the soil and in due time forged to the front among the leading farmers of the township in which he lived. By persevering and well directed labor, he was enabled to add to his holdings at intervals until he now has a fine estate of four hundred and eighty

acres, to which he moved in 1909 and on which he has carried to completion a series of improvements, which compare favorably with the best in his locality. He devotes his time to general farming and stock raising, in both of which he has been very successful, being at this time in independent circumstances and occupying a conspicuous place among the representative men of his calling in Carroll county. Some idea of the extent to which he carries his live stock interests may be obtained from the fact of his keeping on his farm at all times an average of ten fine horses, from fifty to seventy-five head of high grade cattle and from seventy-five to one hundred hogs of the best breeds procurable. He feeds much of the grain which his land produces, sells his stock in the local market and by shipments, and every year is the recipient of a handsome income from this source alone, to say nothing of what he receives from the sale of his crops.

Mr. Groves is a Republican and well grounded in the principles and traditions of his party, though never an office seeker nor an aspirant for public honors. He is enterprising and public spirited in matters relating to the material advancement and prosperity of the community, and lends his influence to all worthy measures for the benefit of his fellow men. He is highly esteemed as a neighbor, being kind and obliging and ever ready to grant a favor if possible to do so.

On the 5th day of April, 1896, Mr. Groves and Margaret Sylvester were united in marriage, the bride being a native of Ridge township and a daughter of Frank and Susan (Fretz) Sylvester. Mrs. Groves was born May 29, 1872, and is a lady of excellent repute, high social standing and a devoted member of the Baptist church, in which she was formerly a popular Sunday school teacher. Mr. and Mrs. Groves have five children, whose names and dates of birth are as follows: Frank William, March 15, 1897; Roshal, September 22, 1899; Hiram R., April 22, 1902; Zelma V., November 19, 1904, and Kenneth, whose birth occurred on May 27, 1906.

GEORGE M. SIMS.

The day of old slipshod methods of farming is past. System and attention to details are just as important in farming as in any other business. There have been many farmers who raised as big crops and obtained as large yields as any others, but who by lack of attention to small leaks and dribbles found that their profits were disappearing. The ones who prosper and survive

soon learn the lesson of care and thrift which has long been known by the European or New England farmer. In the broad west and south, where farms are large and everything is carried out on so magnificent a scale, there was in the very extensiveness of operations good reason for the lack of care and for waste in smaller things seemingly unimportant and small compared with the total production. Comparatively small as these wastes may be, so are profits usually smaller than the cost of production and many small wastes taken from profits soon cut them far below their normal condition. The farmer who makes most money is the one like Mr. Sims, who applies business methods to eradicate and eliminate such losses.

George M. Sims was born in Cumberland county, Virginia, on September 6, 1848, the son of Edward W. and Margaret (Towles) Sims, both natives of Virginia, from which state they came to Missouri in 1859. In 1862 they came to Carroll county, and located in De Witt township, where they spent the remainder of their lives, took part in all the activities of the community and became much respected. Of their family of six children, George M. Sims was the fourth. He came to Carroll county with his parents and has since been a resident of De Witt township, devoting his time to farming and stock raising, in which he has been more than ordinarily successful, having accumulated a good deal of property from his operations.

Mr. Sims was married on April 22, 1909, to Ella Dearmin, who was a native of Carroll county. In company with his brother Lewis, he owns two hundred and fifty acres of land, which is highly improved. Mr. Sims is well known in his township and has made many friends, who know him as a man of honor and integrity, a man interested in the development of the community, a good companion in his social hours, and a steadfast friend to whomever he calls by that name.

ELIAS PERRY.

A veteran of the Civil war, one of the comparatively few survivors of the army of loyal patriots who saved to us the Union, men who sacrificed all at duty's call and passed through trials and hardships the like of which the generations following cannot appreciate, for in this commercial age our thoughts are the farthest removed from war and we have had no experience of its actual horrors—Mr. Perry is one of these, whose war record was that of a more than ordinarily brave and efficient soldier, as his promotion attests, and who in peace has been a stronger citizen on account of his war experiences.

Elias Perry was born in Saline county, Missouri, on August 12, 1836, the son of John and Mary (Huffman) Perry. His father was born near St. Charles, Missouri, his mother in Rockingham county, Virginia. They came from Saline county, Missouri, to Carroll county, Missouri, in 1866, and settled in Rockford township, where they spent the rest of their lives. They were the parents of fourteen children, of whom Elias was the eldest. He was reared in Saline and St. Clair counties, and was living in Saline county at the time of his marriage, on January 1, 1857, to Amelia C. Gilbert, who was born at Harper's Ferry, Virginia, on July 15, 1841. She was a daughter of David and Jane R. (Tompkins) Gilbert. David Gilbert and his family came from Harper's Ferry, Virginia, to Saline county, Missouri, in 1852, and four years later came to Carroll county, Missouri, and settled in De Witt township, where both died. Of their eleven children, Mrs. Perry was the fourth in order of birth. After marriage, in the early spring of 1857, Mr. Perry came with his wife to De Witt, where he lived for two years. In 1859 he went to Pike's Peak as a prospector, and remained a few months, then returned to Saline county, where he was living at the outbreak of the war. He then enlisted in Company F, Eighteenth Missouri Veteran Volunteer Infantry, and served for three years and nine months, going in as an orderly sergeant and returning home as second lieutenant of his company. At the battle of Shiloh he was taken prisoner and held six and one-half months, when he was paroled, and two months later was exchanged and rejoined his regiment and company. While a prisoner, he, in company with a great many other soldiers, suffered severe hardships. Besides Shiloh, he took part in the battle of Atlanta and many smaller engagements, and was with Sherman on his historic march to the sea, and on to Washington to the Grand Review at the close of the war. Mrs. Perry was a volunteer nurse in the army and at home for the greater part of three years. Before her husband's return from the army she bought a farm five miles northwest of De Witt, to which they moved in 1866 and remained four years. Then this farm was sold and another bought one and a half miles west of De Witt, on which they lived until 1873, when they moved to the present home one-half mile west of De Witt. Here Mr. Perry owns eighty acres of highly improved and fertile land.

Mr. Perry is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, and his wife of the Army Nurses' Association. Both are members of the Baptist church. Mr. Perry is a Republican in politics and has served one term as collector of his township. Mr. and Mrs. Perry are among the oldest residents of De Witt and Mrs. Perry is the only woman now living here who was living here in

1857. They are a much respected and esteemed couple and have many friends.

Mrs. Perry has ever been an ardent temperance advocate and in 1862 she and Mrs. Annie Harry and other determined women destroyed everything in the nature of intoxicating drinks in two saloons and one store in De Witt. Mrs. David Gilbert carried the temperance banner, while Mrs. Perry and Mrs. Harry carried axes, which they used in knocking in the heads of the whisky barrels which they had rolled out into the street. Thus, their sentiments were effectually backed up by determined action.

EPHRAIM P. CRISPIN.

There are a few names among those of the residents of De Witt which stand out prominently by reason of the character of attainments of those who bear them, and in this list is that of Mr. Crispin, who is one of the most successful, representative, and public spirited business men of the town. His business success has been gained by a keen sagacity in dealing coupled with unremitting honesty. And like most truly successful men, he has done much to advance the interests of his town, and has helped to bring to it its share of prosperity and modern improvements.

Ephraim P. Crispin was born in De Witt township, Carroll county, Missouri, on December 14, 1869, the son of Ephraim P. and Caroline E. (White) Crispin. His mother was born in Illinois, his father in West Virginia. The father came to Carroll county, Missouri, about 1863 and settled four miles west of De Witt, where he lived until his death, on April 28, 1898, at the age of eighty-three. He was a man much respected and esteemed, of strong and sturdy character. His wife is yet living. Ephraim P., Jr., was the fourth of ten children and was reared on his father's farm, on which he lived until December, 1892. Until 1907 he followed farming in De Witt township, when he removed to De Witt and engaged in the grain buying business, at first in partnership with William W. McKinley, and is at present engaged in that business, both at De Witt and at Miami Station, finding it profitable. In farming he was successful and he still owns one hundred and sixty-four acres of excellent land in De Witt township. Mr. Crispin has held the offices of school director and township collector. For three years he was president of the Peoples Bank of De Witt. Fraternally, he is a member of the De Witt

Lodge No. 39 of Masons, and he and his wife are both active members of the Methodist church, South.

Mr. Crispin was married on December 14, 1892, to Catherine L. Cunningham, the daughter of Eugene and Amanda Cunningham and a sister of Mrs. W. W. McKinny. She is a native of De Witt township, born on June 3, 1875. To this marriage were born three children, Walter R., Melvin E. and Mildred H.

For a man of his age, Mr. Crispin has carved out for himself a success more than ordinary, but well deserved, and promising continuance. His many strong traits and his affability of nature have made and kept for him many friends.

FRANK SCHIFFERDECKER.

Wherever the German people have emigrated, they and their descendants are found among the thrifty and successful inhabitants of the community. Mr. Schifferdecker, one of the leading merchants of Norborne, is no exception to the rule, for it is largely the racial traits of industry, perseverance and thrift which have brought him to his present honorable position. He has been successful in business to a more than ordinary degree, has exemplified strong intelligence and good management in the conduct of his operations, and has given the best of satisfaction to his customers, believing this to be the best and only lasting plan of building up and keeping a business.

Frank Schifferdecker was born in Egypt township, Carroll county, Missouri, on June 22, 1874, the son of George and Hilda (Wagner) Schifferdecker. His father was a native of Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, and his mother was born in Baden, Germany, in 1835. They came to Carroll county, Missouri, in August, 1868, from St. Clair county, Illinois, and settled on a farm in Egypt township. Mrs. Schifferdecker died in Norborne on August 3, 1910. They were honored and respected residents of the township, who took their full share in the activities of the community and were the parents of ten children, of whom Frank was the ninth. He was reared in Egypt township and received his education in the public schools. Until he was twenty-two he remained at home, then engaged in farming for himself for three years, but, believing that business offered greater opportunities, came to Norborne and entered the hardware business with Belt Brothers. The firm is known as Belt Brothers & Schifferdecker, and carries a full line of hardware and agricultural implements, doing a large and prosperous business.

Mr. Schifferdecker was married on January 9, 1896, to Amelia Heck, who was born in Chariton county, Missouri, a daughter of Frederick and Lucia Heck. To this marriage have been born three children, Emma C., Gladys I. and Frances C., bright and interesting young people. Mr. Schifferdecker has been for six years the treasurer of Egypt township. He is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America. Business connections and dealing have made him well known to the people of his section of the county, and his affable nature has won for him friends wherever he is known. As a young man he has made a good start in life, and promises to continue in the way in which he is now going on the road to honor and prosperity.

JOSEPH M. GOODRICH.

Probably more persons in the United States are engaged in the employ of the railroads than in any other one line of industry. They form cogs in the vast machine of workers which carry on the transportation of the country, some of great importance, some of small, yet even in comparatively minor positions bearing a burden of responsibility which may mean the safety of human lives. The telegrapher has a more than ordinary share of this responsibility, and must remain at his post with the fidelity of a soldier on picket duty, and at the same time keep his energies awake and often use the concentration of a mathematician in attention to his duties. And, considering the fallibility of human nature, the wonder is, not that there are so many accidents and mishaps occasioned by lapses in duty of railroad employes, but that there are so few.

Joseph M. Goodrich was born in Monroe county, Missouri, on March 18, 1849, the son of Martin P. and Cynthia (McGee) Goodrich. His father was a native of Virginia, and died in St. Joseph, Missouri, when fifty-five years old. His mother was born in Kentucky, and died at Hannibal, Missouri, when about forty-five years of age. They were the parents of seven children, of whom Joseph M. was the fifth. He spent the earlier years of his life in Monroe, Shelby and Marion counties, Missouri, and at the age of fifteen went to St. Charles, Missouri, where he grew to manhood. For fifteen years he taught in the schools, chiefly in St. Charles county, during which time many pupils passed under his tutelage and received from him teachings of influence in their lives. He then entered the employ of the Wabash railroad as a telegraph operator at Wentzville, St. Charles county, remained there but a short

time, and was transferred to Lexington Junction, in October, 1883. He was appointed station agent in 1885, and continued there until 1893, when he was transferred to Norborne, where he has since been retained and is considered as one of the reliable men in the employ of the company.

Mr. Goodrich was married in St. Charles county, Missouri, on December 24, 1879, to Flora Talbott, who was born in St. Charles county, the daughter of Dr. R. H. J. and Nancy (McRoberts) Talbott. To this union one child was born, Nellie I., who is a graduate of Howard Payne College at Fayette, Missouri, and is now teaching in the public schools of St. Louis. Mr. and Mrs. Goodrich are members of the Methodist church, South. Mr. Goodrich is a member of the Masonic fraternity and takes active part in its work. He is a man of more than ordinary intelligence and is well informed on all topics of the day, keeping abreast of modern thought. Being much interested in the general welfare, he has done his part in all enterprises which have in mind the improvement of the community.

SILAS A. BALLARD.

The subject of this sketch has been an honored resident of Carroll county for considerable over a half century, during which period he became widely and favorably known besides holding from time to time important official trusts. He is essentially a man of the people, with their interests at heart, and throughout a long and useful life has ever tried to make the world better by his presence and influence. Silas A. Ballard is a native of Trimble county, Kentucky, where he was born August 16, 1839, being a son of Joab and Fidelia (Thompson) Ballard, natives respectfully of North Carolina and Massachusetts. These parents were married at Madison, Indiana, following which they moved across the Ohio river to Kentucky, but after a brief sojourn in the latter state, returned to Indiana where they continued to reside until the death of Mrs. Ballard, in 1848, Mr. Ballard subsequently (1852) moving to Carroll county, Missouri. He married his second wife, Sarah Russell, in Indiana, and died in Carroll county in 1877, Mrs. Ballard dying that year also.

Silas A. Ballard accompanied his father to Carroll county, Missouri, in 1852, from which time until the breaking out of the Civil war he lived at different points in Carroll county, following the trade of blacksmith and gunsmith. When the war commenced he joined the Missouri State Guards and for eight months of the year 1861 served under General Price in Missouri and

participated in a number of skirmishes and minor engagements. At the expiration of the period indicated he enlisted in Colonel Robertson's regiment, but within a short time was captured and taken to St. Louis where he was kept a prisoner until paroled, after which he returned home expecting to be exchanged. In this he was doomed to disappointment as the exchange was never effected, consequently he was obliged to remain inactive during the remainder of the war, which to one of his sanguine nature and intense loyalty to the South proved discouraging in the extreme. At the close of the war he resumed the pursuit of agriculture in Carroll county and was thus engaged until 1881, when he became superintendent of the Carroll county poor farm, which position he held for thirteen successive years. About two years ago he retired from active life. He has met with gratifying success and he is now in independent circumstances with an ample competence laid up for the future. While a youth in Indiana, he studied civil engineering and, possessing natural aptitude for the profession, he soon became quite proficient in the use of the instruments and it was not long until he was a practical surveyor. In 1893 he was elected official surveyor of Carroll county and held the office very creditably and satisfactorily during the ensuing four years. He was again elected in 1901 and served until 1905, during which time he surveyed a great deal of land in Carroll county, besides doing various other kinds of engineering, proving a very capable official and fully justifying the wisdom of his election.

On discontinuing active work, Mr. Ballard rented his farm and since then has lived a life of honorable retirement. He still gives personal attention to his business affairs, however, keeps abreast of the times on all matters of public import and manifests a lively interest in the political issues of the day and the leading questions concerning which men and parties are divided. He is a pronounced Democrat in politics and has long been a factor of considerable influence in his party. In religion, the Methodist church holds his creed, himself and wife being active and consistent members of the local church in Carrollton. He is a Mason of long standing and high degree, being a prominent member of the lodge in Carrollton, also of the Royal Arch chapter and Knights Templar commandery, in which branches of the order he has been honored with important official positions.

Mr. Ballard was married in the month of May, 1864, to Mary Ann May, daughter of Allen and Ann May. These parents were natives of Virginia, but in 1854 moved to Carroll county, Missouri, where they lived until some time during the Civil war when they changed their place of residence to the county of Saline. Mr. and Mrs. Ballard have one son, Leonidas J., who married Ella Stemaley and lives in Carrollton.

HORACE H. HAMILTON.

Different phases of agricultural work appeal to different men. Some prefer the growing of crops, to others the raising of stock is much more interesting. Either may be made profitable and it is a question more of one's personal liking as to which branch of farming he shall give his attention. Missouri is especially suited to stock farming and offers an excellent opportunity to the man who, like Mr. Hamilton, is interested in that work. And he has been quite successful in stock farming and its allied occupation, stock dealing. The latter, especially, calls for a high degree of skill in the judging of stock.

Horace H. Hamilton was born in Proctorville, Caldwell county, Missouri, on October 26, 1869. His father, William C. Hamilton, was born in Meigs county, Ohio, in 1846, and his mother, Elizabeth Stevens, was born in Atlanta, Georgia, on April 2, 1844. After their marriage, they settled in Caldwell county, Missouri, where they lived till early in the seventies, when they came to Carroll county and settled first in Norborne, then, after a few years, located on a farm in Cherry Valley township, where Mr. Hamilton died on June 10, 1896, and where his wife is still living. Mr. Hamilton was a man of strong character and influential in his neighborhood.

Horace H. Hamilton was the second of five children and was reared in Carroll county, which has always been his home. He was married on January 2, 1898, to Minnie Belt, who was born in Cherry Valley township on December 18, 1868. She is a daughter of John W. Belt, who was born in Scott county, Kentucky, on October 24, 1844, and Amanda (Williams) Belt, who was born in Berry, Platt county, Missouri, on January 23, 1846. They were the parents of eight children, of whom Mrs. Hamilton was the oldest. She was reared in Cherry Valley township. To Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton one child was born on November 30, 1898, Thelma T., a bright and attractive girl. For several years after marriage they lived on the Cherry Valley farm of two hundred acres, which Mr. Hamilton owns, all highly improved and fertile land. Here he gave most of his attention to stock farming and dealing in stock, and found it pleasant and profitable. In 1905 he moved to Norborne, and is there buying stock and managing his farm. Mr. Hamilton has been active in politics and is one of the strong workers in the Republican party. In January, 1910, he was appointed deputy sheriff of Carroll county, a position for which his courage, strength and ability well fit him. Fraternally he is a member of the Masonic order and of the Knights of Pythias.

Mr. Hamilton is well known in Carroll county, his business having made him many acquaintances, and is well liked wherever known. He is a man of good business judgment, of unswerving honesty, and a careful buyer, which qualities have brought to him success in his chosen occupation.

BENJAMIN TASSARO.

While the people of other nations are loudly proclaiming their supremacy today, it would be well to recall that Italy held the unquestioned mastery of the world through the days of Roman rule for a time much longer than any nation has been able since to lay claim to that honor; that during the Middle Ages it was the home of culture, literature and art, before the northern nations had arisen to an appreciation of such things, and that today, though Italy has not the largest army in the world, yet the achievements of its scientists and men of learning rank it among the highest of European powers in this respect, and that the people of Italy are considered by ethnologists to have the most physical endurance and possibly greater capabilities under education than those of any modern European nation. The life of Mr. Tassaro is an example of financial success accomplished in this country by a native of Italy.

Benjamin Tassaro was born in Genoa, Italy. When he was eight years old he came with his father to America, and was reared chiefly in the southern states where he grew to manhood, and then came to Missouri. He located in Carroll county, and for the most of his life was a farmer, at which occupation he was very successful, and during the last sixteen years of his life was engaged in the saloon business at Norborne. He died on June 5, 1900, when about fifty-two years old.

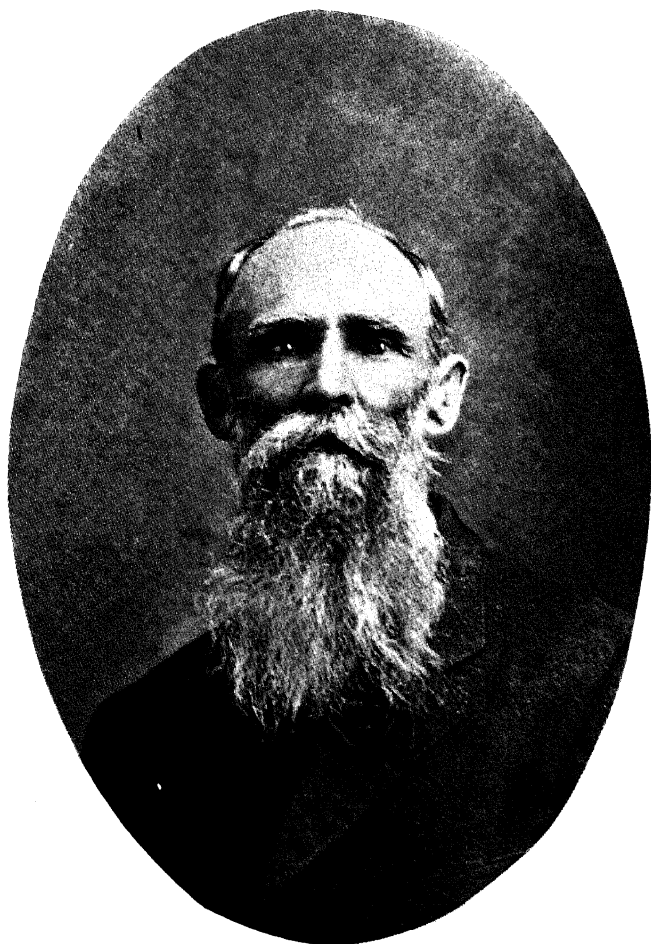
Mr. Tassaro was married in Norborne, Missouri, on March 6, 1886, to Louisa A. Smith, who was a native of Cass county, Indiana, and the daughter of Charles and Phoebe (Hoffman) Smith. Her father was a native of Germany, her mother was probably born in Indiana, and died at Richmond, Ray county, Missouri. Mr. Smith lived at Richmond, Missouri, for about one year, and then came to Norborne, and engaged in business, becoming very well known in the vicinity of Norborne, where he found his business profitable. He died on April 1, 1898, closing a respected life of sixty-two years' duration.

Mr. and Mrs. Tassaro were the parents of six children, Jennie I., Charles R. T., Mamie P., Fannie E., Benjamin B. and Louise A., who are young people of much intelligence and promise.

GEORGE W. BRYANT.

An honored citizen of Carroll county since 1856 and for many years identified with the development and growth of the township in which he lived, the subject of this sketch has acted well his part in life and is entitled to mention among the enterprising men to whom is due the credit of redeeming this part of Missouri from a wilderness and making it one of the most progressive and flourishing sections of the commonwealth. George W. Bryant was born in Monroe county, Indiana, in 1839, and is a son of Samuel and Martha Bryant, natives of Virginia and Kentucky respectively. These parents moved to Missouri in 1856 and settled in DeWitt township, Carroll county, where Mr. Bryant secured a tract of land which in due time he cleared and improved and on which he and his faithful wife spent the remainder of their days.

Owing to limited school facilities, the early education of George Bryant was very meager, the little training he received having been acquired from a few months' attendance each winter at the indifferent schools such as were common in his native county in early times. At the age of seventeen, he removed with his parents to Carroll county, Missouri, where his education ceased and from that time until his young manhood his life was a ceaseless round of labor on the farm. The country being new, much hard work was required to clear the land and fit it for cultivation, but, with an energy and persistence that hesitated at no obstacle, young Bryant addressed himself to his allotted task and nobly did his part in the development of the farm and the founding of a home. He was thus engaged when there came a call to what he considered a higher duty and he responded to the same by laying aside the implements of husbandry and being enrolled on August 2, 1862, in Company D, Thirty-fifth Missouri Militia, for service in defense of the Federal union. Later he was transferred to Company F, of the Sixty-fifth Infantry, with which he served until relieved from duty on April 30th of the following year. In the meantime he was with his command in various parts of the state and while on duty at Carrollton he had the misfortune to fall into the hands of the enemy who held him a prisoner for five days, when he was paroled. Two days later he was again made a prisoner, but after threatening his life and otherwise trying to intimidate him, he was paroled, these experiences practically ending his career as a soldier.



GEORGE W. BRYANT

From the close of the war until his twenty-sixth year, Mr. Bryant lived at home and helped his father cultivate the farm. He then moved to a place on which the only improvements were an old log house and forty acres of cleared land. After renting this place for two years, he bought one hundred and twenty acres of the farm, which was the beginning of his career as a prosperous tiller of the soil. His success during the several years ensuing was such that he was enabled to purchase the remaining two hundred and eighty acres of the tract, thus making a farm of four hundred acres, which in due time he brought to a high state of cultivation and improved with first class modern buildings, including a fine eight-room dwelling with a full complement of conveniences and comforts, a large barn, forty-eight by fifty feet in dimensions, and other necessary buildings, besides enclosing the place and subdividing it into fields with fine wire fencing and well-kept hedges.

In connection with general agriculture, which he conducted upon quite an extensive scale, Mr. Bryant devoted a great deal of attention to live stock and for several years he was one of the largest and most successful breeders and raisers of cattle and hogs in the township. He fed and sold large numbers of animals every year and by this means acquired the greater part of the ample fortune now in his possession. After living on his farm for thirty-eight years, Mr. Bryant, in October, 1904, rented the two hundred and forty acres which he still owned and moved to Bosworth, having divided the remainder of his farm among his children.

Since taking up his residence in the town where he now has a beautiful and attractive home, Mr. Bryant has lived a retired life, though he still looks after his large farming and other interests and, like all good citizens, keeps in touch with all the questions that concern the growth and prosperity of the community and the general welfare of his kind. He is well informed on current events and the political issues of the times, and as one of the leading Republicans of the county, he has had much to do with formulating the policies of his party and directing its affairs, being an untiring worker for its principles and candidates, but never asking for office, though frequently urged by his friends to accept important places on the ticket. Having been accustomed to an active life and fearing that the time might hang heavily on him after his retirement, he turned his attention a few years ago to loaning money and has done quite a successful business in that line, more, however, as a means of employment of his leisure time than the hope of gain. As already stated, he owns a beautiful

residence in Bosworth, one of the most desirable homes in the town, and in addition thereto has considerable other property in the corporation, among which are five building lots and a brick store building on Main street, twenty-five by seventy-five feet in dimensions, and admirably adapted to the purposes for which it is used.

Zana J. Crispin, who became the wife of Mr. Bryant, was born in Virginia in 1844, and died in Carroll county, Missouri, in the year 1896. She was a daughter of E. P. and Mary Crispin, who, in 1856, moved from the Old Dominion state to Missouri and spent the remainder of their lives in Carroll county, both dying a number of years ago. Mr. and Mrs. Bryant reared a family of six children, whose names are as follows: Eliza, who is unmarried and lives at home; Ephraim J. married Florence Shinn and resides in Coombs township, this county; Minnie, wife of W. C. White, lives in Oklahoma; Cora E., now deceased, was the wife of James Hanavan; Charles H., whose life was formerly Luella Bond, is a farmer of Coombs township; and Louella, is single and still under the parental roof. Mr. Bryant's children who have severed home ties to establish homes of their own, are doing well and have the respect of the people of the several communities in which they reside. All are intelligent and well educated and their course in life thus far has been creditable to themselves and an honor to the father who manifests a pardonable pride in their reputations and success.

GUY WHITEMAN.

The pursuit of the law has always had much fascination for ambitious youths, since it deals with the protection and conservation of the rights of men, and these subjects are especially attractive to the freedom-loving Americans. The profession also offers high prizes to those who climb to its heights, though on the other hand those heights are difficult to reach because of the hardships of the journey and the crowd who compete in the lower stages of the ascent. But it is the very difficulty of success in the profession which makes that success the more prized, and even though the worldly success is not great, still the study of the law is an absorbing and interesting work which repays its votaries much in the satisfaction obtained from this alone. Mr. Whiteman is a man who inherited a liking and genius for the law and has found it profitable to him, as well as agreeable.

Guy Whiteman was born in Carrollton, Missouri, on March 4, 1871. His father was Capt. Thomas J. Whiteman, one of the leading lawyers of Carrollton, who came from Richmond county, Ohio, to Carroll county, Missouri, in 1865, and settled in Carrollton, where he engaged in the practice of law until his death, on November 11, 1904. During the Civil war he was the captain of Company G, Ninety-third Illinois Infantry, and had an excellent record. In the Republican national convention of 1880, he was one of the memorable three hundred and six who stood by and voted for General Grant for the Presidency. In 1880 and 1882 he was elected prosecuting attorney of Carroll county, and was appointed postmaster of Carrollton by President Harrison in 1889, holding office until 1893. For one or two terms he was mayor of Carrollton, and during his residence in Carrollton he had a large practice and was eminently successful in winning his cases, while no lawyer of the city had a higher reputation for honor and integrity.

Captain Whiteman was married in Mansfield, Ohio, to Susan H. Hooker, a native of Mansfield, the daughter of Richard Hooker, who was prominent in railroad matters in Ohio. They were the parents of five children: Katherine H., the wife of Walbridge Parsons, of Columbus, Ohio; Richard C., a postal clerk in the railway mail service; Guy, an attorney at Norborne; Cecilia S., the widow of Capt. J. L. Farwell, who died on the ocean while returning from Manila; Henry T., a conductor on the Santa Fe railroad.

Guy Whiteman was reared in Carrollton and attended the public schools there. He then took up the study of law in his father's office, and graduated from the Union College of Law at Chicago in 1893, and began the practice of this profession at Carrollton, remaining there five years. At the outbreak of the Spanish-American war he enlisted in Company A, Fourth Missouri Volunteers, and served eleven months as corporal. At Camp Alger he was seized with the typhoid fever and came near losing his life. After his recovery he rejoined his regiment, and served until it was mustered out at Greenville, South Carolina, on February 10, 1899. In March, 1901, he located in Norborne, Missouri, where he has since practiced his profession successfully. He was married in Norborne on December 25, 1900, to Lillian Montgomery, a daughter of James and Lethe A. Montgomery, of Norborne, and a native of Carroll county. She has borne to him one child, Helen V.

Fraternally, Mr. Whiteman is a member of the Knights of Pythias and of the Modern Woodmen of America. He takes a very active interest in politics and is a strong Republican. He has been a partaker in whatever enterprises have tended to the development of his community, has made many friends, and has an increasing practice.

JOSEPH F. DIRINGER.

One of the well-known residents of Norborne was the gentleman whose name heads this sketch, whose personal qualities made for him many friends. Warm-hearted and accommodating, he was always ready to help one in need and to befriend the unfortunate.

Joseph F. Diringer was born in Boonville, Missouri, on January 7, 1870, the son of Louis and Louise (Weber) Diringer. His father was born in Alsace, now a part of France, and came to America in 1850 when about twelve years old. He learned the blacksmith's trade and practiced it for the remainder of his life, becoming more than usually expert and winning a reputation for good work. His wife was a native of Manitou county, Missouri, and bore to him twelve children. Mr. and Mrs. Louis Diringer took part in all the activities of their community and were much esteemed and respected.

Joseph F. Diringer was the eldest in the family of twelve. He was reared in Boonville and there received his early education. For three years he studied pharmacy. In March, 1891, he removed to Norborne, Missouri, and was for several years employed as clerk in a store. In 1896 he engaged in the saloon business, which he afterward followed. His death occurred on September 14, 1910.

On October 30, 1904, Mr. Diringer was married to Katherine M. Smith, who was the daughter of Charles and Louisa Smith. Mr. and Mrs. Diringer, became the parents of four bright and interesting children, Louise, Hobert, Smith and Lawrence, who have proved to be the source of much happiness to their parents. Mr. Diringer was a man to whom the pleasures of home life appealed greatly and he took much pride in his wife and family.

WILL T. RUNYAN.

Kentucky is a state with a peculiar record. Perhaps more than most other states, her name is connected with romance and glamour. And in the loyalty to their home which her people always show, and in their chivalrous bearing, she is unsurpassed. There are perhaps a few states whose natives dislike to own as their birthplace, but who ever heard of a Kentuckian who was not proud of his birth state and eager to make it known. And rightly should he be proud, for the character of the sons and daughters of Ken-

tucky is a high and enviable one. Not that they are without faults, but these faults are of the open variety which spring from their virtues, are, as it were, an aggravation of them, and are not the glaring faults of character often met in this commercial age.

Will T. Runyan was born in Frankfort, Kentucky, on August 5, 1858. His father was Reuben Runyan, who was a native of Kentucky, and died in Frankfort, Kentucky, when seventy-one years old. His mother was Mary T. Greenwood, who was born in New Hampshire, and died in Norborne, Missouri, at the age of eighty-one. They were a couple whose honor and integrity were above reproach and who were esteemed by their neighbors highly. Of their three children, Will T. was the youngest. He grew to manhood in Frankfort, Kentucky, and lived there until June, 1889, when he removed to Norborne, Missouri. For twelve years he was the chief deputy sheriff of Carroll county, and then entered into the real estate and insurance business, in which he has been notably successful. Mr. Runyan was married in Woodford county, Kentucky, on October 18, 1882, to Maria Ayers, the daughter of Walter N. and Frances E. (Foster) Ayers, who were natives of Kentucky, and at one time came to Lexington, Missouri, but returned to Kentucky, where Mr. Ayers died. His wife afterwards came to Carroll county, Missouri, and here spent the remainder of her life, dying in Norborne. Mr. and Mrs. Runyan are the parents of four children, one of whom, Mary G., died in infancy. Those who are living are Walter A., Reuben G. and Will T., Jr.

Mr. Runyan is a Democrat in politics and has always taken an interest in public affairs. He has a wide acquaintance in Carroll county, where he is known as a strong man, courageous and square-dealing, one of the tried and substantial citizens of the county.

THOMAS ORR.

Thomas Orr, cashier of the Citizens' Bank of Bosworth and ex-treasurer of Carroll county, was born in Pike county, Illinois, August 27, 1843. His father, Henry Orr, was a native of Virginia and a son of Thomas Orr, whose father, an Irish immigrant, came to this country in colonial times and settled in York county, Pennsylvania, where Thomas was born and reared. Henry Orr went to Pike county, Illinois, about 1837, where he afterwards married Ann Hull, a native of that state, and a daughter of Thomas Hull, who moved

from Virginia in 1840 and settled in the county of Pike and became a well-to-do farmer and prominent citizen. Mr. Orr was a farmer by occupation and for a time was also engaged in the mercantile business. He spent the greater part of his life in his adopted state, exercised a wholesome influence among the people of the community in which he lived and is remembered as a man of intelligence and sterling worth and a citizen who manifested an active interest in the settlement of his part of the country and the development of its resources.

The childhood, youth and early manhood of the subject of this review were spent in the county of his birth and he enjoyed such educational advantages as the schools of the country afforded. He grew to maturity in close touch with nature and at the proper age did his share of the work on the home farm, and later engaged in the pursuit of agriculture for himself. He followed his chosen calling in Illinois until 1869, when he sold his possessions in that state and moving to Carroll county, Missouri, buying a farm on which he made a number of improvements and which he still owns. Mr. Orr early interested himself in political matters and in due time became an influential worker and trusted leader among the Democrats of the county. In 1900 he was elected to the responsible office of county treasurer, which he held for two terms, having been re-elected in the year 1902. As custodian of one of the people's most important interests, he displayed ability of a high order and was unremitting in his official duties which he discharged with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of the public. During his incumbency he lived in Carrollton and at the expiration of his second term he moved to Bosworth to enter upon his duties as cashier of the Citizens' Bank, to which position he was chosen at the organization of the institution in 1904.

Mr. Orr was a leading spirit in establishing the bank and has manifested an active interest in the enterprise ever since it began business. He has become familiar with banking and has a broad and comprehensive knowledge of finance, acquired by close and patient study of the subject. He discharges the duties of cashier in an able manner, creditable alike to himself and to the bank, and enjoys the confidence of his business associates and of the general public.

Mr. Orr was married in 1865 to Mildred J., daughter of John and Mary (Kenady) Cook, natives respectively of Kentucky and Illinois, the father a pioneer of the latter state and long an influential citizen of the county in which he lived. Mr. and Mrs. Orr are the parents of nine children, namely: Anna B., whose husband, H. C. Ferry, is a prosperous farmer and praiseworthy citizen of Carroll county; Gertrude married J. C. Miller and lives on the

home farm, which her husband cultivates; Mantia is the wife of Bert Fisher, of this county; Katie is not living; Clara is still with her parents; Dr. Thomas Grover is a prominent physician and surgeon of Kansas City, and Charles H. is assistant cashier of the Citizens' Bank, two children having died in infancy, unnamed. Mr. Orr and his two sons are charter members of Bosworth Lodge No. 597, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and zealous workers in the order. The entire family belong to the Methodist church and take an active part in promoting the interest of the local congregations with which they are identified, the subject and wife being especially prominent in the religious life of Bosworth and vicinity. Mr. Orr comes of an old Methodist family, his ancestors for many generations having been leading members of the church and his grandfather a widely-known and successful minister in his day.

The history of the Citizens' Bank of Bosworth dates from November 24, 1904, when the organization was effected by the following citizens of Bosworth and adjacent country: George Miller, Thomas A. Orr, David Lecklerdoer, Noah Huntzinger, W. J. Williams, A. J. Sylvester, Henry Fox and Doctor Winsor. Mr. Miller was elected president, Thomas A. Orr, cashier, and C. H. Orr, assistant cashier. The capital stock subscribed was \$17,000 and on April 24th of the ensuing year the institution began business under favorable auspices and has grown steadily in public favor since. The bank is managed by men of recognized business ability and high personal standing and it has already become one of the solid and popular enterprises of the kind in this part of the state. The deposits vary from \$65,000 to \$85,000, which, with a surplus of \$2,500 speaks well for the confidence reposed in the management and the future prosperity of the institution appears assured. For much of its success, the bank is indebted to the president and cashier, both men of keen, practical intelligence and sound judgment who deserve the unbounded confidence of the community.

OSCAR L. WILLIAMS.

Oscar L. Williams, one of the leading mechanics of Carroll county, and proprietor of the largest blacksmithing, wagon and general repair shop in Bosworth, is a native of Ashtabula county, Ohio, and the son of Levi L. and Adaline (Brooks) Williams, the former born in Massachusetts in 1834, the latter in Buffalo, New York, in the year 1837. Oscar L. was born in the

town of Jefferson, Ohio, in 1856, and when two years old moved with his parents to Kalamazoo county, Michigan, where the family lived nine years and then changed their residence to Erie, Whiteside county, Illinois, which place they made their home for the next six years. Levi L. Williams was a wagonmaker and worked at his trade in Michigan in connection with operating a saw-mill. He followed his chosen calling in Illinois until the spring of 1869 or '70, when he moved his family to Carroll county, Missouri, and settled in Hill township, where young Oscar spent his youthful years and enjoyed such meager educational advantages as the county at that time afforded. His school privileges, however, were exceedingly limited, and consisted of only a few months under the indifferent instruction of a man who did not understand the first principles of teaching; nevertheless, he acquired a fair knowledge of the fundamental branches and in after years made up in part for the deficiency by reading and observation, thus becoming in due time a well informed young man. Under the direction of his father, he learned blacksmithing and wagonmaking and, being naturally skillful with tools, it was not long until he was a proficient workman and the master of his trade.

Mr. Williams has devoted his entire life to mechanical pursuits and since locating in Carroll county has made one hundred and twenty-five wagons in addition to his labors as a blacksmith and in other lines of his trade, which have been very extensive. In 1874 he began business for himself at Mandeville, where he conducted a shop for three years, and in 1877 moved from that town to Norborne, where he and his father worked in partnership during the three years following. After the death of his father, he returned to Mandeville and operated a shop until 1901, at which time he located at Bosworth, where he has since remained and where, as previously stated, he now has the largest establishment of the kind in the town and among the largest and most extensively patronized in Carroll county. Mr. Williams has been very successful at his trade and has a shop equipped with every modern convenience, including trip hammers and all kinds of machinery, appliances and tools needed in his various lines of work, also the finest tools obtainable, the machinery being operated by a gas engine and fully meeting every requirement. He employs a number of mechanics and artisans selected with special reference to their efficiency and skill and all work turned out at his establishment is strictly first-class and warranted to satisfy the most exacting customer. His business, which has grown rapidly from the time he started at Bosworth, is still increasing and his earnings have been larger, sufficient indeed to make him independent and gain for him a prominent place among the financially solid men of his town.

Hannah E. Hudson, who became the wife of Mr. Williams in February, 1887, was born in Egypt township, Carroll county, in the year 1858. Her father, Robert Hudson, whose birth occurred in England on the 25th of May, 1833, came to the United States a number of years ago and on December 25, 1850, married Mrs. Margaret Nichols, who was born October 8, 1824, and died April 19, 1861. Mr. Hudson served in the Civil war, and was killed in this county on the 14th of August, 1864.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams have had children, whose names and dates of birth are as follows: Dora, born December 22, 1877, married Emory Perrie, and lives in Omaha, Nebraska; Katie Viola, born April 18, 1883, is the wife of Carl Rader and lives in the city of St. Louis; Addie, born July 16, 1881, is now Mrs. James F. Smith, of Carroll county; Chester A., born December 12, 1885, is in partnership with his father; Bertha, born in May, 1891, is unmarried and lives with her parents; Letson, born February 7, 1897, and Velma, whose birth occurred April 13, 1899, are still members of the home circle.

Mr. Williams is a Republican in politics and an influential party worker, having been a member of the county central committee four years while living at Mandeville. He belongs to Ft. Rhodes Lodge No. 429, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which he now holds the title of vice-grand, and is also identified with the Royal Arcanum and the Modern Woodmen of America at Bosworth. In matters religious he has strong and well grounded convictions, being a zealous and faithful member of the church of Christ, to which his wife and family also belong, and his daily life is consistent with his profession as a disciple of the Nazarene.

HOLLIS F. AVERY.

The smaller towns in a farming community offer many advantages to an enterprising man of business who understands that the methods which will lead to success in such a location are in most respects essentially different from those required in a metropolis, yet the rewards obtained in the smaller community are often equal to those obtained in the large city.

Hollis F. Avery is the proprietor of a farming implement store in Hale, Carroll county, which does an extensive and thriving business, built up by the reputation of its owner for honest dealing and keeping the best of goods. Mr. Avery has had practical experience in the use of farm implements, which

qualifies him especially for his business, for he is the owner of one of the largest and best kept farms in Hurricane township and is considered one of the most progressive and up-to-date farmers in the county. He moved to Carroll county seven years ago from Kankakee county, Illinois.

In addition to keeping an implement store and engaging in farming, Mr. Avery deals on a large scale in cattle and farm produce generally, and the extent of his operations is so wide and he is so well known that he needs no words of encomium to make known to the people of the county his true value as a man, and on our true valuation all of us must finally rest. Mr. Avery's residence is one of the most convenient and most imposing in the village of Hale.

JOHN W. BACON.

The subject of this sketch, formerly a well-to-do farmer of Ridge township, but since 1900 a resident of Bosworth, where he devotes his time contracting for carpentry work, is a native of Warren county, Ohio, born August 30, 1846. Samuel W. Bacon, his father, was born in either Pennsylvania or New York in 1817 and about the year 1860 moved to Logan county, Illinois, where he lived until his removal to Carroll county, Missouri, nine years later. He bought a small farm of forty acres in Ridge township, five miles east of Bosworth, and cultivated the same until his death, which occurred in 1883. He served in the One Hundred and Sixth Illinois Infantry during the Civil war, and at the expiration of his period of enlistment veteranized and remained in the army until the cessation of hostilities. Martha Gibbs, wife of Samuel W. Bacon and mother of the subject, was born September 12, 1826, in Warren county, Ohio, and is still living, making her home at this time with relatives in Ridge township, Carroll county.

John W. Bacon was about fourteen years old when his parents moved to Illinois and he grew to maturity on a farm in Logan county, that state. While his father was in the army he managed the place and helped look after the interests of the family, and shortly after the war closed he engaged in agricultural pursuits for himself in the above county where he continued to reside until 1870, when he came to Carroll county, Missouri, and settled in Ridge township, where he resumed his labors as a tiller of the soil. Mr. Bacon devoted his entire attention to farming until about the year 1900 when he moved to Bosworth to engage in mechanical pursuits, since which time he has been a contractor for carpentry work and succeeded well in the business. He erected a number of houses and public buildings in the town and

not a few residences, barns and other edifices in the country bear witness to his efficiency and skill as a mechanic. In addition to a comfortable and commodious home and four lots in Bosworth, he owns forty acres of fine farm land in Hurricane township, and is comfortably situated as far as material wealth is concerned.

Mr. Bacon is a man of intelligence and probity and occupies a conspicuous place among the enterprising citizens of his town and county. Industrious and frugal and possessing sound judgment, he has made substantial progress in his vocation and is today one of the leading builders of Bosworth, with a sufficient competency at his command to place him in easy circumstances. Quiet and unassuming in demeanor and always attending strictly to his own interests, he has gained the confidence of his fellow men and is highly esteemed by all with whom he has business or other relations.

Mr. Bacon was married in Illinois in the year 1869 to Matilda Jensen, whose parents, Jensen and Mattie (Christian) Jensen, were natives of Norway and for a number of years well known residents of Logan county, Illinois, where their deaths occurred. Mr. and Mrs. Bacon have had six children, namely: Mrs. Alvira Purdy, of Ridge township; Mrs. Martha Peoples, who lives in Oklahoma; Annie, who is unmarried and lives in Chicago, Illinois, where she follows dressmaking; Margaret, deceased; Stella, wife of C. W. Hitchcock, of Lake Bluff, Illinois; and Addalina, who married R. B. Robinson, of Chicago, in which city she and her husband reside. Mr. Bacon and wife were reared from childhood in the Lutheran church, and are still loyal members of the same and active in the discharge of their duties religiously. In his political faith Mr. Bacon is pronounced in his allegiance to the Republican party and ever since attaining his majority he has kept in touch with the issues of the times and is well informed on all matters of public interest. He served three years on the school board of Ridge township, and was elected mayor of Bosworth in 1902 and served till 1904, the duties of which responsible and exacting office he discharged in a capable and eminently creditable manner, proving a careful and judicious executive and sparing no pains to promote the welfare of his fellowtownsmen and advance the interests of the municipality.

SAMUEL E. STAFFORD.

The subject of this sketch was born in Clark county, Ohio, near Springfield, in the year 1842. When a mere lad he removed with his parents to Indiana where he attended school and grew to maturity on the farm which

his father purchased in that state. In connection with farm work, he also assisted his father in the saw-mill which the latter owned and operated and to these lines of effort he devoted his attention until his marriage, when he began life for himself as a farmer. Sarah Racer, who became the wife of Mr. Stafford in Delaware county, Indiana, in the year 1864, was born October 15, 1847, in Athens county, Ohio. She was the daughter of David C. and Malinda (Fariabee) Racer, both natives of Ohio, born in the years 1822 and 1828 respectively. These parents moved to Indiana a number of years ago where they spent the remainder of their lives. The father died in 1899 and the mother in the year 1907.

Samuel E. Stafford moved to Carroll county, Missouri, in 1876 and bought one hundred and sixty acres of land in sections 22 and 23, Ridge township, on which there were no improvements except an old and illy constructed box house, but which under his well-directed labors was soon transformed into an excellent farm and beautiful country home. He added improvements from time to time, including a fine modern residence with eight commodious rooms and cellar, two barns, in size thirty by forty feet and thirty-two by sixty feet respectively, several substantially constructed out-buildings and various other accessories, besides enclosing the place with wire fences and hedge, the latter being dense, well trimmed and presenting during the greater part of the year a beautiful and decidedly attractive appearance. For several years Mr. Stafford operated a saw-mill in connection with his farm work, an enterprise which proved quite successful and added very materially to his income. Discontinuing the latter in due time, he devoted all of his attention to his agricultural and live stock interests and so managed his affairs that within a few years he was in comfortable circumstances. He was very industrious and energetic, conducted his farm on scientific principles and, in the full sense of the term, was a modern agriculturist. His judgment was sound, and in business matters, as in the management of his work, he seldom made mistakes. In his relations with his fellow men he was actuated by a high sense of honor; his integrity was never questioned and his character was of the sturdy and lofty type which belongs to men who place duty before every other consideration and whose chief aim in life is to be helpful of others and to make the world better. Mr. Stafford was a Christian gentleman, his daily life afforded the best evidence of the soundness of his religious faith and as a zealous and consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church he exercised an influence in the community which induced others to abandon the ways of sin and seek the straight and narrow

way which leads to a better life here and eternal felicity in the world to come. For a number of years he was trustee of the church to which he belonged and at the time of his death was holding that and other official positions in the society. A Republican, with well grounded convictions and tenacious of his opinions, he was not a politician nor did he have any ambitions in the direction of public office or leadership, his highest aim having been to live quietly and contentedly; to attend to his duties as a neighbor and citizen and shape his life in conformity with the divine model afforded by the man of Nazareth.

Mr. and Mrs. Stafford reared the following children: Elias, born in Delaware county, Indiana, April 22, 1870, married Hilda Johnson, of Nebraska, who died February 12, 1898, since which time he married Rena Booker, and lives with his mother. He is a prominent member of the Knights of Pythias and has held all the principal offices in the order; Susan, whose birth occurred in Delaware county, Indiana, on the 9th day of August, 1876, is the wife of A. L. Beebe, and lives at Dean Lake, Carroll county; Etta was born April 5, 1880, in Carroll county, of which she is still a resident, being at this time the wife of Will Wright; Wesley, the youngest of the family, was born December 25, 1882, married Belle Chinn, of this county, and lives in Bosworth.

Samuel Stafford finished his life work and went to his eternal reward on the 12th day of November, 1902.

JAMES J. WHITE.

The subject of this sketch, like many of the erstwhile residents of Carroll county, has rendered his earthly account and joined the "silent majority." His was an honorable life, fraught with good to his fellow men and all who came within the range of his influence bear willing testimony to his high character, sterling worth and the lofty ideals and purposes by which he was actuated. Such men can ill be spared, but the stern Reaper is inexorable and makes no discrimination in choosing his victims. James J. White was a good man and just in all of his relations with his fellows, and the community in which he spent so many years still feels keenly the loss which it suffered when he was summoned to his final reward. He was born August 14, 1833, in Beaver county, Pennsylvania, and when a mere child moved with his parents to Jackson county, Ohio, where he secured his educational training

and grew to manhood. After finishing the common school course he was graduated from the Jackson high school, following which he engaged in teaching and attained to high standing as an educator. After spending several years in the school room, his health became so impaired that he was obliged to discontinue educational work, accordingly he embarked in the grocery trade in the above county and during the four years ensuing built up and conducted a very remunerative business.

On December 10, 1861, Mr. White was united in marriage with Amy E. Grossman, who was born in Butler county, Pennsylvania, January 22, 1838. her parents, Alexander and Catherine Grossman, having been old and respected residents of that part of the Keystone state. During the three years following his marriage he farmed in Jackson county, at the expiration of which time he again engaged in merchandising in the town of Jackson where he was in the business for seven years, or until 1872, when he disposed of his stock and moved to Carroll county, Missouri. Purchasing eighty acres of land in Ridge township, he resumed the pursuit of agriculture, in which his success was very gratifying, as is indicated by the fact that within two years he was enabled to buy an additional hundred and sixty acres, selling his original purchase of eighty and buying another forty, which made an estate of two hundred acres, which, under his labors and management, soon became one of the most productive farms and attractive homesteads in the township. Although handicapped by poor health, Mr. White achieved marked success as a tiller of the soil and was long accounted one of the most experienced and progressive farmers of the country. He made a careful study of the science of agriculture, kept in touch with the trend of thought concerning the same and by adopting modern methods and improved implements and machinery never failed to realize large returns for his time and labor. He not only made a beautiful and attractive home and provided comfortably for himself and family, but accumulated a competency sufficient to enable him to spend his closing years in comfortable retirement. Mr. White was an earnest Christian and his life afforded a striking example of an abiding religious faith and a zeal in the Master's service which nothing could abate. Before moving to Missouri, he was a Presbyterian, but there being no church of that denomination near his home in Ridge township, he united with the Methodist Episcopal church soon after settling here and continued a faithful and consistent member of the same until transferred from the church militant to the church triumphant. For several years he was superintendent of the Sunday school and as such became a proficient and influential

worker among the young people; he was class leader for a number of years also and in every line of religious activity his efforts were fruitful of good results, and he did much to promote the interests of the local congregation with which he was identified.

In politics Mr. White was a Republican. His quiet and unassuming nature, however, kept him out of active political life and he could never be induced to stand for political office, although well qualified to fill any position within the gift of his fellow citizens. Among his neighbors he was greatly respected and few men of his community stood as high as he in public esteem. He encouraged to the extent of his ability all enterprises for the material progress of his township and county, gave his influence and support to measures and movements having for their object the social and educational advancement of his fellow men and upon all matters in which moral issues were involved his stand was firm and uncompromising. In private life he was courteous to all with whom he came into contact, and by an honorable, upright life earned the title of gentleman and gained the confidence of the people with whom he was accustomed to mingle. He served in the latter part of the Civil war in the Forty-seventh Ohio Infantry, enlisting in 1864 for ninety days, but remained in the army until the cessation of hostilities, though taking part in no campaign or battles worthy of note. Earlier in the struggle he was drafted, but by reason of poor health was not accepted for service.

The following are the names of the children in the family of James J. and Amy E. White: George W., born September 12, 1862, died November 16, 1874; James S., born April 7, 1864, married Jennie Mozee, and lives in Ridge township; David A. was born August 22, 1867, and departed this life November 25, 1874; William C., born November 4, 1868, married Nettie Bryan and lives in Oklahoma; Charles A., born April 7, 1872, taught school for several years and died on February 9, 1894; Addie, who was born June 25, 1876, is unmarried and lives at home; Albert, whose birth occurred on the 12th of September, 1879, married Edna Price and resides in Ridge township, on the old home place which he recently bought of the other heirs.

James J. White departed this life December 24, 1900, and his death was felt as a personal loss not only by his family and relations, but by the people of the community among whom he had lived so long and to such useful ends. She is a woman of fine mind and exemplary character, popular among her neighbors and friends and respected by all who enjoy the privilege of her acquaintance.

EUGENE E. FARNHAM.

It is a well authenticated fact that success comes as the result of legitimate and well applied energy, unflagging determination and perseverance in a course of action when once decided upon. She is never known to smile upon the idler or dreamer and she never courts the loafer, and only the men who have diligently sought her favor are crowned with her blessings. In tracing the history of Eugene E. Farnham, well known florist of Carrollton, it is plainly seen that the prosperity which he enjoys has been won by commendable qualities and it is also his personal worth that has gained for him the high esteem of those who know him, for while laboring for his individual advancement he has never neglected his duty in forwarding such movements as have made for the general upbuilding of Carroll county.

Mr. Farnham is the scion of a sterling old family of the New England country, he himself having been born at Ludlow, Vermont, December 2, 1867. He is the son of John F. and Sarah F. (Seavey) Farnham, both natives of Maine, the father born in Brookville and the mother in East Machias. There they grew to maturity, were educated and married. John F. Farnham was a merchant tailor, and, being highly accomplished in this trade, was successful. Leaving New England in 1870, he came to Missouri, locating at Lathrop, where he followed his trade until May, 1874, when he moved to Carrollton where he became well established and lived until his death, on April 5, 1909. He was a man whose character was above reproach and made friends readily. He was a member of the Presbyterian church for about thirty years, having been both deacon and elder in the same for some time, and took a general interest in church work. His wife preceded him to the grave twelve or fifteen years. They were the parents of three children, namely: Mrs. A. M. Laffler, of St. Louis, and Eugene E., of this review; the other child is deceased. John F. Farnham was a veteran of the Civil war, having served faithfully as a member of Company A, Fourth Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry.

Eugene E. Farnham was but a small child when his parents came west. He was educated in the public schools of Carrollton and began his business career as a clerk in a grocery store, which he followed about five years, giving entire satisfaction to his employers and learning the ins and outs of the business. For twenty years he has been part owner of the Hillside green-houses, under the firm name of Kennedy & Farnham, one of the best known and most popular in this section of the state in this line of business, having

carried on for two decades a very satisfactory and ever increasing business, shipping their output to all surrounding towns and to other counties. Their plant comprises twenty-five thousand square feet and is one of the best in Missouri. They handle a great variety of cut flowers, plants and bulbs and are thoroughly up-to-date in the sphere of floriculture.

Mr. Farnham was married on July 3, 1890, to Minnie M. Kennedy, daughter of George W. Kennedy, the business partner of Mr. Farnham and one of Carrollton's leading citizens. Three children, two of whom are living, have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Farnham, namely: Laila and Charles, both at home, the other, Harry, died young.

Mr. Farnham's time is practically consumed at the greenhouse, but he also has a large dry cleaning establishment in Carrollton.

For many years Mr. Farnham has been interested in political affairs and in the general upbuilding of the city and community. Consequently the people have recognized his public spirit and his general qualifications as a public servant and he was called upon to serve as mayor of the city of Carrollton for a period of two years, 1908 and 1909, having been elected on the bi-partisan ticket. He discharged the duties of the same in a manner that reflected much credit upon himself and to the satisfaction of all concerned. He was elected councilman of his precinct for a term of two years at the last election. He was school director for a period of twelve years, during which time the cause of education here received a great impetus. He is a Republican in politics, and fraternally he belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is a worthy member of the First Methodist Episcopal church, and takes an abiding interest in church matters. Personally Mr. Farnham is a very pleasant gentleman to meet, kind, generous and obliging, and his unswerving honesty has won the confidence of all who know him.

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JOHN R. CASSINGHAM.

The gentleman whose name introduces this sketch has been an honored citizen of Carroll county since 1869, and for a number of years was actively identified with the educational and agricultural interests of the township in which he resided. Recently, however, he disposed of the larger part of his landed estate and moved to Bosworth, where he is now living a practically retired life, though still devoting his attention to certain business affairs and

keeping in touch with the times on all matters of public import. John R. Cassingham was born in Dresden, Muskingum county, Ohio, May 7, 1849, being a son of John P. and Rebecca Cassingham, natives respectively of England and the state of Delaware. After completing the common school course in his native county, young Cassingham entered Decamp Institute, in the county of Meigs, from which he was graduated in 1868, and the following year he taught school in Ohio. In the fall of 1869 he came to Carroll county, Missouri, and located in Rockford township, of which he was one of the earliest settlers. During the fifteen years ensuing, he taught school in the winter time and devoted the spring and summer seasons to farm labor, the meanwhile, in 1876, purchasing forty acres of land in Ridge township, to which he added an adjoining tract of forty acres two years later. In 1882 he sold the above lands and purchased one hundred and sixty acres in Rockford township, on which he made a number of improvements and on which he lived the life of a prosperous farmer for a period of twenty-eight years. In the meantime, 1896, he purchased another eighty-acre tract, which he still owns, and in 1909 sold his former farm and the following spring took up his residence in Bosworth where, as before stated, he is now living in retirement.

Mr. Cassingham owns two houses and five lots in the town and with the ample competence which he accumulated during his active years, he is well situated to enjoy his present mode of life and now has no cares or misgivings concerning the future. He has been quite successful financially and is today rated among the well-to-do men of the county, besides providing liberally for his children as one by one they leave the parental roof to establish homes of their own. Not caring to spend all of his time in activity and thus rust out, as so many retired farmers do, he is at present engaged in buying and selling real estate, devoting special attention to land in Oklahoma, and also does a thriving business loaning money. He has been an influential factor in the public affairs of his township and county for many years and from time to time has held various local offices, having served as school director, township trustee and was collector several terms, in all of which and other positions he displayed business ability of a high order and a fidelity to trust which earned him the reputation of a capable official and true friend of the people. In politics he is a Prohibitionist and a firm believer in the principles of the party, looking on the liquor traffic as the greatest evil of the times and the saloon as a public menace. Years ago he united with the Christian church, of which he has since been an honorable and devout

member, being an elder of the church in Bosworth, superintendent of the Sunday school and a member of the board of trustees.

Mr. Cassingham, in 1872, was united in marriage with Amanda F. Staten, of Trimble county, Kentucky, where her birth occurred on January 29, 1853. The following children have blessed this union: Bertha, Harvey, Arthur, Mary, John, Carl, Grace, Lura and Roy. Mrs. Cassingham, like her husband, is a zealous member of the Christian church and her high character and consistent religious life have won for her the high esteem of her many friends in Bosworth and elsewhere. Mr. Cassingham has long been before the people and has steadily grown in popularity. He enjoys the respect and confidence of the community in which he lives. By honestly fulfilling the duties of life, he is now receiving his rightful reward, and he may truly be entitled one of the representative men of Carroll county.

A. J. HERREN.

Holding worthy prestige among the business men of Hale is the gentleman whose career is briefly reviewed in the following lines. A J. Herren was born in Tippecanoe county, Indiana, November 15, 1859, being the third of nine children whose parents, Jacob and Elizabeth (Williams) Herren, were natives of Ohio. Shortly after their marriage, which took place in the above state, Mr. and Mrs. Herren moved to Missouri and on October 30, 1868, settled on a farm near Norborne, in the county of Carroll. After living in that locality until 1871, Mr. Herren purchased of R. B. Hudson the fine farm which that gentleman had owned for a number of years and moving to the place in the fall of the year indicated, made it his home until his death, which occurred on February 22, 1876, his wife dying on April 1, 1872.

A. J. Herren enjoyed only such educational advantages as the public schools afforded and his first experience in the practical affairs of life was acquired on the family homestead where he early became familiar with the duties of farm life. Reaching the years of manhood, he became a tiller of the soil upon his own responsibility and during the eleven years ensuing devoted his attention to the same with success and financial profit. At the expiration of the period indicated, he disposed of his farming interests and, moving to Hale, embarked in the grocery trade, which he still carries on, and in connection with which he also conducts an exclusive wholesale business, buying

and shipping poultry. Both of Mr. Herren's enterprises have prospered and he is today among the successful men of the city. By close application and becoming familiar with details, he has developed decided ability and judgment as a tradesman and from the beginning of his business to the present time it has grown steadily in volume and far-reaching importance. In the matter of poultry, he leads the city and is among the most extensive dealers in the county, his grocery business also being large and his patronage quite extensive.

Mr. Herren is, in the full sense of the term, a business man and as such ranks among the most enterprising and prosperous of his contemporaries. He is likewise interested in the development and growth of his city, encourages any laudable measure to these ends, and lends his aid and influence to all worthy means for the general welfare of his neighbors and fellow citizens. A staunch supporter of the Republican party and ready to labor and make reasonable sacrifices for its success, he has never entered the political arena as an office seeker nor disturbed his quiet by aspiring to leadership. He has great faith in the efficacy of secret fraternal organizations and has become identified with several, being an active and zealous member of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Modern Woodmen, in all of which he enjoys an influential standing, besides having been honored at various times with important official trusts. In matters religious he has strong and well matured convictions, being a firm believer in the sacred Scriptures and an esteemed member of the Baptist church, to which denomination his wife also belongs and, like him, is active and zealous in all lines of religious and charitable work.

On December 14, 1886, Mr. Herren and Sarah McCoubrie were united in the bonds of wedlock, a union blessed with four children, towit: Jessie, Wilmet, Lena and Elmer, the last named dying at the age of sixteen months.

CHARLES WADE McALLISTER.

Prominent among the rising members of the Carroll county bar is the gentleman whose brief biography is presented in the following lines: Charles Wade McAllister is a native of Chariton county, Missouri, born in the town of Triplett on the 3d day of June, 1884. F. P. McAllister, his father, was of Scotch descent and his parents came from Kentucky; at the present time he

makes his home at Mendon, Missouri. He is a native of Missouri, a farmer by occupation and a man of high character and excellent repute. The maiden name of the subject's mother was Amanda Seneker. She was born in Missouri, married Mr. McAllister in 1883 and is still living. This estimable couple are the parents of five sons and one daughter, the subject of this review being the eldest of the family.

Charles Wade McAllister received his elementary education in the graded schools of his native town where he finished a high school course, after which he entered the high school of Bethany, from which he was graduated in due time. In choosing a profession he decided upon the law as the one best suited to his taste and inclinations and shortly after his intellectual discipline was finished he entered the law department of the State University, where he pursued his studies and researches until finishing the prescribed course of the institution and received his degree. He was graduated in June, 1907, and the following October located at Hale, where he has since practiced his profession with a large measure of success and forged to the front among the rising attorneys of the bar. Although brief, the professional career of Mr. McAllister presents a series of continued advancements and since his admission to the practice he has become an important factor in legal circles, standing high as a counsellor and making his influence felt among old and experienced lawyers. He is well grounded in the basic principles of jurisprudence, possesses the ability and tact to apply his knowledge to the practice of the profession and by close application to business he has secured quite a lucrative clientele and bids fair to rise to a distinguished place in his chosen calling at no distant day.

Mr. McAllister is an uncompromising Democrat and has been an influential factor in his party ever since old enough to exercise the elective franchise. His political services were duly recognized in 1910 by his being made candidate for the office of county attorney, but he was beaten by twenty-five votes out of a total of five thousand four hundred and one votes.

Mr. McAllister has great faith in the efficacy of secret fraternal work and belongs to several societies with this principle as a basis, being an active member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Masonic orders and holding offices in each. He is highly esteemed in the social circles of his city and his personal popularity extends to the limits of his acquaintances. He is a gentleman of affable manners, courteous in his relations with others and no young man of his age and experience stands higher in public favor or has shown himself more worthy of the confidence which he has inspired.

WILLIAM HUGHES.

The subject of this sketch, a well known hardware merchant and one of Hale's enterprising business men, was born in Adams county, Illinois, September 21, 1864. His paternal ancestors were Irish and Welsh, which branch of the family was represented in West Virginia, of which state both his grandfather and father were natives. The former moved to Ohio in an early day and from thence to western Illinois, where he was living at the time of the Mormon trouble. He kept a ferry on the Mississippi river and to him fell the duty of ferrying the Latter-Day Saints across to Missouri, when they fled from their enraged pursuers. Thomas Hughes, the subject's father, was taken to Ohio when quite young and there grew to maturity. He married, when a young man, Caroline Griffiths, a native of Ohio, whose parents moved to Illinois in pioneer times and were among the early settlers of Adams county. Mr. Hughes was a farmer by occupation and achieved well merited success at his chosen calling. He moved to Missouri in the spring of 1875 and settled near Hale, Livingston county, where he resided until his death, two years later, his wife dying in 1894. Both were pious members of the Methodist Episcopal church and their friends were as their acquaintances. Mr. Hughes was twice married and had a family of eight children, five by his first wife and three by the second.

The childhood and youth of William Hughes were similar to those of most country lads, having been spent on the farm in Livingston county, where he early learned the meaning of hard work and the value of a steadfast purpose in the fitting of one's self for the stern realities and duties of a successful life. In the common schools, which he attended during the winter months during his minority, he obtained the rudiments of an education, which, supplemented by reading and close observation, also the mingling with his fellows in after years, made him a well informed, practical young man, who determined to be something more than a mere passing factor in the world. He early turned his attention to agriculture, which he followed with encouraging results until 1897, when he discontinued the pursuit of farming and bought a general store at Compton, which he conducted with fair profits during the six years ensuing. In 1905 he disposed of his stock and for a short time thereafter was associated with his brother George in the mercantile business at Little Compton, but the partnership being dissolved, he resumed farming and was thus engaged until 1910. In June of the latter year Mr. Hughes abandoned agriculture and embarked in the hardware trade at Hale, purchasing the establishment of Mr. Knox, of which he has since been sole

proprietor, with a steadily growing and successful trade. He carries a full and complete stock of hardware and other goods of like character, and by close attention and judicious management, also by consulting the demands of the trade and treating his customers with becoming kindness and courtesy, he has built up a business second to that of no other man in the city similarly engaged. Within a brief experience he has demonstrated ability of a high value, which with his natural tact and wise foresight, enables him to take advantage of opportunities and plans for the gradual enlargement of his business as the years go by.

Mr. Hughes was happily married on the 1st of March, 1888, to Maggie Gum, daughter of J. F. Gum, a prosperous farmer of Carroll county and a Confederate veteran of the Civil war. Mrs. Hughes bore her husband four children and departed this life on March 2, 1906, profoundly mourned and lamented by the large number of friends and acquaintances by whom she was held in high esteem. The following are the names of the subject's children: Lena, wife of Roy Erhart, lives in Hale; Frankie, Anna and Chester, all at home except the married daughter. Mr. Hughes and family are members of the Baptist church and active workers for the advancement of the congregation to which they belong. Politically he is a Republican, with well grounded principles, and fraternally is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, being zealous in building up the lodge at Hale and exemplifying the beautiful principles of the order in his daily life.

LORENZO P. LANG.

This enterprising business man is a native of Kentucky, where his birth occurred on January 20, 1853. His father, Alexander Lang, was born in Ireland and was a son of William Lang, whose ancestors from time immemorial lived in the Emerald isle. Alexander Lang came to the United States when a small boy and grew to maturity in Kentucky, where in due time he married and became a well-to-do farmer and respected citizen. He chose for a wife Nancy Whittaker, daughter of John Wesley Whittaker, a native of the Blue Grass state and a prominent farmer and influential member of the Methodist church. Mr. and Mrs. Lang reared a family of eight children and ended their lives in Kentucky, where all of their offspring first saw the light of day. R. T., the oldest of the family, lives in Colorado, the subject of this review being the second in order of birth. C. W. and W. A. live in

the state of Washington. Mary, the fifth in number, is deceased. Alice, who married C. N. West, resides in San Francisco, California. Inez died in 1906 and Bettie, the youngest of the family, departed this life in the year 1909.

Lorenzo Lang spent his childhood and youth in his native state and enjoyed the advantages of a common school education. Arriving at manhood's estate, he farmed one year in Kentucky, and then went to Illinois, where he was similarly engaged during the seven years ensuing. At the expiration of that time he came to Hale, Missouri, and shortly after his arrival bought out the implement business of L. Comer, and since 1885 has devoted his attention to that line of trade. He has built up a large establishment, consisting of all kinds of agricultural implements and machinery, a full and complete stock of hardware, and by diligent attention to his business and good management has secured a large and lucrative patronage. In conducting his affairs he displays ability of a high order and his success has been such that he is now financially independent and among the solid and well-to-do men of the thriving city in which he lives and to the growth of which he has been no small contributor.

Mr. Lang was married on the 3d day of March, 1873, to Martha Barlow, whose parents, William and Mary A. Barlow, moved from Virginia to Kentucky in an early day and were among the substantial residents of the part of the latter state in which they settled. Mr. and Mrs. Lang have three children, Heber E., the oldest, being a resident of St. Joseph, this state; William Homer lives at Wardner, Idaho, and Anna M., who married E. L. Yeager, makes her home at Darby, Montana.

Since coming to Missouri, Mr. Lang has mingled much with his fellow men and become an influential factor in the affairs of his adopted town and county. While laboring to advance his own interests and secure a competency, he has not been unmindful of the interests of others, as is indicated by the zeal he has always manifested in the growth of Hale and the active part he has taken to promote the welfare of his fellow men. He stands for progress and improvement in all the terms imply and his voice and influence have ever been on the side of law and order and in behalf of every moral issue that has come before the people. In his political faith he is strongly Republican, though by no means narrow or prejudiced in his views and he has served his township in official capacities of no little importance. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias and the Order of Yeomen and in religion subscribes to the Methodist creed. He and his family belong to the First Methodist Episcopal church of Hale, and his aim has been to make his life consistent with religious professions.

PRITCHARD B. STANDLEY.

In the present article is recorded much of the activities of a family which has for many years been identified with Carroll county, which has been the scene of its operations for four generations. During all this time, from the pioneer settler to the younger men and women who bear the name of Standley today, that name has been synonymous with honesty and strength of character exemplified in life.

Pritchard B. Standley was born on August 9, 1861, in Carroll county, Missouri, the son of William and Sarah (Magard) Standley. His paternal grandfather, James Standley, came from North Carolina to Carroll county, Missouri, on November 13, 1819, and took up large tracts of land, subsequently donating to the town of Carrollton eighty acres, and the city of Carrollton is mostly built on this tract of eighty acres. He was one of the first settlers of the county and one of the influential men of his time. His wife was also a native of North Carolina. Among their children were James, Elizabeth, Uriah, Jesse B., Hiram, Wakefield, John, Milton and William.

William Standley was born on January 29, 1822, in the log cabin in which his father had built on ground now within the corporate limits of Carrollton. Five days after the birth of William Standley his mother died, and his grandfather took the babe and kept him until he was fifteen years of age. His schooling was meager, but the best obtainable in the settlement. After he grew to manhood Mr. Standley located a short distance southeast of Carrollton and began farming. Except for a period of a year and a half spent in California in the early fifties, his entire life of eighty years was spent within two miles of the place of his birth. William Standley was as closely identified with the early history of Carroll county as any man. When he was born the county had not been named, and had been laid off into sections but three years earlier, while scarcely a hundred people lived within its present bounds, and his entire boyhood was spent in a pioneer atmosphere of hardship and toil. He was eleven years old when the county was organized. All the older citizens of Carrollton were familiar with his life, and from them all came the same testimony: He was a good citizen and a good man. In his younger days he accumulated a fortune, and in his declining years lived at ease. Though of a retiring disposition, he loved in his older days to talk of the early history of the county, and many were the interesting incidents he could relate of the happenings when the county was a wilderness. He was prominent in the Christian church, in which he had been a deacon for many years.

William Standley was married in March, 1845, to Sarah Maggard, who was born in Monroe county, Virginia, May 19, 1826, and came with her parents as a child to Missouri, and to Carroll county in 1843. To this union eleven children were born, four of whom survive, John H., Benjamin Y., Pritchard B. and Robert Lee. Mrs. Standley was called to her last home on February 4, 1886. She was an exemplary member of the Christian church. Mr. Standley survived her until September 18, 1901, and at the time of his death he was the oldest native-born citizen of the county.

Pritchard B. Standley was reared on his father's farm and educated in the common schools. He worked on the farm from boyhood and at the age of twenty-two began farming for himself on the land which he now owns. The Standley farm is one of the old land-marks as one of the first improved farms in the county, and is located a mile and a half from Carrollton. Mr. Standley is a progressive and up-to-date farmer and has prospered in his operations.

Mr. Standley was married on May 13, 1883, to Catherine F. Forman, who was born and reared in Linn county, Missouri, the daughter of L. T. Forman. Mr. and Mrs. Standley are the parents of five children: William M. married Pearl Jenkins and has two children, Jewel and Melvin; Cecil L. married Claud Tucker; Lowell L. married Maud Atkins, and has one child; Lynntoria and Mertin M. are at home. Mr. and Mrs. Standley are members of the Christian church. The vicinity of Carrollton numbers no more progressive or useful citizen, nor one who has the good of the community more at heart than Mr. Pritchard B. Standley.

JOSEPH STILWELL.

The present review is concerned with the life and actions of one of the prominent farmers of De Witt township, a man well known to his neighbors, and known to them as a man of such character that all speak well of him. And the judgment of our neighbors is perhaps the safest judgment concerning any of us, for they know us best. The descendant of a family of strong and courageous men and women, of brave soldiers and women of fortitude, who bore their full share in all the activities of the communities of which they were a part, Mr. Stilwell has lived a life in keeping with the family traditions, and has been ever guided by the memory of his father, who met a soldier's death, freely offering his life in the service of his state.

Joseph Stilwell was born in Mount Washington, Kentucky, on October 31, 1861, the son of Benjamin and Annie (Pearce) Stilwell, both natives of Kentucky. His father was a soldier in the Confederate army, and was killed during the Civil war. His mother had removed to Louisville, Kentucky, when her husband went into the army, and here Joseph lived until he was nineteen years old, and here his mother died. Joseph was the eldest of two children. He came from Louisville to Carroll county, Missouri, in September, 1880, and at first worked out by the month at farm labor. In the spring of 1885 he began farming for himself on rented land, and in August, 1890, he bought a farm in Sugar Tree township, Carroll county, on which he lived until 1908, when he sold it and bought the farm where he now lives, in De Witt township. This farm consists of one hundred and eighty acres of improved land, the cultivation of which has been very profitable to its owner.

Mr. Stilwell was first married in Carroll county, Missouri, to Fannie Winfrey, who was a native of the county and a daughter of F. M. Winfrey. She died in Sugar Tree township in July, 1892. By this marriage Mr. Stilwell is the father of two children, Eveline and Clarence L. He was married in Carrollton, Missouri, on November 1, 1893, to Anna Wade, who was born in Grundy county, Missouri, on February 23, 1861. His wife and daughter are active members of the Baptist church.

In politics Mr. Stilwell is a Democrat, and he has served as school director in Sugar Tree township. Fraternally, he is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, the Woodmen of the World and the Modern Brotherhood of America. He is a man whose many excellent personal qualities have made him many friends. In a true sense he is self-made, for he began with nothing and has become one of the large and prosperous farmers of his township.

WILLIAM A. QUICK.

The farmer's situation has greatly changed since the boyhood days of Mr. Quick, when he worked with old time implements, and the labor of three or four men was required to do as much at many farm tasks as is done by one man now with improved machinery. Mr. Quick has witnessed these changes, has been prompt to adapt himself to them, and has by hard work and thrift gained a competency from the cultivation of the soil. His father died when he was very young, thus compelling him and his brothers to work

by the month. He spent his youthful days working for Pue Price, brother of General S. Price, on his farm. Also worked in a tobacco factory at Brunswick, where he received from three to fifteen dollars per month.

William A. Quick was born in Montgomery county, Missouri, on a farm, August 15, 1843. He had little chance for education. He first enlisted in the Missouri militia of the Northern army in 1862, at Brunswick, and was a member of this branch for eight months, seeing little service, this being what was known as the "Enrolled Militia," a sort of home guards. He changed from the enrolled militia to the Missouri State Militia at the close of eight months, and in this branch saw much service in the state, and a good deal of fighting, mostly against the bushwhackers and part of the time against Quantrell's men. On two occasions his troops were called out to repel Confederate raids, once against Gen. Jo Shelby, whom they forced back into Arkansas. Mr. Quick was a member of the cavalry. He was wounded in the breast at the first skirmish in which he took part, and was injured two other times, but was in the hospital only for a short time, and that when he was injured by being run over by his own men during a fight. He was never captured. His service was under Colonel Guitar, and he was mustered out at St. Louis in June, 1865, after which he returned to Brunswick.

In 1868 William A. Quick came to De Witt township, Carroll county, and remained there four years on a rented farm, then moved to west of the place he first rented, and remained there for five years, then rented a farm of William Pemberton for one year, and another of his farms for two years. In 1877 he came to his present location in Combs township and bought a farm of forty acres and now owns eighty acres. Most of the neighboring land was wild prairie when he came, but his farm was timbered and he cleared the most of the land himself, and has improved the place until he has an excellent farm, than which there is none better of its size in the community.

Mr. Quick was married on January 25, 1867, in Saline county, Missouri, to Eleanor Audsley, who was born in England in 1844 and came to Missouri with her parents. Six of the children born to this marriage are now living: Joe, who married Carrie Cunningham, lives in New Mexico and is the father of three children; Mont, unmarried, lives in Marcelene, Missouri; George, unmarried, lives at Kansas City, Missouri; Arthur married Alice Brock, of Trotter township, and lives in Kansas City; Archer and Lucy are at home.

In politics Mr. Quick is a Republican, and he is a member of the Baptist church. His life has been marked by industry and perseverance. Of a wide acquaintance in the county, he is favorably known and has many friends.

WILLIAM A. AUDSLEY.

Future progression in farming will take the direction not so much of improvement in instruments of cultivation, but that of careful study given to the needs of his soil and fields by each farmer, by which he becomes familiar with the chemical constituents of his soil, the elements needed for each crop, and the methods of supplying lacking elements and of improving fertility. American farmers have been prodigal of the fertility of their soil, especially in the richest regions; the soil has been depleted more in twenty-five to one hundred years of farming than the soil of Europe has in one to two thousand years. This loss can never be regained, though intelligent farming will aid to replace it. Mr. Audsley has in his years of farming been a careful conservator of the fertility of his soil, and having also from the first been a heavy dealer and feeder of cattle and hogs for market, consequently has one of the best farms in Carroll county.

William A. Audsley was born in Saline county, Missouri, on September 8, 1849, the son of Joseph and Margaret (Whitehead) Audsley, both of whom were natives of England, where they were married. They came directly to Missouri on crossing the ocean in 1846, and settled on a farm seven miles east of Miami, in Saline county, where they spent the remainder of their lives and became citizens of consequence in their community, where they were much esteemed. Of their six children, William A. Audsley was the second. He grew up on his father's farm, and remained with his parents until he was twenty-six years old, when he came to Carroll county and for two years rented land in Combs township, then purchased one hundred and sixty acres on which he has since resided, an excellent farm, of high fertility and well improved, and has since added to his holdings until he is the owner of four hundred and eighty acres, and ranks among the prominent farmers of the county.

In 1874 Mr. Audsley was married to Mary O. Robinson, who was a native of Carroll county and who bore to him one child, Elmer, who married Minnie Adkins, of this county, and they lived in Smith township. She died in 1880 and Mr. Audsley was married a second time, on November 7, 1882, to Mrs. Martha (Chapman) Fash, who was a native of West Virginia, the daughter of Hezekiah and Mary Ann (Roush) Chapman. Her father was born in Ohio, her mother in West Virginia. Her first husband was George Fash, who died at Kewanee, Illinois, and to whom she bore one daughter.

Mabel, who became the wife of Marion Audsley, and died in De Witt township at the age of twenty-four. Mr. and Mrs. Audsley are the parents of three living children, Mary, the wife of Marion Shindhelm; George and Joseph. Mr. and Mrs. Audsley are active workers in the Baptist church. In politics Mr. Audsley is a Republican. In his life Mr. Audsley has manifested so many agreeable qualities and showed such strength of character that he is highly regarded by his neighbors, who are in a position to know him better than any others, which makes their opinion the more valuable.

JOHN M. BENNETT.

One of the oldest residents of Stokes Mound township, Carroll county, Missouri, is John M. Bennett, a native of the Old Dominion state, which has given to this country so many honorable citizens, who, though well advanced in manhood's estate when he came to this region, has been for more than forty years one of its residents and a partaker in the activities of the community in which he has been a prominent farmer.

John M. Bennett was born in the Shenandoah valley, Virginia, in 1831, attended school there, and until he was twenty-four helped his father on his farm, then came to Chariton county, Missouri, and operated some of the large farms there for their owners for twelve years, also renting some land for himself. In 1868 he moved to his present farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Stokes Mound township, Carroll county, which he has since cultivated. In 1863 he enlisted in the Home Guards, and served for ninety days. His whole farm is under cultivation and is fenced with wire and hedge. His farming is general in character, and he raises corn and hay, and keeps about sixty hogs, seven horses and mules, and some cattle. Practically all the improvements on the place have been made by him. He and his wife are members of the Christian church, he has been a deacon since the organization of the church, and trustee also, and his wife is a teacher in the Sunday school. Mr. Bennett is a member of no fraternal organization at the present time, but was formerly a Granger. In politics he is a Republican.

Mr. Bennett was first married to Emma Dewar, who bore him one child, Emma, now the wife of Thomas Elliott, living near Brunswick, Missouri. He was married a second time to Eliza Jones, who was born in Guernsey county, Ohio, in 1840, the daughter of Samuel and Harriett Jones, both natives of that same county. She taught subscription schools before coming

to this county. To this marriage one son was born, Elmer, who is living at home, and carries on the greater part of the farming operations. He married Effie Evans, and he and his wife are both members of the Christian church. He is the leader of the choir, and has been for several years the superintendent of the Sunday school. For two years he has been collector of the township.

John M. Bennett has lived to see six great-grandchildren born to bless his age. Though four score years old, he is well preserved physically and mentally, and is an entertaining talker on many subjects. A man of strong Christian character, he possesses the esteem and respect of his neighbors.

AUGUST WIESE.

A whole-souled hearty German farmer, who is nearing that time of life when activities cease, and who looks back over a life of well spent labor which has brought to him its reward, and also looks forward with the knowledge that his name and line will be perpetuated; a man of character and honor, of high intelligence and good judgment, which qualities have brought him not alone material success, but have given to him a high place of influence in his community—such is August Wiese.

August Wiese was born in Prussia on February 2, 1842, and when twenty-six years old was married to Julia Kempf. Five years later, feeling the call of opportunity in the western continent, they emigrated to this country, and for one year remained in New York, where they had landed in America. They then removed to Cook county, Illinois, and there spent four years. In September, 1877, Mr. Wiese and his family came to Carroll county, Missouri, and located on the farm which has since been his place of residence. This farm at that time consisted of only seventy-three and one-half acres, but he has prospered and saved and added to his holdings until he now owns three hundred and sixty-six acres of excellent farming land, on which he has erected good, substantial and convenient buildings.

Mr. Wiese is the father of three children, Charles, Rudolph and Emil. Charles was married to Augusta Raasch, who was born in Germany March 31, 1864, and they have two children, Emil and Charles, Jr. Emil Wiese was married on November 18, 1904, to Sophia Wittnehen, who was born in Corsicana, Texas, on December 19, 1884. To this marriage have been

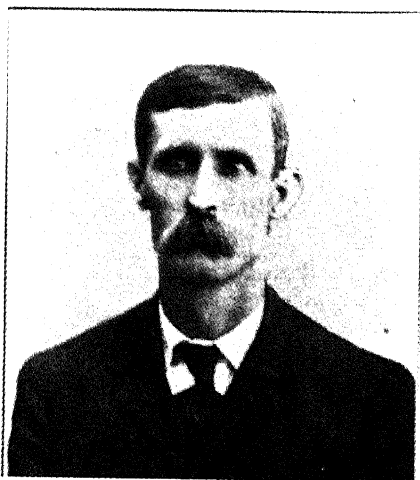
born three interesting and attractive children, Walter, Rudolph and Ernest. Rudolph Wiese married Paulina Wittnehen, who was born at Corsicana, Texas, July 2, 1878.

August Wiese is considered as one of the best farmers and shrewdest managers in the township. He has always taken an interest in the common good, and has aided all enterprises which promised to better the community of which he is a resident and in which his influence is felt.

TAYLOR RAY.

Taylor Ray, postmaster of Bosworth and a popular citizen of Carroll county, is a native of Ohio, where he was born on October 21, 1840. George Ray, his father, was a Pennsylvanian by birth, but in early life went to Ohio where he became a successful tiller of the soil and where in due time he met and married Nancy Daugherty, whose parents, John and Margaret Daugherty, were of Irish lineage and among the early pioneers of the part of the Buckeye state in which they settled. In the year 1865 George Ray disposed of his interests in Ohio and moved to Missouri, settling in Gentry county, but the following year removed to Carroll county, where he spent the remainder of his life. He bought the old William Creel farm soon after his arrival in the county and after living on the same for some years, sold the place and took up his residence in Hale, where his death occurred in 1891, his wife preceding him to the grave nearly, if not quite, thirty years before. Mr. Ray was a man of excellent repute and enjoyed to a marked degree the confidence and good will of his fellow citizens. He was a Republican and a local politician of considerable influence and for many years was a consistent member of the Methodist church, William Ray having been a Presbyterian in his religious belief. The family of this excellent couple consisted of six children, of whom the subject of this review is the oldest son and third in order of birth.

Taylor Ray's early life was characterized by no event worthy of note, but, like that of most of the country boys, was divided between work on the farm in the summer time and at study in the district school during the winter months. He was reared to habits of industry and thrift and in due time engaged in tilling the soil, which useful and honorable vocation he followed with gratifying success until 1883, though he continued on the



TAYLOR RAY

farm two years longer. In 1885 he moved to Hale, where he remained until 1887, when he changed his abode to Bosworth, which town he has made his home to the present time and where he doubtless will reside permanently hereafter.

Before leaving his farm Mr. Ray filled every local office in his township and was deemed a very capable and trustworthy public servant. He also became interested in political matters and after moving to his present place of residence rose to an influential place in the Republican party, of which he has been a pronounced supporter ever since old enough to exercise the rights and prerogatives of citizenship. In recognition of his efficient political services, he was appointed, in 1898, postmaster of Bosworth, which position he has since held, and in discharging the duties of which he has met the expectations of his friends and the public and justified the wisdom of having been made the custodian of "Uncle Sam's" interests at the little city in which he lives. Mr. Ray is a man of affairs, who encourages all measures for promoting the growth and varied interests of his town, and who gives his support to all enterprises having for their object the social advancement and moral good of the populace. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Woodmen of the World, and belongs to the Christian church of Bosworth, in which he holds the offices of deacon and clerk. Mrs. Ray is also identified with the church and, like her husband, manifests commendable zeal in her religious duties and endeavors to live so as to exemplify the beauty and worth of a vital Christian faith.

On February 29, 1880, Mr. Ray and Fannie M. Woods were united in the bonds of matrimony, a mutually happy and prosperous union, which has been blessed with two children, the older of whom, Anna Elizabeth, is the wife of A. F. Hull, and lives in Bosworth, her marriage resulting in the birth of a daughter. George B., the younger of the subject's children, was called from this life at the age of eighteen months.

BERT F. FISHER.

For the early family history of the subject of this sketch, the reader is respectfully referred to the sketch of I. J. Fisher, which appears on another page of this work.

Bert F. Fisher, a prosperous farmer and public spirited man of affairs, is a native of Calhoun county, Illinois, where his birth occurred on October

23, 1870, being a son of Jacob Fisher, who some years ago moved from that state to Carroll county, Missouri, and became a well known citizen of the community in which he lived. The early life of Bert F. Fisher, amid the quiet rural scenes of his home, was conducive to a well developed physique and he grew up strong and rugged and well fitted for the duties which he subsequently met as an energetic and successful tiller of the soil. In the public schools which he attended at intervals during childhood and youth, he received his preliminary educational discipline, this training afterwards being supplemented by a business course in the city commercial college; still later he entered the Chattock College at Quincy, Illinois, where he completed a normal course and attained to high standing as a student. Having decided to devote his life to agriculture, for which he early manifested a predilection, he purchased, in 1895, the farm east of the village of Standish and, addressing himself to the cultivation of the same, he was soon on the high road to success and financial independence.

Mr. Fisher displayed more than ordinary enterprise and judgment in the management of his farm and in due time was enabled to add to his real estate until he now has one hundred and ten acres of very fine land, the greater part in cultivation and well improved. He has good buildings, his dwelling being modern and equipped with the comforts and conveniences which go so far to make the farmer's lot an enviable one, his barns, out-buildings and other improvements being up to date also and in excellent condition. When he took possession of his place much of the land was wild, but by persevering industry he has cleared and reduced nearly all of it to cultivation and, as already indicated, is now in easy circumstances, with a sufficiency of the world's goods at his command to insure a prosperous and contented life in years to come.

Mr. Fisher has taken a lively interest in public and political matters since old enough to exercise the rights and prerogatives of citizenship, and he is today one of the influential Republicans of Carroll county and a recognized leader of his party. He has been an active worker for the cause he espouses and in recognition of his political services he was nominated in 1910 for the office of recorder of deeds, though defeated at the ensuing election.

Mr. Fisher is not only a successful farmer and influential politician, but also holds worthy prestige as a public spirited and progressive citizen, being interested in all that concerns the material advancement of his township and county and encouraging to the extent of his ability all measures and enterprises having for their object the social and moral betterment of society. He

is a gentleman of pleasing presence and address, easily approachable, and possesses the happy faculty of winning and retaining warm personal friendships. Those who know him best are loudest in their praise of his many sterling qualities and among his fellow citizens and the public at large he is held in high esteem.

The domestic life of Mr. Fisher, which has been a very happy and prosperous one, dates from February 8, 1893, when he was united in marriage with Mattie Orr, of Bosworth, daughter of Thomas Orr, a well known resident of that town. Four children have been born to this union, namely: Adrienne, Norval, Archie and Thelma, all living and, with their parents, constituting an agreeable home circle. Mrs. Fisher is a Methodist in her religious faith and a zealous worker in the local church which holds her membership. Mr. and Mrs. Fisher have long been influential in the social life of the community and are highly respected among their neighbors and friends for their many estimable qualities of mind and heart. Their home is the abode of a generous hospitality which many enjoy and those who cross their threshold as guests invariably maintain an abiding friendship with the open hearted host and hostess.

ANDREW FINLAYSON.

The gentleman whose career is briefly outlined in this sketch is an American by naturalization, being a native of county Lanark, Scotland, where his birth occurred on June 24, 1860. His parents, John and Mary (Wilson) Finlayson, were born in that country also and spent all their lives in their native land, and, dying, were laid to rest beneath its soil. Andrew Finlayson spent his childhood and youth near the place of his birth and as opportunities afforded attended the schools of the neighborhood until acquiring a knowledge of the branches which constitute the prescribed course of study. While still young he read much about the great American republic beyond the sea and as he advanced in years he decided to seek his fortune in a country where he was satisfied better opportunities for young men were to be found than his own land afforded. Accordingly, in April, 1881, he bade farewell to the scenes of home and childhood and, taking passage for the United States, arrived at his destination in due time and for a brief period thereafter lived in Randolph county, Missouri, whither some of his countrymen had preceded him.

Mr. Finlayson's next move was to Indiana, where he remained about fourteen months and then went to Pennsylvania, supporting himself in the meantime as a coal miner, which vocation he followed in the latter state until 1884, when he revisited the land of his birth. After spending the greater part of a year in Scotland, he returned to the United States in November, 1885, and the following year located at Carrollton, Missouri, where, as formerly, he engaged in mining. In 1887, while at work in a mine, the premature discharge of a blast so injured him that he has never recovered from the effects of the accident, being at this time considerably crippled, though not so seriously as to interfere with his business. In partnership with three associates, Mr. Finlayson on coming to Missouri bought a mine which they operated jointly for some time; later they disposed of the property and for a number of years the subject has been handling coal from various mines, building up an extensive and lucrative business the meanwhile in Carrollton.

Mr. Finlayson is a shrewd, far-seeing and very capable business man whose undertakings have invariably prospered and, by well directed energy and judicious management, he has acquired a competency, being today among the financially solid men and enterprising citizens of the city in which he resides. He is a Republican in politics and to him is due the credit of being the only candidate of that party to carry Carrollton township since the county organization went into effect, which fact speaks much for his popularity among the people irrespective of political affiliation. He served one term as township assessor and discharged his official duties in an able and business-like manner which justified the voters of his jurisdiction in making him custodian of one of their most important interests. In religious matters he has well grounded convictions, having been reared under the influence of the Presbyterian church, with which body he has affiliated from his youth up and at this time he is an elder of the local church at Carrollton, in which himself and family hold membership.

Mr. Finlayson was happily married on April 11, 1884, to Helen Stewart, daughter of Thomas and Ellen Stewart, both parents natives of Scotland. To Mr. and Mrs. Finlayson six children have been born, two of whom died in infancy, the names of the survivors being as follows: John T., who is associated with his father in the coal business; Hugh, a student of an educational institution where he is fitting himself for a civil engineer; Mary and Alexander, who are members of the home circle. In all that constitutes honorable manhood and upright citizenship, Mr. Findlayson affords a commendable example and, although quiet and unostenstacious in demeanor and attending strictly to his own interests, his influence has always been on

the side of right and the world has been made better by his presence. He has ever aimed to be true to himself, to his fellow men and to his Maker and, cheered by the rectitude of his motives and intentions, the future has nothing which he need fear.

WILLIAM A. WILLIS.

The success achieved by the late William A. Willis, of Carrollton, together with his standing as a neighbor, business man and citizen, entitle him to honorable mention in a work devoted to the lives of the representatives of the county and city in which he long maintained his residence. Mr. Willis, whose birth occurred in Van Buren, Arkansas, on the 8th day of January, 1843, was a son of James C. and Patsey (Phelps) Willis, both parents natives of Culpeper county, Virginia, in which state the paternal branch of the family appears to have lived ever since the colonial period. In 1851, James C. Willis moved to Marion county, Missouri, where he spent the remainder of his life as an honest, industrious tiller of the soil, and where he also took an active and influential part in public affairs. He was a man of strong, practical mind, a zealous politician, and from time to time was elected to various positions of honor and trust, in all of which he exhibited abilities of a high order and a sincere desire to promote the best interests of those he served.

William A. Willis was a small child when the family moved to Missouri. In 1861, when little more than eighteen years of age, he joined the Confederate army under Gen. Sterling Price, and in the battle of Lexington, soon afterwards, received a painful wound, which necessitated his retirement from further military duty. Returning to Palmyra, he in due time recovered from his injury, and after remaining in that town until 1869, he came to Carrollton, with the varied interests of which city the remainder of his life was closely identified. From the time of his arrival until 1877 he gave his attention to different pursuits, and in the latter year was elected town marshal, which office he filled with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of the public during the four years ensuing. At the expiration of his term, in 1882, he engaged in the furniture and undertaking business, his partner the first year being J. G. Woodland, and later he became associated with L. H. Woodson, the firm thus constituted lasting until the latter gentleman was succeeded by T. F. Shepherd, who continued with the subject until 1889. In that year the business was reorganized, Mr. Willis taking in his sons as

partners, and from 1889 until the present time the style of the firm has been Willis & Sons, a name widely known in commercial circles, their store being the largest and most successful establishment of the kind in the city.

Mr. Willis was an accomplished business man and stood high in the esteem and confidence of his contemporaries. Though primarily interested in his own affairs and bending all his energies to make them successful, he never neglected the duties of citizenship or overlooked his responsibilities to the community in which he resided. All worthy enterprises enlisted his influence and support, and no measure having for its object the social advancement or moral good of his fellow men ever appealed to him in vain. In his political allegiance he was a Democrat and as such rendered efficient service to his party and its candidates in a number of campaigns. Like the majority of public spirited men, he was identified with the Masonic order and during his forty years of membership in that ancient and honorable fraternity, he not only held every office within the gift of his brethren, but exemplified its beautiful and sublime precepts in his daily mingling with his fellow men. He rose to high standing in the society and was also a zealous Odd Fellow for thirty years.

In the year 1866 Mr. Willis entered the marriage relation with Eliza J. Tuley, of Palmyra, Missouri, who bore him five children, the oldest of whom died in infancy. William A., Jr., the second in order of birth, is in the furniture business at Ft. Smith, Arkansas, where he has built up a large and successful establishment; he married Miss McWhorter, of Wellington, Kansas, and has a family of six children. Edwin T., a member of the furniture firm at Carrollton, is one of the prominent business men of the city and a man whom to know is to esteem and honor; he, too, is a married man, but has no children, his wife having formerly been Alfie Smith, of Carrollton. James E., the fourth of the family, and associated with the former in the furniture business, married Ora S. Spears, with whom he moves in the best social circles of the city; Virginia, who became the wife of J. E. Mason, died April 14, 1901, in the state of Texas; Mildred J., the youngest of the family, lives with her mother in Carrollton and, like the latter, commands the respect and esteem of a large number of friends and acquaintances. Mr. Willis was a devout member of the Christian church, and his entire family belong to the same religious body. He was zealous in the discharge of his duties as a Christian and, sustained by an unflinching hope in the promises of his Redeemer, he passed, on November 23, 1909, from the church militant to the church triumphant, his death being greatly deplored, in that it removed from Carrollton one of the city's most highly esteemed citizens and from his family a loving husband and affectionate and devoted father.

Sufficient has been stated in the foregoing sketch to indicate the character and business standing of the two sons of Mr. Willis living in Carrollton. Both are energetic and enterprising, taking broad views of men and affairs, and endeavoring to realize within themselves their high ideals of manhood and citizenship. They are Masons of high degree, including the commandery of Knights Templar, and are also identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

CHARLES S. WRIGHT.

Charles S. Wright, member of the firm of Wright Brothers, dealers in agricultural implements, machinery, etc., of Carrollton and one of the enterprising business men of the city, is a native of Carroll county, Missouri, and the third of five children whose parents were B. F. and Ladora (Crouch) Wright. B. F. Wright was born in Ireland and when quite young came to the United States and located in Tennessee. He was an early settler of that state and lived there until 1854, when he went to Warren county, Iowa, where he remained four years, and then moved farther west, first to Colorado and then afterwards to Montana. He built the first house on the present site of Helena and, with his brother, discovered the famous mine in Last Chance Gulch which led to the founding of that city and making it one of the most noted places in the west. Returning east in 1866, he located at Brunswick, Missouri, where he remained until April, 1868, when he came to Carrollton and with W. S. Crouch embarked in the lumber and implement business. Disposing of his interest in the firm in 1873, he moved to a farm six miles north of Carrollton where he spent the remainder of his life, dying November 14, 1898. Mrs. Wright, who is still living, makes her home at this time with her son, James Wright. B. F. Wright was a man of great energy and determination, given somewhat to travel and adventure, but withal honorable and upright, a kind neighbor, a loyal friend and an enterprising citizen. He was a Democrat, a communicant of the Baptist church and among the early members of the Masonic fraternity. His father's family consisted of thirteen children. B. F. and Ladora Wright were the parents of five children, viz: William, who died at the age of two years; James F., the subject's business partner; Martha, wife of W. T. Belcher, a farmer of Carroll county; Charles S., and Ellen, who married Rev. W. W. Robertson, a Baptist minister of Fairville, this state.

Charles S. Wright, to a brief review of whose career the remainder of this sketch is devoted, was born May 23, 1873, and received his education in the public schools of his native county. On quitting school he traveled for a live stock commission company of Chicago and later for the Champion Machine Company, of Springfield, Ohio, and was thus engaged until he and his brother, James F., established their present machinery and implement business at Carrollton in 1903.

Since the above year, the Wright Brothers have prospered greatly in their enterprise, their establishment at this time being the largest and most successful of the kind in the county. They handled everything in the way of machinery and implements, represented the largest manufacturers in the United States and by honorable dealing and courteous treatment have built up an extensive and lucrative patronage. Charles S. has shown himself a very capable and popular business man and enjoys to a marked degree the confidence of all with whom he is brought in contact. Practical common sense, mature judgment, and the ability to take advantage of opportunities are among his more pronounced characteristics, while his tact and foresight enables him to lay his plans with every assurance of future consummation. Aside from his business he is a local leader of the Democratic party, and as such has rendered worthy service, besides being honored from time to time with various official positions. He was twice elected to the city council from his ward and in 1910 was nominated for the lower house of the State Legislature, but his party being in the minority, he was defeated.

Fraternally, Mr. Wright is a Mason of high degree and is also identified with the Knights of Pythias, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. In matters religious he is a Baptist and a leading worker in the church of that denomination in Carrollton, his wife being a member of the Christian church.

Mr. Wright was married on the 3d day of August, 1904, to Mary Turpin, daughter of William and Diana Turpin, who came to this county from Kentucky a number of years ago and settled in Moss Creek township. Mr. Turpin departed this life in 1873 and his wife, who survives him, is now making her home with Mr. and Mrs. Wright.

ROBERT D. MITCHELL.

The subject of this sketch, the leading jeweler of Carrollton, is a native of Andrew county, Missouri, born in the town of Savannah on the 19th day of April, 1881. His father, E. M. Mitchell, moved to Andrew county from

Ohio in 1848 and for some time thereafter worked in a newspaper office at Savannah, having been a printer by trade. Later he became a teacher and was thus engaged at the breaking out of the Civil war. Severing his connection with the schools of Savannah in 1861, he enlisted in Company B, Forty-third Missouri Infantry, with which he served four years, during which time he participated in a number of hard-fought skirmishes, and in many other ways demonstrated his loyalty to the national union. After the war he engaged in merchandising at Savannah, where he sold goods from 1866 until 1885, when he disposed of the stock and went to Kansas. After spending two years in that state, he returned to Missouri and embarked in the mercantile business at Carrollton, where in due time he built up a lucrative patronage and became quite prominent in commercial circles. Selling out in 1893, he retired to his farm two miles west of the city, but in 1902 returned to Carrollton, where he spent the remainder of his life, dying in February, 1908. Mrs. Mitchell, who survived her husband, is still living. Mr. Mitchell was an uncompromising Republican, and that, too, at a time when it meant no little personal danger to express his political sentiment. He was a prominent worker in the Masonic fraternity, which was the object of his greatest veneration. Mrs. Mitchell united with the church in her youth and in a long and useful life has demonstrated the beauty and worth of a practical religion. This excellent couple reared a family of eight children, whose names are as follows: Maude, widow of Cyrus Austin, lives in Lincoln, Nebraska; she has one son, Verne, now a youth of seventeen; Paul B., the second in order of birth, lives at Carrollton, where he is head engineer of the Standard oil plant; Guy E., who is a miller at Mangum, Oklahoma, is a married man and the father of two sons, Robert and Norris; J. Roy, the fourth of the family, lives in Oklahoma and is a farmer by occupation, his household consisting of a wife and daughter; Clarence W., who is associated with his brother in the jewelry business at Carrollton; Carrie L., the sixth in order of birth, married John L. Wood and lives at Aurora, Kansas, where her husband is engaged in the banking business; she is the mother of one son and one daughter, who answer to the names of John and Jeane; the next in the list is Robert D. of this review; the youngest being Jean H., who lives in Kansas City.

Robert D. Mitchell, the subject of this sketch, who is the seventh of the above family, was educated in the graded schools of Carrollton, and, after finishing the high school course, began the line of work to which his life is being devoted. In 1903 he took a course in optics, watchmaking and fine jewelry work in an institution at Peoria, Illinois, where he was graduated in due time, immediately after which he opened the establishment at Carroll-

ton which he has since conducted. From the beginning his business prospered and it has grown steadily in magnitude and importance until he is now the leading jeweler in the city. He carries a large stock, consisting of watches, clocks, cut glass, spectacles of all kinds, full lines of jewelry, diamonds and many other articles, besides doing general repair work, the latter department being in the hands of artisans selected with especial reference to their ingenuity and skill. Mr. Mitchell is himself a master of his trade and, being familiar with every phase of the business, knows how to carry on his establishment to the best advantage. In his case close attention to details, judicious methods and excellent management have brought their legitimate rewards and he is now in easy financial circumstances, with bright prospects of a steadily growing and prosperous business in the future. For several years he was associated with Mr. Clark, but recently purchased that gentleman's interest, and later his brother Clarence came in the business as a partner.

Mr. Mitchell is alive to the best interests of his city and encourages all worthy enterprises for the material advancement of the same. Politically he is a Republican and an influential party worker, and fraternally holds membership with the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, including the Royal Arch degree, and is also identified with the Pythian order. In matters religious he subscribes to the plain simple teachings of the Christian church, and for some years has been an active worker in the congregation which worships at Carrollton.

BENJAMIN Y. STANDLEY.

Among the oldest and most prominent of the early families of Carroll county are the Standleys, who have been identified with its interests since the days of its earliest settlement and who have ever taken a proper part in all the activities of the community of which they have been a part. The father, grandfather and great-grandfather of the present subject were men of influence in the community in their day and were ranked among the most progressive farmers of their time; the same can be said of their sons at the present time.

Benjamin Y. Standley was born on December 17, 1858, on the old Standley farm, near Carrollton, Missouri, the son of William and Sarah Standley. (For his parents, see sketch of Pritchard B. Standley.) Benjamin Standley received his education in the public schools of Carrollton and worked on the home farm from boyhood. On arriving at the age of maturity he

began to farm for himself on the farm where he now resides and which he now owns, a part of his father's old farm on which he was born and reared. His land is well improved and very fertile, with buildings entirely adequate to the needs of its owner. It was purchased by his father in 1848. Mr. Standley is one of the modern farmers of his community, keeping up with the latest improvements and methods.

On March 6, 1902, Benjamin Y. Standley was married to Effie L. Arnold, the daughter of William Arnold, of Carrollton, Missouri. Two children, David Y. and Laura R., were born to this union. Their mother died on September 5, 1905, and Mr. Standley was married on May 18, 1908, to Bertha Schnapp, the daughter of Morris Schnapp, of Carroll county, Missouri. Her father was born in Germany and came to this country in 1852, locating in De Witt township, Carroll county, where he grew to manhood. He lives on a farm he owns one mile east of Carrollton. His wife died on January 26, 1896. To Mr. Standley's second marriage one child has been born, Sarah G. In politics Mr. Standley is a Democrat. Upright, honorable in all his dealings, genial and affable, a true friend to those to whom he gives his friendship, Mr. Standley is much respected by those who know him.

MATTHEW M. WINFREY.

The gentleman whose name introduces this sketch belongs to one of the old families of Carroll county, his father, John Winfrey, having moved here from his native state of Kentucky, when the country was new, and entered a tract of government land in Eugene township, on which the original old home occupied by his family for many years is still standing. Soon after his arrival he married Sarah Ann Thomas, whose birth occurred in Kentucky also and who in her youth came to Carroll county with her parents, who were among the early settlers of the township in which they located. John Winfrey became quite a prosperous farmer, took an active part in the development of his part of the country and stood high in the esteem of his neighbors and fellow citizens. He was a veteran of the Mexican war and died at the age of fifty-nine years. His widow subsequently became the wife of William Etter, who was basely killed at the close of the Civil war by a band of bushwhackers under the leadership of the notorious Bill Anderson. The subject of this sketch, a mere youth at the time, was helping Mr. Etter when Anderson's gang made their appearance and saw him shot down in the cold-

blooded, heartless manner in which the lawless desperadoes of those times disposed of their victims. John and Sarah Ann Winfrey reared a family of four children, Matthew M., of this review, being the oldest of the number; Sarah E. married T. J. Clemmons and lives in Oklahoma; John and George L., the two youngest, died in infancy.

Matthew M. Winfrey was born September 26, 1851, in Carroll county, Missouri, and spent his early years on the family homestead in Eugene township. His educational training included the usual attendance at the district school and he grew up under excellent home discipline, with the result that he early formed good habits and in due time became a willing helper on the farm. Being the oldest of the family, much of the labor fell to him and right nobly did he discharge the responsibility, as is indicated by the fact of his having assumed entire management of the farm of two hundred and forty acres ere he reached his majority. On taking charge of the homestead he inaugurated a series of improvements, which were carried to completion as rapidly as circumstances would permit, and in this way he added greatly to the appearance and value of the place, making it in a few years one of the most desirable farms in the township. Later he became the possessor of one hundred acres of his own, which he likewise improved and on which he lived and prospered until accumulating sufficient means to enable him to discontinue further hard labor and spend the remainder of his days in a more quiet and restful, though by no means inactive, manner.

In the year 1905 Mr. Winfrey turned his farm over to other hands and moved to the beautiful little place of five acres adjoining Carrollton, where he has a handsome modern residence, which, with its tastefully arranged and attractive surroundings of shade and fruit trees, ornamental shrubbery, a profusion of flowers and well cultivated gardens, is pointed out as one of the most desirable homes in the county. To care for this place and keep it in the excellent condition which now attracts the beholder, affords the owner ample exercise and recreation and from it the family derive no small part of their livelihood also. Mr. Winfrey takes great pride in his home and the conditions of every feature of the premises bears evidence of his industry, good taste and successful management. He has spared neither time nor money to make it beautiful and his desire is that it may prove the happiest and most attractive spot in all the world to the present occupants.

On the first day of March, 1874, Mr. Winfrey was united in marriage with Emma Circles, whose parents, Steven and Elizabeth Circles, moved from Indiana to Carroll county in 1865 and settled in Eugene township, where Mr. Circles purchased land and in due time became one of the most suc-

cessful farmers of the community. Of the eight children born to Mr. and Mrs. Winfrey, six are living, namely: John S., of Texas county, Oklahoma; Charles Wilbur, who lives on the old home farm; Nellie B. Huffman, of Eugene township, Carroll county; Sarah Elizabeth Staten, of Combs township, Carroll county; Carrie Ellen Dewey Winfrey, at home; Alta Winfrey, also at home. The mother of these children died April 10, 1908, at the age of fifty-eight years.

Politically, Mr. Winfrey gives his support and influence to the Republican party, and religiously, belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church.

ROBERT CARROLL HASKINS.

An honorable and upright life was that of the late Robert Carroll Haskins, who first saw the light of day August 2, 1855, and passed to the unknown country beyond the valley and shadow of death on January 6, 1910. He was a native of Carroll county, Missouri, and the only child of Creed and Sarah (Conner) Haskins, the father a Kentuckian by birth, the mother born in Orange county, New York. By a previous husband, John Ray, Mrs. Haskins had four children, all sons. The subject's paternal grandfather was Robert Haskins, a native of Virginia. He married, in that state, a Miss Hatcher, and at a very early date migrated to Carroll county, Missouri, where he figured as a brave and daring pioneer. He came of a long line of ancestors who obtained livelihoods by tilling the soil and both he and his son, Creed, secured land in Carroll county and in due time became prosperous farmers.

Robert Carroll Haskins was reared to agricultural pursuits and received his education in the public schools of Carrollton. When a young man he took charge of a family homestead which he afterwards inherited and as long as his parents lived looked after their interests and ministered to their comforts. He grew up familiar with the active duties of farm life and amid the bracing airs and wholesome influence of moral life learned the lessons of industry and thrift which enabled him to plan well for the future and manage properly his inheritance when it came to him. On the death of his father he took possession of the home place and the better to manage the same chose a wife and companion in the person of Hester Crouch, an excellent young lady to whom he was united in the bonds of marriage in the year 1880. Mrs. Haskins bore her husband three children and departed this life on October

24, 1885, after about five years of happy wedded experience. The following are the names of the children born of this union, viz.: Arthur, who lives in Kansas; Charles resides on and manages the home farm, and Elizabeth, who married E. L. Miller and lives in Texas. On May 27, 1896, Mr. Haskins and Sallie Austin, daughter of William Austin, of Carroll county, were made husband and wife, their marriage being blessed with four offspring, namely: Ruth, Robert A., Kittie Rea and Esther, all living, and with their mother under the parental roof.

Mr. Haskins was a gentleman of quiet demeanor, who attended strictly to his own affairs and concerned himself little with matters in which he had no interest. He was zealous, however, for the general welfare, took an active part in promoting the development and growth of the township in which he lived and wielded a strong influence for the Democratic party. In recognition of his political services as well as by reason of his fitness to fill worthily important trusts, he was honored at intervals with various local offices, having served for many years as school director and for a number of terms as treasurer of his township, besides holding other positions from time to time. He was jealous of his reputation, which was without a stain, and his word was as good as his bond among his neighbors and fellow citizens. His aim was to live a life void of offense towards God and man, in view of which his character was always above reproach and his integrity beyond cavil. With his wife and family, he belonged to the Methodist Episcopal church and continued true to the teachings of the faith until he exchanged the church militant for the church triumphant. In the language of another, "He was a good man and just to all and the future awaited him with abundant rewards."

ROBERT LEMMONS.

This well-known and prosperous business man is a native of Ireland, born at Warrenspoint, county Tyrone, on the 11th day of February, 1846. His parents, Joseph and Tilda Lemmons, of the same county, came to the United States in 1852 and located at Naples, Illinois, removing thence, after a brief residence, to Springfield, where Mr. Lemmons died on the day of his arrival. Robert Lemmons was about six years old when his parents left their native land and from 1852 until the breaking out of the great Civil war he lived in Sangamon county, Illinois, and attended as opportunities afforded the schools of the neighborhood in which the family resided. Early in the sixties, while

still a mere youth, he enlisted in the One Hundred and Forty-fifth Illinois Infantry under Col. George W. Lackey, with which he served until the cessation of hostilities, sharing with his comrades the vicissitudes and dangers of war in a number of campaigns and earning a creditable record as a soldier. At the close of the war, December, 1865, he came to Carrollton, Missouri, and during the ensuing eight years sold pumps and lightning rods throughout Carroll and adjacent counties and did a large and thriving business. Not caring to devote his life to this line of trade, he discontinued it in 1873 and opened a fire insurance office in Carrollton which he has since conducted, being at this time one of the oldest insurance men in the city, as well as one of the most successful.

While representing a number of the leading insurance companies of the county, Mr. Lemmons makes the Continental of New York a specialty, and since beginning business for the company he has written hundred of risks in both city and country and experienced no difficulty in adjusting any of the losses which have accrued. His relations with his patrons have been mutually agreeable and honorable, his promptness commending him to their favorable consideration and his fair dealing speaking greatly in praise of the large corporation which he represents. He is a wide-awake man of progressive ideas and tendencies, manifests a lively interest in all that concerns the material advancement of his city and county and his voice, influence and assistance are never withheld when any movement for the general welfare is submitted to the people.

Mr. Lemmons was married November 17, 1869, to Emma R. Booth, daughter of Orville and Mary Chase (Norton) Booth, natives of Ohio, the father a descendant of an old English family that settled originally in Vermont, where Levi and Olive (Coe) Booth, parents of Orville, were born. Mary Chase Norton was a daughter of Asher and Ruth (Chase) Norton, natives of Vermont and Massachusetts respectively. This couple moved to New York many years ago and from there to Ohio when the latter state was on the verge of civilization and took an active part in the development of the locality in which they made their home. Mr. and Mrs. Booth reared a family of seven children, namely: Josephine L., who lives in Kansas; Amelia M., wife of James J. Richardson, of that state also; Willis H., of Oklahoma; Mrs. Lemmons; Charles A., of Denver, Colorado; Orville M., of Hutchinson, Kansas, and Clarence, also of Hutchinson. Mr. and Mrs. Lemmons have two children, Leslie Lee, who is in the insurance business with his father, and Laura B., at home. In his political relations, Mr. Lemmons votes the Republican ticket, but in local matters he not infrequently discards party and

supports the best qualified candidates. He is well posted on public questions and current events, lends his influence to all worthy enterprises and utilities and occupies a conspicuous place in the confidence and esteem of his fellow citizens. He is member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Knights of Pythias and his family belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church.

Mr. Lemmons' parents had a family of ten children, of whom he is the seventh in order of birth, the names of his brothers and sisters being as follows: Eliza, deceased; John, deceased; Agnes, wife of Joseph Lawrence; Hannah, deceased wife of John Baker; Joseph, deceased; Matilda, wife of John Lake; Mrs. Jennie Suttles, and one, the ninth of the family, that died in infancy.

ETHAN E. BRUNNER, M. D.

Professional success is the legitimate result of merit. In other vocations one may come into the possession of a lucrative business by gift or inheritance, but in what are known as the learned professions advancement is gained only through painstaking and long continued effort. Intellectual training, professional knowledge and the possession and utilization of the qualities and attributes essential to success have brought the subject of this sketch prominently before the public and he stands today among the enterprising and progressive physicians and surgeons in a city noted for the high order of its medical talent.

Dr. Ethan E. Brunner was born in Weisenberg, Pennsylvania, August 26, 1879, being a son of Dr. J. P. and Rosabelle (Gerhart) Brunner, both parents natives of the Keystone state and of German descent. J. P. F. Brunner was a practicing physician in his native commonwealth and achieved considerable local distinction in his chosen calling. He was the father of five children, four sons and one daughter, the subject of this sketch being the third in order of birth.

During his youthful years Dr. Ethan E. Brunner attended the public schools of his native county and later entered the State Normal School of Pennsylvania, from which he was graduated in the year 1891, the training thus received being afterwards supplemented by a full course in the State University, from which institution he received his degree in 1897. Having selected medicine as his profession best suited to his tastes and inclinations, he began the study of the same in due time and, the better to fit himself for his chosen calling, entered the medical department of the University of

Missouri, where he prosecuted his studies and researches until completing the prescribed course, graduating in 1903 with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. For about one year after leaving the above institution he was on the hospital staff of the State Asylum at Fulton and in 1905 located at Carrollton, where his talents soon gained recognition and where he has since practiced his profession with most satisfactory results.

Doctor Brunner has studied and read broadly, carrying his investigations into every field of thought bearing upon his profession and having adopted the methods and improvements which his judgment and experience indicated to him a definite valuation in his work, his advancement has been rapid and continuous and he occupies today a conspicuous place among the leading men of his calling in the city and county to which his practice is, in the main, confined. The Doctor belongs to the county, state and national medical associations, keeps in close touch with the deliberations of the same and abreast of the times on all matters relating to the sciences of medicine and surgery. Fraternally, he is identified with the orders of Masonry and Odd Fellowship and, religiously, subscribes to the creed of the German Reformed church, his wife being a member of the Christian church or Disciples. In his political affiliations the Doctor is a Republican, but has scant time to devote to party or public affairs and no ambition whatever as an aspirant for office.

In April, 1907, Doctor Brunner was happily married to Mary Dingley Neal, an accomplished and popular lady who presides over her home with becoming dignity and grace, the union being without issue.

ROBERT GASTON.

Among the well known and highly esteemed men of Carroll county who have finished their life and gone to their reward, Robert Gaston, late of Ridge township, occupied an honored place. Mr. Gaston was born in county Antrim, Ireland, in the year 1820 and grew to maturity and received his educational training in his native land. In his youth he learned blacksmithing, which he followed in Ireland until twenty-four years of age, when he bade adieu to the scenes of home and childhood and came to the United States, locating in Baltimore, Maryland. After working at his trade in that city until 1867, he went to Parkersburg, West Virginia, where he remained one year, at the expiration of which time he came to Carroll county, Missouri, settling, in

the fall of 1869, near Bosworth, where he purchased forty acres of land. Later he bought an additional eighty acres and on the farm thus constituted he lived until 1883, when he moved to the present homestead, consisting of one hundred and sixty acres in section 17, Ridge township, where he spent the remainder of his life.

During the earlier years of his residence in Carroll county, Mr. Gaston devoted his attention to agriculture and blacksmithing, but later in life gave all of his attention to farming, in which he was quite successful. He made many improvements on his place, among which was the large fourteen-room residence which he erected in 1892, and which, remodeled in 1910, is now one of the most beautiful and imposing farm dwellings in Carroll county. He was a man of sterling character and inherited many of the characteristics for which his nationality is distinguished. He was a progressive tiller of the soil and in addition to raising crops of grain, vegetables, etc., gave a great deal of attention to live stock. His cattle were always of the best breeds and from their sale he added largely to the earnings of the farm. He likewise devoted considerable attention to horses and mules, which he bred and raised for the local and general markets, and as a raiser of fine hogs he had no superior in his part of the county. He stood high as a citizen and, as a neighbor and friend, was the embodiment of loyalty, his character having been above adverse criticism and no suspicion of dishonor was ever attached to his good name. Those with whom he was intimately associated were loudest in his praise; he enjoyed the confidence of all with whom he had relations, business or otherwise, and his manly qualities and sterling worth were recognized by his fellow citizens and duly appreciated.

Mr. Gaston, on February 27, 1867, was married in the city of Baltimore, Maryland, to Annie Wright, who, like himself, was a native of Ireland, having been born in county Tyrone December 23, 1844. In 1862 she came to the United States and spent the interval between that time and the time of her marriage in the above city. Mr. and Mrs. Gaston became the parents of nine children, namely: Margaret, who lives at home; William married Nettie McDavid and resides in Bosworth; Joseph, who married Mary Mitchell and lives in Oklahoma; Isabel, one of Carroll county's efficient and popular teachers, is still a member of the home circle; Samuel is unmarried and a resident of Colorado; Thomas, who is single also, farms the home place; Alexander, who lives in Idaho, is married, his wife having formerly been Nellie Gilchrist; Anna married Raymond Groves and lives on an adjoining farm; Kathryn, the youngest of the family, who was educated in the normal school at Warrensburg, Missouri, is now engaged in teaching and lives at home.

Mr. Gaston lived an honorable and upright life, fraught with much good to his fellow men, and on his death, which occurred on December 23, 1900, the family lost a loving and devoted husband, a tender and affectionate father, the community a kind and obliging neighbor and friend and the county one of its most praiseworthy citizens. Since his death the farm, which now includes two hundred and forty acres of excellent land, has been managed by members of the family and is considered one of the most productive and valuable farms of its size in Ridge township. It is largely devoted to live stock, there being on the place at this time fifteen horses and mules, forty cattle and seventy-five hogs, all blooded stock and representing no small amount of capital.

BURTON CRANE.

The family whose name is borne by the gentleman who is the subject of this review is one well and favorably known in Carroll county, where its members have all been men and women of the highest character and integrity, who have taken a full part in the activities of their community, and have made many friends and won the esteem of those who know them. And Burton Crane, one of its younger representatives, in all respects is a worthy member of the family.

John Crane, the father of Burton Crane, was born on January 10, 1838, in Jackson county, Indiana. He lived with his parents until he was twenty-one, and then taught school until the Civil war, in which he served three years in Company G, Sixty-seventh Indiana Infantry, and during his term he saw much arduous service. He enlisted as a private and was promoted to be corporal. At one time he was captured by the enemy, but was paroled the same day. After the war he went to Pettis county, Missouri, and taught school for two years, then moved to Carroll county and bought land, of which he owned at the time of his death, in 1896, two hundred acres. This land was nearly all unimproved when he got it, and he put up a seven-room house and most of the present buildings.

In 1871 John Crane was married in Combs township to Olive Cline. To this union were born the following children, who are now living: Nora, married; Torrence, married; Burton and Earl, the two latter on the old farm. John Crane was a Republican in politics, and a member of the Methodist church. He was among the early settlers of Combs township, and was very

well known and highly respected as a man possessing many strong and excellent qualities.

Burton Crane was born on his father's farm on September 29, 1880, attended the district schools and one year at Bosworth and one at Carrollton high schools. His father's death interrupted his education, for after that he took charge of the farm. The farm was in good condition when he took hold of it and he has fully kept it up. He has built one barn thirty by forty-eight feet in size in place of one that was burned. He and his younger brother Earl carry on the work of the two hundred acres without difficulty. Burton Crane is a Republican, and in religion he is a member of the Baptist church. He is a young man of high character and great promise, judging from his past achievements, and he has many friends and wellwishers in his community.

JEFFERSON J. EARP.

The subject of this sketch was born in Tennessee March 16, 1851, and was a son of James M. and Mary Ann (Whittemore) Earp, natives of Tennessee and members of old families of the part of the state in which they lived. James M. Earp, whose birth occurred on the 20th day of January, 1828, moved to Carroll county, Missouri, in 1857, where he spent the remainder of his life, dying on June 3, 1906, his wife preceding him in the year 1904. Jefferson J. Earp was about six years old when his parents moved to Missouri and from that time until his lamented death he lived in Carroll county and in various ways was identified with the interests of the same. He received a good education in his youth and at the age of twenty-two entered upon what proved to be an exceptionally successful career as a teacher, a calling in which he acquired great proficiency both as an instructor and disciplinarian. His popularity is attested by the fact of his having been retained for a number of successive terms in the same districts and his work in the school room was such as to satisfy the most critical and exacting.

Mr. Earp made a careful study of child life and knew how to adapt his teaching to the capacity of his pupils. By gaining their love and confidence he experienced little difficulty in directing their minds and while developing their intellectual powers he also aimed to improve their moral natures so that they might grow up symmetrically developed men and women, capable of meeting life's duties and realizing high and noble destinies. Mr. Earp had proper conceptions of the dignity of his calling and during the fourteen years

devoted to the same he rose to a high place among the successful teachers of the county and gained a reputation second to few if any of his compeers. He always kept in touch with public affairs, was deeply interested in the leading questions of the times and his reading and observations led him to take broad views of men and things and to form well grounded opinions on matters of public interest. He was a Democrat in politics and as such was elected county commissioner, which office he held by successive re-elections for a period of eight years. He proved a very capable and obliging official and lost sight of self in his desire to subserve the interests of the public. He was a careful student of the sacred Scriptures and devoutly religious and for a number of years held membership with the Baptist church, the teachings of which he exemplified in his relations with his fellowmen.

Mr. Earp was married on October 28, 1891, to Mary Katherine Queen, daughter of Capt. O. B. and Sarah A. (Scott) Queen, the union being without issue. The life of Mr. Earp was one of high ideals and fraught with much good to those with whom he mingled and to the public at large. He gave his influence and assistance to all worthy enterprises, did his duty at all times freely and fearlessly and ever stood for what made for the best interests of his kind. He died on January 14, 1907, and his loss was greatly deplored by all who knew or came within the sphere of his influence.

Capt. O. B. Queen, father of Mrs. Earp, was born in Washington, D. C., in the year 1823 and grew to maturity in that city. He married, when a young man, Sarah A. Scott, whose birth occurred in the national capital January 2, 1825, and some time before the late Civil war came to Carroll county, Missouri, where he spent the remainder of his life. He enlisted in the Union army as a private at the beginning of the war and by a series of promotions finally rose to the rank of captain, in which capacity he served under Colonels Philips and Crittenden and earned an honorable record as a soldier. Returning to Carroll county at the expiration of his period of service, he located in Carrollton, where his death occurred in the year 1876; Mrs. Queen survived her husband nearly twenty years, departing this life January 22, 1905. Captain and Mrs. Queen had a family of twelve children, the following of whom grew to maturity and became well known in their respective communities: Henry J., of Long Beach, California; Mary Katherine, widow of J. J. Earp; Richard P., who lives in California; Edwina, who occupies the old home; Cora B., wife of G. J. Peltier, of Carrollton; Alice G., deceased; Carrie A., now Mrs. Minor Hale, of Carroll county, and Scioto, who married Doctor Scott, but is now deceased.

BENJAMIN B. GLOVER.

Prominent among the names of the progressive and enterprising farmers of Van Horn township stands that of Mr. Glover, who has all of his life been a resident of his present community and is well acquainted with its history for the past fifty years, during which time he has witnessed many changes and developments in his surroundings. Energetic and hard working, he has won a competence from the cultivation of his farm.

Benjamin B. Glover was born on the farm where he now resides on January 17, 1862, the son of Daniel T. and Naomi C. (Sterne) Glover. His father was born in Franklin county, Illinois, and in 1857 came to Carroll county and bought the farm on which his son Benjamin was born. At the outbreak of the war he enlisted in the army in Company G, Second Missouri Cavalry, Merrill's Horse, and on June 1, 1865, he died at Bowling Green, Kentucky, of measles contracted while in the army. The subject's mother was born in Ohio on December 17, 1830, and came to this county with her parents when but two years old. She died here on November 16, 1908.

The boyhood of Benjamin Glover was spent on the farm and in attending school. After his father's death his mother married again, and he helped on the farm until he became of age, then went west and worked two years, after which he returned and has since operated the old home farm of one hundred and forty acres, besides which he owns twenty acres more. He married Mary E. Mathieson, who was born in this county on April 26, 1867, and since his marriage has retained his residence here, although he has traveled extensively in the West. All of his land is under cultivation, mainly in corn, oats and wheat, and he keeps a good many full blooded Hereford cattle, and also raises horses, hogs and sheep. He is one of the most progressive farmers in the county and uses up-to-date machinery and methods of cultivation.

Mr. and Mrs. Glover are the parents of the following children: Daniel T., Margaret M., James B. and Arthur B., all at home. Both husband and wife are members of the Baptist church. In politics he is a Democrat and has held the office of township collector for two years and that of road overseer for ten years. Fraternally, he is a member of the Odd Fellows, in which order he has filled all the chairs, the Modern Woodmen and the Rebekahs, and was formerly a member of the Modern Brotherhood of America and of the Order of Ben Hur. His wife is now a member of the Royal Neighbors, also of the Rebekahs and the Ben Hur.

Mr. Glover is a well informed man on all subjects of interest and a man of considerable influence in his township. His chief recreation is hunting and he is a keen and expert sportsman, who believes thoroughly in the better protection of game by law.

CLIFTON R. ROGERS.

Clifton R. Rogers is the scion of an old English family, representatives of which came to America in colonial times and were among the pioneer settlers of Kentucky. Clifton R. Rogers, Sr., his grandfather, was born near Lexington, that state, October 26, 1804, and was married when a young man to Eliza Vaughan, whose birth occurred on October 30, 1808. They reared a family of three children, two sons and one daughter, and spent their lives in their native commonwealth and the state of Missouri. Mrs. Rogers died October 17, 1856, her husband on the 15th day of August, 1871, both being buried in the old cemetery in Marion county.

James V. Rogers, son of the above couple and father of the subject, was born in Marion county, Missouri, August 21, 1831. He was married in Columbia, this state, on October 25, 1855, to Elizabeth Guitar, whose father, John Guitar, a native of France, came to America when young and was an early settler of Columbia, Missouri, and among the first merchants of the place. Two years after his marriage he moved from Marion county to the county of Carroll and located in Moss Creek township, where he purchased land and in the course of time became a successful farmer and leading citizen. His wife departed this life on the above place July 25, 1859. After living in this county until 1865, Mr. Rogers went to St. Louis, where he was in business from the latter year until 1871, when he returned to the old home farm in Marion county. There he spent the remainder of his life, dying on the 6th day of September, 1907.

James V. Rogers was a man of excellent parts and high social standing and left the impress of his individuality on the different communities in which he resided. An uncompromising Democrat, he espoused the cause of the South and served in the late Civil war under General Price, taking part in a number of battles and minor engagements and conducting himself with credit and honor as a soldier. He was a zealous member of the Masonic brotherhood and always tried to square his life in harmony with the beautiful principles and sublime precepts of the order. Mr. and Mrs. Rogers were the

parents of four children, namely: Clifton R., of this review; James A., of St. Louis; John S., who died in 1904, and Oden S., who lives in the old family homestead in Marion county.

Clifton R. Rogers, whose name heads this article, was born in Carroll county, Missouri, September 16, 1858, and obtained his first knowledge of the world on the home farm in Moss Creek township. There he spent the happy years of early childhood, attending as soon as old enough the public school, and at the age of seven years removed with his parents to St. Louis, where his educational training was concluded. Later he accompanied the family to Marion county where he gave his attention to agricultural pursuits and where he continued to reside until 1887, when he returned to Carroll county and took charge of a part of his father's estate in Moss creek township which fell to him by inheritance. By persistent industry and excellent management he subsequently was enabled to purchase other land in the vicinity until his real estate now amounts to three hundred acres, all in a body and as fine soil as the county of Carroll can produce. He made many substantial improvements on his farm.

Jennie McClure, who became the wife of Mr. Rogers on the first day of October, 1895, is the daughter of Dr. L. H. and Helen (Emerson) McClure, natives of Kentucky and Virginia respectively and early settlers of Louisiana, Missouri. Mr. and Mrs. Rogers have one child, a daughter, Clifton Justine, who was born February 26, 1897, and who is now a student in the schools of Carrollton. The family are members of the Christian church and move in the best social circles of the city. Politically, Mr. Rogers is a Democrat and a man of considerable influence in his party. Fraternally, he is a Mason of high degree, being prominent in the blue lodge and Royal Arch chapter and among the leading members of the order in Carrollton.

MITCHELL BLOCK.

Here is a man who has spent his life in two continents, and who is one of the worthiest citizens of his adopted country to be found in his community. A native of Poland, that nation whose inhabitants have been noted for their love of freedom and independence, he came at an early age to America, seeking to escape the severe conditions with which existence was trammelled in his native land, and has in this country made his way by his own efforts to a position of wealth and responsibility.

Mitchell Block was born in Poland in 1850, and attended school there until he was fifteen years of age, when he came to the United States. He landed in New York, and at first went to Hancock county, Illinois, locating in the town of La Harpe, where he remained for one year. He then moved to Quincy, Illinois, and remained there for a year and a half, as a traveling salesman for a dry goods company. After this he came to Carroll county, and sold goods over the county until 1870, when, with Wolf Block, his brother, he opened up a general merchandise store, in which he was very successful, and in 1872 changed to the drug business, which he entered alone and which he still conducts. He now carries a stock of drugs worth from one thousand five hundred to two thousand dollars, and also handles a line of groceries, hardware, etc., his entire stock inventorying at three thousand five hundred dollars. The store building is also his property, as well as real estate in Bogard and Kansas City, and two hundred acres of farming land in Leslie township, which he rents. In 1876 he attended the Jefferson Medical School at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and in 1881 became a registered pharmacist. Mr. Block is a Mason and was for fourteen years the secretary of his lodge, and has also filled the other offices in that order. In politics he is a Republican. During the last fourteen years he has been a notary public here.

Mr. Block was united in marriage to Annie Harford, who was born on September 12, 1862, in Carroll county. As a result of this union three children were born: Ira V., who died in January, 1907; Homer F., of Avilla, Missouri, a school teacher, married Homa Coops; Ezra H. graduated from the commercial course of the Gem City Business College at Quincy, Illinois, and is helping his father in the store.

Mr. Block is regarded as a keen business man, and his success proves that he is such, for almost all of his operations have prospered. During his residence in Carroll county he has met with many people and made many friends, has witnessed a great development in this region of the country, and has done what he could to aid the progress of his community.

WILLIAM PLUMMER.

One of the largest land owners and most able and progressive farmers of the county is William Plummer, who was born on January 25, 1850, in Peel county, Ontario. His father was Thomas R. Plummer, who was born in Canada in 1822; his mother was Jane Stewart Plummer, who was born in

Ireland in 1829 and whose parents moved to Canada to a township adjoining that in which Mr. Plummer lived. They were married in 1847, and she died in 1882, Mr. Plummer surviving until 1889. To this marriage were born the following children, who are now living: William, Stuart, Annie, Martha Jane, James, Alexander, Frank and John A. Thomas R. Plummer and his family moved to the United States in 1868, locating in Livingston county, Missouri, where he bought one hundred acres of land, and abandoned the carpenter's trade, which he had followed in Canada. For this land, now worth seventy-five or eighty dollars per acre, he paid ten dollars per acre. Until one year after his wife's death he remained on this farm, and prospered there very much. At that time he sold the home farm to his sons, William and Alexander, and moved to Pratt county, Kansas, lived there for several years, and then went to the Panhandle region of Texas, where he became sick of heart disease, and came home to Kansas, where he died. He had accumulated a good deal of property, including land in Texas and Kansas, and was a man of strong character, much respected.

William Plummer received his education, which was little better than a district schooling, in various villages in Ontario, in which his father resided while working at his trade. Until coming to Missouri William Plummer worked on the farms in summer and attended school in the winter. In Missouri he worked for his father, and also worked for other men, for the family was for awhile in hard circumstances and needed all that they could make in any way. On April 12, 1875, he left Missouri and went to California, seeking to better his fortune. Until November he worked in the timber of the Sierra Nevada mountains, then went on to Yubet, California, and worked in the mines until the winter of 1878, obtaining good wages. On his return to Carroll county, his father made the deal for his purchase of one hundred and sixty acres of prairie land, which was the nucleus of his present large farm.

Mr. Plummer was married on February 24, 1878, at Dutch Flat, to Matilda Fox, who had been born in Pennsylvania and brought up in Indiana, the daughter of John and Maria (Hittel) Fox, and was visiting in California. Four of the children born to this marriage are living: Ralph, who is married; Lola, at home; Ina, married, and Roscoe, at home. After marriage Mr. and Mrs. Plummer came to Carroll county, and moved into a small house on his new farm. This has since been torn down and a comfortable house of nine rooms erected. Four years after his original purchase Mr. Plummer bought eighty acres across the road, and as he prospered added little by little to his holdings, until he now owns six hundred and fifty-eight acres. He has

erected four barns, sixty-six by sixty-six, forty by forty-two, forty by forty, and forty by forty, respectively, and a two-hundred-ton silo, the first erected in the county. He keeps one hundred and seventy-five to two hundred head of cattle, forty to fifty head of horses and mules, and ships yearly three carloads, or about two hundred and fifty hogs. The farm is mostly in grass, which he makes his main crop, pasturing much of it as he raises a great deal of stock, and he plows but little of the land for corn. In 1891 Mr. Plummer began the operation of a creamery, and continued this for about eight years, doing well with it and shipping some weeks as many as sixty-five tubs of butter. He then abandoned the creamery and went into the dairy business, milking at times as many as fifty cows, though not so many at the present time. There is no farm in the county that has produced so much butter, and the butter from the farm has a very high and deserved reputation, and has taken many premiums, including one at the St. Louis World's Fair. Mr. Plummer also is a stockholder in the Hale Telephone Company and has been a director in the Carroll County Mutual Insurance Company for twelve years. He has been a member of the State Dairy Association since 1902 and served it as vice-president in 1903 and 1904.

In politics the subject is a Democrat, but has never taken a very active part. Fraternally he is a member of the Masonic and Modern Woodmen lodges at Hale. Long a stanch Methodist, he has been trustee or steward of the church at Grace since its organization. Mr. Plummer has brought his farm up from an entirely unimproved condition to its present state, and has virtually made himself what he is by his own efforts. There is no more progressive or more up-to-date farmer in the county, and likewise none more prosperous.

HENRY SCHNARE.

It was remarked by Doctor Johnson, the celebrated essayist and sage, "that there has scarcely passed a life of which a judicious and faithful narrative would not have been useful." Believing in the truth of this opinion expressed by one of the greatest and best of men, the writer of this sketch takes pleasure in presenting a brief review of the life of one who by industry, perseverance and integrity has acquired a handsome competence and forged to the front among the leading citizens of his adopted county. Henry Schnare, son of Fred and Martha Schnare, was born in Prussia, Germany, and spent his early life and received his education in the land of his birth. With the

object in view of bettering his financial condition, he bade adieu to the fatherland in 1869 and came to the United States and after spending two months with an uncle in Illinois located at St. Charles, Missouri, where he remained until changing his place of residence to Carrollton, about four years later.

Mr. Schnare arrived in Carroll county in 1873 and during the ensuing four years supported himself as a farm hand. In 1877 he rented a farm and such was his success as a tiller of the soil, that in 1883 he was able to purchase land of his own. Addressing himself to the task of improving and cultivating his farm, he was soon on the high road to prosperity and within a comparatively short time he added to his purchase and had one of the finest and most productive tracts of land of its area in the country. Subsequently he made additional purchases, until his realty amounted to two hundred and twenty acres, about one hundred and twenty acres of which he brought to a high state of cultivation and improved with substantial, up-to-date buildings, and on which he lived and prospered until the possession of a sufficient amount of material wealth enabled him to discontinue actual labor and spend the remainder of life in retirement. Turning his farm over to his son in 1908, he moved to the beautiful and desirable home in Carrollton which he purchased about that time, in addition to which he owns other valuable city property and is well situated to enjoy the many material blessings which have come to him as the result of his industry and successful management.

Mr. Schnare's advancement from the humble condition of a poor immigrant to his present position of independence and a prominent place among the leading men of the city in which he resides, indicates industry, perseverance and ability such as few possess. His relations with his fellow citizens have been characterized by a high sense of honor, his integrity has never been questioned, nor the rectitude of any of his intentions assailed. He has kept abreast of the times on all matters of public import, has given his support to men and measures that in his judgment would best subserve the general good and his influence has ever been on the side of right when moral issues have been before the people. In politics he is a Republican, though not very active in political affairs, and in religion is a member of the Lutheran church, to which body his wife and children also belong.

Mr. Schnare was married February 8, 1877, to Doris Renzelman, of Carroll county, daughter of William and Marie Renzelman, natives of Germany but for a number of years residents of this part of Missouri and highly esteemed by their neighbors and friends. Nine children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Schnare, viz: William; Mary, deceased; Elizabeth, wife of Charles Bogelmire; Henry; Fred, deceased; Louis and Louise, twins, the

former deceased; Dora and Bertha, the three last still members of the home circle, the sons being well-to-do farmers of this county and the married daughter the wife of a prosperous agriculturist.

ED. JOHN LUEDERS.

Although of brief duration, the life of Ed. John Lueders, late of Carrollton, was fraught with much good to his kind and his example may well serve as a model for the young man whose career is yet a matter of the future. The ancestors of the subject came from Germany and for many years his immediate family lived in Madison county, Illinois, where his birth occurred on the 24th of January, 1873. His parents, Conrad and Dorothea (Kierchner) Lueders, came from the fatherland when young and were among the pioneer settlers of Madison county, where the father in due time became a well-to-do farmer and praiseworthy citizen. He was a man of great industry and thrift, accumulated a handsome property and lived where he originally located until 1883, when he moved to Carroll county, Missouri. Here he continued his labors as an enterprising agriculturist and stock raiser, rose to a prominent place among the leading farmers of his part of the country, and during a residence of only seven years became widely and favorably known as a man of noble aim and high ideals. He departed this life in the year 1900 and left to his descendants a record unstained by the slightest suspicion of dishonor.

Ed. John Lueders was reared to agricultural pursuits and, under the influence of excellent home training, grew up to the full stature of well developed manhood with correct conceptions of life and of his duties as a citizen. He received his educational discipline in the public schools of Illinois and Missouri and assisted his father in cultivating the home farm until his marriage, when he engaged in the pursuit of agriculture upon his own responsibility. Mr. Lueders brought to his vocation a strong body and a well balanced mind and such was his success as a tiller of the soil that in 1908 he was enabled to turn his farm over to other hands and discontinued further active labor, and from that time until his death he lived in honorable retirement in the city of Carrollton. His marriage, already referred to, was solemnized on February 13, 1896, with Louisa Weber, daughter of Casper and Clara Eliza (Noelle) Weber, both natives of Germany. The father for many years was one of Carroll county's successful farmers and public spirited men. To Mr. and

Mrs. Lueders, two children were born, Golda and Lewis, both bright and intelligent young people in whom this widowed mother takes great comfort and in whom she reposes many fond hopes for the future. In his religious views, Mr. Lueders was a Lutheran, having been reared in that faith and throughout life he was ever a loyal son of the church, and active in the good work under its auspices. As a neighbor he was the embodiment of rectitude and honor, true to his conceptions of right and duty, and he endeavored to realize within himself his high ideals of manhood and citizenship. His life, which had little to do with the madding crowd, was along quiet, sequestered ways and, although mingling somewhat with his fellow men, he took no active part in public affairs and never sought distinction in positions which attracted the gaze of the multitude. All with whom he mingled spoke in high terms of his amiable disposition and manly worth and in his lamented death, which occurred on the 7th of November, 1908, his wife lost a loving and faithful husband, his children an affectionate and devoted father, and Carrollton one of its most exemplary and praiseworthy citizens.

JOSEPH E. AUDSLEY.

While country life has some drawbacks, due mostly to isolation, these are being removed now by the increasing number of good roads and by the use of the telephone, so that today a farmer who lives within a reasonable distance of a small town or city is no more cut off from his neighbors than is the suburban city dweller. To offset any possible disadvantages, he has a thousand advantages. He is independent, master of his own time; he breathes the pure air; his table supplies come fresh from his farm; and he is at present enjoying a prosperity greater than the man who follows any other occupation. Mr. Audsley is a good example of a man who has obtained the most from a farmer's life.

Joseph E. Audsley was born on the farm where he now lives in De Witt township, Carroll county, Missouri, on November 2, 1871, the son of Edward and Cinderella Brown Audsley. His father was born near Leeds, England, and his mother was a native of Montgomery county, Missouri. They settled in De Witt township in 1864, on the farm where Edward Audsley lived until 1901, when he retired to De Witt and passed a quiet life until his death, which occurred on February 11, 1908, when he was seventy years of age. His wife is living. They were the parents of ten children, of whom Joseph E.

was the eighth. Edward Audsley was a respected and influential man in his neighborhood, of a spotless reputation for honor and integrity.

Joseph E. Audsley was reared on the farm where his present home is located and on which he has spent his life. He was educated in the country schools and from boyhood has taken an active part in farming, in which his operations have so prospered that he is now the owner of three hundred and fifty-five acres of land, nearly all of which is improved and which yields to him a handsome income.

Mr. Audsley was married on April 19, 1891, in De Witt, Missouri, to Ida Huffman, who was born in Carroll county, the daughter of Henry W. and Bethia Huffman. To this marriage have been born five children: Ira R., Edith and Bertha are living; Charles died when eight months old, and one daughter died in infancy.

In 1901 Mr. Audsley was appointed postmaster of De Witt and has since held that position. From the time of his first vote a Republican, he has always taken an active part in the affairs of his party. Fraternally, he is a member of the Masons and of the Modern Woodmen of America. Both he and his wife are loyal members of the Baptist church. Though yet a young man, Mr. Audsley is reckoned as not only one of the best and most progressive farmers of his township, but also as one of its most influential men, who has taken a leading part in whatever enterprises had the good of the community as an end.

JOHN A. WARD.

The present review deals with the life of a prominent young farmer of De Witt township, a man who has demonstrated his ability to cope successfully with the problems which confront the agriculturist and who has won a competency from his farm. It is his prerogative to claim as his birthplace England, our mother country, who, whether or not she has sent to our country the ancestors of the most of our population, has been the controlling influence in the shaping of the customs of the American nation, their laws and their institutions. For though people from many nations have settled in our country, and become excellent citizens, they have brought nothing which has left its mark on our outward life. For our institutions are as English as our language.

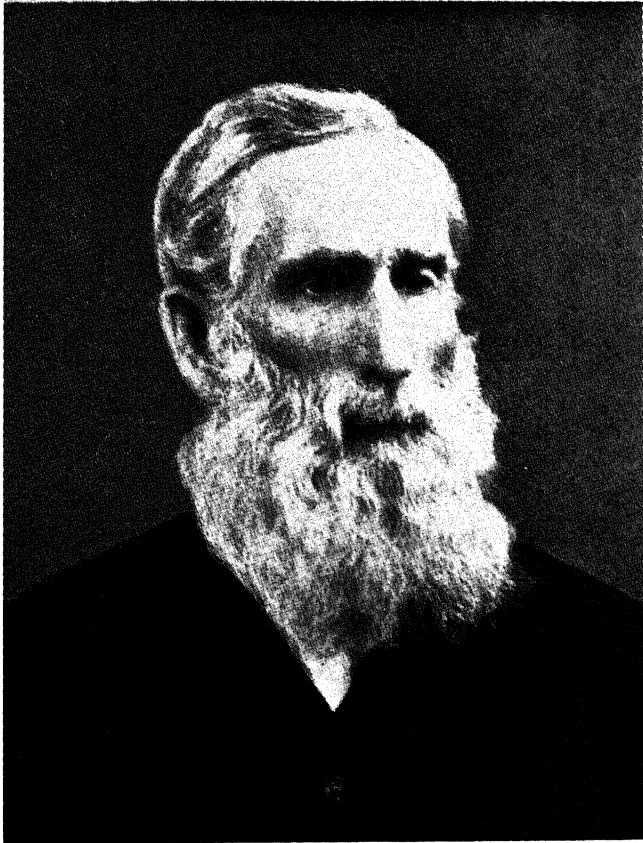
John A. Ward was born in Sheffield, England, on May 1, 1870. His father was Jonathan Ward and his mother Anna (Kay) Ward, both natives

of England. His father died in England in the latter part of the seventies, and his mother was later married to Richard Rilott. In 1883 they came to America and settled one mile north of De Witt, where they lived until their death. The parents of the subject had a family of six children, of whom John A. was the youngest. He came to America with his mother and step-father at the age of thirteen, and grew to maturity on the Richard Rilott homestead, on which he now lives, and spent his youth in assisting in the work of the farm. Mr. Ward is now the owner of two hundred acres of improved farming land, which has yielded him excellent returns for the labor and efforts bestowed upon it. His life has been spent on the farm.

On December 13, 1889, Mr. Ward was married to Cordelia May, who was born in Smith township on January 23, 1872, the daughter of James May. To this marriage have been born eight children, who are living, Albert, Truman, Walter, Leonard, Ruby and Roby, twins, John A., Jr., and Lois, a group of interesting and intelligent young people, who make the family life very pleasant. Ruth Ann died when sixteen months old. Mr. and Mrs. Ward are members of the Christian church. Mr. Ward takes much interest in education and is a member of the school board of De Witt. As a farmer and stock raiser, he is considered among the most successful and most progressive in the township. Mr. Ward takes a full share in all the activities of the community, and because of his strong qualities of character has made many friends.

WILLIAM LEFTWICH AUSTIN.

In giving a list of the honored citizens who have performed in a most laudable manner their every duty in the development of Carroll county during an eventful career, the highly honored name of William Leftwich Austin, a broad-minded, public-spirited, conscientious man, should be given conspicuous mention, all who know him best readily acquiescing in the statement that he has always been a man of usefulness in the community and has lived a life that could be held up as a model for the youth of the land. He is one of the pioneers of the county and it is interesting to hear him relate reminiscences of the early days and of the subsequent development of the locality in which he has certainly played no inconspicuous role. Heaven has bounteously lengthened out his life until he has lived to see more advancement in the world than was made during the previous history of the world. He is wending his way up toward the four score and ten milestone, having been born on January



WILLIAM LEFTWICH AUSTIN

10, 1823, in Bedford City, Bedford county, Virginia, and although most of his long and useful life has been spent in Missouri, where conditions and customs are entirely different, he has in him the unmistakable stamp of the true and much praised attributes of the Southern gentleman. He is the son of Peter and Sarah (Leftwich) Austin, both natives of Bedford county, Virginia, the father born on October 15, 1791, and the latter on March 23, 1799. They were people of many commendable characteristics and were prominent in their locality in the Old Dominion. The subject's paternal grandfather, William Austin, was a captain in the English army during the colonial wars, whose second wife, Esther Alexander, was a descendant of the house of Sterling of Scotland. The subject's great-grandfather, also William Austin, the emigrant, was an Englishman, who came from Wales to America, with his brother, Moses, who settled in New England and whose descendants founded the city of Austin, Texas, William going to the Southland and settling in Virginia, where his grandson, Peter Alexander Austin, married Sarah Leftwich, granddaughter of Col. William Leftwich, a Revolutionary soldier. The father of the subject, had the honor of serving his country in the war of 1812, having been a sergeant in James Leftwich's regiment, Virginia militia, enlisting on September 3, 1814, and was mustered out on January 27, 1815.

William L. Austin, of this review, is at present living in an attractive, cozy cottage on North Main street, Carrollton, but his active years were spent on the farm, he having been very successful as an agriculturist. Politically, he has always been a Democrat, and active in the interest of his party. He united with the Presbyterian church in 1854, and at the division of the church he withdrew and joined the Methodist Episcopal church, South, of which he has since been a worthy member and a liberal supporter.

On February 23, 1860, Mr. Austin's first marriage took place, he having married on that date Marion Ruth Bowdry, daughter of Samuel Perrin and Sally (McDaniel) Bowdry, of Kentucky. She was a descendant of the noted Clopton family of South Carolina, which originally came from Warwickshire, England. The following children were born to this first marriage: Mrs. R. C. Haskins, Mrs. P. B. Craigue and Elizabeth Austin, also one son, James Bowdry Austin, who died in youth.

The subject's second marriage was to Catherine Perdue, daughter of Josiah and Virginia (Branch) Perdue, of Virginia. One child was born to this union, Virginia Clay Austin, who died when seventeen years of age. Catherine Perdue is a descendant of the celebrated Pocahontas. William L. Austin was one of the brave band of "forty-niners" who went to the gold fields of California, over the vast, trackless plains of the West. His career

has been that of a strong, honest, courageous and hospitable man whom to know is at once to esteem and admire. He is known among his friends as the "Pipe King," having a collection of hundreds of pipes of various shapes and sizes from the different states and territories of the United States and nearly every foreign nation, including Indian peace pipes, tiny St. Patrick souvenirs, the beaded pipe of Turkey, Chinese opium and English calabash. Mr. Austin is the oldest Austin resident of Carroll county now living, and has watched the mighty changes that time has wrought in the commonwealth with ever increasing interest, peacefully awaiting the Master's call, saying, "Thy will, not mine."

HOWARD F. TYER.

For the greater part of his life a prosperous tiller of the soil, but of recent years not so actively engaged in his labors as formerly, the subject of this sketch has been successful in his chosen calling and is now enjoying some of the fruits of his industry and good management in a beautiful home in the town of Hale, where he has been living since 1906.

Howard F. Tyer was born February 12, 1849, in Sullivan county, Missouri, and is the fourth child out of seven in the family of Lewis and Polly Tyer, natives respectively of North Carolina and Virginia. Lewis Tyer came to Missouri about 1838 and in due time met and married Polly White, whose parents were among the early pioneers of this state. He was a farmer by occupation and lived for a number of years in Sullivan county, removing late in life to the county of Jackson, where he spent the remainder of his days, dying in 1877, his wife preceding him to the unknown world in the year 1873. This estimable couple reared a family of eight children, whose names are as follows: John W., a Confederate veteran of the Civil war; Columbus F. Tyer, a veteran; Mrs. Marietta Franklin, deceased; Sarah, also deceased, was the wife of William Twyman; Amanda married Dan Perdue; Congrave married Ella Prichard; Belle, wife of Samuel Gibson; and Howard F., who, as already stated, is the fourth in the order of birth.

Reared in the country, under the fostering care and excellent judgment of his parents, the early years of the subject were uneventful, having been spent in the fields in the summer time and in the public schools during the winter season. He learned the lessons of practical industry and the necessity of making the most of one's time and opportunities, and grew to maturity strong of body and with a determined purpose to achieve success in the voca-

tion of agriculture which he early chose for his life work. He farmed in the counties of Jackson and Livingston until 1886, and in the meantime, in 1870, purchased seventy acres in the former, where he lived and prospered for a period of sixteen years. Disposing of his farm at the expiration of the time indicated, he bought, in 1886, two hundred and eighty acres of land in Livingston county, to which he at once moved, and on which he continued to reside until 1906, when he built a beautiful home in Hale, where he has since lived and from whence he manages his farming interests only one and one-half miles from the city limits.

Mr. Tyer's career as a tiller of the soil has been highly successful and he has long ranked among the leading agriculturists of the community. He is practical in his ideas, believes in improvements and, by adopting the more approved methods of agriculture, seldom fails to realize abundant returns from the time and labor expended on his land. He began his struggle with the world a poor young man and, with no help except that rendered by his strong arms and determined will, he steadily surmounted the obstacles in his way and rose to a prominent and influential position among the representative men of his county in his calling, where his greatest success was achieved. In his political views he is a Democrat, but being an uncompromising foe of the liquor traffic, he has voted of recent years for prohibition, which he considers the only effectual means of checking the crying evil of the times.

The married life of Mr. Tyer dates from November 17, 1875, when he married Rebecca Shannon. Mrs. Tyer's parents, William and Sarah Jane Shannon, were born in Virginia and Missouri, respectively, the latter being a daughter of John and Polly Ann (Welsh) Wolfshill, of South Carolina and pioneer settlers of Howard county, this state. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Tyer, namely: Sadie, who married John Caldwell, a farmer living near Hale; Isa, a teacher in the public schools and who still lives with her parents; Donald Howard, who also lives at home. Mr. Tyer and family are esteemed members of the Baptist church and stand high in the social and religious circles of the community. The name is an honorable one and all who bear it have endeavored to retain untarnished the luster of the family escutcheon.

CHARLES PERRETEN.

A native of Switzerland, that nation whose people are famous for their bravery and independence, for their thrift and honesty, for their clean and wholesome government and splendid schools, Mr. Perreten spent his early

life in his native land, where he received that excellent training which has since stood him in such good use. Arriving at maturity, he decided that opportunities would be greater in a new land, and came to America, where his career has been one of advancement to prosperity and the respect of his neighbors because of the many good and strong qualities made manifest in his life.

Charles Perreten was born in Switzerland in 1847. His father was Albert Perreten, who was born in Switzerland in 1816, and died in Carroll county, Missouri, in 1900; his mother was Anna Mary Rauflaub Perreten, who was born in Switzerland in 1819, and died in Carroll county in 1892. Albert Perreten was a blacksmith in his native land, but followed farming here. Charles Perreten attended school in Switzerland, and when twenty-one years of age emigrated to America, coming to Van Horn township, Carroll county, Missouri, where some of his uncles were located, whose accounts of the advantages of the country had induced him to come here. For two years he worked for his uncles, and then his parents came over and bought part of the present farm of one hundred and sixty acres where Charles lives. For five years Charles helped his father on this farm, then bought for himself a farm of eighty acres, and lived on it for eight years.

In 1877 Charles Perreten was married to Marianna Perreten, who was born in Switzerland in 1858. At this time his father retired and gave to Charles his farm of eighty acres. Charles now owns the one hundred and sixty-acre farm where he lives, and two separate tracts of forty and sixty-eight acres, respectively, making a total of two hundred and sixty-eight acres. He follows general farming, raising wheat, corn and hay, and keeping about fifty Duroc-Jersey hogs, fifty Shorthorn cattle and twelve horses. The entire farm is under cultivation, and is fairly well fenced with wire and hedge. Mr. Perreten has made all the improvements, has built a house and two barns, and dug four wells. Farming has repaid him very profitably for his efforts. In politics he is a Republican, in religious faith a member of the Methodist church, North.

Mr. and Mrs. Perreten are the parents of the following children: Anna, who married W. C. Canker, of this county, and is now a widow, living with her father; Bertha, the wife of E. A. Hockett, of this county; Ernest, who is employed in a lumber yard; Alfred, who married Daisy Reeves, of this county; Carl, at home; Walter, who is in Colorado; Freida, who is teaching school in this county; Arnold, who for three years has been attending school at Boulder, Colorado; Lena, Daniel, Mabel and Harry are at home. They

are a very interesting family of young people, and their home life has been full of happiness.

It is the lives of such men as Mr. Perreten which bring us to a realization of the value of immigration to this country, for such citizens as he are of the mold and stamp to form the bulwark of the nation against both internal and external foes.

OSWELL B. DORSEY.

One of the most enterprising citizens of his township and county is the gentleman whose name heads this sketch, a man who has lived a prosperous and useful life and who has always taken his full share in the development and upbuilding of every community in which he has lived, who made a success as a farmer, and who in his business venture promises to be even more successful. For by his ability and intelligence he has conquered the obstacles which have stood in his way, and now stands in an influential and respected position.

Oswell B. Dorsey was born in Columbia, Boone county, Missouri, on November 26, 1855. His father was Leaken E. Dorsey, his mother Henrietta Williams Dorsey, and both were natives of Kentucky, from which state they came to Boone county, Missouri, in the early fifties. From Columbia they moved to Pettis county, Missouri, where they lived till 1877. In the spring of that year Mr. Dorsey came to Carroll county, and first located near Norborne, but later in the following year moved to Prairie township, where he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives. He went to his last rest on August 25, 1900, she on June 15, 1907. Of unblemished character, Leaken E. Dorsey was esteemed by all who knew him. Upright, honorable and generous, he never lacked for friends.

Oswell B. Dorsey was the second of nine children. He came with his parents to Carroll county, Missouri, in the spring of 1877, and remained with them until 1883, when he purchased a farm in Ray county, three and one-half miles northwest of Stet. Here he continued to live and to give his attention to farming, stock raising and stock dealing, which he found to be very lucrative under his management, until 1904, when he removed to Stet. In 1900 he became engaged in the mercantile business at Stet, but carried this on while residing on his farm for four years. Mr. Dorsey is the owner of six hundred and forty acres of highly improved and fertile land in Ray county, and the care of this requires considerable attention, while with this and his

store he is a busy man. But his energy and industry have made both farming and storekeeping profitable.

On January 30, 1883, in Carrollton, Missouri, Mr. Dorsey was married to Martha J. Carr, who was born in Sullivan county, Illinois, the only daughter of Seth G. and Mary (Syler) Carr. To this union three children have been born, Oswell Benjamin, Jr., Frank F. and Edna L. Mr. Dorsey takes an active part in all public affairs, is a member of the Democratic party and a loyal and efficient worker in its ranks and has often represented his precinct in conventions as a delegate. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity and in his daily life exemplifies the teachings of that order. His character, ability and affable nature have gained many friends for him.

JOHN TWEEDIE.

Humanity is absolutely dependent on the farmer. All of our food must come from the farm, and can come from no other source except the ocean, for all animal life must live on organic matter, and no chemist has as yet been able to originate life, nor even to combine elements in such a way as to make a food which will sustain life. That is reserved for living plants and animals to do, and on the farmer, whose business it is to take care of these plants and animals and to cause them to live and grow until they become fit for food, we are all dependent.

John Tweedie was born in Franklin county, Kentucky, on April 8, 1839. His father was David Tweedie, who was born in Scotland, and his mother was Rachel (Bennett) Tweedie, who was of English parentage. They came to Carroll county, Missouri, in 1870, and settled in Prairie township where they spent the remainder of their lives, David Tweedie dying at the age of eighty-five and his wife when eighty-three. They were much respected in all the communities in which they had lived. Of their family of ten children, John was the third. He came to Lafayette county, Missouri, and lived there for about twelve years. At the breaking out of the war he entered the Confederate army and served under General Price for about a year, enduring much hard and dangerous service in that time. From Lafayette county he removed to Saline county, Missouri, where he lived until the spring of 1870, when he located in Prairie township, Carroll county, Missouri, of which he has since been a resident. He has followed farming and stock raising, giving to them proper care and attention, and his diligence and labor have

been well rewarded. Today he is the owner of five hundred and twenty acres of fertile and improved land in Prairie township, and is ranked among the largest and most successful farmers of the county.

Mr. Tweedie was married on June 6, 1880, in Carroll county, to Martha Taylor, by whom he has two children, Norman and Bessie, who is the wife of Job McDaniel. Mrs. Martha Tweedie died in Prairie township on April 6, 1885. Mr. Tweedie was again married in Ray county, Missouri, on March 23, 1887, to Sarah E. Haynes, who has borne to him three children, Samuel, Russell and Blanche. Mr. Tweedie has held the offices of constable and tax collector. He is a man who takes a good degree of interest in public affairs and is a member of the Democratic party. He and his wife are active members of the Baptist church. Generously endowed by nature with the qualities which make for success, Mr. Tweedie has made the most of his opportunities, and is now a man of much influence in his community, is highly esteemed and has accumulated a large estate.

W. H. NORTH.

From the old Sucker state has come into northern Missouri many sterling citizens who have done much for the general upbuilding of the same, and of this vast number the name of W. H. North, well known citizen of Fairfield township, Carroll county, is deserving of special mention, partly because he had led an industrious and successful life and partly because he has so lived that not a word could be uttered against him, for he has taken particular pains to uphold the dignity of the old North family, one of the best in the country.

The subject was born in Pickaway county, Ohio, March 29, 1856, on the home farm, but when he was six months old his parents moved to De Witt county, Illinois, and he lived in that state until he was thirty years of age. He had little chance to attend school, but nevertheless received a fairly good primary education. His father having died when he was small, he began working on his mother's farm and remained there until he was twenty-one years of age, then began life for himself by renting land and he soon had a good start. He bought a farm as an investment in Iowa, and two years later sold it at a good profit. He remained at home until he was thirty years old, farming for himself. He was then married, in 1886, in De Witt county,

Illinois, to Mary M. Page, daughter of W. G. and Arcadia Page, who were born in De Witt county, Illinois, on August 30, 1861.

Soon after their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. North emigrated to Kansas, but, not being pleased with the Sunflower state, remained there but three months, then moved to their present place in Fairfield township, Carroll county, Missouri, on July 22, 1886, buying the farm on which they now live in September, 1886. It then consisted of one hundred and twenty acres, but Mr. North has been very successful, being a hard worker and good manager, and has added to his original purchase until he now has one of the choice farms of the township, consisting of two hundred and forty acres, all in good condition, being well improved and under a high state of cultivation. When he took charge of the same the improvements were poor and a small, rude house was on it and a little barn. He lived in that house until 1905, then built his present substantial, commodious and attractive dwelling. Everything about his place now indicates thrift, good management and prosperity, his present house consisting of twelve rooms, and all his outbuildings convenient and well arranged. In his house are to be found all modern improvements, including bath, water works, acetylene gas, furnace, etc. Surrounding it is a beautiful lawn. The barn which he built is forty-two by thirty-two feet, and he has built numerous sheds, installed a windmill, etc. He is deserving of a great deal of credit for what he has accomplished, for he started out with nothing, and has, unaided and in a most straightforward and honest manner, made what he has today. He is regarded as one of the most up-to-date general farmers and stockmen in the township, and his well fenced, well tilled and well kept farm and excellent live stock are admired by all who see them. He sells two or three car loads of cattle annually, also many hogs and all kinds of live stock.

To Mr. and Mrs. North the following children have been born: Ruthy, born January 30, 1892, is attending the State Normal School; Merl, born April 4, 1894, is also in school, as are also Minnie, born September 12, 1897, and Nellie, born March 9, 1904; they are all at home with their parents and constitute a mutually happy and harmonious household. Their elegant home is frequently the gathering place for the many friends of the family, who find here an old-time hospitality and good cheer ever prevailing.

Mr. North stands high in fraternal circles of his county, being a worthy member of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, having taken the third degree; and he has been an officer in the local camp of the Modern Woodmen of America since its organization, eight years ago. He formerly belonged to Roads Lodge of the Knights of the Maccabees of Carrollton. Polit-

ically, he is a Democrat, and while he is deeply interested in the welfare of his county, he does not take an active part in political affairs. He is well known in this and adjoining counties and personally is a very pleasant gentleman to meet.

CONRAD LUEDERS.

Of the German immigrants who came into Carroll county, and have there developed into strong and substantial citizens of their adopted country, and whose descendants are among the most progressive residents of the county, the name of no family stands higher than that of the Lueders. Their father, by diligence, industry, patience and good management, accumulated a good estate, and became influential among the people of the community, who highly respected his judgment: his sons are following in his footsteps and are putting into practice the lessons which they learned from his life.

Conrad Lueders was born in Madison county, Illinois, on February 19, 1882, the son of Conrad and Dora Kirchner Lueders, both of whom were natives of Germany, who came to the United States in 1848, and located in Carroll county, Illinois, first. They were married in St. Clair county, Illinois, and resided there and were engaged in farming for four years, then removed to Madison county, Illinois, where they were engaged in farming until 1883, when they came to Carroll county, Missouri, and bought two hundred acres of land, which included the farm where Conrad now resides. Mr. Lueders later added to his holdings three hundred and twenty acres of land in Moss Creek township, now occupied by his sons. He improved his land greatly, followed general farming and was one of the most prominent and successful farmers in the county. Conrad Lueders, Sr., was the father of eleven children, of whom five, Henry, George, August, Fred and Conrad, are living. Those deceased are Edward, Otto, William, Lydia, Dora and Amanda. The father of these children died on April 27, 1900, the mother on November 7, 1904. The parents were both members of the Lutheran church and Mr. Lueders had been for several years one of the church trustees and active in church work. In politics he was a Republican.

Conrad Lueders received his education in the common schools, and in the German school at Carrollton. His life has been devoted to farming, and at the age of twenty-one he began operations for himself on the farm which he now owns, consisting of one hundred and eighty acres of highly

productive and improved land, on which there is a good residence and other buildings, located two miles from Carrollton, the county seat, and which yields to its owner handsome profits.

On December 13, 1903, Mr. Lueders was married to Flora Hartman, the daughter of Henry Hartman, of Saline county, Missouri, formerly of Carroll county, who received her education in the public schools of Carroll county. They are both members of the Lutheran church. Probably no young man of his age in Carroll county has made a better start in life or has better future prospects than has Mr. Lueders.

MARK D. BILLOW.

The gentleman whose name appears above, the well-known president of the People's Bank of Hale, Missouri, and one of the leading merchants of the city, is a native of Carroll county, Missouri, born in Hurricane township, on August 29, 1875, being a son of Frederick and Susan (Webster) Billow. The former was a son of Martin Billow, a German who came to America many years ago and settled in Pennsylvania, where he spent the remainder of his life. Frederick Billow moved to Carroll county, Missouri, in 1872 and settled in Hurricane township, where he purchased a farm which he cultivated with gratifying results until his death, in September, 1893. His wife, who survived him and is still living, makes her home with her son, the subject of this sketch. Mr. Billow was a man of sound intelligence, well balanced judgment and from time to time was elected to various township offices. He voted with the Republican party, was earnest in the defense of his political principles and for many years was a faithful and devout member of the Methodist Episcopal church, his wife being identified with that church also. Frederick and Susan Billow had two children, Anna E. dying in infancy, and Mark D., whose name introduces this sketch.

The early life of Mark D. Billow on the home farm in Hurricane township was characterized by no experiences outside the ordinary, having been pretty much the same as that of the majority of lads born and reared in the country. As soon as his services could be utilized, he began his daily routine of labor in the fields and after the crops were matured and gathered, he attended the public school not far from his home and made commendable advancement in his studies. He grew to mature years with well defined

purposes concerning his future and in due time carried out his plans of becoming a business man by engaging in the important enterprises with which he is now identified and through the medium of which his name is today familiar in the financial and business circles of his own and other counties of western Missouri.

In the month of August, 1906, Mr. Billow bought a third interest in the Tracy Mercantile Company of Hale, since which time he has been active in building up and maintaining the credit of the enterprise which is today among the most important of the kind in the county. In 1901 he was made a director of the People's Bank of Hale, which his father helped to organize, and one year later was elected president of the institution, which responsible position he still occupies.

Mr. Billow is one of Hale's most progressive and prosperous men and his activity and influence have tended greatly to the advancement of the city and the welfare of its populace. He has devoted himself entirely to business and every enterprise which has engaged his attention has been successful. He is regarded as one of the public spirited men of Carroll county, being foremost in movements for the development of the country and active in measures having for their object the social and moral improvement of the community. He has never stepped aside from his business affairs to mingle much in public or political matters, although adhering to the fundamental principles of the Republican party and in national and state issues giving his support to its candidates. In local affairs, however, he not infrequently disregards his political ties and votes for the candidates best qualified for the offices to which they aspire. He has never been an aspirant for public honors or the emoluments of office, the position of assessor being the only elective office the man has ever held and that came to him without any solicitation on his part.

Mr. Billow was happily married on October 20, 1897, to Myrtle E. Hubbard, daughter of C. N. and Elizabeth (Lucas) Hubbard, of Carroll county, a union blessed with three children, Orville H., Bessie L. and Fay. Mr. Billow is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and his wife is a respected member of the Hurricane Baptist church, south of Hale, and manifest a lively interest in the growth of the organization and the various collateral branches of its work. They are likewise prominent in the social and intellectual life of the city and have the respect of the large circle of friends and acquaintances in which they move.

CLYDE I. WEST.

The subject of this sketch, who is proprietor of the leading drug house of Hale and one of the city's enterprising and successful business men, is a native of Carroll county, Missouri, and the next youngest of three children whose parents were Ira and Sadie West. John West, his grandfather, a native of New York, migrated to Illinois in an early day and was among the pioneer settlers in the vicinity of Galesburg. Ira R. West, son of John and father of the subject, was born near that city and came to Missouri a number of years ago, settling in Carroll county, where in due time he married Sadie Dermois, who bore him three children and departed this life in July, 1902. By occupation, Ira R. West was a farmer. He followed his chosen calling in Carroll county for many years, and for four years was postmaster of Hale. He was one of the influential Republicans of this county and rendered efficient service to his party, in recognition of which he was honored with the position alluded to and proved a most capable, obliging and popular official.

John, the youngest of the three children of Ira and Sadie West, died September 14, 1902. Grace, the second in order of birth, married C. W. Palm and departed this life on August 22, 1902, the subject of this sketch being the only survivor of the children. The father is now living at Seneca, Nebraska.

Clyde I. West was born five miles southwest of Hale, on July 4, 1879, and received his education in the schools of the town in which he now lives. He grew up a strong, well developed young man and while still a youth matured his plans for the future with the object in view of being something more than a mere passive agent among his fellowmen. In 1902 he entered the employ of A. M. Ballew & Son, well known druggists and pharmacists of Hale, in whose establishment he continued about seven years, during which time he applied himself very closely and obtained a pretty thorough knowledge of the business. He also became a skilled pharmacist and it was not long until he was recognized as one of the most accomplished men of his profession in the city.

At the expiration of the period indicated, Mr. West bought out the Hale Drug Company, whose place of business was the leading establishment of the kind in the city, and since November, 1909, has been sole proprietor of the same. Meanwhile he has added largely to his stock and greatly extended his patronage, which now takes a wide range, being second to that of no other drug house in the place and continually growing in magnitude and importance. Sufficient has been stated to afford the reader a tolerably

accurate idea of the ability and high standing of Mr. West in the profession to which his time and energies are being devoted. By close and diligent application he has mastered the principles of his calling and become unusually skilled as a pharmacist, in addition to which he is careful and methodical in business, being familiar with every detail of his large and growing establishment and ranking among the prosperous business men of his town. Gentlemanly demeanor and a kindly courtesy are among his more pronounced characteristics and to these and other amiable qualities is due not a little of the advancement which he has made and the success with which his efforts have been rewarded. Although first of all a business man and making all other considerations subordinate to his interests as such, he manifests commendable zeal in the material prosperity of the community and keeps in touch with the leading questions of the times. He votes with the Republican party and is a staunch defender of the principles of the same; his name adorns the records of the Modern Woodmen of America camp and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of Hale, in which he is an active and influential worker.

Mr. West, on June 9, 1908, was united in marriage with Daisy Milhollin, daughter of William and Julia A. Milhollin, of Carroll county, the father for many years an enterprising farmer and at one time judge of the eastern district court. Mr. and Mrs. West have one child, a son who answers to the name of Wade Le Roy, a bright young American of one year's growth whose presence adds much to the interest and brightness of the home.

ROBERT J. BLAKELY.

This well known grocer and one of Bosworth's enterprising business men is a native of Pennsylvania and a son of John and Eliza J. (Marshall) Blakely, both parents born in Ireland. These parents came to the United States when young and first met in Pennsylvania, where in due time their marriage was solemnized. John Blakely was a weaver by trade and at one time managed an establishment in which there was a large number of looms, and which for a number of years did an extensive and successful business. Later he moved to Ohio and during the Civil war period lived near the city of Coshocton, that state. About the year 1868 he came to Carroll county, Missouri, where he rented land for a year and in 1869 bought the farm in Combs township, on which he lived until his death, in the month of March, 1885. Mrs. Blakely, who survived her husband about six years, departed this life in 1891.

John and Eliza Blakely were reared in the Episcopal faith, but later in life united with the Baptist church, of which they continued faithful members to the end of their days. He was a Republican in politics and a loyal friend to the Union during the Civil war. Both were highly esteemed by their neighbors and friends and their respective deaths were sincerely mourned in the community where they had so long resided. They were the parents of eight children, six of whom survive to hold their names and deeds in grateful remembrance.

Robert J. Blakely was born December 25, 1859, in the city of Philadelphia, and when quite young removed with his parents to Ohio, where he spent the years of his childhood. In 1868 he came with the family to Carroll county, Missouri, where he grew to maturity on a farm, the meanwhile attending the public schools and obtaining a fair education. When twenty-two years of age he purchased forty acres of land and began tilling the soil for himself and such was his success that he was soon enabled to add to his real estate, as is indicated by the fact of his having acquired within a few years a finely improved farm of one hundred and eighty-five acres, besides being otherwise quite well to do.

Mr. Blakely from time to time bought and sold considerable real estate, mostly farm land, and realized handsome profits by his transactions. In 1890 he disposed of the last of his holdings in the country and moved to Bosworth where he engaged in the grocery business, which he still continues, being at this time a member of the firm of Blakely & Williams, the leading grocers of the town.

On March 27, 1886, Mr. Blakely and Florence Danning, daughter of Charles and Emily (Stout) Danning, were united in marriage, a mutually happy and agreeable union, resulting in the birth of four children, whose names are as follows: Vera Lee, deceased; Lena and Ross, and one, the second in order of birth, that died in infancy. Mrs. Blakely's parents moved to this state from Iowa many years ago and were among the early settlers and respected families of Carroll county. Mr. and Mrs. Blakely move in the best social circles of Bosworth and are highly esteemed for their many sterling qualities of mind and heart. She is a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal church and alive to every good work for the moral and spiritual uplift of the community. In his political affiliations Mr. Blakely is a Republican and as such wields an active influence for his party. At the age of twenty-one he was initiated into the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and has been an active and zealous member of the brotherhood ever since, belonging at this time to the lodge in Bosworth. He is also identified with the ancient and

honorable order of Freemasons, and in his relations with his brethren, as well as with the world, his life affords a worthy example of the influence which that excellent order has over its devotees. Personally he stands well with the public, and among his neighbors, friends and associates no one is more highly respected or commands in a more marked degree their confidence.

JOSEPH E. HARTUNG.

The gentleman whose career is briefly recorded in this sketch has long been identified with the business interests and material growth of Carrollton and as a public spirited citizen he occupies a place of influence and prominence among his fellow citizens. As his name indicates, Mr. Hartung is of German extraction on the paternal side, but on the maternal, his genealogy is traceable to a long line of Irish antecedents. His father, Charles F. Hartung, a native of the fatherland, came to the United States when young and grew to maturity in Indiana. He was married near the city of Lafayette, that state, to Mary J. Donovan, and some years later moved to Carrollton, Missouri, where, in 1864, he opened a meat market, using for the purpose a small log cabin in which he carried on his business until a more convenient building could be procured. In due time he moved to much more commodious quarters and it was not long until he had the largest and most successful establishment of the kind in the city. He built up an extensive and lucrative business and for a period of forty-four years was at the head of the meat trade in Carrollton, his shop during that period having been among the largest and most successful and best conducted of the kind in Carroll county. Charles F. Hartung was a man of great industry and energy and during his residence in Carrollton attained to high standing in business circles and accumulated a comfortable fortune. He was a Democrat in politics and, with his wife, belonged to the Roman Catholic church, within the pale of which both were born and reared. His death, which occurred on March 22, 1909, was deeply mourned and profoundly regretted in the city of which he had so long been an honored resident and his memory is regarded as a priceless heritage by his immediate family and descendants. Mrs. Hartung, who survived her husband, makes her home in Carrollton where she has a large circle of friends who esteem her for her many amiable qualities.

The following are the names of the children born to Charles F. and Mary J. Hartung: John, who died March 9, 1893; Joseph E., whose name in-

troduces this sketch; Edward, a poultry dealer and successful business man of Carrollton; Lena, wife of W. A. Neil, of the same city; Alice, deceased, was the wife of A. R. Brocksunkt; Paul, a civil engineer of Greeley, Colorado; and Cecelia, who died at the age of four years.

Joseph E. Hartung was born November 29, 1862, in Tippecanoe county, Indiana, near the city of Lafayette, and when about two years old removed with his parents to Carrollton, Missouri, where he was reared and received his education. When a mere lad he entered his father's shop, where he was trained to the meat business and as he grew to maturity he became one of the most skillful and experienced men of that vocation in the city. In 1893 he took charge of his father's establishment and, as sole proprietor of the same, greatly extended the scope of his operations and gained honorable repute as an enterprising and eminently successful business man. He also takes high rank as a man of affairs and citizen, and he gives his influence and assistance to all measures and movements having for their object the material prosperity of Carrollton and the welfare and happiness of the populace.

Mr. Hartung was twice married, the first time on January 10, 1888, to Kate McDonough, who died August 8, 1891. On July 3, 1895, he was married to Lizzie Schies, daughter of Leopold and Agnes Schies, the union being blessed with two children, Mary Myrtle, who married Carl Hartung, and Anna May, a beautiful girl who died January 28, 1911, age fifteen years. Mr. Hartung is still actively engaged in the meat trade and, as already stated, occupies a place of influence in business circles second to that of few of his contemporaries. He is a quiet, unassuming man, who attends strictly to his own interests and commands the respect and confidence of all with whom he comes in contact.

Leopold Schies, father of Mrs. Hartung, was born in Germany and when quite young was brought to the United States by his father, Simon Schies, who, about the year 1851, moved his family to Carroll county, Missouri, where he spent the remainder of his days, dying in 1894, at the age of eighty-seven years. Leopold Schies married, in his young manhood, Agnes Williams, of Indiana, daughter of Shelton and Margaret (Garrigus) Williams, the former a native of Ireland, the latter born in the state of Ohio. Mr. Williams came to America when a boy and served with an honorable record in the Union army during the Civil war. He married his wife in Ohio, but spent the greater part of his life in Indiana, where his death occurred some years ago. The Garrigus family is of French origin and has been represented in the country ever since the colonial period, several of Mrs. Hartung's ancestors of

this name having served in the war of the Revolution. Leopold Schies served in the state militia during the Civil war and was a farmer by occupation. He lived in Carroll county until 1892, when he moved to Oklahoma, where he still resides:

Mr. and Mrs. Schies were the parents of thirteen children: Elizabeth, wife of Joseph Hartung, is the oldest of the family; Carrie, wife of Byron Webb; Josephine, deceased; Simon, of Oklahoma; John, a farmer of Ralls county, Missouri; Andrew, who lives in Kansas City; Mary married Guy Brooklin and lives in Seattle, Washington; Anna, wife of Everett Johnson, of Oklahoma; Marshall, deceased; Evelyn, now Mrs. C. M. Hanna, resides in Marion, Oklahoma; Francis, deceased, was the wife of Homer Boone; James, who lives in Kansas, and Timothy; a resident of Oklahoma, the two last being twins.

Mr. Schies became widely known during his residence in Carroll county and had a large circle of friends and acquaintances. He was very successful in his business affairs, held various local offices from time to time and was one of the influential Republicans of the county. With his good wife he held membership in the Methodist church, in which both were well esteemed for their Christian deportment and many kindly deeds of charity and benevolence.

DANIEL WELCHONS.

Daniel Welchons, a large land owner and prominent farmer of Ridge township, was born in Tipton county, Indiana, in the year 1864. His father, Jacob Welchons, a native of Kentucky, was born in 1832 and died in Carroll county, Missouri, in 1895. Eliza Gallagher, wife of Jacob Welchons, came to Carroll county a number of years ago and by hard and persistent toil succeeded in overcoming a very discouraging situation and advancing to a condition of financial independence. When he arrived in this part of the country, his only possessions consisted of a team of horses, a wagon and a small amount of money, with which modest capital, and a wife and six children to support, he engaged in farming and in due time achieved success such as few men of his calling attain. By diligent labor and superior management he accumulated a handsome property and at his death was the possessor of a large estate, which his children inherited.

Daniel Welchons was quite young when his parents moved to Missouri and, like the majority of country boys, he was early taught the value and dig-

nity of farm labor. The district schools, which he attended during the winter months, afforded him his only means of acquiring an education, and from his twenty-first to his thirtieth year he farmed the home place in partnership with his father. On the death of the latter he took charge of the farm and continued its cultivation for four years, at the expiration of which time he rented the place and moved to the village of Tina. After spending one year in travel, he moved to the farm in Ridge township where he has since resided and where, in tilling the soil and raising fine stock, his greatest success has been achieved.

Mr. Welchons' fine farm of two hundred acres is well fenced with wire and hedge and his improvements are all up to date and in excellent condition. A large barn, in size thirty-six by sixty feet and substantially constructed, a well built dwelling of six rooms and supplied throughout with the latest conveniences and devices calculated to lessen the housewife's labor and make her lot a desirable one, ample outbuildings, a large wind-mill and a full equipment of modern machinery and the most approved kind of agricultural implements, indicate the interest he has taken to provide a beautiful and comfortable home and bring his farm up to its present high state of cultivation and improvement. All but twenty acres of the place is tillable land and in connection with its cultivation he has been very successful in the matter of live stock, his horses, cattle and hogs being of superior breeds and among the best in his section of country. Mr. Welchons became a resident of Carroll county in the fall of 1870, since which time he has seen the country pass through many changes and advance to its present state of prosperity and enlightenment, nor has he been merely a spectator, but to the extent of his ability he has borne his part in bringing about these changes and contributed not a little to conditions which now obtain. Public spirited and enterprising, he keeps in touch with the progress of the times and as a citizen, interested in all that benefits his township and community, he occupies a conspicuous place among his fellow men.

Mr. Welchons, in the year 1888, was united in marriage with Josephine Causey, who was born in Carroll county, Missouri, in 1864, being a daughter of William and Mary Causey, who came to the county in an early day and were among the pioneers of the locality in which they settled. Mr. and Mrs. Welchons have one son, Orville, who is living at home and attending school. Mr. Welchons is a Democrat in politics and for four years has been serving as school director of his township. He belongs to the Odd Fellows lodge at Tina, in which he has passed all the chairs, and holds membership with the Woodmen of the World at Bosworth. He is an expert marksman and when

the busy season closes he finds great pleasure, as well as healthful recreation, in hunting, which has always been his favorite sport and pastime. Mrs. Welchons is a respected member of the Baptist church in Tina and a lady of high Christian character. She is deeply interested in religious and charitable work and her influence in the community is salutary and uplifting.

JOSEPH R. HILL.

Success has attended the efforts of J. R. Hill; a progressive farmer of Fairfield township, Carroll county, because he has never been contented to sit idly by and wait for the uncertain and precarious incoming tides of fortune, believing that a man usually gets what he goes after in this world, but little else. Obstacles have thwarted him, but he has pushed them aside and kept on until today he finds himself very comfortably established and enjoying the friendship and good will of a wide circle of acquaintances among whom his actions have ever been that of the man whose desire is to trust and be trusted.

Mr. Hill was born on July 17, 1865, on the farm where he now lives, and he received a good education in the district schools; later he attended school in Brunswick for a term of one winter, then worked on the home place until he was twenty-one years old, living with his mother, who owned a good farm.

J. R. Hill was married on March 27, 1894, in Fairfield township, to Sallie A. Rader, daughter of Derrick and Hettie Rader, who was born in Augusta county, Virginia, on April 3, 1870, and in October, 1874, moved with her parents to Egypt township, Carroll county, Missouri, later making several moves, the daughter becoming acquainted with Mr. Hill in Prairie township. After his marriage the subject settled on the home place, where he lived six months, then bought a farm in Van Horn township, consisting of one hundred acres, and lived there about six years and a half, selling this farm two years later, then moved to his present place in Fairfield township, and has remained here ever since. He has one of the best improved farms in the township. He has erected an excellent barn, and his fences and outbuildings in general are kept in good repair. The place is better and more productive, the soil being stronger than when he became its possessor. He has cleared a considerable tract of timber, and he always keeps good live stock of various kinds, having some fine registered Herefords. He has a pair of Polled-

Herefords, there being no other stock of this type in the county and few in the state. These hornless cattle are valued because of the ease with which they may be handled.

When Mr. Hill's mother died, in May, 1906, he received his share of the old homestead, and bought the other heirs out, being now the owner of a fine farm of two hundred and nine acres. His family consists of the following children: Laveta, Roscoe, Ruth, Edwin, Ellen and Verline, all at home.

Mr. Hill is a member of the Methodist church at Mt. Olivet, and has given liberally of his means and time in building and supporting the same, which is one of the finest in the county in the rural communities. During the past seventeen years, or since the church was first built, he has been a steward in the same. He was also superintendent of the Sunday school for about fifteen years, and is, in fact, a valued pillar in this congregation, having taken a most active part in Mt. Olivet church since it was started. Politically he is a Democrat and has been school director of his district since 1901; he was on the building committee and aided very materially in the building of the present school house. He is regarded by all as one of the leading and influential men of his community and is known to be honest and upright in all his relations with his fellow men.

THOMAS F. STANLEY.

The people of Wakenda owe much to the members of the Stanley family, who have been partakers in so many of the important enterprises of their community. The subject of the present sketch is one of the surviving soldiers of the Civil war, those men, millions in number, who but a few years ago were the active leaders in all our life, strong men in their prime, who a few years earlier went forth to the war, as young men and boys, in the vigor of young manhood, to give their lives to their country if called upon to do so. Some were called upon, some escaped, and the men who had been soldiers in the Civil war made the better citizens in time of peace for their experience. But now each year witnesses a great diminution in their number. Strong as ever in mind, they have lost much of their bodily vigor and cannot take as active a part in public or business affairs as formerly. Ere long the last veteran will be called to his home, and their once familiar figures will be no longer seen of men, but the memory of their deeds will never die.

Thomas F. Stanley was born in Wayne county, Indiana, on March 10, 1841, the son of John A. and Dorothy Stanley, for whom see sketch of George E. Stanley. Thomas was one of the younger members of the family. When he was four years old his parents moved to Whitley county, Indiana, where they lived for several years, then lived in Wabash county for three years, then moved to Miami county, from which Thomas enlisted, on January 25, 1862, in the Fourteenth Indiana Battery and served until June 20, 1865. He was severely wounded in the left arm at the siege of Spanish Fort near Mobile, Alabama, and at the same engagement was also shot through the body. His record was the honorable one of a brave and daring soldier. On being mustered out, he returned to his Indiana home, and came with his parents to Carroll county, Missouri, in the fall of 1865, and has since lived in Eugene and Trotter townships, this county, making farming and stock raising his life business. Mr. Stanley now owns one hundred and seventy-five acres of the best land in Eugene township, all highly improved and presenting a pleasing appearance to the passerby. This land, under its owner's careful management, has yielded good returns and has enabled him to accumulate a large estate. He is vice-president of the Bank of Wakenda.

On December 17, 1868, Mr. Stanley was married to Martha A. Martin, who was then a resident of Carroll county, Missouri, but who was born in Pulaski county, Indiana. They are the parents of four children, Ida M., who is the widow of James W. Keltner, Edwin M., Ella Nora, who is the wife of Alonzo Ballard, and James F. Mr. and Mrs. Stanley are members of the Methodist church. He takes an active part in the Grand Army of the Republic. Mr. Stanley has lived a comparatively quiet life, but one which has accomplished much good. He is well known to many of the people of the county, and all who know him are his friends. In all matters which promised for the development of the community, he has been one of the leaders.

W. R. DENNING.

Ridge township can boast of no more up-to-date agriculturist and Carroll county of no more public-spirited or genteel gentleman than W. R. Denning. He has lived to goodly ends in this locality and has greatly benefited not only himself and family by his consistent course, but also his neighbors and all with whom he has come into contact.

Mr. Denning was born in Van Buren county, Iowa, of an excellent old family, December 18, 1850, the son of John and Abigail Denning. He acquired a very good education in the district schools and worked the home place for his mother, his father having died when the subject was less than fifteen years old. He had two brothers, but they did not live at home and the support of his mother and three sisters devolved upon him. The home place consisted of two hundred acres, and he continued on this until 1875, when he came to Missouri with his mother and one sister, trading the home farm in Iowa for the present place, which consisted of one hundred and sixty acres at first. This had been partly cultivated, and on it stood a small and inconvenient dwelling, but there were no fences or other improvements. This vicinity was then all prairie. They continued to live in that rude house for several years, later building an addition to it, erecting the present twelve-roomed, spacious and substantial house in 1887, which is one of the largest and best dwellings in the neighborhood. Mr. Denning has also built two very convenient and substantial barns since coming here, one of which was struck by lightning and burned. He has prospered by reason of hard work and good management and had added to his original purchase until he now has one of the model farms of the county, which consists of four hundred acres of very valuable and well improved land, under a high state of cultivation, and everything about his place indicates thrift and prosperity and that a gentleman of excellent judgment and taste has its management in hand. His land is not all in one farm. He has two houses and barns, each on a different place, also owns forty acres in Rockford township on Grand river in the bottoms; he is also the owner of fifteen acres of timbered land in Combs township, and he owns a splendid brick store building in Bosworth. He has been very successful since coming to Carroll county and is one of the substantial and influential men in his township. He has lived on his present place ever since coming here with the exception of nine years when he lived in Bosworth, moving back to his farm in 1899. He owned a store and a saw-mill in that town and carried on both in a very satisfactory manner; in fact, he has met with a fair measure of success in whatever direction he has turned his energies. He erected a number of houses in Bosworth, which he has sold. He owned at one time a fine tract of land, one hundred and sixty acres, on Grand river, selling the same about 1893. He is a very good judge of live stock of all kinds and handles large numbers of horses, mules, cattle, etc., and carries on general farming, raising a great deal of grain. At the present time his sons are tending most of the place. He has a fine apple orchard of about an acre and a half and he has set out all the trees about the house. He

is a lover of outdoor sports, especially hunting, and in his younger days often hunted the raccoon, the prairie chicken and the wily fox.

Mr. Denning was married on February 23, 1876, near Miami Station, Carroll county, a year after his advent here, to Anna E. Stout, daughter of St. Leger and Elizabeth Stout. She was born December 2, 1856, in Van Buren county, Iowa, and moved with her parents to Carroll county, Missouri, in 1866. She and Mr. Denning became acquainted in Iowa. This union has resulted in the birth of the following children: Virgil W., born May 16, 1878, lives on a part of the home place; Gladys, born March 5, 1880, lives in Carrollton; Grover, born January 7, 1885, lives on a farm in South Dakota; George, born June 20, 1886, is at home, as is also Willard, born July 26, 1888; Stuart, born March 20, 1890, and Virginia, born September 7, 1894, are both at home; Hettie R., born February 2, 1877, died February 2, 1879.

Politically Mr. Denning is a Democrat and in religious matters he belongs to the Methodist church, having been a steward in the same for about three years. He is one of the leading men of his community in every sense of the word and is deserving of the high esteem in which he is held by all who know him, owing to his exemplary character and his kindness and hospitality.

WILLIAM E. THOMAS.

The life of an enterprising merchant or successful business man, though full of activity and incidents, usually presents but few salient points to arouse the interest of those who look to the exciting or tragic for entertainment. But to achieve distinction or great prosperity in such pursuits requires qualities of a high order which will be readily appreciated by those who tread the busy thoroughfares of trade. Ordinary merit may maintain a respectable position and enjoy a moderate competence; but to rise from a modest beginning to the first place of monetary credit and power can only be the fortune of an individual endowed with gifts akin to genius. Eminent business talents are composed of a combination of high mental and moral attributes. It is not simple energy and industry; there must be sound judgment, breadth of capacity, rapidity of thought, justice and firmness, the foresight to perceive the course of the drifting tide of business and the will and ability to control them; and with all, a collection of minor but important qualities to regulate the details of the pursuit which engages attention. The subject of this review affords an exemplification of the talents and the wide theatre of his operation

and his eminent success has made his name familiar in the business circles of his own and several other states and gained for him a reputation second to that of none of his contemporaries.

William E. Thomas is a native of Carroll county, Missouri, and belongs to an old American family whose history in the country antedates by a number of years the war for Independence. Turpin Thomas, his great-grandfather, whose ancestors came from Ireland in colonial times and settled in Virginia, was a Virginian by birth, but some years after the Revolution went to Kentucky where he figured as a pioneer. Later, about 1835, with his large family, one of whom was his son Elisha, he moved to Carroll county, Missouri, and settled in De Witt township, where he secured land and spent the remainder of his life. Elisha Thomas was born September 25, 1814, and died April 25, 1849. He was reared in Kentucky and on coming to Carroll county purchased land in the township of De Witt and engaged in agricultural pursuits. He married Caroline Isom, who was born in 1824 in Alabama, and reared a family, among his children being a son, William W., whose birth occurred in Carroll county, September 7, 1843, and who, like his antecedents from time immemorial, was a tiller of the soil. He became a successful farmer and substantial citizen, served in the Provisional Guards during the Civil war and has always commanded the respect of his fellow men. He is still living in the county and a fact worthy of note is that within the past thirty-seven years there has not been a death in his own family or among any of his descendants, who now number twenty. The maiden name of his wife was Arabella Hundley, daughter of Ambrose and Sarah Hundley. She is a native of Green county, Kentucky, and the mother of four children. Sallie, the oldest of the family, is the widow of the late John Mathison, and residing at the town of Bosworth. William E., of this review, is the second in order of birth. The third was Columbus, who died in infancy in 1873, the youngest being Gwendolin, who married S. W. Vaughn and lives on a farm in Carroll county. W. W. Thomas is a pronounced Republican in politics and in former years took an active interest in party affairs. The Baptist church represents his religious belief, of which body himself and wife have for many years been faithful and consistent members.

William E. Thomas was born January 26, 1868, and spent the years of his childhood and youth on the family homestead in Leslie township. He early manifested unusual powers of mind and made such rapid progress in his studies that he finished the common school course within a comparatively short time, after which he pursued the more advanced branches in the high school. He taught school three years, then associated with John Mathison

in the mercantile business at Bogard, where he has since remained, the meanwhile adding to his stock and extending the scope of his operations until he now has the largest general store in the county and commands a trade second in magnitude to no other establishment of the kind in the state. In addition to full and complete lines of merchandise, he deals very extensively in lumber, which he not only supplies to local customers, but ships in large quantities to other parts, his patronage in this line alone constituting a very lucrative business. With rare foresight Mr. Thomas early began extending his business interests and in due time established branch stores and lumber yards in various other places, all of which have prospered and made him one of the leading merchants of his state. At this time he has well equipped places of business at Bogard, Wakenda, Orrick and Marceline, Missouri, Burkburnett, Texas, Grandfield, Stilwell, Oklahoma, Wapanucka, Oklahoma, Kenefick, Oklahoma and Randlett, Oklahoma, besides conducting an extensive wholesale lumber business at Kansas City. He keeps in close touch with all of his large and growing interests, selecting men of recognized ability and faithfulness to take charge of his stores and lumber yards and thus far his cause has been eminently successful and his place among the eminent business men of the west seems assured. Additional to his mercantile interests, he devotes a great deal of attention to live stock, owning a fine farm of eight hundred acres which he has stocked with registered short horn cattle, Percheron horses and thoroughbred Poland-China hogs. In the breeding and raising of blooded and high grade domestic animals he has few equals and no superiors in this part of the country and his reputation as a stock man has long been more than state wide. In all of his undertakings Mr. Thomas has exemplified the power of mind, the foresight and the familiarity with details which have contributed so largely to the success, and in the management of his extensive interests he displays executive ability of high order which makes him the master of his calling and the born leader of men. He is essentially the architect of his own fortune and if he is indebted for his success to any one quality more than others, it is the determination and energy with which he inaugurates and prosecutes his every enterprise. With his other characteristics, it is certain to pave the way to still greater achievements, and it is not indulging unreasonably in the spirit of prophecy to say that if his life is spared, the most brilliant fortune and the happiest future await him.

Mr. Thomas, on May 23, 1890, was united in marriage with Mary A. Walker, whose parents, Alexander W. and Susan (Campbell) Walker, were natives of Kentucky and among the pioneers of western Missouri, Mr. Walker having served with distinction in the war of the Rebellion. Mr. and Mrs.

Thomas have three children, Alexander R., a student in the Missouri State University; Ruth, who is pursuing her studies in the Carrollton high school, and Mayme, whose educational work is in the lower grades. Politically, Mr. Thomas is a Republican and, religiously, a Baptist, with which church his wife and children also hold membership. He belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Modern Woodmen of America, in both of which orders he has been honored from time to time with positions of responsibility and trust. In 1907 he moved his family from Bogard to Carrollton, where he owns a splendid modern dwelling, which, with its happy and popular domestic circle, may be properly called one of the ideal homes of the city.

WILLIAM M. BROWN.

The subject of this review, who is the proprietor of the Seven Oaks farm and, in partnership with his son, one of the largest and most successful breeders and raisers of fine Galloway cattle in the United States, is a native of Ayrshire, Scotland. He left the land of his birth when a mere lad and went to Australia where he remained until 1877, when he disposed of his interests in that country to become a resident of the United States. Shortly after he arrived in America he purchased seven hundred acres of land near Carrollton, Missouri, on which he made a number of substantial improvements and in due time turned his attention to the raising of fine cattle, making a specialty of the noted Galloway breed, which has given him a reputation second to that of none in the United States similarly engaged. He began the breeding of registered Galloway cattle in 1890 and since that time has become widely and favorably known among the leading stock men throughout the Union, having exhibited his animals in a number of large cities and wherever shown they have invariably won first prizes and distanced all competitors.

At the live stock exhibition in St. Louis during the World's Fair, Mr. Brown's cattle were awarded first premiums and he was likewise fortunate at the Lewis & Clark Exposition at Portland, Oregon, where he carried off most of the first prizes. Among the many other places where his farm has been represented was the State Fair of Missouri at Sedalia, where he experienced no difficulty in winning the highest prizes awarded; also at Kansas City and Chicago, and at all other places where high grade animals have been exhibited. His farm has been visited from far and near by men desirous of improving their herds of cattle and he has sold in nearly every state in the

union, the demands for his animals being at times too great for him to supply. In 1904 he sold eight head to the United States government to be taken to Alaska and the experiment proved so successful that others will doubtless be purchased for like purposes there and in other parts of the national domain. Those taken to Alaska have been wintered on an island near the coast and during the entire season were without shelter or food other than the native grasses, upon which they not only thrived well, but took on a large amount of extra flesh, thus demonstrating the superiority of the Galloway cattle over all other breeds with which any attempts have been made to stock the north land. In addition to his shipments to Alaska and all parts of the United States, Mr. Brown has likewise consigned a number of his cattle to Mexico and other warm countries, where they thrive and do as well as in temperate and colder climates. For general purposes the Galloway cattle are unexcelled, being extra fine milkers, and for beef they have long been pronounced the best on the market. They maintain their normal size and health under all the varying conditions of country and climate, are hardy, easily cared for and represent to the owner a greater gain per cent upon his capital than any other investment he could make.

Mr. Brown has imported from Scotland and the animals he sells for breeding purposes are of the purest strain and, as already stated, they have been found by men of wide experience superior to any other kind. He usually keeps on his farm from one hundred to one hundred and fifty head. Seven Oaks farm, which has much more than state-wide repute, is admirably situated for the purposes to which it is devoted, the soil being fertile and very productive, the place well watered and the improvements of all kinds among the best in the county. Its original area has been reduced until it now contains four hundred and eighty acres, but no expense has been spared to make it answer the purpose of a first-class modern stock farm in which nothing in the way of modern improvements or conveniences shall be lacking. Under the joint management of Mr. Brown and son, the business has grown steadily in magnitude and importance until the farm now ranks among the leading stock farms of the west, from which section of the union the greater part of its patronage comes.

Mr. Brown deserves great credit for the interest he has taken to induce the farmers of his own and other states to improve their herds of cattle, it being just as easy and a hundredfold more profitable to raise a first-class animal than a poor or indifferent one. While laboring to promote his own interests, he has been largely influential in advancing the interests of others,

the raising of good live stock being not only economical, but a more reliable source of wealth than any other branch of farming. What he has already accomplished in the important and far-reaching industry marks him a benefactor of his kind.

WILLIAM WESLEY SAWIN.

The subject of this sketch, who is living the life of retirement, which he has so faithfully and honorably earned, is of Scotch-Irish descent and inherits many of the sturdy qualities and characteristics of his ancestors. His paternal grandparents, Isaac and Martha Sawin, were natives respectively of Scotland and Ireland. They came to the United States many years ago and after residing for some time in New York, moved to Ohio, where their deaths subsequently occurred. John Sawin, son of the above and father of the subject, was born in Ohio, and when a young man he married Nackery Illery, of that state. He moved to Illinois in an early day and settled in Fulton county where he bought land and became a prosperous farmer. His wife dying about 1840, he subsequently married Sarah D. Robertson, by whom he had nine children, the subject of this sketch being the only child of the first marriage. The following are the names of the children born to John and Sarah Sawin: James H., deceased; George W., a Union soldier of the Civil war, who fell into the hands of the enemy and died in Libby prison; Peter and John, twins, the former deceased, the latter living in Illinois; Annie E., who married J. E. Pearson and lives in Salina, Kansas; Martha L., widow of Samuel Jacobs, lives in Quincy, Illinois; Rosa May, wife of Rev. C. W. Talmage, of Cawker City, Kansas; and Mary, who died at the age of eighteen years.

William Wesley Sawin was born March 11, 1839, in Fulton county, Illinois, and at the tender age of one year suffered the loss of his best earthly friend in the death of his mother. He did not lack proper care and attention, however, as his step-mother was a woman of kindly impulses and trained him with the same tender solicitude which she manifested towards her own offspring. He was reared and received his education in his native county and, having grown up accustomed to farm labor, he very naturally chose agriculture for his vocation. After farming in Illinois until 1871, he moved to Carroll county, Missouri, and purchased a farm on which he lived and prospered until accumulating a competency, when he turned the place over to

other management and in 1908 transferred his residence to Carrollton, where, as before stated, he is now living in honorable retirement.

During his active years Mr. Sawin was a man of great industry and energy and succeeded well as a tiller of the soil. He brought his farm to a high state of cultivation, made many substantial improvements and was long considered one of the most enterprising and successful agriculturists of the section of the country in which he lived. He likewise took a leading part in the growth and progress of the community and, as one of the influential Republicans of the township, kept abreast of the times on all matters of public interest and labored zealously for the success of his party and its candidates. Since moving to Carrollton, he has maintained his interest in political and public affairs, takes pride in the city and does all within his power to enhance its reputation and give it publicity.

On the 13th of March, 1861, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Sawin and Ellen Berry, whose parents, Caleb and Barbara (Metz) Berry, migrated in an early day from their native state of North Carolina to Illinois, and settled in Adams county, that state, not far from the present city of Payson, at which place the ceremony alluded to occurred. The following are the names of the children comprising the family of Mr. and Mrs. Sawin: Lily May, wife of S. P. Godwin, a farmer of Carroll county; Effie Anna married George Auld and lives at Norborne, this state; William Wesley, a resident of Carroll county and a farmer by occupation; Mary Ellen, now Mrs. Robert Bowles, lives in Idaho; John W. and Caleb, twins, the former living in Oklahoma, the latter died when three years of age; Rosa Josephine, the youngest of the number, is the wife of Charles Sawin, and resides in Carrollton. Mr. Sawin is a Methodist in religious belief and a faithful member of the church. He has many warm friends in Carrollton and after a long and useful life is spending his closing years in quiet and content.

Mrs. Sawin died September 29, 1910, at her home in Carrollton. She was a member of the Methodist church, of which she had been a consistent member since a girl. She was a good woman and had a large circle of friends

PROF. JAMES A. KOONTZ.

This distinguished educator, since 1905 the efficient superintendent of the public schools of Carrollton, is a native of Knox county, Missouri, where his birth occurred on the 4th day of April, 1866. Paternally, he is descended from sterling Dutch ancestry, the genealogy of which branch of his family in

this country is traceable to a very early period in the history of the colonies. According to the most reliable data obtainable, it appears that certain members of the family came to America a number of years prior to the Revolutionary struggle and settled in Pennsylvania, where in due time their descendants multiplied, some moving to various parts of that colony, others to adjacent commonwealths. Among the latter were the subject's direct ancestors, who migrated many years ago to Virginia, in which state Noah Koontz, the Professor's father, was born in the year 1813.

When a young man Noah Koontz married Elizabeth Browning, whose antecedents were among the early English immigrants (1621) to the new world. Later the Browning family moved to Tennessee, where the name became widely known and it was in that state that Mrs. Koontz's parents lived and died and her own birth occurred. About the year 1835, Noah Koontz moved to Illinois, where he made his home until 1856, when he brought his family to Knox county, Missouri. After residing in that county until late in life, he moved to Kansas, where he spent the remainder of his days, dying in 1901, his wife having preceded him to the grave in the year 1900. Noah and Elizabeth Koontz reared a family of twelve children, the subject of this sketch being the youngest of the number. His older brother, John Koontz, entered the Federal army at the beginning of the late war and died while bravely upholding the honor of the national union.

The early life of James Koontz was similar to that of the majority of lads in most respects reared under the wholesome discipline of the farm. While still young he manifested a decided taste for books and study and after learning to read he eagerly perused such books and papers as he could procure. He received his preliminary education in the public schools, later entered the State Normal School at Knoxville, from which he was graduated in due time with an honorable record as a close and critical student. Actuated by a laudable ambition to add still further to his scholastic knowledge, he subsequently attended the Leland Stanford University of California, where he prosecuted his studies and researches until completing the prescribed course and receiving his degree, which bears the date of 1901.

Shortly after graduating from the latter institution Professor Koontz was elected superintendent of the public schools of Anaconda, Montana, where he remained two years, during which time he brought the schools to a high standing and state of efficiency and gained much more than local repute as an able and successful educator and executive. At the expiration of the period indicated he resigned the superintendency at Anaconda to become the principal of the Beaverhead county high school at Dillon, in the same state,

which relation he sustained with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of the people of the county until elected to the important position which he now holds, Professor Koontz entered upon his duties as superintendent of the schools of Carrollton, Missouri, in 1905, since which time he has brought about a number of reforms and improvements in the educational system of the city and made it one of the best in the state. Under his efficient supervision the schools have made a commendable progress and the confidence reposed in him both by patrons and the board of trustees is indicated by his unanimous reelection for several years to the important position which he so ably fills.

The high character achieved by Professor Koontz as a teacher and manager of schools has made him widely and favorably known in educational circles and it is safe to assume that there are few, if any, abler or more popular superintendents in Missouri, and certainly none that command in a more marked degree the love and confidence of the public. He is now in the prime of vigorous manhood and possesses a genial personality, superior scholarship and his eighteen years' practical experience in educational work, from village school to city superintendency, entitle him to recognition among the notable men of his profession in the west and bespeak for him a future of continuous efficiency and usefulness. During his last year in Montana, Professor Koontz was president of the Teachers' Association of that state and since coming to Missouri he has been similarly honored, being at this time the executive head of the State Teachers' Association, over which important body he presides with marked ability and credit. Since locating in Carrollton he has been active in promoting the city's material prosperity, being interested in all enterprises with this object in view, as well as an influential factor in the social and intellectual life of the community. He is a prominent member of the Masonic fraternity, in which he has risen to the degree of Knight Templar, and is also an active worker in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows lodge of Carrollton. In religion the Christian, or Disciple, church represents his creed, or, in other words, the Bible alone is his rule of faith and practice. He is a valued member of the local church in Carrollton, active in all lines of duty under the auspices of the same and an earnest and scholarly exponent of the faith to which he assents. Mrs. Koontz is likewise a member of the church and a lady whose culture and beautiful character and Christian life have greatly endeared her to the religious and social circles in which she and her husband move.

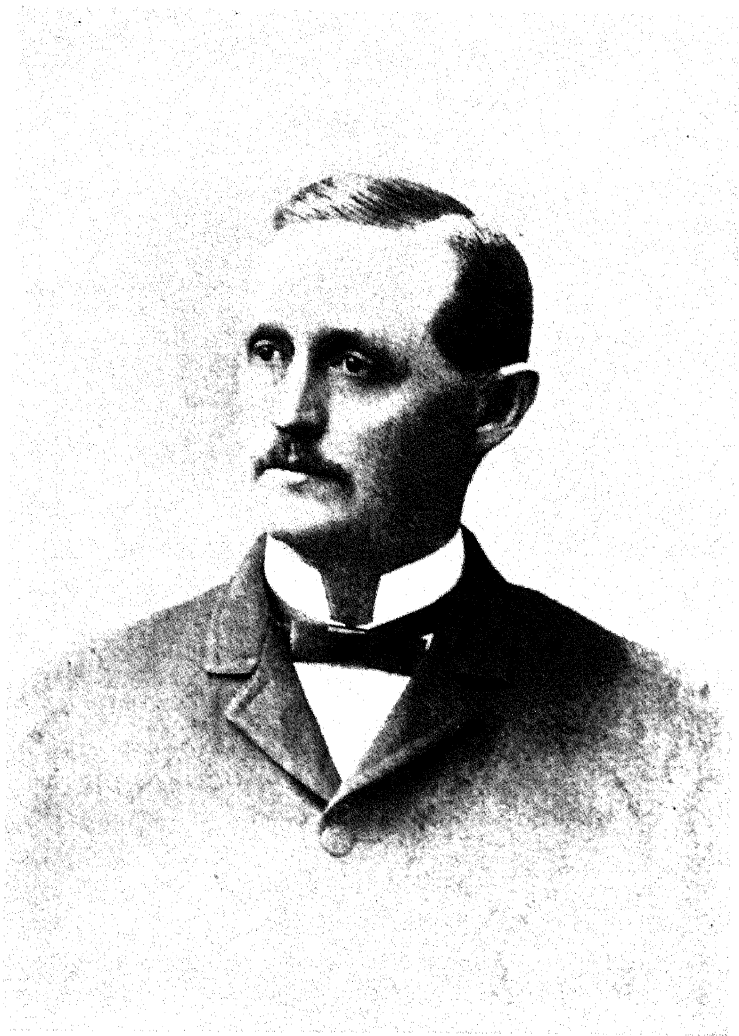
On July 7, 1893, Professor Koontz was united in marriage with Jessie A. Smith, of Knox county, Missouri, a union blessed with one child, Paul G.

A. Y. HOUSTON.

The subject of this sketch, the well-known banker, and one of the leading citizens of Tina, is a native of Cooper county, Missouri, and a son of Col. Thomas F. and Mary (Hampton) Houston, natives respectively of North Carolina and Alabama and married in the latter state. Colonel Houston moved to Missouri in 1845 and settled in Cooper county, where in due time he secured a large tract of land and became quite a prominent citizen. In the year 1849 he moved his family from Cooper county to the county of Pettis, where he also became a large land owner and a man of marked influence, likewise a factor of no little importance in public life. At the breaking out of the late Civil war he espoused the cause of the South and, entering the Confederate service, soon rose to the rank of colonel. He served in that capacity throughout the entire struggle, took part in a number of campaigns and numerous battles and earned an honorable record as a brave and gallant leader in which his superiors as well as his officers and men reposed the most implicit confidence. He spent the remainder of his days in Pettis county, his death, in November, 1898, removing from that part of the state one of its leading men of affairs.

A. Y. Houston spent his early life in Pettis county and received his preliminary education and discipline in the schools of the same. This was supplemented by two years study at the University of Missouri at Columbia, after which he attended Bethany College at Bethany, West Virginia, being a member of the class of 1871. He remained on the home farm until 1884, when he assisted in the organization of the Bank of Houstonia at Houstonia, Pettis county, Missouri, with which institution he was associated for twelve years.

Mr. Houston came to the town of Tina, Carroll county, in 1896 and established the Exchange Bank, with which he has since been identified and the continuous growth and success of which has been largely due to his ability and judicious management. He has devoted much attention to monetary affairs and his knowledge of finance is both general and profound. Familiar with every phase of banking and careful and somewhat conservative in his business methods, he was well fitted for the part he took in organizing the institutions and, as stated above, his course since then has been eminently satisfactory and the growth of the bank in public favor affords the best evidence of his ability to inaugurate and carry to successful issue important enterprises.



A. Y. HOUSTON

The Exchange Bank of Tina was incorporated on October 8, 1896, by the following well known business men and representative citizens: A. Y. Houston, Lew Miller, Carl Miller, E. G. Stone, L. G. Venard, Charles Baker, H. Bunch, Thomas Stâtes, E. B. Egbers, J. T. Edmonds, R. R. Wilson, R. B. Allison and George N. Hubble. The gentleman last named, a prosperous farmer residing in the vicinity of the town, was elected president, A. Y. Houston, cashier, and F. S. Williams, assistant cashier. Of the above list of incorporators, two died since the organization went into effect and three have moved to other parts.

The bank was organized under state laws and began business with a capital of fifteen thousand dollars. As previously indicated, its growth has been steady and substantial and, being managed by men of integrity and recognized business ability, its future growth and prosperity seem assured. The institution meets a long felt want in the community by facilitating business and affording a means of deposit for surplus capital, which now amounts to considerably in excess of ninety thousand dollars, with prospects of a large increase in the near future. The present shareholders are George N. Hubble, Frank Yehle, C. F. Miller, J. T. Edmonds, E. C. McKean, Clarkes Baker, H. Bunch, Thomas States, F. S. Williams and A. Y. Houston.

As cashier of the above institution, Mr. Houston demonstrates business ability of a high order and has the unbounded confidence of the public. Since coming to Tina he has contributed largely to the growth of the town and, as a public spirited man of affairs, lends his aid and influence to all enterprises and utilities with this object in view. Though primarily a business man and making every other consideration subordinate to his interests as such, he finds time to devote to the general welfare and, as a citizen, he keeps in touch with the leading questions and issues of the times, on all of which he has well grounded opinions which carry weight and respect. He is a Democrat, but not a partisan in the sense the term is usually understood, nor has he any ambition to gratify in the way of public office or leadership. On state and national issues he votes with his party, but in matters of local character he not infrequently casts his ballot for the man, irrespective of political ties. He was married on the 10th day of October, 1883, to Mary E. McKean, of Sedalia, Missouri, who has borne him three children, two of whom are living, Gladys and Ernestine, both pursuing their studies in the public schools of Tina. Mr. Houston and family are regular attendants of the Presbyterian church, to the support of

which, and to all lines of good work under its auspices, he is a liberal contributor. At the present time he is erecting a handsome modern building in Carrollton where he maintains his residence.

GEORGE F. CRUTCHLEY.

No man, in any situation, wields as much power with respect to the community as does the editor of a paper in a small city, or agricultural county. The press is the greatest power of the age, in every location, but its power is doubly enhanced in such a locality. The local newspaper is almost the only medium which can bring the discussion of local questions and of local reforms before the people, and is in all cases the leader in whatever makes for the progress of the community, if it be at all progressive. But alas for the county whose editors are unprogressive, for their condition is almost hopeless. Such can never be said of Carroll county, nor of any of its townships reached by the *Norborne Democrat*, for this paper stands for progress and the best interests of the people and its editor uses his position of influence to the people's best advantage.

George F. Crutchley was born on a farm in Ray county, Missouri, on February 2, 1857, the son of Dr. George C. Crutchley, a native of West Virginia, and Maria B. (Snowden) Crutchley, who was born in Ray county. Doctor Crutchley was one of the early practitioners of Ray and Carroll counties, married in Ray county, and settled there for several years, then moved to Miles Point, Carroll county, where he practiced medicine and engaged in the mercantile business. In 1871 he removed to Norborne, and was a merchant there until his death, on January 15, 1894, in the seventieth year of his age. His wife is still living. Doctor Crutchley was a man of good business judgment and of strong character, his kindly nature winning for him the friendship of all who knew him.

George F. Crutchley was the youngest of three children. The first fourteen years of his life were spent at Miles Point, to which place his father moved when he was six weeks old, and he came to Norborne with his parents in 1871. His education was received in the common schools and the Central College, of Fayette, Missouri. Then for twenty-five years he was engaged in the mercantile business with his father, in which he was successful, made many friends and gained valuable experience. Mr. Crutchley took up the study of law in 1900, and in 1901 was admitted to the bar, and in the next

year established the *Norborne Democrat*, of which he has since been editor and proprietor. This paper has a circulation of over two thousand, mostly in Carroll county, is a reliable news getter, and has done its full share in molding the public opinion of the county.

Mr. Crutchley was married in Norborne to his first wife, Jennie Creasey, the daughter of John A. Creasey, who was the first station agent for the Wabash Railroad Company at Norborne. She died in Norborne. Mr. Crutchley was married a second time on October 12, 1889, to Mattie G. Runyan, a native of Frankfort, Kentucky, the daughter of Reuben Runyan. (See sketch of W. T. Runyan.) She died in Norborne, on March 15, 1894.

For twenty-five years Mr. Crutchley has been a member of the Democratic county committee, and one of the strong and influential workers in the party. Twice he has been elected mayor of Norborne and has filled the office impartially, giving general satisfaction. His paper is one of the leading Democratic organs of the county. Personally Mr. Crutchley is a very agreeable man, whom it is a pleasure to know.

WILLIAM C. PALMER.

Norborne has been fortunate in the character of the men who are at the head of her financial institutions, and of these none stands better in the regard of the people than does Mr. Palmer, the efficient and accommodating cashier of the Farmers Bank. He is one of the successful representative business men of the city and county, well known as conservative, safe and reliable, with keen judgment in matters of finance.

William C. Palmer was born on a farm near Mansfield, Richland county, Ohio, on October 14, 1847. His father was John E. Palmer, who was engaged in farming during his life in Ohio, and after leaving Ohio to come to Benton county, Iowa, he engaged in the real estate business, living in Benton county until 1864, when he died at the early age of forty-three, closing a useful and respected life. The subject's mother was Phoebe Pittenger Palmer, a native of Ohio, who died in Benton county, Iowa, in 1856, when about thirty years of age. Of their five children, William was the third. He was in his seventh year when his parents moved to Benton county, and there he grew to manhood, and remained until the spring of 1867, when he came to Carrollton, Missouri, and was employed as a clerk in a general store for about one year. Then in 1869 he came to Norborne, and clerked in a

general store for several years, after which he engaged in mercantile business on his own account, and followed it with marked success until 1905, when he entered the Farmers Bank as cashier, which position he has since held, and in which capacity he has worked much and effectively for the bank's success.

Mr. Palmer was married on December 18, 1878, at Norborne, Missouri, to Viola Lee, who was the daughter of John Lee. She was born on her father's farm a short distance south of Norborne. Mrs. Palmer is a woman of refinement and culture, of more than ordinary intelligence, and has faithfully aided her husband through life.

Fraternally, Mr. Palmer is a member of the Masons. Though not a politician, he is a member of the school board and of the city council. His abilities have gained for him the deserved esteem of those who know him, and his many companionable qualities have made for him hosts of friends.

JOHN A. LYNCH.

Carroll county is pre-eminently a farming county, and owes its rank among Missouri counties to the excellence of its farms. The traveler through its borders is impressed at once with the character of the soil as evidenced by the luxuriant crops and with the signs of outward prosperity in the condition of the well kept houses and barns. Mr. Lynch successfully operates a four hundred and eighty acre farm in the bottom near Carrollton.

John A. Lynch was born on September 29, 1851, in Ray county, Missouri, the son of William and Sarah (Jones) Lynch. William Lynch was born in Virginia, his wife Sarah in Tennessee. William owned a farm of one hundred and twenty acres in Ray county, Missouri, and was a general farmer, a man highly respected in the county. In 1861, when the war broke out, he cast his lot with the Union, and enlisted as a private in the Eighteenth Missouri Infantry, and after three years of difficult and dangerous service he re-enlisted and served to the close of the war. He was with General Sherman on his march to the sea and at one time he and his regiment were constantly under fire for a term of sixty days, a situation which tried men's souls. After the war he returned to Ray county, Missouri, and resumed farming for about five years, then went to Texas to locate a claim for government land, and to buy land, and on his way back took fever and died at Brush Creek postoffice, in what is now Oklahoma, about 1873. He was the father of seven children, Susan, Matthias, Mahulda, John A., James A., Melissa and George W.

Susan was married to Michael Welch, and Mahulda to James Claspey. Matthias enlisted in the Union army. He joined when only eighteen and had to put blocks in his shoes in order to meet the government requirements as to height. He was a member of the Forty-fourth Missouri Infantry and was killed at Franklin, Tennessee. The mother of these children died in 1883, in Ray county, Missouri, at the age of fifty. She was a member of the Old-School or Primitive Baptist church.

John A. Lynch received his very limited education in the country schools of Ray and Carroll counties, going the two last terms at Hill's Old Landing, in Carroll county. He first came to Carroll county in 1867, and for two years worked on a farm by the month, after which he farmed on his own account. In October, 1871, he married Ella May Davidson, the daughter of James S. and Anna Davidson, who were natives of Ohio. He left the bottom three times on account of overflows. One year was spent in Springfield, Missouri. While living there the family witnessed a very destructive cyclone (November, 1883). The house in which they lived was moved about twenty-five feet, but did not tear up. About twenty people were killed in the storm many crippled and a great deal of damage done to property.

The great flood of 1903 brought about another exodus from the bottoms of Carroll county, but Mr. Lynch held on tenaciously until the succeeding high water of 1904 took away more than half of a fine crop of wheat that had already been harvested, besides flooding and ruining a large portion of his growing corn crop. He then decided to join the migration to Oklahoma and in September, 1904, moved to Ponca City, Oklahoma. The opportunities to engage in farming were not up to his expectations in Oklahoma, and in the spring of 1905 he moved to a farm in Anderson county, Kansas. One season there convinced him that it was the poorest farming country on earth, and the spring of 1906 found him again located on a Carroll county farm, where, at least, a living is to be had in spite of flood.

J. A. Lynch and wife raised a family of nine children: Carrie K., Burruss M., Mary Helen, John Lawrence, Daniel N., Stewart D., Robert F., James Carlyle, and Anna D. Two boys, Joe Roy and Ray Herndon, died in early childhood. Of the above children, Carrie K. married Stephen S. Walsh in August, 1897, and is the mother of three boys, John E., James S. and Stephen K. Burruss M. married Catherine C. Walsh in December, 1909. John L. married Pauline Nickell in March, 1905, and has one son, J. L., Jr. Daniel N. married May Winfrey in March, 1906, and they have one son, Kenneth.

Mr. Lynch and his wife are both members of the Primitive Baptist church, and Mr. Lynch is a member of the Modern Brotherhood of America. In politics he is a Democrat, but never aspired to office. He is a sturdy and substantial citizen of the county, and in his life has been guided by the memory of his father, that brave soldier and honorable citizen, whose life was without reproach.

DR. HENRY McEWEN PETTIT.

The well known professional and business man whose name heads this review belongs to a family whose name has been identified with the annals of American history since the early colonial period, and prior to the discovery of the western continent it figured quite conspicuously in the affairs of European countries in which the several branches had their origin. On the paternal side the subject is of French descent, and on the maternal, Scotch-Irish. The first of the Pettits to leave France for a home in the new world settled in Maryland in the year 1642. They appear to have reared large families, which spread to various parts of Maryland and other colonies. William Pettit, the Doctor's grandfather, was born in the state of Maryland and in his young manhood married Anna McEwen, daughter of James McEwen, a native of county Ulster, Ireland, who came to this country in an early day and settled in Pennsylvania. Among the children of William and Anna McEwen Pettit was a son, Henry, whose birth occurred in Bellefontaine, Pennsylvania, and who, like his father, was by profession a civil engineer. He married Mary Beall, whose father, William M. Beall, was a son of Elisha Beall, and he a son of Nathaniel Beall, all born in Maryland, where the family originally settled on coming to America in 1648. The first of the Bealls to leave Scotland and come to this country appear to have been two brothers, Ninian and John Beall, who made a settlement in the Maryland colony some time in the year indicated, and became widely known as daring pioneers and fearless Indian fighters. From these brothers the Bealls in America descended. Nathaniel Beall, mentioned above, married Anna Murdock, daughter of Rev. George Murdock, who was appointed rector of Rock Creek church in what is now the District of Columbia, by George III, king of England. Elisha Beall was captain of the Maryland line at the breaking out of the Revolutionary war and served with distinction in a regiment of which Lloyd Beall, a kinsman, was colonel, the brigade being commanded by Gen. Resin Beall, another relative. It is a matter of record that in Capt. Elisha Beall's company there were seventeen privates of the name of Beall, all more or less closely

related. The Bealls were all planters and became well-to-do and influential citizens, a number acquiring considerable wealth and rising to positions of honor and trust in their native state.

As already indicated, Henry M. Pettit was a civil engineer and to him fell the duty, in 1828, of doing the engineering work on the old Baltimore & Ohio railroad, the first road of the kind ever constructed. Hon. Charles Carroll of Carrollton, Maryland, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, is said to have thrown the first shovel of earth in this important and far-reaching enterprise, and from the beginning of the work until its completion to the Point of Rocks, when work was suspended, Henry M. Pettit was engineer in charge for a time. Later he was employed by the government to superintend the engineering on the old National road, originally intended to connect Washington City with the Mississippi river, but which was only completed from Cumberland, Maryland, to Vandalia, Illinois, the notes of which, with full description of route traversed, incidents, etc., are still in the possession of his son, the subject of this sketch. Henry M. Pettit was an alumnus of Canonsburg College, Pennsylvania, and a man of fine mind and high intellectual attainments as well as one of the most accomplished civil engineers of his day. He was prominent in Masonic circles, active in political and public affairs and during a long and strenuous career exercised a wholesome influence among all with whom he was associated, and made the world better by his labors and his personality. The family of Henry M. and Mary Pettit consisted of eight children, namely: Anna, who died in young womanhood; William Beall, living in retirement at Rock Island, Illinois, is the father of twelve children, one of whom, Henry M., an artist of national reputation, is perhaps the most noted magazine illustrator in the United States; B. F. Pettit, another of his sons, is a leading banker and financier of Seattle, Washington; and Edward is a prominent citizen of Juneau, Alaska, and a man of influence in that territory. Dr. Henry McEwen Pettit, the subject of this review, is the third of his father's family, the three youngest being Mrs. Belle P. Matthews, who lives in Maryland; Mrs. General Floyd, of South Carolina, is the fifth, and the youngest, Mrs. Hunter, lives in the city of Charlotte, North Carolina.

Dr. Henry McEwen Pettit was born April 3, 1836, in Cumberland, Maryland, and spent his early life there and after his father's death at Frederick. After the usual preliminary educational discipline, he pursued the higher branches of learning in Frederick College, in the city of Frederick, and some time after completing the course in that institution, he commenced the study of pharmacy in Philadelphia, and later studied medicine. When the Civil

war broke out he enlisted in the Confederate service and served as private, hospital steward, and, finally, as assistant surgeon, having finished his medical education at the Richmond Medical College while serving as executive officer at Howard's Grove Hospital, near Richmond.

In 1868 Doctor Pettit came to Carrollton, Missouri, where he engaged in farming until 1876, since which year he has been in the drug business, being at this time the oldest druggist in the city and the head of an establishment which is familiar to nearly every man, woman and child in Carroll county. For some years he has been associated with George W. Smith, the firm thus constituted being in point of continuous service the oldest business partnership in the county, and among the best known in the western part of the state. By close attention to business, careful management and honorable dealing, the Doctor has succeeded, occupying a leading place among the substantial and well-to-do men of Carrollton. In politics he has ever accorded a staunch allegiance to the Democratic party, though never an office seeker, and in fraternal circles he stands high in Masonry, belonging to the various branches of the order from the blue lodge to the Royal Arch and Knight Templar degrees, in all of which he has been honored with every office within the power of his brethren to bestow. He has been grand patron of Missouri in the Order of the Eastern Star, and is widely and favorably known among Masons throughout the state, his activity in the work and influence bringing him into close personal relations with many of the leaders of the order in other states also.

All who know Doctor Pettit, and their name is legion, unite in appraising him as a man of many sterling qualities. He has been true to his stewardship as a citizen and has shown a loyal interest in all that makes for the well-being of the community in which he has lived so long and wrought to much good advantage. Throughout an extended and unusually active and useful career, he has so directed his course as to command at all times the confidence and regard of his fellow men and his name merits an enduring place on the roll of Carrollton's honored residents, influential citizens and successful business men.

ANDREW J. BURNER.

For many years Mr. Burner has been identified with the activities and interests of Trotter township, Carroll county, of which community he is one of the representative farmers, a hard working and honest man, who by his labor has wrested a competence from the soil, and has during his residence

in the township become well known to most of its citizens as one who is at all times ready to aid in any enterprise which is for the public good. For he learned in the war the necessity of some individual sacrifice for the common good, and throughout life has followed this principle.

Andrew J. Burner was born on a farm in Livingston county, Missouri, August 6, 1842. He received a district school education and worked on his father's farm until he was about eighteen, when he went to Iowa a year, and then worked on a farm until the outbreak of the war. He first enlisted in the Southern army in the Missouri State Guards, at Lexington, Missouri, for a term of three months, during which he was in one engagement at Lexington, but was not out of the state at any time. At the close of his term he came home and enlisted at Chillicothe, on August 8, 1862, under Colonel Fisk in Company G, of the Thirty-third Missouri Infantry, which regiment was in fourteen different engagements, in every state that bordered on the Mississippi from Missouri to the Gulf and all the Southern states, under the right wing of Sherman, the Sixteenth Army Corps. The regiment was in New Orleans, in Mobile, taking part in the battle of Mobile, in Pensacola and Montgomery, Nashville, Memphis, Helena, Arkansas, Mansfield and Alexandria, Louisiana, then in Selma, Alabama, from which place it came to St. Louis, where on August 6, 1865, Mr. Burner was mustered out. He was never wounded, but was in the hospital about a month in Arkansas, and for the same length of time in Alexandria, Louisiana, when Banks made his expedition up the Red river, at which time he was seized with smallpox.

On returning from the war Mr. Burner worked on the Livingston county farm, and was for a time engaged in the threshing business. In 1869 he was married, in Trotter township, Carroll county, to Jennie Powell, who was born in Trotter township, on January 26, 1849, the daughter of Charles and Anne Powell. Four of the children born to this marriage are living: Anna, who married Hurt Goodrich, of Kansas City; Andrew E., who married Blanche Keltner and lives in Trotter township; Jessie, who is the wife of Mont Amos, of LaJunta, Colorado; and Jacob J., of Kansas City, unmarried.

At the time of his marriage Mr. Burner possessed, besides his wife and his health and strength, a wagon and team and two cows. He rented a farm in Trotter township until sixty acres of the present farm was given to the young couple by his wife's father. This land was all covered with big timber, and the cutting of this and clearing the land of stumps has taken much of Mr. Burner's time, he having done the most of this work himself. The farm is nearly all cleared now, and in 1888 he added to it forty and one-half acres,

making a total of one hundred and one-half acres in the present homestead. On this he has built a house with seven rooms, two halls and a cellar, and two barns, one twenty by forty by twelve feet and the other sixty-eight by forty by sixteen feet, and has planted trees about the house. He has made his farm from the start, for it was in its native condition when he obtained it. Now it is one of the best farms of its size in the township.

In politics Mr. Burner is a Democrat, and has held several minor offices, and was for six years county central committeeman, though he does not care much for politics. He is a man of strong and substantial character, a stalwart citizen of his community and state, and well respected by his neighbors.

RICHARD F. COOK, M. D.

There is no class to whom gratitude from the world at large is due more than those self-sacrificing, noble minded, sympathetic men who devote their time and talents to the alleviation of human suffering. There is no known standard by which their beneficent influence may be measured; their helpfulness is as broad as the universe and their power goes hand in hand with the wonderful laws of nature that emanate from the very source of life itself. It has been aptly said that he serves God who serves humanity most, in view of which it requires but little effort on the part of the casual thinkers to classify the successful medical practitioner with the ablest and most conscientious servants of the Most High. Among the physicians and surgeons of Carroll county, who have risen to eminence within the field of their actual labors, is the subject of this brief sketch, whose career has been that of a true and conscientious worker in the sphere to which he has devoted his life and energy, and who, though comparatively young in years, is old in experience and who possesses a profound knowledge of the profession which he practices with such gratifying success.

Dr. Richard F. Cook is a native of Boone county, Missouri, and belongs to one of the old and widely known families of the state. His ancestors were among the early settlers of Virginia, in which state his grandfather, Franklin Cook, who figured so conspicuously in the pioneer history of Boone county, was born. Franklin Cook moved westward by ox team while the feet of the red men still pressed the soil, and was among the first pioneers of Boone county, settling there before there was a house on the present site of Carrollton, and taking a leading part in the development and subsequent growth of

the section of country in which he located his home. He lived a long and useful life, dying at the age of ninety-five, after seeing the country grow from a wilderness into one of the most populous sections of the commonwealth.

Richard Cook, the Doctor's father, was born after the family came to Missouri and when a young man he married Mary Kanatzar, who came to Boone county from her native state of Kentucky when a mere child. Richard and Mary Cook were the parents of six children, three of whom died in infancy and childhood, the following growing to maturity: Richard F, of this review; Stella and Jennie. Stella was graduated from the Warrensburg State Normal School, and for several years was principal of the high school at Maitland, Missouri; Jennie, who also taught for a number of years, has the degree of Bachelor of Arts from the State University and is a lady of fine mind and splendid intellectual attainments. The father of these children was a prominent member of the Baptist church, a local Democratic politician of considerable prominence and a public spirited, praiseworthy citizen. He had three sisters, only one now living, and no brothers. An uncle of his father was a distinguished physician who came to Missouri in an early day and practiced his profession at St. Joseph, where he died a number of years ago during the epidemic of cholera.

Dr. Richard F. Cook was born July 1, 1871, and spent his childhood and youth in his native county, receiving his preliminary education in the public schools. Yielding to a desire of long standing, he afterwards took up the study of medicine and in due time entered the medical department of the State University, from which he was graduated in 1893 with the degree of Doctor of Medicine, and, actuated by a laudable ambition to add to his professional knowledge, he subsequently, in the fall and winter of 1909, took a post-graduate course in one of the most noted medical colleges in London, England, where he devoted particular attention to surgical work and diseases peculiar to females, which branches of his profession he has made his specialties and in which his success has earned for him a reputation far beyond the bounds of his field of practice. Since August, 1893, he has been located at Carrollton, where in the meantime he has built up a large and lucrative professional business and forged to the front among the leading physicians and surgeons of this part of the state.

In Doctor Cook are combined two important facts which have been the main contributing elements of his advancement—thorough preparation and a deep interest in the profession, qualities which are absolutely essential to success. His knowledge of the kindred sciences of medicine and surgery is

broad and comprehensive, and in his professional labors he has demonstrated ability to cope with the intricate problems which confront the practitioner in his efforts to restore health and prolong life. He avails himself of every opportunity to keep abreast of the times on all matters relating to his life work, being a member of the Carroll County Medical Association, of which he is now secretary, also belonging to the American and State Medical Associations. He is a Democrat, but the claims of his profession are such that he finds little time to devote to political matters. For some time past he has been local surgeon for the Wabash railroad, the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railway and the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railway, and as such has rendered valuable professional services.

Doctor Cook, on September 20, 1899, was united in marriage with Lockie Austin, daughter of Dr. Peter Austin, whose family is among the oldest and most prominent families in Carroll county. Doctor Austin is a veteran of the Mexican war, served with distinction in the Confederate army during the late Civil war, and for many years was one of the leading physicians and surgeons of Carrollton. Doctor and Mrs. Cook are members of the Christian church and prominent in the religious and social life of the city in which they reside.

JOHN M. CROUCH.

Among the representative men of Carroll county who have finished their earthly career and left to their descendants the memory of noble deeds and honorable lives the name of John M. Crouch, late of Ridge township, is conspicuous. Mr. Crouch was a native of Sullivan county, Tennessee, where his birth occurred on the 25th of November, 1845. He spent the years of his childhood and youth on the family homestead where he first saw the light of day, attended such schools as the country afforded and assisted his father with the labors of the farm until he arrived at an age to begin life for himself. Leaving his native state when a young man to seek his fortune elsewhere, he finally made his way to Carroll county, Missouri, where, on August 18, 1875, he was united in marriage with Mary Alice Lucas, whose parents, Benjamin F. and Elizabeth (Woolskill) Lucas, were natives respectively of North Carolina and Missouri.

The same month in which the marriage was solemnized Mr. Crouch purchased eighty acres of the farm in Ridge township, which is still owned by the family. Moving to the same immediately thereafter, he and his wife

set up their domestic establishment in a small log cabin which, with a stable, constituted all the improvements on the place at that time. On that little farm the young couple addressed themselves with vigor and determination to the hard work and many vicissitudes of their lot and, with a hope born of an earnest desire to succeed, resolutely set their faces toward the future. Before the persevering industry of Mr. Crouch the area of tillable land was gradually enlarged and as the years went by he was enabled to add to his farm until it amounted to two hundred acres, in addition to which he purchased one hundred and seventy acres in Nodaway county, this state.

As a farmer, Mr. Crouch was energetic, progressive and eminently successful. He reduced to cultivation all of his land in Carroll county and carried to completion, as rapidly as circumstances would permit, a number of improvements which added greatly to the appearance and value of the farm. In 1891 the commodious modern residence was erected and the same year witnessed the completion of a substantially constructed barn, thirty-six by forty-six feet in area and well adapted to the purposes for which intended. Additional to these, he put up from time to time various outbuildings, equipped the farm with improved implements and up-to-date machinery and in the course of a few years forged to the front among the representative men of his calling in Ridge township.

Mr. Crouch was an influential factor in the affairs of his township and county and held various local offices from time to time; he served several terms as school director and proved a very capable and judicious official. In his political allegiance he was a Democrat and as such rendered his party worthy service, although he never entered the political arena as an aspirant for public honors. He was a member of the fraternity of Odd Fellows for a number of years and shortly after reaching his majority was made a deacon of the Baptist church, which position he retained until his death. In the best sense of the word, he was a Christian. Uniting with the church in early life, he rose to positions of prominence in the local congregation to which he belonged and was frequently a delegate to the associations and conventions of his denomination in this state. He was long an active worker in the Sunday school, served three years as superintendent and was recognized as one of its most efficient and faithful teachers. He applied the principles of his religion to all of his relations with his fellow men and his daily life proved the genuineness and worth of his Christian faith. After nearly sixty-three years, largely devoted to the service of his Maker and fraught with good to the world, this respected citizen and upright Christian gentleman was called to his eternal

reward, his death, which occurred on February 25, 1908, being widely mourned and profoundly regretted by the people of the community of which he had so long been an honored resident.

The following are the names of the children born to Mr. and Mrs. Crouch: Lonnie, deceased; Elizabeth, wife of Charlie Thurlo, of Ridge township; Annie May married John Stewart and lives in Nebraska; Hiler F. married Bird Bing and lives in Nodaway county; Richard M. lives at home and attends to the farm; William S. is a resident of Bosworth; Mary Belle, Jessie Lee and Alvin B. are still with their mother.

Benjamin F. Lucas, father of Mrs. Crouch, was born in North Carolina, August 25, 1824. He was brought to Carroll county, Missouri, when eight years old and spent his early life where the city of Carrollton now stands, the town site originally belonging to his father. He married in this county Elizabeth Woolskill, who was born in Howard county, this state, on June 8 1824, her parents having been among the early pioneers of this part of the state. Mrs. Lucas departed this life January 2, 1877, and on November 27, 1886. her husband was called to his final rest. Mrs. Crouch was born November 8, 1853, in Carroll county, Missouri, and, as already indicated, is still living with certain of her children on the family homestead in Ridge township.

WILLIAM A. SHERWOOD.

There are few people in Trotter township, Carroll county, who have been so long resident there as has Mr. Sherwood, who, though not a native, has spent there three score years and ten, and during that time has witnessed the change from a wild, uncultivated and unsettled region to the prosperous farming community of today and has taken his full share in the bringing about of this change.

William A. Sherwood was born on February 10, 1839, in Livingston county, Missouri, on a farm. His parents had come to that county from Tennessee, were married there, and when William was two years old moved to Trotter township, Carroll county, Missouri. Here William grew up, received a country school education, and until he was twenty-one farmed for his father. At the age of twenty he was married to Ellen Goodson, the daughter of Josiah Goodson, born in Carroll county, on October 31, 1840. Her father was from Kentucky, her mother from Indiana, and according to report they were the first couple married in Carroll county. Payton S. Sher-

wood, the father of William A., was a native of Tennessee, and had very little education. He came to Ray county, Missouri, with his parents, and was all his life a farmer, living in Carroll county from 1841 to his death in 1873. Emily Sherwood, his wife, was a native of Kentucky, who came to Ray county with her parents. They were married in Ray county, moved to Livingston county, Missouri, and later, about 1840, came to Carroll county, and were among the very earliest settlers. He died in 1873 and his wife in 1885.

In February, 1862, William A. Sherwood enlisted at Carrollton in the Missouri State Militia under Colonel King, and later was under General Sanborne. He was a member of General Sanborne's bodyguard, and so did not take much actual part in fighting, but saw a great deal of it going on. He witnessed the battle of Springfield and two at Newtonia; in Missouri, Jefferson City and California, Missouri, Independence, Big Blue, and was in Price's raid into western Missouri, then went to Springfield, where he remained until he was mustered out in 1865. Mr. Sherwood was not wounded, nor was he even in the hospital, and he missed scarcely a day's service in the war.

At the close of the war he returned to his father's farm, and remained there until 1867, when he moved on a farm of eighty acres which his father had given to him, all but five acres of which was unimproved prairie. On this he lived until 1889, when he moved to another part of Trotter township, to his present farm, which was a part of the old homestead of three hundred and seventy-four acres. The house was located on another part of the farm, and Mr. Sherwood in 1890 built an eight-room house, and a barn thirty-four by seventy-eight feet, and has planted trees about the place, and laid out a driveway approaching the house, so that the farm presents a very pleasing appearance, and shows that its owner is a prosperous man of thrift and taste. In politics Mr. Sherwood is a staunch Democrat. His wife is a member of the Baptist church.

Of the children born to Mr. and Mrs. Sherwood, the following are living: Georgia Ann, the oldest, married Joseph Bowles and in 1890 they moved to Oklahoma, where she died in 1905; Gabriella is the wife of John Smith, city marshal of Carrollton; Elizabeth married Frank Lyon, and is living in Prairie township; Samuel married Annie Good, and is now in Oklahoma; Emma is the wife of Nasby Koelner, and lives in Carrollton; Mary, who married George Good, lives in Carrollton township, four miles east of Carrollton; Dovie married George Creel, of Prairie township; Roscoe, who is unmarried, remains at home and superintends the operation of the farm. All of these children are well located and it is a pleasure to their parents to see their children with such good prospects in life.

During his long residence in Trotter township Mr. Sherwood has become acquainted with the most of its inhabitants, and has made many friends. who esteem and respect him.

THOMAS ARCHIBALD.

The gentleman whose biographical sketch is here presented is a prosperous farmer and well known citizen who hails from the Isle of Man, where his birth occurred on the 10th of May, 1848. His parents, John and Margaret (Quirk) Archibald, were natives of that island also, brought their family to the United States in 1852 and settled in Carroll county, Missouri, where Mr. Archibald entered a tract of government land which he improved and in due time developed into a fine farm. Both parents spent the remainder of their lives in this place and it was here that the majority of their eight children grew to maturity. The following are their names: Thomas, the subject of this sketch; John, deceased; Margaret, who married W. T. Winkler and lives on the home farm; Mary died in womanhood; Kate is the wife of John R. Webb, a farmer of Carroll county; William, who owns and cultivates a part of the homestead, and two that died in infancy.

Thomas Archibald was about four years old when brought to the United States and since 1852 his life has been closely identified with the county of which he is now an honored citizen. He was reared on the farm, early became accustomed to the duties of the same and in the schools of his township, which he attended at intervals during his minority, he acquired a fair knowledge of the common branches. He early manifested decided taste for agriculture and on reaching an age to begin life for himself, chose it for his vocation. Applying himself industriously to his calling, he prospered beyond the average farmer and so ably did he prosecute his labors and manage his affairs that in 1892 he was enabled to discontinue active work and move to a beautiful home which he bought near Carrollton. After residing there until 1908, he purchased a home in the city, to which he moved that year and where he still lives.

Although a resident of the city, Mr. Archibald still owns his farm, which of recent years has been largely devoted to stock raising, a branch of business in which he has achieved a large measure of success. As a breeder and raiser of fine Angus cattle, of which he makes a specialty, he has no superiors in his part of the state and his other line of stock, including blooded horses and high grade hogs, have gained for him much more than local repute.

Mr. Archibald is a man of keen practical intelligence, a model farmer and all of his undertakings have prospered, making him one of the financially noted men of Carroll county. By able management more than by hard work he has accumulated a comfortable fortune and is now enjoying the results of his efforts in a beautiful and attractive city home where, surrounded by his family and friends, he is living almost an ideal, but by no means idle or use-less life.

Mr. Archibald was happily married on the 2d day of November, 1876, to Eliza Williams, daughter of Reuben B. and Margaret (Hays) Williams, natives of Ohio, but from an early day well known residents of Carroll county. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Archibald, namely: Flora, Thomas C., John, Clarence and Margaret Marie, all at home except the two oldest, who are deceased.

Politically, Mr. Archibald is a pronounced Democrat, though not a partisan nor aspirant for official honors. Religiously, he is a Baptist and, with his wife, has long been a faithful and consistent member of the church, both being active in their religious duties and exemplifying in their daily walk and conversation the beauty and worth of a live Christian faith.

OWEN M. JARBOE.

The gentleman whose name appears above is descended paternally from an old and esteemed French family which was first represented in the United States by Harvey Milton Jarboe, the subject's grandfather, who, with two brothers, left France while the Revolution in that country was in progress and, coming to this country, made his way to western Illinois, near the present site of Chicago. He was twelve years old on his arrival and spent the several years ensuing in the vicinity of Chicago, where he figured as a daring pioneer before that great city had a beginning. His father, Phillip Jarboe, a resident of Lyons, France, lived and died in his native land and some of his descendants still reside there.

Among the children of Harvey Milton Jarboe was a son by the name of Milton Wesley, who was born in Illinois and in early life devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits. Later he went to Johnson county, Missouri, and bought a flouring mill at the town of Holden, which he owned and operated until 1871, when he sold out and moved to Carrollton. Purchasing the old grist mill near the town, the first enterprise of the kind in Carroll county, he

remodeled the building and equipped it with improved machinery, paying forty cents per hundredweight for freighting the same from the nearest railway station and twenty cents per bushel for coal with which to operate the mill after it was furnished. Being an experienced miller, he made the enterprise quite successful and continued the business with satisfactory results until the destruction of the mill by fire, on December 27, 1881. Rebuilding as soon as possible and purchasing new and improved machinery, he continued the manufacture of flour until within a few years of his death, which occurred in 1904, his wife dying that year also.

The maiden name of Mrs. Milton W. Jarboe was Mary E. Davis. She was a native of Illinois and bore her husband four children, the subject of this sketch being the oldest of the family. Jessie, the second in order of birth, married R. W. Vantrump and died in the year 1904; Gaddie, the third, departed this life at the age of seven, and Harvey M., the youngest of the family, married Esther Volbracht and is associated with the subject in the milling business.

Owen M. Jarboe was born April 23, 1863, in Illinois and when quite young removed with his parents to Holden, Missouri, where he spent his early childhood. In 1871 he came with the family to Carrollton, where he grew to maturity and with the interests of which city his life has since been identified. For some years past he has been associated with his brother in operating a merchant mill, and the brands of flour which they make have a wide reputation for excellence in the local and general markets, comparing favorably with those of any other mill in the state.

Mr. Jarboe is not only a skillful miller and familiar with every phase of the industry in which he is engaged, but is also a man of sound practical sense and mature judgment, methodical in conducting his business and possessing those sterling qualities which gain and retain the confidence and esteem of his fellow citizens. In his political affiliation he is a Democrat and as such renders efficient service to his party and its candidates, but has no ambition to gratify in the way of office or public distinction. He is an active worker in the Knights of Pythias lodge in Carrollton.

Mr. Jarboe's domestic life began on the 25th day of April, 1888, when he was united in marriage with Carrie B. Averiff, daughter of George P. Averiff, a union resulting in the birth of four children, namely: Averiff, who lives in Carrollton; Ruth Clellan died when seven years old; Dorotha died at the age of nine months, and Joy Marie, a bright little miss of five years.

ALVIN GOODSON.

The subject of this sketch, former postmaster of Carrollton and one of the influential Republicans of Carroll county, is a son of James M. and Clarissa (Trotter) Goodson, both natives of Kentucky. James M. Goodson moved to Carroll county, Missouri, by ox team in 1830 and was among the early pioneers of this part of the state. He entered land, which he improved and to which he subsequently added until he owned considerable real estate, which in due time became quite valuable. He took a leading part in the development of the locality in which he settled, improved a good farm and became quite prominent in the public affairs of the community. He is said to have been one of the first, if not the first, Republican in Carroll county and was also among the earliest members of the Baptist church in this section of Missouri. He lived an active and useful life, left the impress of his individuality upon the community which he helped found, and is remembered as a fearless pioneer, a kind neighbor and an excellent and praiseworthy citizen. James M. and Clarissa Goodson reared a family of six sons and four daughters, the subject of this sketch being the sixth in order of birth.

Alvin Goodson was born in Carroll county, Missouri, January 11, 1850, and grew to maturity familiar with the active duties of farm life. During his boyhood years he attended subscription schools and later pursued the more advanced branches of learning in the high school established by Professor Root, which is said to have been the first institution of the kind in the county. Possessing a vigorous mind and animated by an intense desire for knowledge, he made rapid progress during his two years with Professor Root, and on quitting the school was enabled to take broad views of life and plan intelligently for his future. Reared to agricultural pursuits, he chose the same for his vocation and his success the meanwhile has been such that he now occupies a conspicuous place among the leading men of his calling in the county.

Mr. Goodson owns a fine farm of two hundred acres, a short distance from Carrollton, and is in independent circumstances. By industry and good management he has brought his land to a high state of cultivation, besides inaugurating and carrying to completion a series of improvements which have made his farm a model home, one of the most beautiful and desirable places of residence in a county long noted for fine estates. Since old enough to exercise the right of citizenship, Mr. Goodson has taken a lively interest in public and political matters and for a number of years his influence and judgment have had much weight in shaping the policies of the Republican party in Carroll county and in winning success at the polls. In recognition

of his efficient service, he was appointed by President McKinley, in 1898, postmaster of Carrollton, and he has held the position by successive reappointments to the present time, his last two commissions having been issued by President Roosevelt. To say that he has met the high expectations of his friends and fellow citizens by proving faithful to the trust reposed in him, is to state that of which everybody in the county, irrespective of party, is fully aware, Democrats as well as Republicans cheerfully conceding that the office has never been held by a more capable, obliging or popular man. He worked zealously for the new sixty-thousand-dollar postoffice building now in course of construction in Carrollton, and to him as much as any one man is due the credit of securing the necessary appropriation and pushing the enterprise to a completion. When finished this will be one of the finest and most convenient public buildings in the state outside of the larger cities and it will not only greatly facilitate the work of the office, but will also add much to the appearance of the town also.

In all of his relations with his fellow men, Mr. Goodson has been actuated by honorable motives and his character and integrity are above reproach. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity and squares his life in harmony with the principles and teachings of the same and his religious belief is represented by the Baptist church. He has been twice married, the first time on May 18, 1876, to Mary R. Trotter, daughter of Joel and Susan A. Trotter, a union severed by the hand of death March 29, 1895, and on June 1, 1898, was solemnized his marriage with Mary E. Williams, of Kentucky. The first Mrs. Goodson was a respected member of the Baptist church, and a lady of beautiful life and character; the present wife is a Methodist and a zealous worker in the church to which she belongs. By his first wife Mr. Goodson became the father of four children: Paul, who died at the age of twenty-eight; Ruth, also deceased; Eunice and Roscoe, both in the home.

THOMAS J. ROBINSON.

The subject of this sketch was a native of Xenia, Greene county, Ohio, and dated his birth from July 31, 1854. His father, William C. Robinson, born in the Buckeye state also, was a son of James Robinson, of Virginia, and his mother previous to her marriage was Mary B. Crawford, whose people were among the early residents of Greene county. William C. and Mary Robinson were the parents of eight children, four sons and four daughters.

Mrs. Robinson departed this life in Ohio and subsequently, about 1884, Mr. Robinson came to Carroll county, Missouri, where he spent the remainder of his life, dying at the home of the subject of this review in the year 1888.

Thomas J. Robinson grew to maturity on a farm in his native state where he enjoyed the advantages of a common school education and in his young manhood learned the trade of brick laying, at which he soon became quite proficient. He followed his trade in Ohio until 1886, when he came to Carroll county, Missouri, where he continued brick laying, later engaging in the insurance business until opening a bakery and confectionery at Carrollton in 1900. From that year until 1908 he conducted a large bakery and confectionery establishment and commanded a thriving patronage, but at the latter date disposed of the business and resumed his former trade, which he followed with a large measure of success, becoming one of the leading contractors for brick masonry work in Carroll county. Mr. Robinson was a master of his calling and his career was prosperous, so that he became in comfortable circumstances. He ranked high as a citizen, being interested in the material expansion of the city in which he resided and kept in touch with all means for the betterment of the community. He held membership with several secret fraternal societies, being especially prominent in the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and for a number of years was identified with the Methodist Episcopal church, to which religious body his family also belong. Mr. Robinson's death occurred on November 25, 1910, after an illness of but a few minutes.

Mr. Robinson was happily married on November 30, 1881, to Della Glick, whose parents, A. M. and Elizabeth Glick, moved to Missouri from Ohio in 1874 and settled in Carroll county, where Mr. Glick engaged in merchandising. After some years he discontinued the goods business and turned his attention to insurance and real estate, in which he met with gratifying success. Mr. and Mrs. Robinson are the parents of eight children, three of whom died in infancy, the names of those living being: Gertrude, Abba, Maude, Edith and Dorris. Mr. Robinson provided his children with the best educational advantages his city afforded and two of his daughters are now among the county's most efficient and popular teachers.

Tom Robinson was a most congenial man. He was not disposed to worry about matters that could be bettered in other ways. This cheerful spirit remained with him to the last, and he retained his clearness of intellect up to his closing hour. He was invariably a good neighbor, and there was no happier family circle in the land than his. When he died, ready to be gathered to his fathers, the grief that was felt over the close of his career was

widespread and sincere. His best monument will be the good report that he has left behind him in the community in which he has lived for many years.

He exemplified by his pure and honorable life, the teachings of the golden rule, and unfailingly evinced a practical piety that will long be remembered as the best of professions.

There was a daily beauty about his life which won every heart. In temperament he was mild, conciliatory and candid; and yet remarkable for an uncompromising firmness. He gained confidence when he seemed least to seek it.

ROMAIN M. BENSON, M. D.

Of high academic and professional attainments and standing in the front rank of Carroll county's successful medical men, Dr. Romain M. Benson has achieved success such as few attain and, despite his age and limited experience, he is recognized as one of the leading physicians and surgeons in a field long occupied by men of distinctive prestige and renown. Doctor Benson is a native of Carroll county and the son of Newman G. and Mary E. (Cary) Benson, the former born in Tennessee and the latter in Missouri. Mr. Benson came to Missouri about the year 1837 and in due time was united in marriage with Miss Cary, whose parents were early settlers also, the union resulting in the birth of five children, the subject being the third of the family. Doctor Benson was born September 8, 1880, and spent his early life on his father's farm, with the rugged duties of which he became familiar as soon as old enough for his services to be utilized to advantage. Imbued with a natural fondness for books and study, he made rapid progress in the public schools and after a preliminary training in the same, he entered the high school of Carrollton, from which he was graduated in the spring of 1899.

In the matter of choosing a vocation or profession, young Benson was attracted to that of medicine as being best suited to his talents and predilections and in due time he began his preparatory study of the same under competent direction, his advancement being rapid and satisfactory. To better fit himself for his profession, he became a student in the medical department of the University of Kansas City, where he completed the prescribed course, graduating with the class of 1904, and later entered the University of New York, from which institution he received the degree of Doctor of Medicine in the year 1905. Actuated by a laudable desire to add still further to his

professional knowledge, he subsequently took a course in Bellevue Hospital Medical College in New York City, where he specialized in surgery and earned a record for efficiency and skill equal to that of any of the students of that noted institution. After his graduation from Bellevue in 1908, he felt the need of a still higher grade of professional training, with which object in view he went to Berlin, Germany, in the university of which city he profited by the instruction of some of the most distinguished specialists of the world, there, as elsewhere, devoting particular attention to surgery and achieving marked prestige in his studies and work.

Under the superior discipline of the institutions mentioned, Doctor Benson was well fitted for the noble calling to which he proposed devoting his life and upon his return to this country, in 1909, he opened an office in Carrollton, where his abilities were soon recognized and appreciated, as his rapid progress and large practice abundantly attest. While successful in all branches of his profession, it is in the domain of surgery that his greatest success thus far has been achieved and in which he is destined to rise to a distinguished position among the eminent surgeons of the country at on distant day. Notwithstanding his limited experience in his present field of effort, Doctor Benson has already performed quite a number of skillful and delicate operations, besides having been called at intervals to other points where his services were required in cases demanding a high order of proficiency and skill. During the period of his practice, he has been given the preference in surgery, not only by the laity but by his professional brethren, his eminent attainments, marked ability and familiarity with modern surgical methods being duly recognized in his home city and elsewhere.

Doctor Benson's mind is strong and incisive and his perseverance such that he rarely, if ever, stops short of the attainment of his object, if ever so difficult or seemingly impossible. He is a close and critical student of the best professional literature, both current and classic; keeps in close touch with the trend of medical thought and is familiar with the latest discoveries in the science of medicine. His original researches and investigations in surgery have made him an authority on that branch of his profession and his skillful work in the difficult and critical cases entrusted to him has gained for him much more than local fame and a conspicuous place among the rising surgeons of the state. Dr. Benson has studied and read broadly, carrying his investigations into every line of thought bearing upon his calling and by adopting the methods which experience and sound judgment dictate, his success has been brilliant and his hold upon the confidence of the public made fixed and permanent. He is devoted to his profession and his

one predominant ambition is to become more and more proficient, to the end that he may alleviate human suffering and bring health and happiness to the sick and afflicted. While making his profession paramount to every other consideration, he manifests a commendable interest in the progress and prosperity of his city and encourages all enterprises with these ends in view. He is esteemed in the social circle and has many warm friends in Carrollton and elsewhere, being a gentleman of pleasing presence and address and a favorite among his close and intimate associates. He has little time, however, for pleasure or frivolity, the demands of his profession being such as to keep him exceedingly busy and when not thus engaged he is refreshing his mind and memory by holding converse with the great medical minds of the ages through the medium of their writings. His career is being closely watched by his friends in both city and county, and the prediction that he will more and more gain distinction for himself and honor the community, is freely indulged by all who know him.

NATHAN HOLLISTER.

One of the representative citizens of Carroll county, a man who has been guided throughout life by the principles of honesty and justice, who in all his relations has lived up to these principles, successful in business, successful as a farmer, now in his later life reaping the reward of his labors and toil; a man well known in his township, and wherever known at all, known favorably—such is Mr. Hollister.

Nathan Hollister was born on the farm where he now lives on September 30, 1844. His father was John Hollister, who was a native of New York state, and his mother was Mary (Yoho) Hollister, who was born in Virginia. His parents came from Ohio to Carroll county, Missouri, in the spring of 1840, and soon afterwards located in De Witt township, where they spent the remainder of their lives, Mr. Hollister dying on October 26, 1880, and his wife on April 24, 1886. They were the parents of ten children, of whom Nathan was the ninth. John Hollister was a man of strong character, whose honor and integrity were above reproach and who was much respected in his community.

Nathan Hollister was reared in De Witt township on the farm and has since manhood followed farming for the greater portion of his life. For several years he was engaged as a general merchant in De Witt, but aside

from this has devoted his time to farming. He is now the owner of one hundred and ten acres of land which he operates, although he has mostly retired from active life. This farm consists of very fertile land and is well cultivated under Mr. Hollister's management and brings to him a fair revenue.

Mr. Hollister was first married in De Witt township in 1866 to Carlotia Jaqua, who was a native of Ohio, and a daughter of Hiram and Mary (Gray) Jaqua. She died in De Witt township in 1880. To this marriage were born three children, M. L., Myrtle, now Mrs. Otis Kendrick, and Forrest, who died when seventeen years old. Mr. Hollister was again married in 1891 to Olive Hughes, a native of Missouri. In religion Mr. Hollister is a Methodist, in politics a Republican, and he has held the office of township assessor.

Mr. Hollister is a man of genial nature, fond of companionship, of the type to make friends and keep them. He has always taken much interest in the doings of the world in this busy age, and has kept well informed. Though sixty-six years old, he is strong and hearty at an age when many men are failing.

JUDSON B. HALE.

A list of Carroll county's representative men would be incomplete without the name of the well-known and enterprising citizen of whom the biographer in this connection writes. Belonging to one of the old and prominent families of western Missouri and himself a gentleman of high standing and more than local repute, he has acted well his part in life and is entitled to notice among the men of worth, whose labors and influence have made Carroll what it is today—one of Missouri's most enterprising and progressive counties. J. B. Hale is a native of Illinois and the third of ten children whose parents were Sewall and Ruth (Brown) Hale, the former born in Ohio, the latter in Massachusetts. Sewall Hale, the subject's grandfather, was a native of England, but came to America some time during the colonial period and located in New Hampshire. Subsequently he emigrated to Ohio when that state was but scarcely settled, and after living there for a number of years removed to Illinois where he spent the remainder of his days. Sewall Hale, Jr., preceded his father to Illinois when a young man and was among the pioneers of the county in which he located. Disposing of his interests in that state in 1864, he moved to Mis-

souri and bought a farm in the southeast corner of Livingston county, where he lived until his death, which occurred in 1892, his wife surviving him until the year 1906, when she, too, was called from earthly scenes. Sewall and Ruth Hale were an estimable couple and exerted a beneficial influence in their different places of residence. They belonged to the Baptist church, lived consistent Christian lives and all with whom they came in contact bore cheerful evidence of their sterling qualities of head and heart. Of their ten children, five died in infancy, the following being the names of those who grew to years of maturity: Judson B., of this review; Hattie; Arthur died in 1881; Henry S. and Alice, all the surviving members of the family except the subject living on the old home place four miles from Hale.

Judson B. Hale was born February 7, 1849, and at the age of fourteen years removed with his parents to Livingston county, Missouri, where he grew to manhood. He received a fair education in his youth. He assisted in cultivating the family homestead until attaining his majority and about the year 1873 came to Carroll county and bought a farm, for which he paid the sum of thirteen dollars per acre. He brought his land to a high state of cultivation, made a number of substantial improvements and continued to live on the farm until December, 1909, when he sold it at an advance of seventy-seven dollars per acre on the purchase price or ninety dollars per acre, these figures affording ample evidence of the rapid rise in the value of western Missouri real estate. Since disposing of his farm, Mr. Hale has not been actively engaged in any vocation, the management of his various interests requiring the greater part of his time. From early manhood he has kept in touch with public matters and well informed on the issues of the times and for a number of years he has been recognized as one of the leading Republicans of the county and an influential force in the councils of his party. He served two terms as county judge of the eastern district and acquitted himself very creditably in the office and in 1908 was further honored by being elected to the office of representative and was re-elected in 1910.

Mr. Hale was married April 2, 1873, to Nancy J. Jacobs, daughter of John Jacobs, who moved to Missouri from Ohio in pioneer times and became a prominent farmer and enterprising citizen. Mrs. Hale bore her husband two children and departed this life in 1878. Otto, the older of the children, lives in Carrollton, where he holds an important position in the First National Bank, Erma being a member of the home circle. On March 18, 1888, Mr. Hale was married a second time, choosing for his wife

Maggie Creel, daughter of William R. and Maggie (Woods) Creel, the father a prominent Democrat politician, who at one time represented Carroll county in the Legislature, also served as sheriff. The second marriage was terminated by the death of Mrs. Hale on July 28, 1907. She was an estimable lady whose excellent character and beautiful Christian life commended her to the good graces of her associates and friends. With her husband, she belonged to the Baptist church and lived and died cheered by an abiding Christian faith.

By diligence and care Mr. Hale has accumulated a reasonable competence and his creditable career has given him a name which his children and friends delight to honor. He encourages all legitimate means for promoting the material interests of the community, and has ever been vigilant and active in behalf of measures and enterprises having for their object the social and moral advancement of his fellowmen. Honest and straightforward in his dealings with others and faithful to his convictions of right, his influence has been for good and he occupies today a conspicuous place among the worthy men of the county in which he resides.

JACOB M. HUFFMAN.

The man who has lived nearly four-score years has more than doubled the average term of human existence, and in that time has been permitted to witness and to take part in much of the world's advancement. Especially is this true in the case of the last four-score years, which have been years of progress, the like of which has never been seen before. And it is certainly a privilege even to look on at this spectacle of progress. Mr. Huffman's life has been one of many and varied activities. For seventeen years a miner in the western camps, he there became familiar with a picturesque and active period in the development of that region; then, returning to Missouri, has lived an honorable life as a farmer, and is a man of influence and highly respected in his community.

Jacob M. Huffman was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, on March 29, 1831, and was there reared, and lived until he was twenty-one, when, in 1852, he went to California, making the overland journey of many hardships, and until 1869 was a miner there. In 1869 he returned to Ohio for a short time, then in 1870 came to Eugene township, Carroll county, Missouri, and located on the farm where he has since lived. He is the owner

of two hundred and eighty acres of fine farming land, and has been prosperous in his operations.

Mr. Huffman was married on November 1, 1869, in Hancock county, Ohio, to Elizabeth Fox, who bore to him five children: Lulu, who married Angus Walden, and died in Eugene township; Edward O.; Sidney; Harry, and Ella, who married William T. Griffith. Mr. Huffman is a Democrat and has always taken an active part in the affairs of his township. He is well known in the neighborhood and universally liked and admired by those who know him, because of the many strong and good elements of his character.

JAMES L. CRAMER.

Leslie township has no more progressive citizen and Carroll county no more honored resident than James L. Cramer, a man whom to know is to trust, respect and admire owing to his many commendable qualities of head and heart. During his residence here he has proved himself to be a man of persistency in the pursuit of a worthy purpose and has therefore been successful in the material things of life as well as being of aid to his neighbors and friends.

Mr. Cramer was born in Melville, Ray county, Missouri, February 8, 1869. He is the son of Dr. J. H. Cramer, a well-known physician in the early history of this county, who moved here from Ray county in 1873 and located at Mandeville, Leslie township, and for many years was successfully engaged in practice, also owned thirteen acres of land. There the subject grew to maturity and went to the common schools, and remained there until he was twenty-two years of age, engaged in farming part of the time for himself on rented land. He was married on August 25, 1891, in Carrollton, to Emma L. Baird, daughter of Dr. W. C. and Jane L. Baird, who are mentioned in another part of this volume. The Bairds were a prominent family of Bogard. Mrs. Cramer was born on March 16, 1870, in Mandeville, where she went to school and was the third daughter of her parents. After their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Cramer moved onto a farm one mile west of Coloma, Hill township, and remained there three years, then bought a farm of sixty acres in Leslie township, to which they subsequently moved and lived there four years. Then, selling it, they lived in Fairfield township on a rented farm for one year, then bought their present place, in 1901, in section 29, Leslie township, buying one hundred and twenty acres

at first and they now own one hundred and sixty acres of excellent land, under high-class improvements. They have erected modern and substantial buildings, including a good house, barn, etc., and have fenced the place, which was in a poor condition when they took possession of it. He has been very successful as a general farmer and stock raiser, handling Duroc hogs.

The following children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Cramer: Lewis, Kathleen, Henry, James, Jr., Lee, Herman and Helen, who are all at home with their parents.

Mr. Cramer has made, unaided, practically all he has and is therefore deserving of the large success that has attended his efforts. Politically, he is a Democrat; he is now school director and has previously held this position several times. He belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church, South, at Mandeville, and has been a steward in the same ever since he identified himself with it, being active in church work.

Mr. Cramer's father enjoyed a large practice here, as already intimated. His death occurred on March 23, 1909. He was highly honored and respected by all who knew him, for he was not only an able physician, but also a man of high characteristics. The mother is still living in Norborne, Missouri, where the Doctor moved his family in 1906, when his health failed and he was compelled to give up practice. His widow makes her home with her daughter. She was a Miss Turner in her maidenhood and was the daughter of a prominent family in Ray county. Besides her daughter and the subject, she has two other sons, one of whom lives at Norborne. The Cramer family is one of the best known and most highly respected in this part of Carroll county.

JOHN A. KEYNON.

The worth of a nation cannot be measured by the few men who have made themselves known to the world at large, the leading and prominent figures, but must be measured by the character of the average of its citizens, the mass of the people. A few cannot make a country great and that nation is the greater which possesses not so many standing out from the crowd, but rather a crowd, a host who measure high up toward the standard of man's capabilities. So Missouri stands high in the ranks of American states because of the worth of her citizens, of whom Mr. Keynon is a strong type,

the most of whom have not been recognized very far from home, but who exemplify in their lives the solid virtues of citizenship.

John A. Keynon was born on a farm in Clark county, Indiana, on September 27, 1862, the son of William H. and Mary Jane (Huckleberry) Keynon, both natives of Clark county, Indiana. His parents moved to Carroll county, Missouri, to permanently settle in the fall of 1880, and located in De Witt township, where they lived until their death and became influential and respected residents. Four of their children lived to maturity and John A. was one of the older ones. He came with his parents to Carroll county in 1880 and has since made this county his residence. During the greater portion of this time he has followed farming, which he has found profitable, and he now owns one hundred and sixty acres of fertile and highly improved land.

Mr. Keynon was married in De Witt township, Carroll county, Missouri, in March, 1883, to Mary Caroline Crispin, a daughter of the late Ephraim P. Crispin, and a native of De Witt township. Mr. and Mrs. Keynon are the parents of four children, namely: Louie E., Lillie A., the wife of Harvey Cundiff; Mary E., the wife of Elmer Underwood, and Laura M. Mrs. Keynon is an active church worker.

Mr. Keynon is a member of the Democratic party, takes an active part in all the public affairs of his township, and has held several of the school offices of De Witt township. As a farmer, he is progressive and modern in his methods and has few superiors; as a man, he commands the respect of his neighbors, who recognize his true worth.

WILLIAM P. LEFFLER.

Among the large land owners and progressive and prosperous farmers of Hurricane township, Carroll county, is William P. Leffler, who has throughout life been a hardworking and industrious man, and has reaped his reward in the possession of his broad and fertile acres and in the position of respect which he holds in the estimation of his neighbors. He was born near Salina, Mercer county, Ohio, on November 2, 1862, the son of Sem and Leah (Beery) Leffler. Both his parents were born and reared in Ohio, and moved from there to Carroll county, Missouri, in 1866. Of their children, Jerry, L. M. Dye, Reuben Benjamin, Mary C. and William are living. Sem Leffler was a carpenter by trade and combined farming and carpentering, his family carrying on the farm work. He located in Ridge township,

on the old Cline farm, one of the first settled places in the county. He is now eighty-one years old, his wife seventy-five, and they are enjoying in their later days the fruits of a well-spent life.

William P. Leffler attended the district schools in Carroll county and until he was twenty-one worked all the time for his father. When he was twenty-two he bought his first land, eighty acres of unimproved prairie, without a dollar to pay on it. He remained at home and began to improve it, and two years later added forty acres more, also unimproved. Since owning this land he has built a good house of eight rooms, and two barns with basements, forty by sixty, one ten feet above the basement, the other twenty, also has erected several sheds, and has set out a large number of trees about the house. He kept adding to his land until at the time of his marriage, when thirty-four years of age, he owned two hundred and eighty acres. In March, 1897, he was married to Clara Gibson, the daughter of I. W. and Mahala Gibson. She was born in Illinois, and reared near Tina, Missouri, and is of German and English descent on her father's side and English on her mother's. Three children are living who were born to this marriage: Olah, born on January 9, 1898; Raymond, born on August 31, 1899, and Lucile, who was born on March 12, 1903.

After his marriage Mr. Leffler moved to the portion of his farm which was improved, then moved to his present farm in 1903. While on his former place he handled a great deal of stock yearly, mostly Angus cattle, but since moving has taken up the feeding of hogs as a specialty and each year fattens from three to four hundred, buying the pigs instead of breeding them. He breeds a few Poland-China hogs and thoroughbred sheep. All of his land is in good condition and well kept up. At one time he owned four hundred acres, but has sold some, and now has three hundred and sixty acres, mostly in Hurricane, but partly in Ridge township. Mr. Leffler is a sympathizer of the Adventist church, his wife a member of the Christian. In politics he is a Democrat; he never was very active, but is now a member of the township board. On account of his geniality, good nature and companionable qualities, Mr. Leffler has a host of friends, who esteem him at his true worth.

JULIUS STRATHMAN.

Changing conditions have brought about the fact that today the farmer is, instead of pitied, envied by the city dweller. A few years ago the farmer seemed downtrodden, oppressed by every one, his produce a drug on the

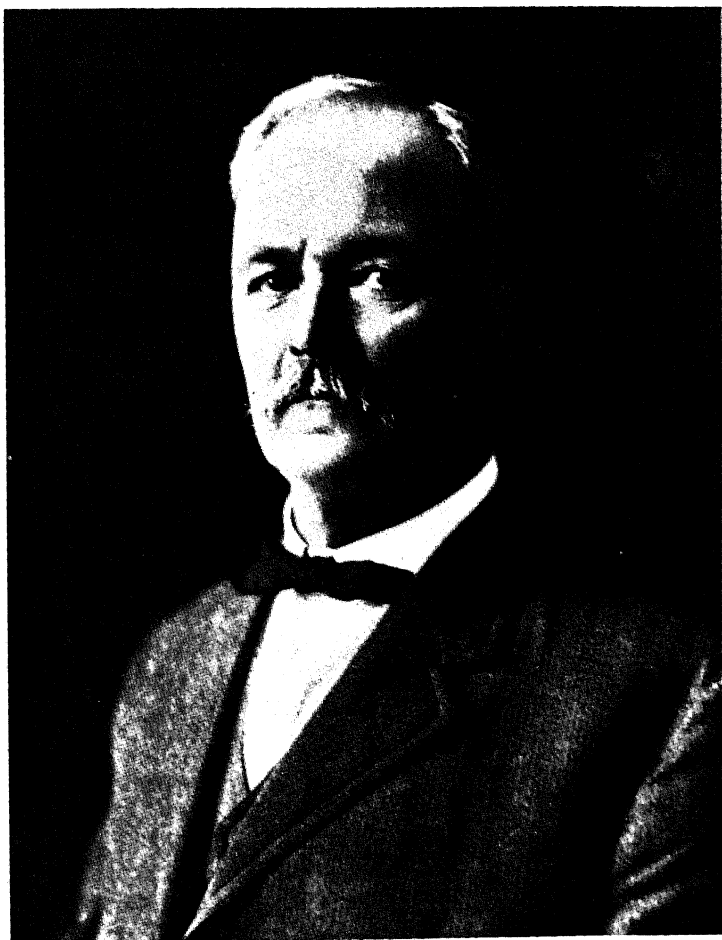
market, his sons and daughters ranking with the sons and daughters of laborers. In fact many of the smaller and younger farmers were abandoning the farm to take laborers' jobs in the city. Now all is changed. The demand for farm products has increased out of proportion to the supply; their price is high; the value of farming lands has almost doubled in many sections in the last ten years; improved machinery each year makes the farmer's work easier. The farmer has paid off his mortgages, has invested in bank stocks, and has perhaps put his surplus into an automobile; his sons and daughters do not have to work so hard now; they are receiving the best of educations, and their lot is being envied by the city dweller of even the higher classes.

Julius Strathman was born in Madison county, Illinois, on December 25, 1858. (For his parents, see sketch of Henry Strathman, of Norborne.) He grew up in Madison county, and followed farming there. On November 6, 1884, he was married in Madison county to Lizzie Deterding, a native of the county. In October, 1887, they removed to Carroll county, Missouri, and locating on the farm where they now live, consisting of one hundred and sixty acres, well improved with buildings and a comfortable dwelling house. Mr. Strathman is a neat, careful and successful farmer, and has won a competency from the soil, while the very appearance of his farm betokens him as one of the most prosperous of Cherry Valley township farmers. Mr. and Mrs. Strathman are the parents of four children, three of whom are living: Julius, Jr., Minnie and Charles. Lizzie, the eldest, died in Carroll county when eighteen months old. Mr. Strathman and family are members of the German Lutheran church. Mr. Strathman is a man of considerable influence in his neighborhood, of sterling and substantial character, and has served as school director. His success is due to his untiring energy, persevering thrift, and careful management.

WILLIAM S. GRIDER.

Carroll county is one of the excellent farming regions of Missouri, and among its farmers none have been more successful than Mr. Grider, who is the owner of one of the best farms in the county, made so largely by his efforts spent in improving it and bringing up its fertility, and which, because of his good management, has brought to him prosperity, for neither good soil nor good seasons will bring success to a farmer who is not a good manager.

William S. Grider was born about five miles south of Norborne, Missouri, in Carroll county, on January 31, 1857. His father was John H. Grider, prob-



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ably a native of Missouri, and his mother was Mary E. Holmes Grider, also a native of that state. They died in Carroll county in December, 1873, she on the 10th of the month and he on the 13th. They were respected and influential residents of their township and had many friends. Of their six children, William S. Grider was the eldest. He was reared in Carroll county, and there attended school, and has always resided. In earlier life he followed farming and stock raising, which he found pleasant and profitable, and lived on his farm until the spring of 1892, when he moved to Carrollton where he lived for four years, then in 1896 came to Norborne. He now owns four hundred and six acres of fertile and improved land in Moss Creek township.

Mr. Grider was married in Carroll county, on October 17, 1882, to Elizabeth Thompson, who was born in Carroll county, the daughter of Robert and Mary Thompson, who were old settlers of that county. Mrs. Thompson was born in Cherry Valley township in 1825, and died November 20, 1907, having lived here nearly eighty-three years, and Mr. Thompson was a native of Virginia.

Mr. and Mrs. Grider are the parents of five children: Mary is the wife of F. E. Kenton; Thomas E.; the third child, a daughter, died in infancy; William; and a son who died in infancy. Mr. Grider is an active member of the Masonic fraternity, and he and his wife are members of the Methodist church, South, and take their full share in the work of the church. Mr. Grider is a genial, affable man, whom it is a pleasure to meet and who has many close friends. A man of ability, honor and integrity, of strong public spirit, he is one of the citizens of Norborne on whom the responsibility rests for the good name which the town has borne, for it was derived because of such men as he, and such men are the bulwark of the state of Missouri and of the nation.

FRANK E. SHAFFER.

For many years a teacher in the public schools, Mr. Shaffer has tasted liberally of the hardships and the rewards of such a situation. There is no nobler profession than that of a teacher and no higher reward than the consciousness of having been instrumental in the guidance of young souls into the proper pathway of life; yet there are times in the actual practice of teaching when such rewards seem vague and distant and the present realities seem almost unbearable. It has taken a long time for the true value of the teaching profession to gain popular recognition. But in the end the

vexations are forgotten, and there remains only the sense of duty done and good as the result of labor.

Frank E. Shaffer was born in Beaver county, Pennsylvania, on October 28, 1861. In his character are blended the qualities of four of the European nationalities. On his father's side he is descended from the Germans and English, while from his mother he inherits the qualities of the Scotch and Irish. He received his education from the district schools of his native state and two years spent in an academy. His father was a farmer and wagonmaker, and until 1883, except one year spent in the employ of the Penn Bridge Company, Frank E. worked on the home farm. In the fall of that year he came to Missouri to visit relatives and was pleased with the country, and that winter taught the first of seventeen terms in the Missouri schools. In April, 1886, he returned to Pennsylvania and attended school for three months. He was then married, in July, 1886, in Beaver county, Pennsylvania, to Zoa Shrodes, the daughter of G. W. and Jane Shrodes. She was born in Beaver county in January, 1867, had received a common school education, and had lived near her future husband during her girlhood.

Before his trip to Pennsylvania Mr. Shaffer had bought forty acres of land, in Carroll county, and after marriage he returned to this county with his wife and began farming in summer and teaching in winter, which he continued for many years. He later added to his farm an adjoining forty acres, on which part of the farm he now lives. He has erected all the buildings on the place, including a seven-room house, a barn fifty-eight by thirty-two feet, and several sheds and outbuildings, and has his land well fenced. He is improving in financial condition all the time, as can be seen by the appearance of his farm, which is now well stocked. He keeps about nine horses, nine milch cows, eleven young cattle and twenty-five hogs, and usually rents from forty to eighty acres besides his own farm, which he cultivates in grain.

Three children now living have been the issue of Mr. Shaffer's marriage: William E., born on June 7, 1887; George Elmer, born on June 7, 1892, and John Herbert, born on August 1, 1897, all at home. Fraternally, Mr. Shaffer is a member of the Modern Woodmen, Camp No. 3022 at Bosworth, and his wife is a member of the Royal Neighbors of America, Lodge No. 2090, at Bosworth, and he has been venerable consul of the former camp for several terms and his wife has held the office of receiver in the Royal Neighbors of America. In the year 1884 he united with the Methodist Episcopal church, near Bosworth, and has always taken an active part in church work. Later, on account of convenience to church service, he and

his wife withdrew from the Methodist church and cast their lot with the Cumberland Presbyterian church. He held the office of elder and Sunday school superintendent in this organization until the class was disbanded, when he again united with the Methodists. In politics, he is a Republican, casting his first presidential vote for James G. Blaine. Although taking an active interest in politics, he is not a bitter partisan and, although frequently importuned to, has never asked for office, preferring the quiet of home to political excitement. He has always taken a deep interest in school work and has been a member of the school board and district clerk for a number of years.

Mr. Shaffer has made all his property with the help of his wife, and in gaining it has amassed a truer wealth in the acquisition of a strong and admirable character.

BRADLEY A. WILMOT.

The lives of some men are more interesting than those of others, and the review of the life of Mr. Wilmot shows that it has been one whose events are filled with interest, as well as one evincing true worth. One of the glorious and fast-diminishing company who fought in the dark days of rebellion to preserve their country; men whom we cannot too much honor; one who on his return to peaceful pursuits settled down to the everyday drudgery, and became as good a citizen in time of peace as he was a good soldier; one who has deservedly prospered in this world because of his ability well directed—such is the man whose name heads this sketch.

Bradley A. Wilmot was born in Knox county, Illinois, on a farm, May 3, 1843. Here he attended school and lived until he was eighteen, when he enlisted, in September, 1861, in the Ninth Illinois Cavalry under Colonel Brackett, and served four years and two months in the Army of the Tennessee. During this time he was out of active service but seven days, when he was sent to the hospital on account of sore eyes. On his re-enlistment at the expiration of three years he was promoted to be a sergeant. He was in the battles of Tupelo, Mississippi, Franklin and Nashville, and took part in the Hood campaign from beginning to end. He was mustered out at Selma, Alabama.

After his return from the army, on October 4, 1866, Mr. Wilmot was married, at Oneida, Illinois, to Alzada Botsford, who has since been his companion in life. He remained in Illinois until 1868, when he came to Carroll county, Missouri, and bought a portion, eighty acres of his present farm. On this was a log cabin, twelve by fourteen feet in size, in which the family lived for ten years. The eighty acres cost him six hundred dollars, of which sum he paid one hundred and twenty-five dollars down. For several years he was financially embarrassed and witnessed many hardships, but finally, by hard work, he got ahead and ten years after the purchase of the first tract added fifty acres more, and has continued to add to his holdings until now he has three hundred and thirty-five acres, nearly all in continuous tracts. He has erected two houses, one of seven and one of four rooms, and two barns, thirty by forty-four feet each. The land is nearly all under cultivation, mostly in grass for stock. At present Mr. Wilmot keeps but about twenty cattle on the place, but has in his day handled a great many. His prosperity is due solely to the untiring efforts of himself and his companion, who has ever been ready to assist in all the duties of wife and mother.

Mr. Wilmot is a member of Fred Miller Post No. 130, Grand Army of the Republic, located at Tina. He is a Presbyterian in religious affiliation. In politics he is a member of the Republican party, has been township collector for four years, township trustee for two years, and has held several minor offices. For fifteen years he has been a stockholder in the Hale Bank, was a director during that time, and is now the president of the institution. Mr. Wilmot is very well known in his township and very well liked wherever known, for he possesses those qualities of soul and mind and character which attract men to him, and which have made him many friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilmot are the parents of four children: Frank, of Idaho; Fred J., of Hurricane township; Mabel, at home, and Amos, of Oregon City, Oregon. Mr. and Mrs. Wilmot have long been respected residents of Hurricane township, and, in spite of advancing age and hardships endured, they still retain much of their youthful vigor.

FRANCIS F. AUDSLEY.

Born in England, our mother country, seventy-five years ago; coming to this country when a youth; serving his adopted country in its armies; at the close of war serving the people of his county in some of its most important offices; spending the greater portion of his life on a farm, following

that occupation which the Roman, Cincinnatus, and the Americans, Washington and Jefferson, followed; in every situation fulfilling his part, and in his contact with others exemplifying the attributes of the thorough gentleman, ever thoughtful for their welfare—such briefly is the career of the man whose name heads this sketch.

Francis F. Audsley was born at Burley, near Leeds, Yorkshire, England, on May 26, 1835. His father was Joseph Audsley and his mother Mary Hodgson Audsley, both of whom were natives of Yorkshire. His mother died in England and his father came to the United States in 1846, locating in Saline county, Missouri, where he died at the age of seventy-eight, concluding a life which had won for him the respect and esteem of all who knew him, because of his many strong qualities of mind and heart. He was by this marriage the father of two children, Francis and Edward.

Francis F. Audsley lived in England until he was sixteen years of age, then came to this country and lived with his father until he was twenty-five, being engaged in farming. On January 5, 1860, he was married to Harriet E. Sullivan, who was born on May 29, 1840, in Saline county, Missouri, a daughter of Samuel W. and Mary (Mayfield) Sullivan. Her father was a native of Pennsylvania, her mother of Virginia, coming to Missouri in 1827, and both died in Saline county. They were the parents of eleven children, of whom Mrs. Audsley was the youngest. Mr. and Mrs. Audsley remained in Saline county until 1864, when they moved to Carroll county and settled on the farm where they now live. In August, 1862, Mr. Audsley enlisted in the Missouri militia, and served until November, 1863. In August, 1864, he enlisted in Company F, Forty-fourth Missouri Volunteers, and was soon after commissioned as second lieutenant of Company A of the same regiment, in which capacity he served until the end of the war. On his return from the army he resumed farming, and has made this his chief occupation in life. He has been very successful and is at the present time the owner of two hundred and seventy acres in a rich farming district, nearly all of which is improved and on which he has erected large and convenient buildings and a handsome residence.

Mr. and Mrs. Audsley are the parents of eight children: Mary E. is the wife of Edwin A. Squires; Frank W. is next in order of birth; Elizabeth is the wife of Elmer E. Hawkins; Edith is the wife of John F. Stephenson; Harriet married H. F. Cabbell, and Emma is the wife of George F. Ballew. One son and one daughter died in infancy.

At the election in November, 1866, Mr. Audsley was elected on the Republican ticket as a judge of the county court, and served until September.

1867, when he resigned to accept the appointment to the office of county clerk, which he held until January, 1871. In 1872 he was again elected county judge, and served for two years. For several years he was the postmaster of Pleasant Park, until in 1882, when the office was discontinued. In all of his official positions his devotion to the interests of the people was marked, and Carroll county has had no more efficient public servant than he. Judge and Mrs. Audsley are members of the Methodist church, South. Judge Audsley is a member of Stephen Estle Post No. 178, Grand Army of the Republic.

As a man Judge Audsley possesses the traits which make him liked by his fellowmen. His record in public office was irreproachable. He has taken part in all enterprises which promised good to the community, and his life has been such as to prove an inspiration to young men, who may gain from it practical instruction in the principles of correct living.

GEORGE B. EMMETT.

The name of Emmett has been well known in Van Horn township since the early settlement, and was first made prominent by the father of the subject, who came to the county with nothing and accumulated a large estate, becoming one of the influential men of the township. Its reputation has not suffered at the hands of his sons, who have also been ranked among the best farmers and most prominent men of the township and have taken their full part in its activities.

William Emmett, the father of George B., was born in London, England, in 1838, ran away from home and came to America, stopping in New York for awhile, and drifting to Missouri several years later, being only nineteen when he first reached this country. He bought eighty acres of land in Van Horn township, Carroll county, at seven dollars and fifty cents per acre, being the first settler in his section. To this he added, despite hardships, soon buying one hundred and sixty acres and continuing until he owned four hundred and forty acres, having prospered greatly later. He married Cynthia Jane Godsey, who was a native of Saline county, Missouri, and whose parents had bought land adjoining his. To this union were born eight children: James M., George, Annie Victoria, Henry E., Nicholas B., Elizabeth, Charlotte and Robert. In their later life Mr. and Mrs. William Emmett moved to Spokane, Washington, where he died in 1908, and his wife now lives.

Here he had loaned out about half of his money and the estate has been but recently settled up. Of the farm which George B. Emmett and his father operated together, two hundred and sixty-four acres was sold, leaving to George B. one hundred and eighty acres, which includes his father's homestead.

George B. Emmett was born in Van Horn township, just across from his present home, on June 13, 1866, and went to the district schools of the township for his education. Until he was twenty-one he worked on his father's farm, then bought sixty acres of land in Stokes Mound township, which he later sold at a handsome profit. He then aided in the operation of his father's farm until his death. On January 29, 1888, he was married in Stokes Mound township to Emma Waggy, who has borne to him five children, Willie, John Roy, Lloyd Burton, Viola Maud and Rosa Jane, all of whom are at home and assist in the work of the farm.

Mr. Emmett, his father and brothers have done the work on the farm which has brought it to its present high standard of improvement and productivity, and Mr. Emmett has recently added a windmill. His land is all in good condition and is cultivated with the most modern implements. He raises about eighty acres of corn a year and keeps much of the land in grass. When his father was alive he kept one hundred head of cattle, now but ten or fifteen; he sells about seventy-five hogs yearly, and keeps ten horses. In politics he is a Republican, and in fraternal relations a member of the Odd Fellows lodge at Tina. His wife is a member of the Methodist church and he is an attendant at its services. Mr. Emmett is well known in his township as an enterprising farmer and public-spirited citizen, and has made many friends by his good nature and genial character.

FRED WILLARD O'DELL.

The enterprising mechanic and representative citizen whose name heads this review was one of Missouri's native sons and, with the exception of his military experience, had spent his life within the confines of the state. The paternal branch of his family had its origin in Ireland, of which country his grandfather, Myre O'Dell, was a native. This ancestor came to America many years ago and settled in Tennessee, where he figured during the pioneer period and later married and reared his family. When the war of 1812 broke out he espoused the cause of his adopted country and, entering the

American army, served with an honorable record until the close of the struggle. Evan A. O'Dell, son of Myre and father of Fred W., was born in Tennessee, as was also his wife, who prior to her marriage bore the name of Rhoda Clark. He came to Missouri in an early day and settled in Livingston county before Carroll county was organized, and for several years after his arrival lived among the Indians, between whom and himself a warm friendship and feelings of mutual confidence obtained. He took part in the war against the Mormons and appears to have been a man of great energy and fearlessness, a good farmer, a kind and obliging neighbor and an excellent citizen. He moved to Carroll county in 1861 and died four years later, at the age of sixty-four, his wife dying in 1888, when seventy-nine years old.

They had a family of eleven children, namely: John, who went to California in 1850 and died there several years later; Samuel, who died in 1880; Franklin (deceased) was a Union soldier during the late Civil war; William, a veteran of the same war, is also deceased; likewise Andrew, who nobly did his part in upholding the Federal cause during the dark days of civil strife; Susan, widow of the late B. D. Bishop, lives in Carrollton; Fred Willard, of this review, being the eighth in order of birth; Evan A., the fifth of the family to do battle for the National Union, is a farmer of Carroll county, and the two youngest died in infancy unnamed.

Fred Willard O'Dell was born at Chillicothe, Livingston county, Missouri, December 20, 1844, and received his educational training at his native place. In 1862, when a youth of seventeen, he enlisted in Company E, Merrill's cavalry, and served until the close of the Civil war, taking part in several noted campaigns and sharing with his comrades the vicissitudes and dangers of warfare on a number of bloody battlefields. He was in the engagement at Chattanooga, Tennessee, the several battles around Atlanta and after the fall of that stronghold took part in the memorable march to the sea under General Sherman, shortly after which he received an honorable discharge and returned home.

In 1866 Mr. O'Dell moved to Carroll county, of which he was afterwards an honored citizen, and in 1880 took possession of the home in Carrollton which his family now occupy. When a young man he learned carpentry, which was his vocation, and many of the residences, business houses and public buildings of the city and surrounding country bear testimony of his proficiency and skill as a mechanic and master of his calling.

On February 18, 1866, Mr. O'Dell and Pamela Brashear, daughter of Waymack and Margaret M. (Snell) Brashear, of Kentucky, were united in the bonds of marriage, a mutually happy and agreeable union, resulting

in the birth of four children, whose names are as follows: Charles W. died at the age of three years; Lillian married Ed E. Young and lives in Kansas City; Rhoda, the third of the family, is the wife of T. W. Martin, a contractor of Carrollton, and the mother of two offspring, Paul and Mildred; Frederick, the youngest of the subject's children, departed this life at the age of sixteen. Fred W. O'Dell died at his home in Carrollton on January 28, 1911.

Mr. O'Dell was an esteemed member of the Baptist church. In politics he was a Republican and cast his first presidential ballot in 1860 for Abraham Lincoln, after which time he gave his unqualified support to every candidate of his party for that high office. He was quite active in political circles, serving as a delegate to numerous conventions and for a period of six years represented his ward, the First, in the city council. He had been an influential member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen for a period of twenty years, as well as the Grand Army of the Republic, and all worthy enterprises for the advancement of the country had his endorsement and support. Mr. O'Dell had always been a public-spirited man and he ranked among the intelligent and progressive men of his city and county. He stood for good government and a strict enforcement of the law, and his life and influence afford the best evidence of his high standing as a broad-minded, progressive American citizen.

Waymack and Pamela Brashear, parents of Mrs. O'Dell, were among the first white settlers of Howard county, Missouri, where they located as early as the year 1814. They built their home near Fayette and it is said that the first pound of coffee ever sold in that town was bought by Mr. Brashear. After being in that part of the state until 1854, the family moved to Carroll county, but subsequently returned to the county of Howard, where Mr. Brashear died in 1860, his wife in 1868, both having been well advanced in years and honored by a large circle of neighbors and friends. The children of this estimable couple, twelve in number, were as follows: Judson M., John C., Robert S., Peter T., Lilburn J. (a Confederate soldier in the late war), Elizabeth, Sarah Ann, Eliza, Pamela, Joseph, Washington and Lurania, all deceased except Mrs. O'Dell and Eliza, the three youngest dying in infancy. The Brashears belong to one of the old historic families of Kentucky and the name has long been familiar in various parts of that state, a number of its representatives having been prominent in public life, both civil and military. The Snells were also pioneers of the Blue Grass state and among the substantial families of the section of country in which they lived. Joseph Snell, father of Mrs. Brashear, was a man of considerable prominence.

as was his neighbor, Judson Brashear, father of Waymack, both having been active in the settlement of the country and in the development of its resources and influential in the public affairs of their country.

JOHN ALONZO SCOVERN.

Few citizens of Carroll county were as highly esteemed as the late John Alonzo Scovern, whose life work drew to a close on the 28th day of February, 1910. He was a native of Washington county, Pennsylvania, where his birth occurred on the first day of February, 1853. From his second to his fifteenth year he lived with his grandparents, but at the latter age started to make his own way in the world, earning his first money by laboring as a farm hand and later engaging in the pursuit of agriculture for himself. In the meantime he attended as opportunities afforded the public schools of his neighborhood, and, though at best his educational training was limited, nevertheless he obtained a valuable knowledge by his early contact with practical things. In his young manhood he learned carpentry and became quite a proficient workman. He followed this trade in connection with agriculture until 1877, when he entered the employ of the Burlington & Southwestern railroad, with which he continued until his death. He began with the company in a minor capacity, but by faithfulness to duty gradually rose to the position of conductor, which he held continuously for thirty-four years, being at the time of his death one of the oldest passenger conductors on the road. During his long period of service he met with few accidents and made a record for efficiency and faithfulness second to that of no other man in the company's employ. In 1901 he was slightly injured in a wreck on the Iowa State line, this being one of the very few and perhaps the most serious of the mishaps which occurred to any train in his charge in his protracted career as a railroader.

Mr. Scovern succeeded well financially and in due time accumulated a handsome property, consisting largely of real estate, which advanced rapidly in value. He owned several fine farms in Carroll county, from which he derived a goodly share of his income, and in addition a beautiful home in Carrollton and other desirable city property. He was alive to the best interests of the community, assisted to the extent of his ability all public enterprises and utilities and his voice and influence were ever on the side of good government and a strict enforcement of the law. Like the majority

of wide-awake men, he was a Mason of high standing and always manifested great interest in the order and its work. He was also a leading member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and belonged to the Order of Railway Conductors, in all of which organizations he was honored with official positions from time to time. In politics he was a Republican, though the nature of his business prevented him from participating very actively in political affairs; nevertheless, he kept well informed on the questions and issues before the people and his opinions always commanded the respect of his party associates.

Mr. Scovern was happily married on October 14, 1885, to May Hickok, daughter of Volney and Lucy (Moulton) Hickok, of Monticello, Iowa, the union being blessed with six children, whose names are as follows: Bessie, Harold, Lucy Jean, George, Dorris and Ruth, all at home except Bessie, who married W. A. Givens and lives in Kansas City. Mr. Scovern was an esteemed member of the First Baptist church of Carrollton and took an active interest in the work of the same as well as in general charitable and benevolent enterprises. His wife, a Baptist also, is one of the leading church workers of the city and foremost in all humanitarian movements. Mr. Scovern took great pride in his home and family and his domestic life was almost ideal. To see him at his best was to meet him beneath his hospitable roof when the duties of the day were over. There, surrounded by his wife and children, he threw off the reserve which one in his position naturally assumes and, dismissing the cares with which he may have been beset, he gave full freedom to his genial nature, to the enjoyment of all within the happy circle. He was a good man and just, a courteous and kindly neighbor and friend, whose death was deeply felt and sincerely mourned and in the vocation where he rendered such long and efficient service, in the church where his influence was always effective for good, in the community where, as a broad-minded American, he discharged manfully the duties of citizenship, and in the sacred precincts of home where, as a loving husband and affectionate father, his memory is a priceless heritage, his place will be hard to fill.

ANDREW HILTON.

To no one else can the life of any person have the same significance which it has for its possessor. No one else so completely knows our hopes and fears, our ambitions and our motives, the things within which make life worth living, as do we ourselves. Nor can we judge by outward show

the proper valuation to place on the life of a comparatively obscure farmer. Though in his community he may stand high above others, even so his distinction is lost in the mass of citizens of the nation. But so is the distinction which the greatest of men, as we judge by our standards, obtain, fleeting and evanescent, and in some true test of values, the farmer may, on account of his character, rank higher than many whom the world esteems great.

Andrew Hilton was born in Woonsocket, Rhode Island, on December 24, 1842, the son of Robert and Harriet (Barningham) Hilton, both of whom were natives of England. They moved to Winnebago county, Illinois, in 1854, and resided there until their death. Robert Hilton was a man of influence in his community, of strong and substantial character. Of his seven children, Andrew was the eldest, and was but eleven years old when he came to Illinois with his parents. He grew to manhood in Winnebago county and there lived until November, 1869, when he came to Carroll county, Missouri, and bought the farm where he now resides, consisting of eighty acres of excellent and well improved farming land.

Mr. Hilton was married in Carroll county, in August, 1872, to Mary J. Coggburn, who was born near Jefferson City, Missouri, a daughter of the Rev. G. B. Coggburn, a well-known Baptist clergyman of that region of Missouri. To this union two children have been born, Robert and Berninna.

In politics Mr. Hilton is a Republican and has taken a prominent part in township activities. He has held the offices of collector and trustee of Prairie township and filled the positions to general satisfaction. He is a capable and enterprising farmer and obtains from his labor expended on his land a comfortable living. His neighbors all speak highly of Mr. Hilton, for they have seen the true man tested and know how well he has stood the test.

JOHN BURRUSS.

Among the prominent farmers and stock raisers of Miami township, Carroll county, Mr. Burruss is one of the best known and has perhaps done more to encourage the breeding of first-class horses and cattle than any man in the township. Naturally a lover of good stock, he has been satisfied with nothing but the best, and has tried the various breeds until he has settled on the ones best suited for his purposes. He has not stopped with

securing the best breeds, but has given to his animals the care and attention requisite to secure the most perfect specimens, and in this manner has made his stock farm noted for the quality of its product, and has educated his neighbors to possibilities in stock raising which they had never dreamed of.

John Burruss was born on a farm in Greene county, Illinois, on April 20, 1841, the son of John H. and Martha (Ballinger) Burruss, both of whom were natives of Kentucky. His parents moved from Kentucky to Greene county, Illinois, and lived there until 1849, when they moved to San Antonio, Texas, near which was their place of residence until the fall of 1868, when they came to Saline county, Missouri, where they spent the remainder of their days. John H. Burruss was a man of much influence in the communities in which he lived.

John Burruss was but eight years old when his parents moved to Texas, and there he spent the most of his boyhood and early manhood. During this time he was employed for two years by the United States government as chief clerk in the arsenal at San Antonio. He served through the war in the Confederate army in the Thirty-first Texas Cavalry, and at its close came to Missouri in 1866. In 1867 Mr. Burruss located in Miami township, Carroll county, Missouri, where he has since held his residence. He operated the ferry across the Missouri river from Miami to the Carroll county shore from 1868 to March, 1910, when his last boat was sunk by ice. From 1877 to 1902 he did a transfer business with the Wabash railroad which covered the territory on the south side of the Missouri river, below Lexington and above Glasgow. For twelve years, although he retained his citizenship in Miami township, Mr. Burruss lived in Columbia, Missouri, in order to be better able to give his children the advantages of Missouri University and Christian College, a girls' college, both located at Columbia.

Mr. Burruss carries on extensive farming operations, owning about one thousand acres of land in Miami township, the work on which is carried on under his direction. He makes a specialty of raising Shorthorn cattle, and was the first man in the county to introduce a registered herd of Shorthorns, and has produced on his farm as fine individual specimens as have been seen in Missouri. Especially fond of a good driving horse, he has also given much attention to their breeding and has always a number of speedy drivers on hand.

On November 23, 1870, John Burruss was married to Sadie Turpin, a native of Kentucky. They are the parents of five children: Martha is the wife of R. M. Rea, of Carrollton, Missouri; Frank M. is the cashier of the Miami Savings Bank; William B. is general agent for the Provident

Life and Trust Company, located at Norfolk, Virginia; Marion is a school teacher; John Lewis is a farmer at home.

For several years Mr. Burruss has been the trustee of Miami township. He is an American farmer of high type, one who dignifies his profession and has demonstrated that on the farm a man may live a life which will bring to him material prosperity, allow him to become a man of influence in his community, and to do much for its welfare and to give his children all the advantages of education.

WILLIAM SMITH PARKINS.

It should be a matter of general congratulation when the younger members of a community take an active and continued interest in religious matters and the development of morals. In this age of fast living and faster dissipation of wealth in frivolous amusements, the appearance of a steady head and a firm hand to control conduct must be considered a real blessing in any neighborhood. Such high-minded, whole-souled citizens are, in fact, indispensable to the body politic and the road to honor and public recognition is made easy for them and the snow-embastioned heights of success and the end of the rainbow of hope ever looms nearer as the milestones of the years are passed. One such is William Smith Parkins, a native of Carroll county and a son of whom she may well be proud, for, while yet young in years, he has given unmistakable evidence of being the possessor of those attributes of head and heart that seldom fail to lead to the goal sought by all—success. He is the scion of an excellent old family of this locality, his birth having occurred here on June 1, 1888, the son of Wellington and Ellen May (Fauble) Parkins, the father a native of Saline county, Missouri, where he spent his boyhood, moving to Carroll county in 1868, where the major part of his active and useful life has been spent. The mother of the subject was born in Frederick, Maryland, where her early days were passed, coming to Missouri in 1882. They became the parents of the following children: William Smith, of this review; Samuel Thomas, Charlie Ballard, Mary Ellen, Ray Fauble, Harry Edward and John Hugh, all residents of the city of Carrollton.

Wellington Parkins was the son of Smith and Nancy Susan (Slater) Parkins, of Monroe county, West Virginia. They were the parents of five sons and three daughters, the daughters being now deceased; the sons are:

Wellington and Thomas M., of Carrollton, Missouri; Samuel E., of Oklahoma; John S. and George K., of near Roads, Carroll county, this state.

Smith Parkins, who came to Missouri in 1862, served in the Confederate army under General Price, during the Civil war. He was the son of Samuel Parkins, of Greenbrier county, West Virginia, from which locality he moved to Tennessee where he spent the remainder of his life and where his death occurred.

The Parkins family is of English descent, while the Slaters are of Irish extraction. The mother of the subject is a sister of Barbara, now Mrs. Daniel Burras, of Frederick, Maryland; also a sister of Carolina, now Mrs. Charles Harris, of Peru, Indiana; their brother, William Nathan Fauble, lives at Kinderhook, Illinois.

William S. Parkins, of this review, has always lived in Carroll county, with the exception of three years spent in Arkansas. He was educated in the public schools of Carrollton and at this writing is taking a correspondence course in an effort to properly prepare himself for what the poets would call the "battle of life." He united with the Methodist Episcopal church a number of years ago and has been an active worker in all departments of the church ever since, being one of the moving spirits in Epworth League work, of which he is at present vice-president, and he has been a delegate to league conferences at different times, where he always made his influence felt for the general good of the cause. Fraternally, he is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Carrollton. Personally, he is a bright, industrious youth, sociable, genial and kind to all, lending aid to all that stands for the progress and upbuilding of his fellow men. His exemplary character has caused him to be loved and respected by all who know him. One of his admirable traits is his tender devotion to his mother. The future of such a worthy young man cannot well be other than replete with honor and success.

WILLIAM T. GARDNER.

One of the most progressive and enterprising farmers of Prairie township, Carroll county, a man whose hard work and perseverance have brought to him well earned prosperity, and whose life is an example of the advantages which farm life offers to one who follows it in the way of health, enjoyment, happiness and of material success, is Mr. Gardner. He is a man who

fully realizes the advantages of the farm, especially for the rearing of children in the way to enable them to gain the most from life.

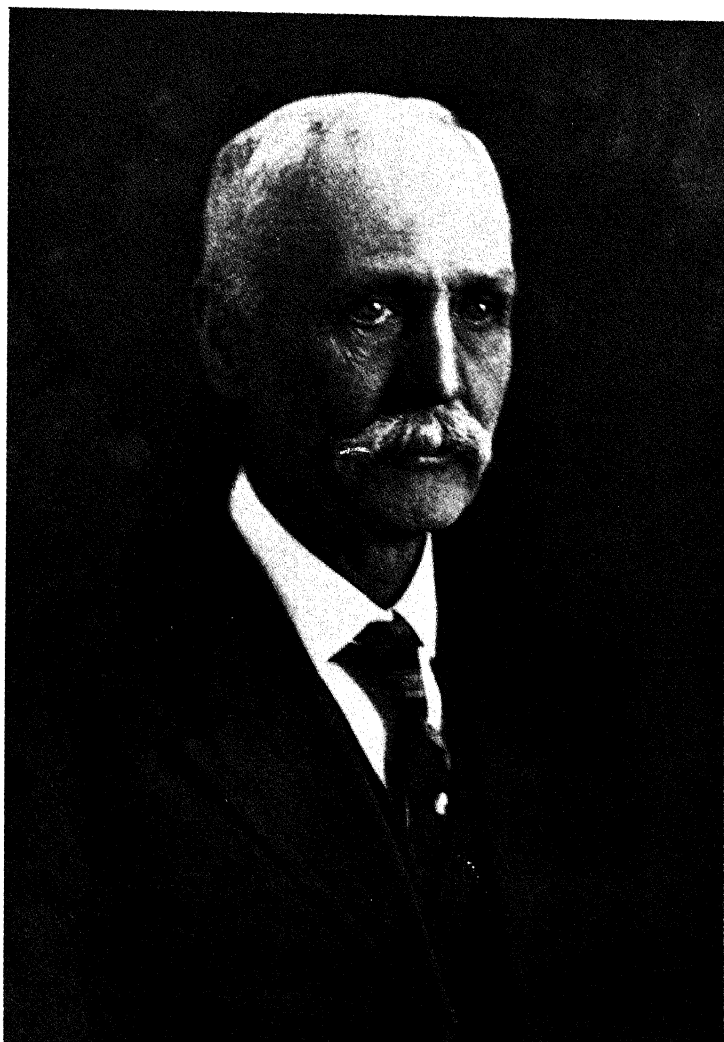
William T. Gardner was born in Grayville, Illinois, on September 8, 1858, the son of James and Hester (Cassell) Gardner. His father was a native of Blair county, Pennsylvania, and his mother of Putnam county, Illinois. Both died in Pennsylvania. They were the parents of seven children, of whom William T. was the eldest. He grew to maturity in Indiana county, Pennsylvania, and at the age of nineteen came to Putnam county, Illinois, where he was engaged in farming for seven years. In March, 1883, he moved to Carroll county, Missouri, and located in Prairie township, where he has since resided, and has been engaged in farming and stock raising, which he has found very profitable. At the present time he is the owner of a farm of one hundred and sixty acres of highly improved land, one of the best of its size in the county, which has been brought to its present condition by his careful management and modern methods.

Mr. Gardner was married in Putnam county, Illinois, on September 8, 1880, to Mary E. Clemens, who was born in Indiana on October 26, 1858, the daughter of Jeremiah and Elizabeth (Brock) Clemens. Her father was a native of Pennsylvania, her mother of Virginia. They came in 1881 from Illinois to Carroll county, Missouri, and located in Prairie township, where both died. Of their eleven children, Mrs. Gardner is the eighth. Mr. and Mrs. Gardner are the parents of six children: Alta is the wife of Clarence Eden; James is the second in order of birth; Iva died in infancy; Beulah is the wife of Forrest Pierce; Hester and Nellie are at home.

Mr. Gardner has held the office of justice of the peace in Prairie township for two terms and has been township clerk and assessor for twenty years. He has taken an active part in township affairs and has always been identified with the Democratic party. Interested in education, he has held many of the school offices and has done all in his power in the interests of better schools. Fraternally, he is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America. Few men in his township are better known or more highly appreciated by their neighbors than is Mr. Gardner, for his true worth has won recognition.

EDWARD O. BELT.

Among the business firms of Norborne, none have been more deservedly successful than that of Belt Brothers & Schifferdecker, the hardware merchants, who, by the application of business principles and good management,



EDWARD O. BELT

have established and kept a large and profitable trade and have uniformly pleased their customers. The gentleman whose name heads this sketch is one of the able members of this firm who has had his full share in its activities and its success. He is a man of conspicuous business sagacity, a good buyer, careful in attention to details, thoroughly familiar with every phase of the conduct of the store, and has worked unremittingly for the interests of the firm.

Edward O. Belt was born in Scott county, Kentucky, on January 18, 1851, the son of Joseph I. and Susan (Williams) Belt, both natives of Kentucky, who came from there to Clay county, Missouri, in 1857. They resided in Clay county until the spring of 1868, when they came to Carroll county and settled four and a half miles southwest of Norborne, residing here until their deaths. They were honored and esteemed by their neighbors for their integrity and industry. Of their seven children, Edward O. was the third. He came to Carroll county with his parents, and lived with them on the home farm until he was twenty-six years old, when he came to Norborne and clerked in a hardware store for three years, then bought a third interest in the hardware business of Barton & Reed, continuing in this firm for eight years. Mr. Belt has, since entering the hardware business, been continuously engaged in it and is now one of the firm of Belt Brothers & Schifferdecker, who, in addition to all kinds of hardware, carry a line of agricultural implements. This firm entered the brick building which they now occupy in 1883, and carry on an extensive business, which is steadily increasing, as a business carried on by such men on such principles should. Mr. Belt is also interested in the grain and stock business, which he finds profitable, and is one of the directors of the Citizens Bank. He was married on December 23, 1881, to Emily E. Meyer, a native of Missouri.

Mr. Belt is interested in public matters, and is well informed. His genial character and companionable traits have gained for him the friendship of many and among all his acquaintance his name is a synonym for honor in business.

THOMAS J. MONTGOMERY.

Even the man of greatest intellect and strongest mental endowments is at a loss when it comes to an estimate of the value of the life of another, or to the reckoning of what that life means to its possessor. For no one of us can know definitely the thoughts of another, the motives which lead him to certain courses of action, nor the amount of enjoyment and pleasure, or of its opposite, which he extracts from life. The things which make life sig-

nificant to one man are not those which make it significant to another, and in many cases the man whom the world esteems as a failure, or little more, may be in reality drawing the most from life, while the one who occupies station and high position may be living in truth the most barren existence. However, the man who has many friends usually gains more from life and, judged by this standard, Mr. Montgomery should find himself well among those who obtain happiness.

Thomas J. Montgomery was born in Carroll county, Missouri, on November 27, 1873, the son of Nathan P. and Sally Montgomery. His parents were natives of Kentucky, who came to Norborne, Missouri, and located there, where his mother died in 1883, and his father died in November, 1910. They were the parents of five sons, of whom Thomas J. was the fourth. He was about two years old when his parents came to Norborne, and was there reared and received his education in the public schools, and has since resided there for the most of his life. About 1904 he became associated in the saloon business with J. F. Diringer in Norborne. On September 5, 1907, he was married in Norborne to Anna Boyer, the daughter of James Boyer. Mr. Montgomery is widely known in the community and his genial nature has made for him many friends.

QUIDO BETZLER.

In point of continuous service the subject of this sketch is one of the best known business men of Carrollton, the meat market of which he is proprietor being the oldest established of the kind in the city. Quido Betzler was born in Germany on the 31st day of March, 1847, being a son of Ferdinand and Marie (Meyer) Betzler, who came to the United States in the early fifties and settled at Belleville, Illinois, where the father engaged in business and in due time became quite a prominent citizen. In 1870 the family moved to Carrollton, Missouri, where a little later the subject opened a meat market, of which he has been proprietor ever since, being, as stated above, the oldest establishment of the kind in the city, also one of the best and most successful.

Mr. Betzler was quite young when brought to this country and, like the majority of German-American citizens, he has made the most of his opportunities and by continuous effort and judicious management is now in

comfortable circumstances with a sufficiency of material wealth in his possession to guard against any untoward exigency that may arise in the future. With characteristic energy and thrift he has provided well for his family and those of his children who have started in life for themselves have been assisted in a material way and are now on the high road to prosperity and fortune. His domestic life dates from June 12, 1877, at which time was solemnized his marriage with Martha Heins, daughter of Samuel Heins, a union blessed with six offspring, whose names are as follows: Ferdinand, in business with his father; Clara, who is still a member of the home circle; Norma and Norman, twins, the former the wife of J. O. Busby; William F., a photographer of Carrollton; and Marie, who is with her parents.

Mr. Betzler is a prominent worker in the Masonic order and a charter member of the Pythian lodge at Carrollton, in both of which organizations he has been honored from time to time with important official trusts. In politics he is an uncompromising supporter of the Republican party, and in religion a regular attendant of the Presbyterian church, to which his wife and family belong. For a period of forty years, Mr. Betzler has been in business at his present location and during that time by fair and honorable dealing and courteous treatment has not only gained the good will and esteem of his customers, but has won a place in the confidence of the public such as few attain. His standing as a man and citizen is as high as that of any of his compeers, his character has always been above reproach or the suspicion of dishonor, and wherever known his simple word is equivalent to his written obligation.

JOHN R. ULREY.

Sometimes the farmer's gains seem slow to him when contrasted with the city dweller's wages or salary, but it must be remembered that the most of the money which the farmer receives represents profits; that the most of his food supply, the provender for his horses and stock and many other similar items, are taken directly from the farm and never reckoned with in accounting, as well as many small profits. The city man gets nothing in this way, and must meet all expenditures from his salary. If the farmer keeps account and considers everything, he finds his business of a greater magnitude than he supposed, and that the total monetary value of what he receives is not small compared with city salaries, while his surplus at the

end of the year is much greater. Mr. Ulrey is a farmer who fully recognizes his advantages and who would not exchange for the city's artificial life.

John R. Ulrey was born in Miami township, Saline county, Missouri, on December 16, 1864, the son of Charles and Mary (Maith) Ulrey. His father was a native of Indiana, his mother of Missouri. She died in Saline county, Missouri, in April, 1909, at the age of sixty-eight, while Charles Ulrey is still living and enjoying the respect and esteem of those who know him because of his many strong traits of character. John R. Ulrey is the third of eleven children. He was reared in Saline county and received a common school education. Since leaving school he has followed farming, in which he has been successful. Until April, 1906, he was a resident of Saline county, but at that time he removed to Carroll county, and bought an eighty-acre farm of improved and fertile land in De Witt township, on which he now resides.

Mr. Ulrey was married in Miami township, Saline county, Missouri, on October 9, 1898, to Eliza Prunty, who was born in Carroll county and reared in Saline county, a daughter of William and America Prunty. To this marriage were born two children, who died in infancy. Mr. Ulrey had been previously married in Saline county in 1888 to Bertie Barnett, who bore to him two sons, Roger and Fred, and who died in October, 1894. Mr. and Mrs. Ulrey are members of the Christian church. Fraternally, he is a member of the Odd Fellows and of the Modern Woodmen of America.

Mr. Ulrey is a man who takes a good degree of interest in all public affairs that will be of benefit to the community in which he lives. Although often allied with the Democratic party, he is an independent voter, placing the man above the party. Mr. Ulrey is well known in his township and is considered one of its solid and substantial citizens, and a man of sterling character.

CHARLES RAHN.

Day before yesterday, they were young, full of life and activity, giving their strength unsparingly at duty's call in battle for the nation; yesterday, they were the stalwart men of mature age, men of affairs, the bone and sinew of the nation, and still a host in number; today, they are few and scattered, and those few becoming older and feebler, reaching that age where memory takes the place of activity; tomorrow they will all have disappeared. But never, while this country stands a monument to their sacrifice, will the

work which the brave soldiers of the Civil war accomplished be forgotten. And rightly it is that to the survivors of their number, the members of the Grand Army, of whom Mr. Rahn is one, we give in every assemblage the post of honor.

Charles Rahn was born in Friedberg, Germany, March 25, 1845, the son of Johann Ludwig Rahn. Johann Ludwig Rahn emigrated to America in 1847, and first located in St. Louis, then moved to St. Clair county, Illinois, where he spent the remainder of his life. He was the father of three children, Christian, Jacob and Charles. Charles was but two years old when his parents came to America, and eight when they moved to St. Clair county, Illinois, where he grew to manhood, and from which place he enlisted, in March, 1864, in Company H, Ninety-seventh Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and served until May, 1866, establishing a good record as a soldier. He returned to St. Clair county, Illinois, and lived there till the fall of 1868, when he came to Carroll county, Missouri, where he bought eighty acres of land on which he now lives in company with his brother Jacob, and which has been the site of his residence since his coming to Carroll county. This farm formed the nucleus for the tract of four hundred and twenty acres which he and his brother Jacob now own, most of which is improved, largely by their own efforts.

Mr. Rahn has always acted with the Republican party in political affairs, and was elected county judge of the eastern district, on the Republican ticket, filling the office for two years. Judge Rahn is a member of the Lutheran church and of the Grand Army of the Republic.

The Rahn brothers are the owners of an excellent farm and are capable and progressive farmers. Judge Rahn, because of his upright and honest character, is highly esteemed in his community and is one of its influential men.

WYATT L. BROTHERTON.

The history of Eugene township would be incomplete without mention of the gentleman whose name forms the caption of this article, who has long been a resident of the township, has taken a leading part in all its activities, and has become well known to its people as a progressive and prosperous farmer, a citizen highly interested in the development of his community, and a man of agreeable and sociable nature, who is a pleasant companion and a true friend to those whom he deems worthy to be honored by that appellation.

Wyatt L. Brotherton was born in Wilson county, Tennessee, on April 2, 1840, the son of Henry R. and Susan (Allen) Brotherton, both natives of North Carolina. His parents came from Wilson county, Tennessee, to Carroll county, Missouri, in the spring of 1852, and settled two miles east of Carrollton, where they lived for several years and then removed to Trotter township and there spent the remainder of their lives. They were respected and influential residents of the communities in which they had lived. Of their twelve children, Wyatt L. Brotherton was the seventh. He came to Carroll county, Missouri, with his parents and lived with them until the spring of 1859. He was first married on August 25, 1859, to Rachel H. Eskew, who was a native of Tennessee. To this marriage one child was born, a son who died when ten months old. Mrs. Rachel H. Brotherton died in 1864. After this marriage Mr. Brotherton settled two miles east of Carrollton, where he lived for one year, and then moved to Eugene township. In the winter of 1862 he enlisted in the Third Missouri Cavalry, and served until February 25, 1865, passing through many campaigns and battles and undergoing much hard service, through all of which he acquitted himself creditably. He then returned to his farm in Eugene township, where he has since resided with the exception of one year spent in De Witt. Farming has repaid him richly and liberally, and he is now the owner of two hundred and twenty-one acres of the best land in the township, well improved, which his own efforts have brought to its present high condition.

Mr. Brotherton was married a second time to Mary E. Staton, who lived but four weeks after her marriage. On February 14, 1869, he was married to his third wife, Mary Frances Adkins, who bore to him six children, four of whom are living and two of whom died in infancy. Those living are: Ellen J., who married John Parker; John W., James T., and Nancy E., who is the wife of William Rickerson. Mrs. Mary F. Brotherton died on February 14, 1875. Mr. Brotherton was married on April 26, 1876, to his present wife, Martha Ellen Adkins, a sister of his third wife. She is the daughter of John J. and Sarah J. (Winfrey) Adkins, both natives of Kentucky. They were among the pioneers of Eugene township, where they married and spent the remainder of their lives. The present Mrs. Brotherton was the youngest of eleven children. To the fourth marriage of Mr. Brotherton thirteen children have been born, seven of whom are living: Amanda, who married Frank Cowick; Florence, the wife of Samuel Hill; Wyatt Arthur, Rena Belle, Lewis F., Nellie Edith and George H. Mr. and Mrs. Brotherton are members of the Christian church, and Mr. Brotherton has always acted politically with the Republican party.

Mr. Brotherton is considered as one of the best farmers and stock raisers in the country and has accumulated a large estate by his good management. He is a man of influence in his community, whose judgment is highly esteemed. His residence is conveniently and commandingly located, and is handsome and commodious. Mr. Brotherton is much devoted to his home life and to his family, and at his advanced age can look back over his life with a realization that it has been well spent and has been such that his memory will be perpetuated in the recollections of the people of his community as a good, useful and influential citizen.

PETER BARGOLD.

Several members of the Bargold family have been reviewed in this work, and the worth of the stock from which they are descended is well attested by the lives of the members of the family as here recorded. They have been mostly farmers and stock raisers who have made their work profitable by their good management, and have found that the farm offers many advantages over the city in the way of living and getting on in the world. In former times farming was esteemed the noblest of occupations, later it fell somewhat into disrepute, and the city dwellers were inclined to pity the farmer and to joke at his expense. But this is now changed. Conditions have made the farmer prosperous, and the references which the city man makes to a farm now are confined mostly to the expression of wishes that he could be the owner of one. For the farmer's prosperity and freedom have made the city dweller envious.

Peter Bargold was born in Chariton county, Missouri, on June 23, 1866, the third child of John and Maria Bargold, for whom see sketch of Joseph B. Bargold. Peter Bargold spent the first ten years of his life in Chariton county, and then came with his mother and the family to De Witt township, Carroll county. Here he lived for five years, then moved to Eugene township, and lived there until 1905, when he moved to the farm where he now lives. He is the owner of two hundred and twenty-seven acres of land, all under cultivation. This farm is fertile and readily responds to Mr. Bargold's improved methods of cultivation with large yields.

Mr. Bargold was married in Carrollton, Missouri, on October 4, 1893, to Beatrice Denham, who was born in Albany, Gentry county, Missouri, on May 31, 1876, a daughter of W. F. and Mary Denham. Her father died

in Gentry county. Mrs. Bargold was the youngest of two children. To this marriage have been born two children, Florence M. and Cecil May.

Mr. Bargold is a man who takes much interest in public affairs and is a member of the Republican party. He has spent his life in farming and stock raising, and his attention has been mostly confined to his family and his business. He is a man respected in his community on account of his true worth.

JOHN E. DEAN.

The subject of this review is one of the largest farmers and stock raisers in Carroll county and also enjoys distinctive prestige as an enterprising citizen. He is a worthy representative of one of the old and respected families of western Missouri and traces his genealogy, both paternal and maternal, through several generations to the early history of Tennessee, in which his antecedents appear to have borne no insignificant part. His grandfather, George W. Dean, a native of Tennessee, came to Carroll county, Missouri, many years ago and as early perhaps as 1847 entered a part of the farm now owned by the subject, the patent for which bears the signature of Zachary Taylor, who was President of the United States at that time. A little later, during Fillmore's administration, he entered the rest of the tract, paying the government price of one dollar and a quarter per acre for the land, which would now readily sell for seventy-five dollars per acre, if not more. During his residence in this county, G. W. Dean became the owner of a large amount of realty, his landed estate at the time of his death amounting to nine hundred acres. Phelia A. Sullivan, wife of George W. Dean, was born in Tennessee and in an early day moved with her kindred and family to Cooper county, Missouri, and from there to Carroll county in 1847. Both spent their lives on the farm in Ridge township, purchased from the government, and left to their descendants a handsome property and the heritage of an honorable family name.

Harvey D. Dean, son of the above and father of the subject, was born near Knoxville, eastern Tennessee, removed with his family to Missouri and married in this state Elizabeth Calvert, who came to Carroll county with her parents, Nodding and Jane (Boyle) Calvert, in the year 1848. The Calverts were likewise natives of Tennessee, from which state they migrated to Cooper county, Missouri, in pioneer times and from there to the county of Carroll in the year indicated above. Harvey D. Dean helped

clear and improve the family homestead in Ridge township and in due time became one of the leading farmers and representative citizens of his part of the county. He, too, died in this county and is gratefully remembered by his descendants for his many sterling qualities of manhood and citizenship.

John E. Dean, whose name appears at the head of this sketch, is a native of Carroll county, Missouri, born in Leslie township on the 5th day of December, 1864. He was reared to agricultural pursuits, attended the district schools during the years of his youth and began life as a tiller of the soil, which honorable calling he has since followed with signal success, being at this time one of the largest and most enterprising farmers and stock raisers of Ridge township, in which his land is situated. Mr. Dean and his wife together own a fine farm of seven hundred and ten acres, which is admirably adapted to general agriculture and pasturage, while for live stock the land cannot be excelled. In connection with agriculture, Mr. Dean, as already stated, is one of the leading stock men in his part of the county. He keeps upon an average of one hundred cattle. His flock of sheep ranges from one hundred and sixty to two hundred, selected with special reference to their value as wool producers, as well as for mutton, being of the finest varieties obtainable and yielding him a considerable share of his income. Mr. Dean is a lover of the horse and a splendid judge of the qualities of this noble animal. At this time he has about twenty horses and mules, among which are several fine roadsters, the other being used for draft purposes. In the matter of swine he has likewise been exceedingly fortunate, as he raises none but the best and always gets the highest prices the markets afford. At the present time his hogs number about one hundred and twenty. He feed all of the corn crops grown on his farm and for some years he has depended largely upon his live stock as his source of income.

Mr. Dean is a model farmer, being progressive in his ideas and making a careful study of agricultural science in all of its departments and bearings. He employs modern methods in cultivating the soil and uses the latest improved implements and machinery. He has his farm enclosed and subdivided with the best woven wire fence which money can buy, there being three miles of it on the place, and, believing in making home attractive as well as comfortable, he has been unsparing of his means in furthering both these ends. His barns and other outbuildings are substantially constructed and well adapted to the purposes for which intended, and the imposing modern dwelling, two stories high and containing ten commodious rooms, with the necessary halls and other accessories, and equipped throughout

with a full complement of conveniences and comforts, is a model of architectural beauty and utility, being one of the finest country residences in Ridge township and among the most beautiful and desirable rural homes in the county.

Mr. Dean is a Democrat and an influential factor in political circles; he is not only a trusted leader in his township, but takes an active interest in county, district and state politics, being an untiring worker in campaign years and ready at all times to make any reasonable sacrifice for his principles and the nominees of his party. Neither has he been desirous of obtaining public honors. Religiously, he is a Baptist and with his wife he holds membership with the church at Big Creek.

Mr. Dean's domestic life dates from 1890, in which year was solemnized his marriage to Eva Alamong, whose birth occurred in Williams county, Ohio, in 1867, and who has borne him the following children: Leah E., Vera M., John E., Clarence, and Henry C., all living and at home. Mr. and Mrs. Dean are among the most intelligent and popular people of the community in which they reside, their home being a favorite resort for the young people of the neighborhood and the abode of a generous hospitality which is meted out unstinted to all who cross the threshold. Their lives have been fruitful of good works and all with whom they come into contact speak in high praise of their sterling qualities of head and heart.

CASPER WEBER.

This old and esteemed citizen, now living a life of retirement in Carrollton, is a native of Germany, where his birth occurred on the 15th of May, 1829. His father died in that country and his mother subsequently remarried and in January, 1843, came to the United States with her family. The voyage was made on a slow sailing ship, which was several weeks in reaching its destination at New Orleans, from which city the family went via the Mississippi river to St. Louis, where they remained until spring, which was unusually late that year, as is indicated by the fact of the entire outfit having, on the 8th of March, crossed the river on the ice on their way to St. Charles county, where the subject's stepfather, Mr. Benne, intended to settle. After one year in that county Mr. Benne entered land near Port Hudson, Franklin county, but not being satisfied with the country nor the condition of society there, he disposed of his interests within

a short time and returned to St. Charles, where he spent the remainder of his days; his wife, who survived him a number of years, died in 1882, at an advanced age.

Casper Weber was a lad of fourteen when he accompanied the family to the United States and he recalls with much interest many incidents of the long and wearisome voyage across the Atlantic and the scarcely less tiresome journey up the Mississippi to St. Louis, thence by wagon to St. Charles county. He grew to manhood in that part of the state and began life for himself as a farmer, which vocation he followed in the above county until 1883, when he sold out and moved to Carroll county, locating on what is known as the Turpin place, consisting of about eight hundred acres, which he purchased. In due time he became one of the leading agriculturists of the county and also ranked high as an enterprising, public-spirited man. On June 9, 1853, he was united in marriage with Eliza Nole, who was born in Germany and came to America with her parents when quite young, the union being terminated by the death of Mrs. Weber on July 20, 1894, after a mutually happy and prosperous wedded life extending over a period of forty-one years. To Mr. and Mrs. Weber eleven children were born, three of whom died in infancy; the others all grew to maturity and became well settled in life.

On November 7, 1895, Mr. Weber married Mrs. Sophia Warrenburg (nee Bloss), who was born in Germany and came to the United States in 1851 with her parents, Christian and Elizabeth Bloss, for a number of years well known and highly esteemed residents of Madison county, Illinois.

After a long and prosperous career as a tiller of the soil, during which he accumulated a competence sufficient to make him independent, Mr. Weber, in 1902, left the farm and took up his residence in Carrollton, where, in a beautiful and modern home, equipped with all the comforts and conveniences calculated to make the time pass pleasantly, he is spending his declining years in honorable retirement, at peace with his fellow men, with his conscience and with his Maker. He has lived long and well, his influence has ever been on the side of right and the world is better by reason of his presence. His relations with his fellow men have always been honorable and his character above reproach. He was reared a Lutheran and has been true to the church of that name, being at this time a devout member of the congregation which meets for worship in Carrollton. Mrs. Weber is also a faithful and consistent Christian, belonging to the same religious persuasion as her husband, and, like him, is zealous in all good works and charitable enterprises. In his political affiliations, Mr. Weber is a staunch supporter of

the Republican party, but not a partisan. He has never aspired to office or public honors of any kind, being always content with the simple life on the farm and satisfied to be known merely as a citizen.

JOHN C. SLATER.

Perhaps at the present day there are some immigrants coming to the United States who are not valuable citizens, but a conclusive answer to the question of whether immigration has aided the country is furnished by the career of such men as Mr. Slater and his father, who have taken a prominent part in the activities of the communities in which they have resided, and whose success has been very marked. Born in Scotland, that land which has furnished to this country a goodly number of immigrants, the descendants of whom have become leaders of the people in far more than their proportionate numerical share, because of the ability and spirit which they have manifested—born in this land productive of men and women of the highest character, the members of the Slater family have been examples of Scotland's best, and citizens of this country of the type on whom rests the nation's greatness.

John C. Slater was born on the Shetland isles, Scotland, on January 28, 1861, the son of John and Margaret Slater, both natives of Scotland, where they were married. John Slater, in 1865, seeking to better his condition, came to Chicago with his family, and there remained until 1872 as a building contractor. Here his affairs were prosperous, as he was an excellent mechanic, and his services were in demand. In 1872 he moved to Kankakee county, Illinois, and bought a farm of one hundred and sixty acres, on which he lived until 1904 when he moved to Hale, Missouri, where he and his wife both died, he on March 12, 1908, she on February 22, 1910. They were the parents of the following children who are now living: John C., James A., George A., William L., Frank E., Margaret (Mrs. H. F. Avery) and Agnes (Mrs. C. E. Topliffe).

John C. Slater was but four years old when his father came to Chicago. He received a portion of his education in the Chicago schools and completed it in the district schools of Kankakee county. Until he was twenty-two he remained on his father's farm and assisted him in the work, then for three years rented land for himself. On February 17, 1886, he was married in Kankakee county to Ella Avery, the daughter of George and

Elecia Avery, of that county. After marriage he continued to rent for six years, then purchased one hundred and sixty acres of raw, unimproved prairie in Kankakee county, put up buildings, and improved it. Here he lived nine years and kept gaining a little each year in prosperity, finally selling the land for four times as much as he paid for it. In this county were born his five children, Earl, Eva, Ellwood, John and Frances. In the spring of 1903 Mr. Slater moved to Hale, Carroll county, Missouri, where the previous August he had purchased four hundred acres of partly improved land in sections 24 and 13, Hurricane township. He has added to and improved the house, which is now a comfortable residence about forty feet square, surrounded with well-kept barns, one seventy-eight by fifty-eight by twenty, with L twenty-four by eighty for stock, a stock barn forty by ninety-six, and a granary and tool house, fifty by seventy-six, besides several other buildings. Everything about the homestead betokens the headquarters of a large and prosperous farm.

Mr. Slater's holdings in Hurricane township now amount to between eleven and twelve hundred acres. His farming is largely carried on by help employed by the year, and he has on his farm six tenant houses, each equipped with barns and sheds. He generally hires married men, who occupy the tenant houses, and he aims to give them steady employment, never throwing a good man out of work. On this farm he raises each year about an equal acreage of corn and wheat, a large amount of hay and oats enough for feeding purposes. His money crops are corn and wheat, but he also keeps a considerable number of stock, feeds some cattle each year, seventy-five or eighty horses and mules, several hundred hogs, and a flock of sheep. He also has a small orchard.

Mr. Slater is a Republican in politics and takes an active interest in the affairs of his party. His wife is a Presbyterian. Mr. Slater is one of the most prosperous and most influential men in the township, and owes his success to his energy, enterprise and ambition. Many men have had equal chances with him, but were lacking in the will and determination necessary to carry on the operations which he has. Not only does he cultivate a large acreage of land, but by careful attention to his methods of farming he obtains yields to the acre among the largest in the township. He is a strong example of the most progressive American farmer, alert, ambitious and up to date. Likewise he is gifted with a large share of executive ability, which is shown in the management of his farms and in his relations with his tenants and employes. The combination of sociability with his other strong qualities has made him well liked by those who know him.

CHARLES W. NUSS.

The name of this representative business man is familiar throughout Carroll county, his success in different lines of enterprise entitling him to honorable notice among the leading citizens of the community in which he lives. Charles W. Nuss is a native of New York and of German descent, having been born in the city of Rochester on August 14, 1846. His father, Peter Nuss, a native of Bavaria, Germany, came to the United States when a young man and here in due time married Mary A. Brower, who was born in Switzerland and accompanied her parents to this country when a child. In 1848 Peter Nuss moved his family to Wisconsin, where he spent the nineteen years ensuing as a farmer, though previous to coming to this country he followed the trade of milling. At the expiration of the period indicated he disposed of his interests in Wisconsin and moved to Carroll county, Missouri, where he again turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, in which his success was encouraging. He spent the remainder of his life on his farm in the northern part of the county and is remembered as an energetic man and a devoted member of the German Reformed church. In early life he was a Democrat, but later became a Republican and as such was active in political affairs and an influential party worker. He was a Mason of high standing and as a neighbor enjoyed to a marked degree the esteem and confidence of his fellow men. Peter and Mary A. Nuss reared a family of three children, namely: Elizabeth, widow of James H. Langler, of Carrollton; Charles W., the subject of this review, and F. E., who lives in Clarkston, Washington.

Charles W. Nuss was reared in Wisconsin, where he was taken when a child, and enjoyed the advantages of a common and high school education. Later he completed a business course in the Commercial College of Milwaukee and after removing with the family to Missouri he worked for some years for his father on the home farm. Subsequently he embarked in the mercantile business at Coloma, but after a few years disposed of his store, and, returning home, remained with his father until buying a farm of his own about five years later. On taking possession of his place he turned his attention principally to live stock and in due time became one of the most noted breeders and raisers of fine Shorthorn cattle, Poland-China hogs and blooded French coach horses in the county, in addition to which he also gained wide repute as a chicken fancier. All of his stock was registered and represented many thousand dollars of capital and wherever exhibited invariably took a full complement of premiums, his poultry likewise com-

peting successfully with the finest in the state. He continued agriculture and live stock business for a number of years with most gratifying results, but not long since he rented his farm and moved to Carrollton, where he now runs the Western Acetylene Light Company, an enterprise of growing importance, the success of which is directly attributable to his judicious management.

Mr. Nuss is a man of fine mind, practical ideas and possesses business ability of high order. Everything to which he turned his hand has prospered and he is today one of the leading citizens of his town and county, also among their financially solid and well-to-do men. By the exercise of those talents which long since enabled him to rise superior to his environment and forge to the foremost place among his contemporaries, he has made his influence felt in the community and few men today stand as high in public esteem as he, or are doing more to promote the material interests of the city and the general welfare of the populace.

Mr. Nuss has been twice married, the first time on October 21, 1871, to Louisa J. Templeton, whose parents, David and Rachael Templeton, moved from eastern Ohio in an early day and were among the pioneers of the part of Wisconsin in which they settled. Mrs. Nuss bore her husband one son, Willis E., his father's business partner, and departed this life December 26, 1899. Subsequently, on the 30th day of May, 1906, the subject contracted a marriage with Mrs. Mina (Templeton) Rohn, a sister of his former wife, the union being without issue.

Mr. Nuss and his first wife belonged to the Presbyterian church, his present companion being a Methodist in her religious belief and a faithful member of the congregation at Carrollton. Fraternally he is an Odd Fellow and a member of the Pythian order and politically yields a strong influence for the Republican party. His has been a very active and useful life and the success which he has achieved indicates judgment and business ability such as few possess. He is one of the county's progressive men of affairs and as such has stamped the impress of his individuality upon the community in which he resides.

HENRY LOTHMAN.

The student of conditions on our American farms is called time after time to notice that the German immigrants, or their descendants, with their heritage of industry, patience, perseverance and thrift, are on the whole, perhaps, the most successful of any class of farmers, making profits and a com-

fortable living in situations where native-born Americans would fail, and surpassing the native Americans in situations where they succeed. The cause of this is largely the fact that in the old country they have had to meet with conditions which developed economy and thrift, and in no place in America are the conditions so difficult as in Europe, so that here their success is comparatively easy. But this does not explain all, for they surpass the immigrants from other nations who have similar conditions to contend with in Europe, and there is something in the national characteristics which places the German immigrant to this country at the head of his fellow-comers from the Old World, just as the German nation leads other European nations.

Henry Lothman was born in Hanover, Germany, on July 17, 1856, the son of Henry and Elizabeth Lothman, who died in Hanover. Of a family of five, Henry was the fourth. He grew to manhood in Germany, living there until 1881 when he followed the lure of greater opportunity to America, and first located in New Mexico, where for two years he was employed as shipping clerk in a store. He then came to Carroll county, Missouri, and worked on a farm for one year, then rented a farm in Prairie township, on which he lived for three years. He then returned to Germany, and was absent for one year; then, on his return to Carroll county, he bought the farm of one hundred and sixty acres on which he now lives, to which he has since added one hundred and sixty acres more. His land is well improved and very fertile, and under his careful management has yielded to him a good living and handsome profits.

Mr. Lothman was married in Prairie township, in July, 1887, to Charlotte Rancelman, who was born in Germany. They are the parents of three children, William, Louis and Elsie, very interesting young people. Mr. Lothman and his family are members of the German Lutheran church. In 1908 Mr. Lothman made a second visit to his native land, remaining there for about three months. His career has been a notable example of what can be accomplished by an intelligent immigrant to this country, in spite of disadvantages, and Mr. Lothman is now one of the most respected and influential farmers in his community, and has gained and kept many friends.

RALPH FULTON LOZIER.

Professional success results from merit. Frequently in commercial life one may come into possession of a lucrative business through inheritance or gift, but in what are known as the learned professions advancement is gained



RALPH F. LOZIER

only through painstaking and long-continued effort. Prestige as a lawyer is the outcome of strong mentality, close application, thorough mastery of its great underlying principles and the ability to apply theory to practice in the trial of cases. Good intellectual training, thorough professional knowledge and the possession and utilization of the qualities and attributes essential to success, have made Ralph F. Lozier, of Carrollton, eminent in his chosen calling and he stands today among the front ranks of attorneys in a locality and state noted for the high order of its legal talent. In every community, there are to be found, rising above their fellows, individuals born to leadership, men who dominate not only by superior intelligence and natural endowment, but also by force of character which minimizes discouragements and dares great undertakings. Such men are by no means rare in this section of the "land of the big muddy water," and it is always profitable to study their lives, weigh their motives and hold up their achievements as incentives to greater activity and higher excellence on the part of others just entering upon their struggles with the world. The career of Mr. Lozier has been characterized by untiring energy, uncompromising fidelity; quick in perception, he forms his plans readily and executes them with alacrity, at the same time winning and retaining the high esteem of all with whom he comes into contact by the honorable course which he has pursued.

Mr. Lozier was born in Ray county, Missouri, January 28, 1866, the scion of sterling pioneer parents, Ralph M. and Fanetta (Ridgell) Lozier, the father a native of Virginia and the mother of Kentucky, where they grew to maturity and were educated. They emigrated to Missouri in about 1850, settling in Ray county, where they were married on December 24, 1855. There the elder Lozier became well established, devoting his life to farming and blacksmithing. He was widely known and highly esteemed for his high character, genial nature and generous impulses. His death occurred there on April 2, 1876, his wife having preceded him to the grave on January 5, 1869. She was a woman of remarkable intelligence, education, accomplishments and grace. She taught school, and numerous persons now living who were her pupils bear cheerful witness of her high qualities of mind and heart. Mr. and Mrs. Lozier were the parents of five children, only two of whom are now living, namely: Robert E. Lozier, of Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Ralph F. Lozier, the subject of this review.

The former is now engaged in the real estate business at Tulsa; before leaving Carroll county he was county clerk for four years, and quite active in state politics. The parents died when the subject was a child and he was reared by others. For a short time he lived with an aunt, but from childhood

he was practically thrown on his own resources. While the discipline was hard, it fostered in him fortitude and an independent spirit, which, together with his innate qualities of tact and persistence, resulted in success in after-life. He was educated in the country schools of Ray and Carroll counties and in the high school in Carrollton, which he entered in October, 1881, and from which he was graduated in May, 1883, having completed the three year course in one month less than two school years. He began life for himself as a teacher, which he followed three years in Carroll county, studying law at nights and on Saturdays, afterwards entering the law office of Major John L. Mirick, a prominent attorney of Carrollton, where he studied for a few months. He was admitted to the bar July 22, 1886, when he was twenty years old, and soon afterwards he began the practice of law which he has since continued, success attending his efforts from the first, and succeeding years have resulted in bringing to him a large clientele. However, success came as a result of untiring industry and painstaking attention to details. He formed a partnership with John T. Morris about 1893 which continued until January 1, 1905, when Frank E. Atwood was admitted to the firm, the name of which became Lozier, Morris & Atwood, which continued until February 1, 1911, when Mr. Atwood retired, since which time the firm of Lozier & Morris has been re-established, and is generally recognized as one of the strongest and most popular in the county and state.

Mr. Lozier is a man of intense energy, industry and application. He goes into court with his cases completely prepared and in hand. The labor of preparation is not considered. Everything depends on work and study—the study of men as well as books. In counsel he is inquisitive, exacting, adroit and exhaustive, wanting to know the truth and the facts. Few witnesses can testify falsely and escape exposure under his skillful cross-examination. He is severe when circumstances demand sincerity but ordinarily as sympathetic in handling a candid and fair witness. As an advocate he is earnest, honest, eloquent, resolute and persuasive, seldom drawing on his powers of forensic flights when the plain facts will suffice in presenting his argument.

Mr. Lozier was married on February 24, 1892, to Iowa Carruthers, of Bloomfield, Iowa, a lady of culture and genial address, the daughter of Judge Samuel S. and Lue A. Carruthers, a prominent family of that place. This union has been graced by the birth of two sons, Lue C., aged eighteen, and Ralph, Jr., now fifteen years old. The former was graduated from the high school at Carrollton, in May, 1911.

Mr. Lozier is a member of the Christian church, which he joined in 1884. He was superintendent of the Bible school for seven or eight years and he

has been an elder continuously since 1891. He has taught an adult Bible class with an enrollment of about one hundred for the past nineteen years. He has been active in church and Bible school work for many years and is a factor in the state, district and county work of his denomination. He is one of the directors and organizers of the Missouri Ministerial Education Society, an adjunct of the Missouri Christian Convention. For many years he has been a director of William Woods College, at Fulton, Missouri, an institution devoted to the higher education of women, and maintained by the Christian church of Missouri.

Fraternally, Mr. Lozier is a member of the Knights of Pythias, the Woodmen of the World, the Knights of the Maccabees, Fraternal Aid Association. Politically, he is an ardent Democrat, and while not an aspirant for the honors and emoluments of office, he has been active and aggressive in advocating party principles and policies, as a stump speaker and counselor.

Lozier & Morris are attorneys for the First National Bank at Carrollton, also for the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company, and they are counsel in practically all important cases in Carroll county. They are frequently employed in important litigation in adjoining counties and in other parts of the state. It is doubtful if any law firm in Missouri has been more universally successful in litigation than Lozier & Morris. Mr. Lozier has a very extensive, carefully selected and valuable private library, which is his "hobby," and here he spends much of his time, and thus is not only abreast of the times in all that pertains to his profession, and well grounded in all phases of jurisprudence, but is familiar with the world's best literature, in the study of which he takes great delight. His range of reading is wide and but few men are more versatile. He is deserving of a great deal of credit for what he has accomplished owing to his early environment, which was everything but promising. He owns several excellent and valuable farms in Carroll county, and, being a lover of nature and the outdoors, he delights to visit them whenever possible. He is regarded by all classes as one of the county's most enterprising, progressive, public-spirited citizens, quick to see, to seize, to act and aid in any project that means prosperity and growth to Carrollton and vicinity, and cherishing a deep interest in religious and educational advancement. He has achieved an honorable record in his profession, and, in fact, in all other circles, and he is esteemed for the many qualities of mind and heart that go to make up the inherent and finer qualities of a refined gentleman, being pleasant and impressive in address, kind, candid, sympathetic, generous, congenial and companionable.

WILLIAM WELLMAN.

The subject of this sketch has shown what industry and indefatigability will accomplish, for they have raised him from a position where he had nothing, a poor immigrant in a foreign land, without friends or money, to that of the owner of one of the largest and most prosperous farms in his county, and to a place where his influence counts for much. His career shows also that the farmer's occupation is not unprofitable, and that diligence in its pursuit brings a degree of success which may well be envied by those who have followed other professions.

William Wellman was born on August 9, 1858, in Germany, the son of William and Minnie Wellman. Both of his parents died when he was a child. He attended the common schools in Germany and worked on the farms until he came to the United States in 1875, and located at St. Charles, Missouri, for a few months, working by the month on a farm, at the end of which time he came to Carroll county, Missouri, and continued to work by the month for about ten years, when he began to farm rented land, and for six years continued this. In 1888 he invested his accumulated savings in one hundred and twenty acres, and worked this for three years, then sold it and bought the one hundred and sixty-acre farm on which he now resides. To this he later added forty acres, and still later one hundred and forty, making a total of three hundred and forty-four acres which Mr. Wellman owns, all fertile land and under high cultivation. Mr. Wellman has increased the productivity of his land by careful management, and has erected on it a new residence of modern character and convenience and a new and commodious barn and outbuildings. His operations have been along the lines of general farming and stock raising, in both of which he has succeeded in making large profits.

On February 17, 1884, Mr. Wellman was married to Addelhie Mettscher, the daughter of Fred Mettscher, of Kansas. She was born in Germany and brought to the United States by her parents when an infant, and was reared and educated in La Fayette county, Missouri. To this union were born nine children, William, Charles, Fred, Henry, Herman, Bertha, Otto (deceased), Adolph and Lewis. The mother of these children died on January 12, 1902, and was buried at Carrollton. She was a member of the Lutheran church, as is also her husband. Mr. Wellman is a Republican in politics, and has served for more than three years on the school board.

The strong traits which Mr. Wellman has manifested in his life have won for him the esteem and respect of his neighbors, who speak highly of

him, and they, who have been most closely associated with him, are best fitted to judge him. His judgment is highly regarded in his community on all questions of importance.

ANTHONY LIMBIRD.

A native of England, the nation whose influence has colored all modern civilization; an adopted citizen of the United States, the daughter of England, and heir to her customs and methods of thought; a soldier in the greatest war fought in modern times, when two sections of the same people for four bloody years fought each other, as the expiation of a national sin; an active, honorable and influential merchant in time of peace; a man who has always taken full interest in the general welfare of his community, and whose personal qualities have made for him many friends—such is in brief the career of Mr. Limbird.

Anthony Limbird was born in Lincolnshire, England, on August 11, 1832, the son of James and Elizabeth (Lane) Limbird. He was reared in Lincolnshire and there obtained his education. At the age of twenty, believing that greater opportunities were to be found in America, he emigrated to Ohio and lived in that state from 1852 to 1866, following the occupation of farming. In October, 1861, Mr. Limbird enlisted in Company B, McLaughlin's squadron of cavalry, and served until May, 1865, passing through many long and arduous campaigns and displaying much courage and fortitude, winning a promotion to the rank of second lieutenant. South of Atlanta, Georgia, on Stoneman's raid, he was taken prisoner and held for seven months. After the war he returned to Ohio and resumed farming in Allen county.

In May, 1866, Mr. Limbird removed to Carroll county, Missouri, making the trip by wagon with his wife and two children, and a younger brother, James Limbird. He bought a farm three miles south of Norborne and lived on it for eleven years, then came to Norborne and engaged in the mercantile business, in which he continued for twenty-six years until 1903, when he retired. His ability and industry, applied to farming and business, made him successful in both, and while in the mercantile business he won a reputation for honest dealing and careful attention to the wants of his customers, gaining a wide acquaintance in Carroll county.

Mr. Limbird was first married in Allen county, Ohio, on July 27, 1858, to Ermina L. Chapel, the daughter of George and Cynthia Chapel. Mrs. Ermina Limbird was a native of Licking county, Ohio, born on April 22, 1838. She died on the farm in Egypt township, Carroll county, Missouri, on February 19, 1870, having borne to her husband four children: Elizabeth, the wife of T. B. Wright; Josephine, the wife of J. E. Roselle; Minnie, who died when six years old, and Ola E. the wife of Mr. Wilson. Mr. Limbird was again married on August 9, 1870, in Carroll county, Missouri, to Cynthia S. Reed, who was born in Quincy, Illinois, on April 7, 1848. To this marriage nine children were born, four of whom are living: Cynthia A., who married Joseph Belt; Inez Artie is the wife of John Wellagen; Charles A., and Mabel, who married Floyd Baber.

Mr. Limbird is a member of the Republican party and cast his first vote for Abraham Lincoln. During the six years from 1867 to 1873 he held the office of road overseer. He has been commander of the Grand Army post at Norborne, in which he has taken much interest. A member of the Methodist church, South, he has been prominent in church activities. Mr. Limbird, though past the allotted limits of man's life, is hale and well preserved and is enjoying his later days in the society of his friends, and has the satisfaction of looking back over a well-spent and honorable life and of seeing his children active in their stations in life today.

THOMAS BENTON GOODSON.

For many years a prominent figure in the business circles of Carroll county and its flourishing county seat, the subject of this sketch fills a large place in the public eye and ranks among the representative citizens of the community in which he lives. The Goodson family in this country had its origin in Virginia in colonial times, and it is a matter of record that certain of its members participated in the struggle for independence. William Goodson, the subject's grandfather, was a native of Culpeper county, Virginia, born in 1759, and a soldier of the Revolutionary war, being a colorbearer in the patriot army. He came to Missouri in a very early day and was among the pioneers of the part of the state in which he settled. Little is known of him beyond the fact of his having been a brave soldier, a fearless pioneer and a man of high character and correct principles. He died in Carrollton, Missouri, September 20, 1845, leaving his descendants the heritage of an honor-

able family name. He was in the battles of Reedy Fork and Hall River under Colonel Lynch. He was also collector of taxes for recruiting state troops in Virginia for one year.

Thomas O. Goodson, son of the above and father of the subject of this sketch, was born in Virginia in 1805 and when a young man went to Kentucky, where he married Nancy A. Trotter in 1833, some time after which he moved to Carroll county, Missouri. He was a pioneer of this part of the state and took a leading part in developing the resources of the section of country in which he located, and is remembered as a man of much more than ordinary standing and influence. He and his good wife were faithful members of the Baptist church and spared no efforts in imparting religious instruction to their children and rearing them to lives of usefulness. He died in 1895, and she died in 1884, having been born in 1809, but their influence still lives in the community which they helped establish, and in directing the affairs of which they had much to do. They had a family of eight children, the majority of whom grew to maturity and became widely and favorably known, the subject of this sketch being seventh in order of birth.

Thomas Benton Goodson was born in Carroll county, Missouri, November 16, 1847, and spent his childhood and youth on his father's farm, attending at intervals, the meanwhile, the public schools. At the age of seventeen he left home and went to Iowa, where he remained for some time, later going to Texas and the Indian Territory as a cow-boy. After devoting two years to that kind of life, he returned to Carroll county and, in partnership with his brother, John Goodson, embarked in the mercantile business at Carrollton, where he sold goods for many years and achieved a high reputation as a successful and honorable merchant. He was a leading spirit in organizing the First National Bank of Carrollton and served as a director from the time the institution began business, and from 1893 to 1902, inclusive, held the responsible position of cashier. He also assisted in establishing the Farmers' Bank at Norborne, of which he was long a director, and not a little of the success in which was due to his judicious business methods and able management. Some time in the seventies Mr. Goodson turned his attention to the tobacco business and for a period of thirty-five years has been engaged in that line of trade, his success the meanwhile fully meeting his expectations and marking him one of the leading tobacco dealers in Carroll county. The better to prosecute the business, he disposed of his mercantile interests a number of years ago and, as indicated above, he is today the leader in his line in Carrollton, besides holding worthy prestige among the city's influential men of affairs. A Democrat and well grounded in the principles of his party, he is not a politi-

cian, neither has he any ambition to gratify in the way of office or public honors. For a number of years he has been a member of the Masonic fraternity, and as such enjoys the esteem of his brethren in the lodge at Carrollton and elsewhere. Personally he is a gentleman of pleasing address and affable manners, a favorite in the social circle, and those who know him best speak in high terms of his many amiable qualities and sterling worth.

On October 22, 1874, Mr. Goodson was joined in the bonds of wedlock with Mary E. Hudson, who has borne him three children, namely: Katherine G. was married June 1, 1905, to A. K. Russell, of Pennsylvania; Repps B., a dealer in real estate and insurance at Hannibal, Missouri, was married September 9, 1902, to Jessie McVeigh, of Hannibal, Missouri, and Mary, who was married October 19, 1910, to Robert William Brown.

EDWARD H. QUISENBERRY.

Among the successful business men of Carrollton is Edward H. Quisenberry whose large retail store is one of the best known and most liberally patronized establishments of the kind in the city. Mr. Quisenberry is a native of Missouri, born in Carroll county on the 30th day of September, 1870. His father, R. H. Quisenberry, a Virginian by birth, came to Carroll county about 1840, and located on a farm east of Carrollton, where he lived until 1895, when he discontinued active pursuits and, moving to the city, spent the remainder of his days in retirement. He departed this life in the year 1902, and is remembered as a man of sterling worth and a public-spirited citizen. During his life on the farm he accumulated a comfortable competence and for many years was accounted one of the most successful agriculturists of Carroll county. Politically, he wielded an influence for the Democratic party, and religiously was long a zealous and consistent member of the Baptist church. Araminta Cawthorn, wife of R. H. Quisenberry, and mother of the subject, was a daughter of Tyree Cawthorn, one of the early pioneers of Carroll county, who lived to the age of ninety-two years. Like her husband, Mrs. Quisenberry was a devout Baptist and a woman of high character and excellent repute. She had many warm friends both in the country and city, and her death, in 1877, was sincerely mourned by all who knew her. R. H. and Araminta Quisenberry were the parents of eight children, namely: Arthur, who died in Kansas; Emily is the widow of A. R. Cawthorn and lives

in Oklahoma City; Thomas R., of Elk City, Oklahoma; Anna, deceased, was the wife of A. J. Kinnaid; Martha, Fredonia A., George, and Edward, of this review.

Edward H. Quisenberry received his preliminary education in the public schools of Carroll county, after which he took a business course in a commercial college at Quincy, Illinois. After finishing his studies in the latter institution he spent one season on a farm, following which he bought an interest in the wholesale and retail grocery firm of Mirick & Minnis Grocery Company, with which he continued nine years. The firm having been burned out in 1902, Mr. Quisenberry engaged in the retail grocery trade, which he has since continued at his present location, which, as already stated, is one of the best known and among the most popular business houses of Carrollton. He has a large and lucrative patronage, gained by fair and honorable dealing, stands well with the public and is highly rated in the commercial circles of his own city and elsewhere. A careful and methodical business man, he has been content with legitimate gains instead of embarking in unwise speculations, and as a result of his efficient management he is today the possessor of means which make him independent and give him an honorable place among the well-to-do men of his city and county.

Mr. Quisenberry's domestic life dates from June 12, 1894, when he was happily married to Sally M. Brandom, daughter of John F. and Addie Brandom, the former deceased, the latter making her home with the subject. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Quisenberry, namely: Eugenie, Edward, Brandom and Richard, all living except Brandom, who died at the early age of seven months. The subject and family are esteemed members of the Baptist church of Carrollton and are highly respected and regarded by all who know them. Mr. Quisenberry is a staunch Democrat in politics and keeps abreast of the times on all matters of public interest, being well informed on the questions of the day and a zealous supporter of his party and its candidates. He is a member of several social, fraternal and secret societies. He stands deservedly high in business and social circles and is justly esteemed one of the enterprising and public-spirited men of the city in which he resides.

CHARLES A. DOANE.

The subject of this sketch is a native of Illinois and a son of Joseph and Anna Doane. The Doane family originated in England, and among its early representatives in the United States were the immediate antecedents of James

Doane, the subject's grandfather, who settled in Ohio many years ago and were actively identified with various parts of that state: James Doane, whose birth occurred in Ohio, was by occupation a farmer and spent his life within the bounds of his native commonwealth. He reared a family of several children, among whom was a son by the name of Joseph, who was born in the Buckeye state and who in an early day went to Illinois, removing thence, in the fall of 1866, to Lynn county, Missouri, settling on a farm a short distance north of Brookfield. He, too, was a tiller of the soil and achieved considerable success at his vocation. He was also a man of excellent reputation, a public-spirited, praiseworthy citizen, and his death, in 1878, was greatly deplored by the people among whom he spent the last twelve years of his life. Anna Hale, who became the wife of Joseph Doane, was a daughter of Jesse Hale, a native of Pennsylvania and of German-Scotch lineage. Mr. Hale moved to Illinois during the pioneer period in that state, and died there a number of years ago, leaving several children to mourn his loss. His daughter, Anna, was born in Pennsylvania and there married, and in 1866 accompanied her husband to Missouri. Both were pious members of the Methodist church and their daily lives were a practical exemplification of the faith which they professed. Mrs. Doane survived her husband until March, 1890, when she was summoned to her final reward in the world beyond death's mystic stream. This estimable couple were blessed with a family of eight children, six sons and two daughters, two of the former having served in the Union army during the late Civil war. Three uncles of the subject on the Hale side likewise took part in that great struggle, all of whom sealed their devotion to the Union by dying gloriously on the field of battle.

Charles A. Doane was born January 15, 1851, and received his early training in close touch with nature on the farm, where he learned the lessons of industry and thrift by which his subsequent life has been characterized. In the public schools of his native state and Missouri he acquired a knowledge of the usual branches of learning, and in quitting school he assisted in cultivating the home place until arriving at an age to begin life for himself. Leaving home, he accepted a position of fireman on the Hannibal & St. Joe railroad, and after serving a few years in that capacity was promoted to the post of locomotive engineer, which he held until severing his connection with the company, after ten years of service.

In 1887 Mr. Doane yielded to a desire of long standing by taking up the study of photography, for which he early manifested a decided taste and in which from the beginning his progress was highly satisfactory. During the

interval between 1887 and August, 1890, he prosecuted the study of his art at Brookfield, but at the latter date he came to Carrollton and opened the gallery which he has operated ever since, his success the meanwhile fully meeting his expectations and in every respect justifying the enterprise. Mr. Doane possesses native artistic talents of a high order, and these, developed and strengthened by careful study along lines of recent discoveries and improvements in photography, have enabled him to keep abreast of the times and make his undertaking a pronounced success. His gallery is fully equipped with the latest and most approved instruments and appliances which inventive genius has contrived to facilitate the art preservative, and the high reputation which his work has achieved affords the best evidence of its artistic merit. He does all kinds of work in his line, devoting special attention to high-class photography, and his patronage is such that he experiences considerable difficulty in meeting all the demands upon his time. He has done well in a financial way since coming to Carrollton and, judging from the past, it is proper to predict for him still greater achievements and a larger measure of success in years to come.

Mr. Doane was married on August 27, 1876, to Sarah Briniger, daughter of John Brinigar, of Lynn, Missouri, the union being terminated by the wife's untimely death in the year 1883. Subsequently, September 26, 1888, he contracted a matrimonial alliance with Mary Alice McNish, daughter of George and Lavenia (Purvis) McNish, natives of Scotland. George McNish was born in Lanark, Scotland, and in 1826 accompanied his parents to Canada, where he grew to manhood's estate and in due time married. After living several years in the province of Ontario, he moved to Iowa, and from the latter state to Missouri, at the close of the late Civil war, locating at Brookfield, where his death afterwards occurred. Previous to her marriage, the mother of George McNish was Jean Ramsey, a direct descendant of the famous Scotch poet, Allan Ramsey, who wrote in the seventeenth century and was one of the distinguished literary lights of his day.

By his first wife Mr. Doane had three children, namely: Nellie, a teacher in the public schools, who died at the age of twenty; Archie, whose death occurred in his seventh year, and Pearl, who departed this life when four years old. The second marriage is without issue. In his political affiliation Mr. Doane votes the Republican ticket, but he has never entered the arena as an office-seeker or aspirant for public honors. The Methodist Episcopal creed represents his religious faith, himself and wife being active and consistent members of the local church of that denomination in Carrollton.

WILLIAM HENRY KELLY.

To the subject of this review belongs the distinction of being the oldest business man in the city of Carrollton, forty-one years having rolled by since he opened his establishment in the small western town which gave little promise of the subsequent growth as the center of a large and populous territory and the seat of justice of one of the most important counties of western Missouri.

William Henry Kelly is a native of Canada, born at Niagara Falls, in the province of Ontario, on March 23, 1844. His parents, Daniel William Kelly and Sarah J. Garfield, of Ireland and England, respectively, were married in the city of London, and in 1842 came to America and settled at Niagara Falls, Ontario, where Mr. Kelly worked for some time at his trade of shoemaking. Some years after the birth of their son, William, they moved to Port Huron, Michigan, where the father's death subsequently occurred, after which his widow took up her residence in Sarnia, Ontario, just across the strait, where she spent the remainder of her life.

William Henry Kelly spent his childhood and youth at Port Huron, New Market and Ingersoll, Canada, and after the usual educational experience took up the jeweler's trade, at which, in due time, he became quite proficient. After following his calling at various places, he came to Carrollton in 1869 and opened a jewelry store, the first establishment of the kind in the town, and from the beginning the enterprise proved successful beyond his expectations. He erected a building of his own which he occupied until 1880, when he moved to his present location, where he now carries a full and complete stock of jewelry and other goods such as are found in establishments of this kind, besides manufacturing and doing all kinds of repairing. During the forty-one years he has been in business in this place his success has kept pace with the growth of the city and he is today the head of the leading jewelry store not only in Carroll county, but among the largest in the western part of the state.

Mr. Kelly has devoted a lifetime to his calling and is familiar with every phase of the business, being an artistic engraver and skillful in all lines of a trade which calls for a high order of talent. By close attention and good management he has gained an independent competence and his long period of residence has won him many friends and given him wide publicity, and it is doubtful if there is today within the bounds of Carroll county a better known or more popular man.

Mr. Kelly, on April 30, 1865, was united in marriage with Margaret Frank, whose parents, James and Jane (Norton) Frank, were natives of Canada, the union resulting in the birth of five sons and one daughter; namely: Abbie, wife of Harry Jewell, of Springfield, Missouri, whose home is cheered by the presence of two children; Frank W., a business man of Webb City, Missouri; William G., who is associated with his father; George Morton, an optician living at Carrollton; James S., of Webb City, and one, the first in order of birth, who died in infancy. The two oldest were born in Canada, the others in Carrollton, and all are doing well in their respective vocations.

Mr. Kelly takes a lively interest in secret fraternal and benevolent work, being a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Knights of Pythias, and for twenty-five years his name has adorned the records of the Masonic brotherhood, in which he has been honored with every office within the gift of the lodge to which he belongs. He is a Democrat in thought, but not an active politician, although keeping well informed on the questions of the times, and has well-grounded opinions in all matters of public import.

HARVEY BATTS.

Prominent in the business and mercantile operations of Ridge township, and of Carroll county for many years, was the late Harvey Batts, whose life was an eminent example of business success and prosperity gained by one who began with little and by his own exertions builded up a large estate in a location which most men would consider entirely unsuited for large operations, a fact which goes to prove that in his case success was not so much a case of opportunity seeking the man as of the man's keen sight recognizing opportunity where others could see none.

Harvey Batts was born on February 8, 1835, in Mobile, Alabama, and there received an education above the average. After his school days he spent a good deal of time on the seas. In 1849 he moved with his father to California and, engaging in business there, became a prominent figure. Here he remained until 1865, and then came to Howard county, Missouri, for several years living in Howard and Saline counties, then settling permanently in Carroll county. He engaged in the general mercantile business in the village formerly called Battsville, in Hurricane township, and was extremely successful.

Mr. Batts was married on April 1, 1867, in Howard county, to Bettie

Vivian, who was born in Howard county on May 6, 1848, and lived there until her marriage. After carrying on the store for some time, Mr. Batts engaged in banking at Hale with A. Johnson, Mr. Batts being the president and principal stockholder, and for several years continued this. A few years before his death his health failed him, and he spent most of his time in travel, dying at Comfort, Texas, where he had gone to seek health.

Mr. Batts owned extensive tracts of land in Carroll county, mostly in the northeast part, and at the time of his death held fifteen hundred acres. No children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Batts.

At the time of his death Mr. Batts was a member of the Odd Fellows and Masons and of the Christian church. He was a man very fond of animals and sports, and had at one time on his farm a fish pond covering several acres, and an antelope and deer park, having several specimens of each kind of animals. He was a man very well known in the county, both on account of the extent of his operations and from the fact that he traveled all over the county buying stock, and, as he was a very agreeable companion, was much liked. At the time of his marriage he was not very well off, and he and his wife accumulated his large property after that time. The success of his life is best shown by the work that he accomplished, and his name will long be remembered in Carroll county as one of its most enterprising and far-seeing business men.

MARCUS GOWING.

Of the fruits to be found in our markets today, we could least afford to be deprived of the apple. No other fruit of a single species offers so great a variety in taste, appearance and season of ripening as it does; no other can in any way take its place. And the cultivation of apples, if scientifically carried on, is one of the most profitable and most pleasant branches of farming, but it requires much more skill than grain and stock farming, and this Mr. Gowing is prepared to give, having learned the art of growing apples from long experience. Nor is there a more pleasing sight than an apple orchard loaded with bloom and fragrance in the spring, or bending with its ripened red or yellow fruit in the fall; especially is such a sight pleasing to the owner of the orchard, who knows that his care is responsible for these attractive natural pictures.

Marcus Gowing was born in Wilmington, Middlesex county, Massachusetts, on July 6, 1846, the son of Joshua Gowing, a native of Wilming-

ton, and Clarissa (Perham) Gowing, a native of Hudson, New Hampshire. His father was a farmer by occupation, and both he and his wife died in Wilmington. They were the parents of eight sons and two daughters, of which family, Marcus was the eighth child. He was reared on his father's farm and remained with him until he became of age. Then for ten years he was engaged in construction work on the Boston & Maine railroad, at the expiration of which time he returned to the farm for one year, and then came to Carroll county, Missouri, in May, 1878. On coming to Carroll county he joined his brother, Gayton, who had come to this county in the spring of 1865, at the close of his term of service as a soldier in the Federal army. Gayton Gowing was the owner of a sawmill which he and his brother Marcus operated in connection with farming, and they worked together for four years, at the end of which time Gayton made over forty acres of his land to Marcus, and he later purchased from him the balance of fifty-five acres, making ninety-five acres in all which Marcus now owns. Of this land, eleven acres are in apple orchards, many of the trees in which have been set out by their present owner and the remainder by his brother. Mr. Gowing has made apple raising a specialty, and has made it pay in every way.

Mr. Gowing takes a good degree of interest in all local affairs of government, and has always worked with the Republican party. A friend of education, he has done what he could to bring about better methods and better schools. Marcus Gowing is a high type of the successful Missouri farmer; and a substantial citizen of his community.

OLIVER H. ROSENBURY.

At the present day the realization of the sacrifices which were made and of the hardships which were undergone by the men who fought in the Civil war is vague and distant. Our generation has witnessed nothing comparable in the least to that struggle on which to base a realization of that awful conflict. But we can and do honor with all our hearts those brave men who fought to save the unity of the nation, whose numbers are each year now diminishing like the melting of snowflakes, and the last of whom will soon have passed to the great beyond. Of this courageous band Mr. Rosenbury is one who saw service including hardships beyond the portion of the average soldier, and who was true to his nation's trust in every situation.

Oliver H. Rosenbury was born in Portage county, Ohio, in 1843, and was taken by his parents to Noble county, Indiana, when he was six years old. He attended school there until he was eighteen, when, in 1861, he enlisted in Company M, Second Indiana Cavalry, and served three years and five months. At the battle of Stone River, on March 6, 1862, he was captured and taken to Libby prison, where he was kept between six weeks and two months, and was then exchanged, and returned to his regiment. He was captured a second time on May 9, 1864, at Dalton, Georgia, in the battle of Buzzard Roost, and taken to the prison at Andersonville, Georgia, where he spent four months, and was taken from there to Florence prison, South Carolina, from which he was taken out on November 21, 1864, and returned home after he was allowed to leave Annapolis, Maryland, and was discharged in January, 1865. At one time the command of which he was a member was under fire for forty-eight consecutive days. He took part in the battles of Shiloh, Perrysville, Chickamauga, Stone River, and several minor engagements, and was for some time detailed as a courier, carrying dispatches from Murfreesboro, Tennessee, to Nashville, Tennessee. For one month he was in the hospital at Nashville, on account of sickness, and at the Buzzard Roost fight was wounded in the right side. Enlisting as a private, he was promoted to be a corporal in 1862.

After the war Mr. Rosenbury went into the grocery business at Walcottville, Indiana, and successfully operated a store there for three years, after which he sold out and farmed for one year and a half. Then, on November 19, 1869, he came to Leslie township, Carroll county, Missouri, and bought eighty acres of land. He now owns forty-five acres and is a general farmer.

Mr. Rosenbury has been married three times, first in Indiana, to Martha Rowe; next to Mary L. Dickinson, and the third time to Mrs. Harriett Ann Rowe, who was born in Livingston county, New York, in November, 1835. Mr. Rosenbury has one son, Warren H., who married Nellie Walker, and lives in Carrollton. Mrs. Rosenbury became the mother of three children by a former marriage, Artemus A. Rowe, of St. Louis; Eva M. Rowe, of Tina, and Jennie May Rowe, deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Rosenbury are both members of the Baptist church. Mr. Rosenbury is a Republican in politics, and was formerly a member of the Grand Army. He is a much respected citizen of Leslie township, and is a man well informed and an entertaining talker on many subjects. Well known to the people of his township, he has many friends.

JOHN E. LYNN.

The subject of this sketch comes of good old Revolutionary stock and, being himself a veteran of one of the greatest wars known to history, is worthy of honorable notice among the leading citizens of his county and state. John E. Lynn is a Virginian by birth and a descendant of one of the old and well known families of that commonwealth. His grandfather, Moses Lynn, a native of Ireland, came to America in the time of the colonies and settled originally near Charlottesville, Virginia, removing later to the vicinity of Winchester, and then to Alexandria, where he was living when the struggle for independence began. He served with distinction throughout the entire Revolutionary war and at its close returned to his plantation, where he spent the remainder of his days. His wife, who survived him, went to Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, in which city she died in 1873, at the remarkable age of one hundred and seventeen years and four months, one of the oldest persons of whom there is any record in the latter state.

Michael Lynn, the subject's father, was born in Virginia in the year 1800, and by occupation was a planter. He was a man of high social standing in the county where he resided. He married in his native state Hannah McLinn, daughter of James McLinn, an Englishman by birth, and reared a family of eight children, the subject of this sketch being the fifth in the order of birth. In 1860 Michael Lynn moved his family to Ohio, where he lived a retired life, dying in the year 1873.

John E. Lynn was born in Loudoun county, Virginia, July 12, 1843, and remained with his parents until after the removal of the family to Ohio, the meanwhile attending at intervals such schools as his native county afforded. In 1863 he enlisted in the One Hundred Sixty-eighth Ohio Infantry, with which, and the One Hundred Ninety-first, he served until 1865, entering the army as first sergeant, and by successive promotions rising to the rank of brevet first lieutenant, which office he held when mustered out at the close of the war. After being discharged, he returned to Ohio, where he followed agricultural pursuits until 1869, when he disposed of his interests in that state and moved to Pike county, Illinois, where he made his home during the seven years ensuing. In 1876 he came to Carroll county, Missouri, and bought a farm six miles east of Carrollton, where during the following sixteen years he devoted his attention to agriculture and stock raising. His success in the meantime was very gratifying, and at the expiration of the period indicated he rented his farm and moved to Carrollton where for two years he was engaged in the live stock business. Later he became interested in a lumber

company, but after a few months disposed of his interest in the enterprise, and a little later sold his farm, since which time he has been living in honorable retirement at his beautiful home in Carrollton. In 1900 he was elected a director of the First National Bank of Carrollton, with which institution he keeps in close touch, and he also gives his attention to his personal affairs, which are by no means small. He manifests an active interest in the material growth of the city and the social and moral advancement of the populace, lends his influence to all worthy enterprises and keeps abreast of the times on all matters of public import. In politics he is a Republican and for forty-five years has been a faithful and consistent member of the Christian church, to which religious body his wife belonged during the greater part of her life.

Mr. Lynn was happily married on September 7, 1867, to Cynthia Ann Morris, daughter of Pearson and Eliza Morris, of Ohio, in which state the ceremony took place. Mrs. Lynn bore her husband two children and, after a mutually happy married life of forty-three years, was summoned to her final reward in January, 1910.

William P. Lynn, the subject's older son, was graduated from the Carrollton high school in 1888, after which he took a business course in the State University and then accepted a position in the Merchants Laclede Bank of St. Louis, which he held for a period of eighteen months, when he resigned to become cashier of the Hamilton Brown Shoe Company, of that city. He continued with the latter firm until the breaking out of the Spanish war, when he gave up his place and entered the army as captain of Company L, First Missouri Volunteers. He accompanied his regiment to Chickamauga where he was taken with a severe attack of typhoid fever, which necessitated his return to St. Louis, where, despite all that medical skill and kind attention could do, his bright young life went out on the 30th day of January, 1899. William P. Lynn was a young man of fine mind and excellent business capacity. He made friends wherever he went and, having been animated by high aims and a laudable ambition, he doubtless would have risen to a distinguished place in the business world had he lived to carry out his purpose.

John V. Lynn, second son of the subject, was graduated from the high school of Carrollton with an honorable record, the training thus received being supplemented by a course in the State University, after which he fitted himself for a business course by attending a commercial college at Lexington, Kentucky. After being graduated from the latter institution, he accepted a position as traveling salesman for a New Orleans Drug Company, but after fifteen months in that capacity he went to New York, where, for a period of

eighteen months, he was in the employ of the European Tourists Company. Resigning his position at the expiration of the time indicated, he took a five years' course in medicine at Chicago, upon the completion of which he did hospital work in that city for about a year and a half, after which he spent one year at Rochester, New York, and six months at Blackwell Island, where he added to his knowledge and experience and rose to a high place in his profession.

Doctor Lynn is now located in Kansas City, where he has a large and lucrative practice. He makes surgery a specialty and his reputation in that branch is second to that of few of his compeers in the state. The success which he has already achieved augurs well for his future and his many friends, both in the profession and among the laity, feel justified in predicting for him a career of unusual distinction and usefulness. He married, in the year 1900, Mrs. Winifred Boone, an intelligent and accomplished lady who moves in the best social circles of the city in which they reside.

ANDREW J. DARBY.

Few citizens of Carroll county were as highly esteemed as the late Andrew J. Darby, of Sugar Tree township. Mr. Darby came of old historic ancestry and traced both branches of his family to a very early period in the history of the United States. His paternal grandfather, Samuel Darby, of German descent, was born in Ohio when that state was the western border of civilization and for many years the family figured quite prominently in Butler county, of which the subject's father, Thomas Darby, was a native. The latter's mother was a Carter, a descendant of Sir Thomas Carter, an early Quaker, who came to America with William Penn and was long a close friend and confidential adviser of that distinguished churchman and colonizer. Margaret Morris, wife of Thomas Darby and mother of the subject, belonged to an old English family that came to America in colonial times and settled in one of the eastern provinces, presumably Pennsylvania.

Samuel Darby and wife moved to Indiana in an early day and located in Howard county shortly after that part of the state had been purchased from the Indians and opened for settlement. There, in the wilds of a new and undeveloped country, Andrew J. Darby was born on the 6th day of July, 1851, and spent his early childhood in a cabin home, surrounded by dense forests in which wild beasts, both numerous and dangerous, roamed undisturbed.

After a residence of about eighteen years in that county, Thomas Darby sold his land and in 1869 moved to Carroll county, Missouri, and settled on "Sugar Tree Bottoms," Sugar Tree township, where the family still reside.

Andrew J. Darby received his preliminary education in Indiana and later attended a few terms of school after the family settled in Carroll county. He was reared to hard work on the new farm in the Hoosier state, and after coming to Missouri assisted his father until attaining his majority, when the two cultivated the soil with a common interest, the subject, with the exception of one that died in infancy, being an only child. Andrew J. Darby grew up a strong, rugged man, with a fixed purpose to make the most of his opportunities and be something more than a mere passive factor in the world. He early decided to devote his life to agriculture and in so doing achieved marked success, becoming in due time one of the leading farmers of his section of country and a man of note and influence among his neighbors and fellow citizens. On the 14th day of February, 1874, he was united in marriage with Margaret Anne Wink, daughter of John and Anna (Greag) Wink, natives of Holland and Kentucky respectively and early settlers of Missouri, in which state Mrs. Darby's birth occurred.

Mr. and Mrs. Darby reared a family of seven children, namely: Thomas J., who is married and lives on the family homestead; Ida May, wife of Charles Alt, lives in Carrollton; Cora married George Branch, a farmer of Carroll county, Missouri; Margaret, Lena, Winnie and John being still members of the family circle. Mr. Darby took great interest in his children, provided them with the best educational advantages the country afforded and spared no pains in looking after their welfare. He was a Christian in all that the term implies and demonstrated his religion in his daily life, and in all of his relations with his fellow men. He united with the Methodist church when quite young and continued an active and consistent member of the same until called from the church militant to the church triumphant. Mrs. Darby is also a Methodist and her beautiful Christian life and character have been influential for good among those with whom she has been brought into contact. Politically, Mr. Darby was a Democrat and while always zealous in the support of his principles and well informed on the questions and issues of the times, he never aspired to public honors, although well qualified to fill any local office within the gift of his fellow citizens. He was a good man, honest in all of his dealings, true to his convictions of justice and right and his name was never remotely connected with a questionable transaction. He stood for law and order and good government and gave his aid and influence to further all movements to these

and other equally laudable ends. In him were combined the sterling qualities of mind and heart which characterize the loving husband and affectionate father, the upright citizen and the God-fearing Christian gentleman, and in his death, which occurred on the 22d of August, 1909, his friends and neighbors realized the loss of one in whom these and other graces which adorn humanity were to a remarkable degree blended and perfected.

ENOS G. GROSSMAN.

A Union veteran of the Civil war and for many years one of the most successful farmers and stock raisers of Carroll county, the subject of this sketch is well entitled to the rest and quietude which he is now enjoying in a life of honorable retirement. Enos G. Grossman was born in Butler county, Pennsylvania, on the 1st of May, 1842, and is a son of Alexander and Katherine Grossman, both natives of that state. Simon Grossman, the subject's grandfather, by birth a German, came to America when four years old and grew to maturity in Pennsylvania, where he likewise married and reared his family. He served in the war of 1812 and is remembered as a man of excellent character, firm in his purposes and an estimable neighbor and citizen. He and his wife died many years ago and left to their descendants the heritage of an honorable family name. Alexander Grossman married, in his young manhood, Katherine McGowan, whose father, Andrew McGowan, came from his native country of Ireland in a very early day and was a pioneer of the part of Pennsylvania in which he settled and entered a large tract of land. He was an active participant in many of the thrilling events incident to the settlement and development of his section of the country and departed this life many years ago.

Alexander Grossman moved to Ohio in 1850 and lived in that state until 1868, when he came to Carroll county, Missouri, whither two of his sons and a nephew had preceded him the previous year. He purchased a farm in Ridge township, which he made his home during the remainder of his life. He was born in 1804 and died in 1887, his wife preceding him to the other world in 1885. Alexander and Katherine Grossman were an excellent, God-fearing couple, who always commanded the respect of their neighbors and friends and whose earnest Christian lives were an inspiration for good to all with whom they mingled. They were Presbyterians in their religious faith and zealous workers in the church. Mr. Grossman

was a Democrat nearly all his life. He changed his politics, becoming a Republican in 1880. Of the seven children, two sons and five daughters, born to Mr. and Mrs. Grossman, four are living, the subject being the fifth of the family.

Enos G. Grossman was about eight years old when his parents moved to Ohio and he grew to maturity in that state. His early experience on the farm prepared him for the duties of subsequent life and while still a youth he planned for the future by deciding to make agriculture his vocation. In 1862, when twenty years of age, he laid aside the implements of husbandry to respond to the call of the President for volunteers to suppress the insurrection in the South, joining that year the Eighty-seventh Ohio Infantry, with which he served until the expiration of his time, when he re-enlisted in the First Ohio Heavy Artillery. He continued with the latter until the close of the war, took part in several campaigns, and when hostilities ceased was mustered out at Cincinnati, with a record of which any brave soldier might well feel proud. Returning to his home in Ohio on leaving the army, he remained there until the fall of 1867 when he came to Carroll county, Missouri, and purchased the farm in Ridge township on which he lived and prospered until his retirement from active life in 1902. Turning his land over to other management that year, he moved to Bosworth, where he lived until 1910, when he changed his residence to a farm which he recently bought and where, as already stated, he is now spending his life in quiet and contented retirement.

Mr. Grossman was long one of the most enterprising and prosperous farmers of Carroll county and as a herder and raiser of live stock he had few equals in this part of the state. For a number of years he bought and sold stock upon a very extensive scale and in this way made the larger part of the comfortable fortune which he now commands. He also invested judiciously in real estate, which likewise returned him handsome profits, and he still owns a valuable farm of two hundred and thirty-one acres in Carroll county and a large amount of land in Texas. Mr. Grossman has always taken an active interest in the development and growth of the section of country in which he lives and all laudable enterprises have received his encouragement and support. He assisted in the organization of the Bosworth Exchange Bank and was a director in it and the First National Bank of Bosworth for several years. He is essentially a man of affairs, progressive in his ideas and public spirited, and he has never been content to be a mere passive spectator of events, but an active participant therein. He has contributed largely to the advancement of his community along

material lines and in all matters concerning the social and moral welfare of his fellow men his voice has been heard with no uncertain sound.

Mr. Grossman was married on the 4th day of February, 1869, to Joanna Shaffer, daughter of Daniel and Mary Shaffer. Mrs. Grossman bore her husband seven children and departed this life in January, 1907. She was a devoted wife, a loving and affectionate mother and a kind neighbor, whose excellent character and gentle Christian graces endeared her to all with whom she came in contact. For many years she was a faithful and consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church and ever guided her life in harmony with its principles and precepts. The following are the children in the family of Enos G. and Joanna Grossman: Stanley, a farmer of Carroll county; Theresa, who lives at home; Josephine married Arthur Fultz and lives in Los Angeles, California; Herbert, a dealer in agricultural implements and machinery at Seymour, Texas; Frank, who lives in Denver, Colorado; Anna, wife of Arbra Crispin, lives at DeWitt, Missouri; Everett, the youngest, died in infancy. Some time after the death of his wife, Mr. Grossman married Mrs. Jane (Blakely) Grossman, daughter of John and Eliza Blakely, but after a brief though happy wedded experience, she was called from earth in the month of March, 1909, leaving him a second time to mourn the loss of a companion and helpmeet. In October, 1910, he was married to Mary E. White, of Jackson, Ohio. Fraternally, Mr. Grossman belongs to Standley Post No. 282, Grand Army of the Republic, and takes an active part in its deliberations. He is a regular attendant of church, though not connected with any religious organization, and lends his influence to every means for the moral advancement of the town which is honored by his citizenship.

GEORGE C. MILLER.

The enterprising farmer and business man whose career is briefly reviewed in the following lines is a native of Indiana, born in the city of Seymour, Jackson county, that state, on November 30, 1867. His father, Fred W. Miller, was born in Hanover, Germany, in the year 1820, and came to the United States in 1840, settling in Indiana. In 1869 he moved to Carroll county, Missouri, and in due time bought the farm in Ridge township now owned by the subject, paying twelve and one-half dollars per acre for it, which today is conservatively estimated to be worth seventy-

five dollars per acre, if it could be purchased at that figure. Fred W. Miller married, in Indiana, Nancy A. Crane, who was born in Brownstown, that state, in 1840, and who is still living, her husband having died in this county in the year 1892. Mr. Miller was a very industrious man and by his own efforts succeeded in amassing considerable wealth, his landed estate amounting at one time to four hundred and eighteen acres of fine and highly improved land. Before coming to Missouri he supported himself and family by working for monthly wages and by diligence and thrift saved sufficient of his earnings to purchase the tract of land in Ridge township referred to above. He was likewise an intelligent and public spirited citizen and left to his descendants a name undimmed by the slightest tinge of dishonor.

George C. Miller was about two years old when brought to Carroll county, Missouri, from which time, until young manhood, he lived on the family homestead in Ridge township and helped with the work of the farm. He attended subscription schools for several and later entered the high school at Carrollton, from which he was graduated with the class of 1888, this training being afterwards supplemented by a course in the Spalding Commercial College, Kansas City, where he fitted himself for the practical duties of life. The year following his graduation he spent in a real estate office in Duluth, Minnesota, but, by reason of the illness of his father, he resigned his position at the expiration of the time indicated and returned home to assist in the management of the farm. His father dying the next year, he and his brother took charge of the place and, after cultivating it jointly for four years, the subject assumed sole management and in due time became possessor of the property.

Mr. Miller has made farming a decided success and is now the owner of a fine homestead of four hundred and seventy acres, of which three hundred and fifty acres are in a high state of tillage and improved with good buildings, substantial wire fences and the many other accessories of a thoroughly up-to-date farm. All of the grains, vegetables and fruits indigenous to this latitude are produced in abundance, in addition to which Mr. Miller devotes much attention to fine live stock, in the breeding and raising of which he has achieved success far beyond the generality of farmers and stock men. He raises horses for road and draft purposes and at the present time has ten very fine animals which can be readily disposed of at fancy prices. His cattle, of which he now has sixty, are of the Black Angus, Shorthorn breed and cannot be excelled by any like number of animals in this part of the state, while the hundred or more hogs he is feeding for the market are of a high grade and represent a large amount of capital.

In connection with his farming and live stock interests, Mr. Miller is identified with various business enterprises and public utilities, being president of the Citizens Bank of Bosworth and a large stockholder in the same, and a stockholder and director in the Farmers store at Bosworth. He keeps in close touch with the above institutions and, as official head of the first named, displays business ability of a high order and an interest in behalf of stockholders and depositors that augurs well for the continued growth of the bank under his efficient management. In his political faith he is a Republican and in religion subscribes to the Methodist church, being a consistent member and liberal supporter of the church of that denomination in Bosworth.

Mr. Miller was happily married in 1896 to Allie A. Hubbell, of Monroeville, Ohio, where her birth occurred in the year 1869. Of the children born of this union one, a daughter, Helen, is dead. Mrs. Miller is a zealous member of the Methodist Episcopal church and a lady whose beautiful Christian character and many gentle graces and virtues have made her very popular in the social circles and gained for her the warm and abiding friendship of all with whom she mingles.

WILLIAM HEIDAMAN.

Among the prominent farmers and successful stock men of Carroll county, Missouri, William Heidaman, of Ridge township, holds deservedly a popular place. As the name indicates, Mr. Heidaman is of German blood, although a native of the United States, his parents, Fredrick and Catherine (Tichmaire) Heidaman, having been born and reared in the fatherland. They came to this country a number of years ago and settled in Wood county, Ohio, subsequently removing to the county of Williams, where their deaths afterwards occurred. William Heidaman was born in Wood county, Ohio, in the year 1860 and received his preliminary education in a German school near his home. He grew up a strong and rugged farmer's boy and assisted his father on the home place until 1881. He came to Carroll county, Missouri, in 1884, and located on a farm of four hundred acres which he cultivated for a share of the proceeds during the three years ensuing. At the expiration of that time he bought one hundred acres of his present farm in Ridge township and by industry and successful management was enabled within the next five years to purchase one hundred addi-

tional acres, since which time he has increased his holdings at intervals until he now owns three hundred and forty acres of fine land in Carroll county, the greater part in cultivation and well improved.

Mr. Heidaman has one of the best farms in Ridge township and as an agriculturist, familiar with every phase of his vocation, he ranks with the leading farmers and stock raisers of the county. His farm is enclosed with woven wire fencing and well kept hedges, and his improvements, which consist of a fine seven-room modern dwelling, two large barns, forty by sixty feet and thirty-six by forty feet, respectively, and a feeder twenty-six by forty feet in area, besides good outbuildings and many other evidences of prosperity, are first-class and up to date and indicate the interest he has taken to make his home a fit and comfortable abiding place for himself and those dependent upon him. In the matter of live stock, he had few equals and no superiors in his section of the country, as the number and condition of the fine animals on his farm abundantly attest. He keeps from thirty to forty horses and mules, which he sells from time to time at the highest market prices, and his cattle and hogs, which are of the best breeds, return him every year an ample income. He pastures and feeds upon an average of twenty of the former and one hundred of the latter. He has been at no little expense to improve his live stock and keeps none but the best, which he finds just as easy and far more profitable than to waste his time on poor and indifferent animals. With the exception of about two or three acres of timber, all of his place is in cultivation, and he raises large crops of wheat, oats, corn and vegetables and the different varieties of fruits grown in this latitude. In all of his efforts as a tiller of the soil and raiser of fine stock, his success has been steady and continuous, and the handsome competence now in his possession is the result of persevering labor, directed and controlled by mature judgment and judicious foresight.

Mr. Heidaman is a typical representative of the large and eminently respectable class of German-American citizens who constitute such an important part of the moral bone and sinew of the body politic and to whom the country is indebted for much of the material prosperity which it now enjoys. He is intelligent, enterprising and progressive, takes a pride in the development and growth of the community in which he lives and lends his influence and cordial support to all measures and movements having for their object the improvement of society and the general welfare of his kind. He votes the Republican ticket in state and national issues, but in local affairs usually disregards the claim of party and gives his support to the candidates best qualified for the offices they seek. In religion he was reared

under the influence of the German Lutheran church, but there being no organization of this denomination in his neighborhood, he is not identified with any church, though a frequent attendant of such religious bodies as hold service in the community.

Mr. Heidaman was married in Ohio on September 5, 1882, to Caroline Allonnong, of Williams county, that state, where her birth occurred in the year 1860. Her parents, John and Rachel Allonnong, were natives of Pennsylvania and Ohio, respectively, both of whom died in Williams county, in the latter state. Mr. and Mrs. Heidaman have a family of three children, namely: Fred, who married Olive Miller, is a farmer of De Witt township, this county; John, who resides at home, and Ethel, a student in the high school of Bosworth. Mr. Heidaman has one brother, Henry, a farmer and prominent citizen, and a sister, Mrs. Anna Kepler, both living in Williams county, Ohio.

JOHN F. SENGER.

Among the substantial German families of Carroll county, none numbers among its members citizens of better repute than the Senger family, which has for three generations been active in the communities of De Witt township. Its sons and daughters have been men and women who have been willing to bear to the full their share of the burdens of life, and who have followed the path of life which has yielded to them the greatest amount of true satisfaction. They have been substantial and honored citizens, whose influence has always been cast on the side of right and good.

John F. Senger was born in Germany on November 1, 1869, the son of Fred and Ollie (Schrock) Senger, who were natives of Germany. Fred Senger was born in the north part of Germany in 1845 and came with his wife and family to this country in 1873, first locating at Evanston, ten miles north of Chicago, where they lived until 1876, when they moved to De Witt township, Carroll county, Missouri, where Mrs. Senger died. Mr. and Mrs. Senger were the parents of eight children, four of whom died in childhood or infancy, and four of whom are living, John, Fred, Chris and Emil. Fred Senger, Sr., is a man of influence in his community and has been for twenty years road commissioner.

John F. Senger was but seven years old when his parents came to De Witt township, where he has since lived. Since early boyhood he has fol-

lowed farming, and is now the owner of one hundred acres of improved land, of excellent fertility, on which he has erected good and substantial buildings.

On December 4, 1898, in De Witt township, Mr. Senger was married to Jessie Eva McClellan, a daughter of Hugh and Mary Bernice McClellan. (For their history see sketch of Hugh McClellan.) Mrs. Senger, who was the third of a family of eight children, was born in Adams county, Illinois, on August 8, 1871, and came to Carroll county with her parents. Mr. and Mrs. Senger are the parents of two children, Freda E. and Harley J. Mr. Senger is a member of the Lutheran church, his wife of the Methodist. In his fraternal relations he is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America.

Few men in the township possess more of the qualities which gain friends from them than does Mr. Senger, and he stands high in his neighborhood as a strong and sturdy citizen of steadfast honor and honesty.

JOHN I. WILCOXSON.

Few if any names are as closely intertwined with the early history of Carroll county as that of the old and esteemed family of which the subject of this review is an honored representative. Prior to the year 1820 his grandfather, Caleb Wilcoxson, a native of Bourbon county, Kentucky, moved to Howard county, Missouri, and located at Fayette, where he established a shop for the making and repairing of guns, having become a skillful gunsmith in the state of his birth. He appears to have been a quiet, unassuming man, nevertheless he figured quite actively in the pioneer history of Howard county, especially the town of Fayette, where his death occurred many years ago. Caleb Wilcoxson had a family of five sons, Hiram, Joseph, Jefferson, Harrison and Jackson, all of whom were born in Bourbon county, Kentucky, and came to Missouri during the pioneer period. As early as the spring of 1835, Hiram, the oldest of the family, was herding mules on the Grand river, and later in the same year he came to Carroll county, in which as yet only a few scattered settlements had been made. In 1836 he located at Carrollton, then a mere hamlet on the western border of civilization, and having about three hundred dollars of capital, he invested it in merchandise and opened one of the first stores in the village. His goods were brought from St. Louis by boat, and as the river could only be relied on during the spring and fall rains, he laid in a sufficient stock in those seasons to supply his customers during the remaining months of the year.

Mr. Wilcoxson built up quite a lucrative business, disposing of a greater amount of his goods by barter and taking in exchange such articles as hides, tallow, beeswax, feathers and various kinds of produce which the settlers raised or could procure. At certain times when the river was navigable he sent these goods by flat-boat to St. Louis, where they were exchanged for merchandise or sold for cash, and in this way he carried on quite a successful trade until he began dealing with eastern firms several years later. From time to time he went by stage to Philadelphia for the purpose of purchasing goods, which were shipped westward, partly by water and a goodly portion of the way by means of overland freighting or teaming. Mr. Wilcoxson's brother finally rejoined him at Carrollton and after some years he sold his establishment to Harrison Wilcoxson and bought a flouring mill about three miles from the town, on Moss creek, this being the only mill of the kind at that time within the reach of the people of three counties. He operated this mill with marked success until 1862, when he sold to James Lawton and went to California, where his brothers Jack and Jeff were then living. These brothers went west by ox team with the great tide of gold seekers in 1849 and spent the remainder of their lives on the Pacific slope. They started with about three thousand dollars in money, besides their outfits, and by judiciously investing their capital they became the owners of considerable property, which, increasing in value with the passing years, in due time made them quite wealthy. They owned jointly considerably in excess of forty thousand acres of fine land in California, which, with other properties of various kinds, constituted their estate at the time of their death. When Hiram Wilcoxson's son went to California, as stated above, he was accompanied by his brothers Joseph and Harrison and their respective families, and he made the trip via the isthmus of Panama and the Pacific ocean. After remaining in the west until 1866, they all returned to Carrollton, though not by the same routes, some coming by water, others by land. Not long after their return Hiram and Harrison Wilcoxson established at Carrollton the banking firm of Wilcoxson & Company, which in due time became the largest and most successful institution of the kind in the western part of the state, and which, as much as any other enterprise, contributed to the material advancement and the business prosperity of the city. Hiram Wilcoxson was identified with the bank until his death, and to his able and judicious management was due in a large measure the success for which the institution was noted from the time it began business until the time it became one of the leading banks of Missouri, outside the greater cities of the state.

Hiram Wilcoxson was born May 10, 1805. As previously stated, he came to Missouri in an early day and when a young man married Sarah

Marshall, whose parents, John T. and Sarah Marshall, were natives of Bourbon county, Kentucky, and among the pioneers of Howard county, Missouri, where they settled while the footprints of the red man were still fresh in the soil. The children born of this union, five in number, were as follows: John I., whose name introduces this sketch; James M., president of the Wilcoxson Bank of Carrollton; Joseph, who died at the age of six years; William died when two years old, and Frank, who died when in infancy. Hiram Wilcoxson departed this life on March 3, 1872. His wife, whose birth occurred on the 10th of May, 1809, died February 10, 1877.

John I. Wilcoxson, to a brief review of whose career the remainder of this sketch is devoted, was born in Carrollton, Missouri, March 27, 1839. He spent his early years amid the stirring scenes of a new and rapidly growing western town and at the proper age became the pupil of a subscription school taught in an old log house, by Henry B. Roy, one of the first pedagogues of the village, as the building was the first erected in the place for educational purposes. As he grew to maturity, Mr. Wilcoxson became familiar with rugged labor on the family homestead, and when a young man took charge of his father's farm, which he superintended very efficiently and satisfactorily until the breaking out of the Civil war. Espousing the cause of the South, he joined, in 1861, the army of General Price and not long after entering the service received his baptism of fire in the battles of Springfield and Carthage, where he had his ankle broken. When sufficiently recovered to rejoin his command, he took charge of the medical wagon and in this capacity rendered efficient service until able for more strenuous duty. In 1863 he severed his connection with the army and went to California, where he remained until 1866, when he returned with his father and other members of the family, as stated in a preceding paragraph. Shortly after his arrival at Carrollton he resumed the management of the paternal homestead and continued in that capacity until his father's death, when he became identified with the bank, in which he has since been largely interested both as a stockholder and vice-president.

Mr. Wilcoxson is a careful and methodical business man and by nature and training is admirably fitted for the important trust which he now holds. He possesses mature judgment and clerical ability of a high order, which, with his well-balanced mental poise and comprehensive knowledge of finance and banking, make him a valued official in whom his business associates and the public at large repose unlimited confidence. In addition to his connection with the bank, he is interested in agriculture and stock raising, owning a finely improved farm near Carrollton, also a beautiful home in the city, which

his father purchased from a Mr. Gage as early as the year 1837. He remodeled this dwelling in 1883 and, with improvements since added, he now has one of the most attractive and desirable residences in a city long noted for its beautiful and imposing homes.

Mr. Wilcoxson was happily married on November 16, 1871, to Mollie E. Simons, the accomplished daughter of Henry Simons, of Saline county, Missouri, the union resulting in the birth of nine children, of whom five are living, viz: Hiram J., Jackson, John G., James M., Jr., Carrie, living, and Sadie (deceased), Mattie (deceased) and Mamie (deceased).

JAMES F. GEARY.

The subject of this sketch, the well-known agent of the Santa Fe Railway Company at Carrollton, and, in point of continuous service, the oldest railroad man in Carroll county, is a native of La Salle county, Illinois, where he was born on January 19, 1863. His father, James Geary, was born in Ireland, and his mother, who previous to her marriage was Ellen Collins, was a native of Canada. When a young man James Geary was transported to Australia, thence to Chili, South America, and various other places. The vicissitudes of fortune finally led him to Toronto, Canada, where he was married, and some time in the forties he came to the United States and for a few years lived in Ohio. Later he moved from that state to Chicago; thence, after a brief residence, to Tennessee, where he made his home for a number of years, the meanwhile following his business of contracting and meeting with success at the same.

James F. Geary began his career as a railroader at the early age of ten years and has been closely identified with the service from that time to the present, a period of thirty-seven years. During the time indicated he has filled a number of positions with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of the company, and for the last seventeen years has been local agent at Carrollton, a post of responsibility and trust, this being one of the most important points on the line. Mr. Geary is an accomplished business man, fully alive to the interests of the corporation with which he has been so long identified, and is highly esteemed by his superiors and the general public. Since becoming a resident of Carrollton he has kept in touch with the growth and prosperity of the city and has assisted to these and other worthy ends. By his gentlemanly and urbane manner he has gained the confidence of the public and

made friends for the road which he represents, thus attracting much business, which but for him would doubtless go elsewhere. He is a Democrat on state and national issues, but in local politics votes independently. He holds membership in the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, in which he has taken a number of degrees, including the Royal Arch and Knight Templar, and is also identified with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

Mr. Geary's domestic life began in the spring of 1892, when he was united in the bonds of wedlock with Sophia Stuetz, daughter of Frederick and Julia (Rook) Stuetz, the parents natives of Germany and among the pioneer settlers of Shelby county, this state. Mr. and Mrs. Geary have one child, a son, Fred, who is pursuing his studies in the Carrollton high school. He is a youth of intelligence and bids fair to achieve success in any line of activity which he may select for his life work. Mrs. Geary is a Presbyterian in her religious faith and an esteemed member of the church in Carrollton. Mr. Geary was reared a Catholic and still inclines to the faith of his ancestors. Both husband and wife are popular in the social life of this city and have many warm friends who hold them in high personal regard.

GEN. JAMES SHIELDS.

America, the inspiration and asylum of the oppressed of all enlightened races, has been enriched by millions of the ambitious sons of European nations, who gave up their native lands and the tender associations of childhood to become citizens of this great republic. Among the countless sons of Erin who, fleeing from tyranny, left the Emerald Isle to seek their fortune in this land of freedom, none achieved greater distinction than James Shields; a famous general in the Mexican and Civil wars, a renowned jurist and statesman, serving as governor of one state and as United States senator from three different states, who, for many years, maintained his home in Carroll county. He was the product of a romantic, turbulent and epoch-making era.

General Shields was born in county Tyrone, Ireland, May 10, 1810. When sixteen years of age he landed on American shores, "a youth to fortune and to fame unknown." He received little education other than in the school of experience, but so successful was he in the preparation for the exalted duties of American citizenship that in ten years from the time his feet first pressed the soil of this land of the free we find him commissioned by the gov-



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ernment a lieutenant and a valiant leader of men in the Seminole Indian war, in which he won both wounds and renown. Ten years later we find him commissioned a brigadier-general in our war with Mexico, where he received wounds that would have been fatal to a less valorous spirit and where he won renown that is inseparable from the history of that war throughout which his brigade fought, through the ravines of Cerro Gordo, through the bloody fields of Cherubusco, storming the heights of Chapultepec and finally leading his gallant soldiers to the capture of the Mexican capital and carrying the American flag beyond its ramparts and planting it safely above the conquered city. Fourteen years after the close of the war with Mexico and the resigning of his commission, we find him again commissioned a brigadier-general in the United States army in the Civil war. About March 16, 1862, he took command of his division at Paw Paw Tunnel, Virginia, and upon his arrival the army instantly felt the magic of his touch, recognizing at once the master hand, and in less than a week he was fighting the great Stonewall Jackson, a bloody two days battle at Winchester. Early in the engagement General Shields was wounded by a bursting shell and carried from the field, but he had his forces so well organized and the battle so well planned that his subordinate officers carried out his plans successfully. This victory of his was all the more remarkable because this is the solitary exception of the Union forces defeating the redoubtable Southern general, whom many thought invincible. During the first three years of the Civil war it was an open secret that many officers of high rank in the Union army were jealous of any other officer whose success called public attention to himself. General Shields was early marked for a victim of this jealousy. Immediately after the battle at Winchester newspapers called attention to the fact that General Shields had added to his military reputation acquired in the Mexican war by the prompt defeat of the "Stonewall" of the first Bull Run, and claimed that Shields had thus shown very eminent ability as a military chieftain and urged that he be put in command of the Army of the Potomac, and although he was offered this command by President Lincoln, having continued to play well his part in the strenuous campaigns in the Shenandoah valley, the jealousy of Stanton, secretary of war, and others, as well as Shields' own unwillingness to take the high places that his friends occupied, impelled him to resign, feeling that younger men might do better than he, and so he retired to California.

General Shields also won a brilliant record as a jurist and statesman, touching elbows with the intellectual and political giants of that strenuous and unfolding period of our national development. That he was a man of real genius is attested by the success he achieved over foes of recognized talent in

an age when merit and ability alone could win distinction. He was not a mere soldier of fortune and he attained no unmerited honor; being one of the heroic figures of his time, fame did not come to him unbidden. By indomitable energy and genius he carved out his fortune and won a proud place in the history of his adopted country. In civic life he attained high honors. In 1835 he was elected state senator to the Illinois Legislature, and had as colleagues Lincoln and Douglas; he was elected state auditor of Illinois in 1839, serving two terms; a judge of the Illinois supreme court in 1843, having been appointed to succeed Stephen A. Douglas; in 1845 he was appointed by President Polk commissioner of the general land office, accepting this position that he might in some way assist in bringing the emigrants from Europe to the vast public lands of the West. He was governor of Oregon territory in 1848, having been appointed by President Pierce; he was elected United States senator from three states, first, from Illinois, from December 3, 1849, to March 3, 1855; from Minnesota from May 12, 1858, to March 3, 1859; from Missouri from January 21, 1879, to March 4, 1879—a distinction won by no other American citizen. Returning to Missouri in the seventies, he served in various capacities—in the Legislature and as a railroad commissioner, besides in the capacity of senator. In all these positions of public trust he distinguished himself by his depth, wisdom, tact, diplomacy and sturdy honesty, ever vigilant of the public's welfare. In an age of greed, graft and selfish ambition no dishonest dollar crossed his palm. Though he associated with the great and powerful men of the nation and occupied positions in which he might have acquired great wealth, yet at the end of a long and unselfish public career his poverty bore witness of his rugged honesty. As a jurist, he was profoundly versed in all phases of jurisprudence, unbiased and fair in his decisions, while in private and public life his integrity, moral, civil and social, was never questioned.

The domestic life of General Shields began on August 15, 1861, when he was united in marriage with Mary A. Carr, in San Francisco. She was the daughter of Jerome and Sarah Carr and was born on August 15, 1835, in county Armagh, Ireland. Her father, a linen merchant, lost his fortune by signing a friend's note, and in order to start over again he came to America, settled in Baltimore and died there in 1852, his wife surviving him a year. After residing in California for a time, they came to New York by way of the Isthmus of Panama. Mrs. Shields, ever on the alert for her husband's welfare, persuaded him to retire to a farm late in life, hoping that the quiet of the country would restore his health after his arduous public duties. He had received a large grant of land in Minnesota for his services in the war with

Mexico, but the rigors of the north were too severe and he came to Missouri and finally settled at Carrollton, and their splendid farm near here was their home for some time. Their hospitality soon became proverbial and "Shields Farm" was often the mecca for their many friends who spent much time at this beautiful country house.

The death of General Shields occurred suddenly at Ottumwa, Iowa, on June 2, 1879, whither he had gone to deliver a lecture. His remains were brought to Carrollton, Missouri, for burial, his funeral being attended by possibly ten thousand persons.

After the death of the General, Mrs. Shields continued to live in Carrollton, educating and caring for her three children. For several years she lived in her home on North Main street, and for several years she lived with her son, Dr. Daniel F. Shields, of New York City. She was always a woman of great fortitude, religious fervor and many praiseworthy qualities of head and heart.

The state of Illinois has installed the statue of General Shields in the hall of fame at Washington, and on November 12, 1910, the United States government unveiled a splendid and imposing monument in St. Mary's cemetery at Carrollton to his memory, one of the greatest days in the history of the city, when speakers of national celebrity paid glowing tribute to the General. There was in attendance United States troops, veterans of both Union and Confederate armies, as well as distinguished statesmen and high officials of the Catholic church.

Having scaled fame's lofty summit and sounded the depths and shoals of honor, life's fitful fever ended, he sleeps well. The nation for the aggrandizement and perpetuity of which he shed his blood in two wars gives recognition to his merit and deeds of devoted patriotism. A grateful nation has enrolled him among her gallant defenders. The Grand Army of the Republic and the Loyal Legion are the guardians of his stainless honor. And there were giants in the days in which he lived. The compeer of Douglas and Richardson and Browning and Trumbull, of Logan and Grimshaw and immortal Lincoln, he fitly adorns a pedestal in her majestic pantheon. So long as courage is commendable or patriotism a virtue will the memory of Gen. James Shields be honored.

LEMUEL A. HARDING.

The subject of this sketch is connected with one of the leading industrial enterprises of Carrollton, by reason of which his name has become widely known in business circles, and as a citizen, deeply interested in all that makes

for the prosperity of the community, he holds a conspicuous place in the esteem of the public. Lemuel A. Harding was born in Tazewell county, Illinois, March 10, 1860, being a son of Austin and Caroline (Cornwell) Harding, the father a native of Massachusetts, the mother of New York state. The Hardings are of English descent and the family is an old one in Massachusetts, where the subject's immediate antecedents lived. Austin Harding left his New England home many years ago and as early as 1833 went to Tazewell county, Illinois, where he secured land and in due time became a prosperous farmer. He spent the remainder of his life in his adopted state, dying in Tazewell county in 1882. Mrs. Harding subsequently went to California, where she lived with a daughter until called from earthly scenes in the year 1904. Mr. and Mrs. Harding had five children, of whom two died in infancy; Harriet (now deceased), the wife of Edward Lyman, was the oldest; Alice, the second of the family, married J. C. LeMasters and lives in Los Angeles, California, the youngest being the subject of this review.

Lemuel A. Harding spent his early life in his native state and during his childhood and youth attended the district schools of Tazewell county. He was reared to farm labor and, choosing agriculture for his vocation, followed the same in Illinois until 1886, when he moved to Carroll county, Missouri. On coming to this state he engaged in the manufacture of brick and tiling at Brunswick. After remaining at that place until 1890, he transferred his business to Carrollton, where he became associated with J. R. Smith, the firm thus constituted lasting until the latter gentleman disposed of his interest in the enterprise to W. S. Crouch. In the year 1900 the subject bought Mr. Crouch's interest and became sole proprietor, and as such continued the business until 1904, when he sold out to the Brick Manufacturing Company, taking a large amount of stock in the concern and in due time rising to the responsible position of manager.

The Brick Manufacturing Company of Carrollton was incorporated under the laws of Missouri with a capital of fifteen thousand dollars and the business has steadily grown until the company now owns two large plants, the one at Carrollton, having a capacity of twenty thousand bricks per day, besides a large amount of tiling. Practically all of the brick used in the city are furnished by this company, in addition to which large quantities are shipped to other points, and the farmers of the county rely upon this company for their supply of drain tile. The business is a large and growing one and, as stated in the preceding paragraph, the enterprise has become one of Carrollton's most important and far-reaching industries. In discharging the

duties of the position which he holds, Mr. Harding displays exceptional ability, and much of the success of the enterprise is due to his judicious management and oversight. He devotes his entire time and attention to the company's interests and enjoys in full measure the confidence of his associates and stands high in public esteem.

Mr. Harding was united in marriage on the 15th day of April, 1908, with Saluda Smith, daughter of John M. and Nancy (Winfrey) Smith, of Carroll county. One child died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Harding are not unknown in the society circles of Carrollton and they are also active in the religious life of the city, Mr. Harding being a respected member of the Christian church and interested in various charitable and humanitarian projects. Politically, Mr. Harding votes the Republican ticket and manifests commendable zeal in behalf of his party, though by no means a partisan nor aspirant for official honors. He is essentially a business man and makes every other consideration subordinate to the enterprise with which he is identified, notwithstanding which he keeps abreast of the times on matters of public import and discharges the duties of citizenship as becomes one with the best interests of his fellowmen at heart.

ARCHER H. LEWELLEN.

One of the prominent business men of De Witt, who is well and favorably known in that city and its vicinity, is the subject of review in the present sketch. His father was for many years concerned in the business which the son is now carrying on, and made for the firm a reputation which has been well lived up to by the new management. Both father and son were business men who believed in absolute honesty, and in obtaining and satisfying customers by square dealing, and that this course is the best one their success proves.

Archer H. Lewellen was born in De Witt township, Carroll county, Missouri, on July 2, 1869, the son of John and Elizabeth (Foster) Lewellen, his father being a native of Clark county, Indiana, his mother of Pennsylvania. In March, 1869, his parents came from Clark county, Indiana, to Carroll county, Missouri, and settled two miles west of De Witt. Until 1889 John Lewellen followed farming, and then engaged in the lumber business in De Witt, in which he continued until his death, which occurred on October 16, 1907, at the age of seventy-two. His wife died in De Witt on June 20,

1898. They were active members of the Methodist church. "Uncle John" Lewellen, as he was familiarly known, was a man of much public spirit, taking great interest in the development of the community, and was respected and loved by his neighbors.

Archer H. Lewellen was the fifth child of a family of nine. He was reared in De Witt township, and educated in the common schools. After leaving home he was first employed by the Union Pacific Railroad Company in the mechanical department at Kansas City for three years, and then went to Pittsburg, Kansas, and took charge of the planing mill department for the Kansas City & Southern Railway Company, with whom he remained for five years. Returning to Kansas City, for two years he worked for the Western Sash & Door Company, and at the end of this time came to De Witt and became a partner with his father, the firm being known as J. A. Lewellen & Son. This partnership was terminated by his father's death, and since that time the subject has operated the business and has added a stock of farm implements. His business is prospering, and his sales are increasing from year to year.

On October 27, 1897, Mr. Lewellen was married to Minnie Wray, who is a native of Missouri, the daughter of Isaac Wray. To this marriage was born one child, Raleigh. Mr. and Mrs. Lewellen are active members of the Methodist church. Mr. Lewellen is a member of the Masons and of the Modern Woodmen of America. He is a man much esteemed by his business associates, and liked by all who come in contact with him. Of strong, upright character, he is one of the substantial and influential citizens of De Witt.

WILLIAM E. MILLER.

The gentleman whose name appears at the head of this sketch is a native of Indiana, that state unique among states, which has since her admission held a high place among the states of the Union. Though small in area, she has ranked among the first in population, and though again hampered by her lack of area, among the first in farm products. But it is in the character of her sons and daughters that Indiana ranks highest. Not only have many of them risen to fame and national eminence within her borders, but in every newer state and in every large city the descendants of the Hoosier state are in evidence in important and responsible positions, and every one of them has in his heart a warm spot for the old state of his birth, even though fortune and inclination have led him far away.

William E. Miller was born in Scott county, Indiana, on February 29, 1864, the son of John W. and Sarah A. (Hamacher) Miller, both natives of Indiana. His parents came to Carroll county, Missouri, about 1870, and located on a farm in De Witt township. In 1880 they moved to De Witt, where Mr. Miller engaged as a merchant and where he died in March, 1896, aged fifty-three. He had deservedly gained in a remarkable degree the good opinion of the people of De Witt and vicinity. William E. was the oldest of three children, and was only six years old when his parents came to Carroll county, where he attended school and grew to manhood. For thirteen years he was employed in his father's general store, where he learned the business thoroughly. Then his father sold his interest to his son and William R. Logan, who formed a partnership under the name of Miller & Logan and have since carried on the business very successfully. They have increased their trade and own an excellent store, carrying a full line of such goods as are usually found in stores of that character, and some specialties.

Mr. Miller was married in Wakenda, Missouri, on June 21, 1891, to Flora B. Shumate, of San Francisco, California, who was a native of Saline county, Missouri, and a daughter of John O. and Missouri T. Shumate. Mr. Miller is a member of the De Witt lodge of Masons, and he and his wife are members of the Methodist church, South.

The firm of Miller & Logan have from the beginning had a reputation for honesty and uprightness in dealing and for keeping goods of the best quality in the endeavor to serve their customers' interests. Mr. Miller's recognized probity of conduct, and his keen business ability, have had their full share in the success of the venture. Personally he is a very agreeable man, one whom it is a pleasure to meet.

JOHN P. LOGAN, M. D.

In times of sickness and need the physician is the closest friend to his brother man. He, more than any other, has the opportunity to do good, to heal actual pain and suffering. The diseases which he treats are physical and actual, not mental, as are those which the minister and the lawyer treat. And it is the physician's special province to minister to suffering, more than members of either of these professions; more than they are is he brought face to face with the closing act in life's drama, and he alone is vested with the power to halt the curtain's fall and allow the drama to continue.

John P. Logan was born in De Witt, Missouri, on September 20, 1854. His father was Dr. James S. Logan, one of the old practitioners of Carroll county, a first cousin of Gen. John A. Logan, and who studied medicine under the father of General Logan. For many years his was a well-known figure in Carroll county, as he plied his profession in all kinds of weather, often enduring hardships, but never complaining. In 1890 he died, at the age of eighty. His wife was Nancy C. Davis, a cousin of Jefferson Davis, who died in De Witt in 1887, at the age of fifty-four.

Of a family of four children, John P. Logan was the eldest. He was reared in De Witt and attended the De Witt schools, and early showed an aptitude for medicine. His medical education was received at the Missouri Medical College, from which he graduated in 1876, and then began to practice medicine at De Witt, where he has lived all his days. From the first successful, he has now a large and lucrative practice, which occupies his time thoroughly. Dr. Logan is a member of the county, state and American medical societies. For four terms he held the office of coroner of Carroll county, being elected on the Republican ticket, and now is the local registrar of birth and death statistics for De Witt and De Witt, Smith, and Miami townships. Fraternally, he is a member of De Witt Lodge No. 39, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons.

Doctor Logan was married in De Witt to Rush Carle, a native of Carroll county. They became the parents of one child, Beulah, who is the wife of Prof. A. S. Green, of Kansas City. Mrs. Logan died in De Witt in 1899. Doctor Logan was again married on March 7, 1900, to Mary Darrah, of De Witt, the daughter of John Darrah, one of the old settlers of the town.

A kindly and courteous gentleman, of much professional skill and ability, the Doctor is greatly esteemed and respected in De Witt, no man in the town standing higher in the regard of the people. Fitted by nature and education to be a leader, he has taken a prominent part in all enterprises which promised the advancement of the community.

WILLIAM R. LOGAN.

The smaller towns and cities offer a field of much profit to an enterprising man of business. The needs of the people are not the same as those of the residents of the city, neither is competition so fierce, or rent so high, and there is room for a business built along more general lines. While saying that the needs of the people are not the same, this does not mean that the

successful man of business in the smaller city must not consult the needs of his customers as much as does the city man, for one of the cardinal principles of success in business is to find out what the people want and to give it to them; another is to find out what they ought to want and to educate them to its use. Along these lines, and by following these principles, Mr. Logan has found much profit.

William R. Logan was born in De Witt, Missouri, on February 21, 1860, the son of Dr. James S. and Nancy C. (Davis) Logan. His father was a cousin of Gen. John A. Logan, his mother a cousin of Jefferson Davis, the family thus being related to leaders on both sides in the great American conflict. Doctor Logan was a native of Ohio, and came to Carroll county in 1844, and, settling in De Witt, practiced continuously until his death in 1890. He was a man of strong character, and a physician of merit, who was successful in practice. His wife was a native of Missouri, and died in De Witt in 1887, at the age of fifty-four.

William R. Logan was the third child in a family of four, and was reared in De Witt, where he has always lived. After receiving his education in the De Witt schools, he was engaged for about seventeen years as a clerk in a general store. He then formed a partnership in a store with William E. Miller in 1893, under the firm name of Miller & Logan, and has since been engaged in this business, which has been much enlarged and is quite successful. For several terms Mr. Logan has held the office of township treasurer. He, his wife and their son are active members of the Methodist church, South.

In September, 1884, Mr. Logan was married to Mamie E. Miller, a daughter of John W. and Sally A. Miller, early settlers of De Witt, where Mr. Miller died at the age of fifty. To this union one child was born, Claude V.

Having been so long engaged in business, Mr. Logan is personally known to the most of the residents of De Witt and the surrounding district, and is highly regarded and esteemed as an honorable and influential citizen, honest and square in all his dealings, of Christian character in its true sense.

CHARLES H. GWINN.

The present article deals with the life of a man who, for many years an honorable resident of De Witt township, has been successful in farming and business, and is a much respected citizen, which is shown by the fact

that the people of his community elected him to the office of justice of the peace, an office not the highest paying nor the most prominent in the gift of the people, but honorable and important and calling for the exercise of much wisdom in discharging its duties, while in age it outranks perhaps all others which our American system contains, being descended from the oldest English courts.

Charles H. Gwinn was born in Saline county, Missouri, on October 6, 1861, the son of Olman and Martha (Huffman) Gwinn, both natives of Missouri. In 1863 they moved to Carroll county and settled on a farm in De Witt township, where they both died. They were the parents of eleven children, of whom Charles H. was the fifth. He grew up on the De Witt township farm, and continued in that occupation until 1906, when he moved to De Witt and engaged in the livery business, which he has found profitable. He yet owns eighty acres of fertile and improved land. For one term he has held the office of justice of the peace. Both Mr. Gwinn and his wife are members of the Baptist church, and are active, he being a deacon.

On August 30, 1885, Charles H. Gwinn was married in De Witt township to Matilda C. Yarbrough, who was born in Clay county, Missouri, the daughter of David E. and Martha A. (Spillman) Yarbrough. To this marriage were born four children, Alma M., now the wife of Lee W. Bashaw; David O., Albert R. and Ralph D.

Mr. Gwinn is a man of strong Christian character and of sterling worth. He has always taken much interest in his wife and family and has found most of his pleasures at home. Well known throughout the neighborhood of De Witt, he has many loyal friends.

EDWARD A. DICKSON.

The gentleman whose life is briefly outlined in this sketch is a well-known citizen whose popularity is indicated by the important office with which the people of the county have honored him. He is a native of Carroll county, Missouri, born on the 29th day of January, 1869, being the second of a family of seven children whose parents, Samuel E. and Mariah (Cary) Dickson, were among the early settlers of Eugene township. Joseph Dickson, Jr., the subject's grandfather, was a native of Ireland and a son of Joseph Dickson, who lived and died on the Emerald Isle. Joseph W. Dickson came to the United States many years ago and as early as 1837 brought

his family to Carroll county, Missouri, and settled in the township above mentioned. He was a typical pioneer of the early times, worked hard to provide for those dependent upon him and is remembered for his genial disposition and sturdy worth as a neighbor and citizen. He died many years ago on the farm in Eugene township which he redeemed from the wilderness and left to his descendants the heritage of an honored family name. Samuel E. Dickson was a farmer by occupation and an excellent and praiseworthy citizen. He reared a family of seven children, whose names are as follows: Annie married T. C. Howland and lives in Wakenda; Edward A., as already stated, is the second in order of birth; Minnie, wife of Doctor Hollister, lives in Kansas City, where her husband practices medicine; Thomas M. is deceased; Samuel Lee is deputy county clerk, under his brother; Effie died in infancy, as did also the youngest of the family, who passed away unnamed.

Edward A. Dickson was reared on the family homestead in Eugene township and enjoyed the advantages of a common school education in his childhood and youth. Later he attended high school, the training thus received being supplemented by a course in the Stanbury Business College, following which he clerked for a few years in a store and then engaged in the mercantile business for himself at the town of Wakenda. After selling goods at that place with fair success until 1900, he disposed of his stock and two years later (1902) was elected county clerk, which responsible position he still holds, having been chosen his own successor in the election of 1906.

Mr. Dickson is one of the influential Democrats of Carroll county and it was by reason of efficient party services, as well as fitness, that he was honored with the position which he now so ably fills. Courteous and kindly to all who have business in his office, he has become quite popular and the consensus of opinion is that the county has never had a more capable or able young clerk. He makes duty paramount to every other consideration and his loyalty to the interests of the people has gained their confidence irrespective of political ties and today there are few if any who occupy a larger place in the public eye or stand higher in general esteem. He has identified himself with several fraternal societies, including the Knights of Pythias, the Woodmen and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and his religious creed is represented by the Methodist Episcopal church, of which for a number of years he has been a faithful and consistent member. His wife is also a Methodist and interested in all the work of the church to which she belongs.

Mr. Dickson is a married man and has a hospitable and attractive home in Carrollton, presided over by a lady of intelligence and high social standing, who previous to assuming the name which she now honors was Nettie Brookover, a daughter of George W. and Mary Brookover, of this county. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Dickson was solemnized on the 19th day of April, 1893, and it has been blessed by one child, a daughter, Marie, whose presence adds to the brightness and happiness of the household.

JOHN G. HOUSTON.

The subject of this sketch has long been a prominent figure in the business circles of Carroll county and its seat of justice and, as a citizen interested in all that makes for the welfare of his fellow man, holds a place in public esteem second to that of none of his contemporaries. Dr. Guilford Clark Houston, his father, was a Kentuckian by birth and a son of Abner Houston, also a native of the Blue Grass state and of Scotch descent. Doctor Houston was graduated from the Louisville Medical College when a young man and in 1845 located at Lexington, Missouri, where he practiced his profession until 1854, when he moved to Carrollton, where his death occurred two years later. He married, in his native state, Elizabeth Chinn, who bore him two children and who some years after his death became the wife of A. Herndon. She is dead, and Guilford E., the older of the two children referred to, died in infancy, John G., of this review, being the only surviving member of the family.

John G. Houston was born July 6, 1846, at Lexington, Missouri, and at the age of seven years removed with his parents to Carrollton, where he received his education. During his young manhood he was on a farm and for a limited period cultivated the soil as a renter, but in 1870 he discontinued agricultural pursuits to engage in the cigar and tobacco business. He started a store in Carrollton and in due time built up quite a lucrative patronage, but being convinced that he could do better in some other kind of enterprise, he soon disposed of his establishment and turned his attention to insurance, which business he has since conducted with most gratifying success, being at the time the oldest as well as the leading insurance man in Carroll county, his agency at Carrollton ranking among the largest in the state. Mr. Houston represents all the leading companies in the United States

and some in foreign countries and does a business second to few men in Missouri similarly engaged. He carries more risks in Carroll county than any other agent, but is continuously adding to the magnitude of his patronage, which now takes a wide range, including the leading men in his territory and not a few living in other parts. He is a wide-awake, energetic man, thoroughly consistent with his vocation and, possessing as he does the confidence of his fellow citizens, experiences little difficulty in maintaining his business at the maximum, at the same time keeping in touch with the progress of his city and taking an influential part in public affairs. In 1892 he was elected city clerk, which office he held one term, and in 1896 was chosen mayor, the duties of which responsible position he discharged in an able and satisfactory manner for four years, proving in this, as in other important trusts, a capable, courteous and honorable public servant.

Mr. Houston married his first wife, Cordelia Briscoe, in 1869 and lived with her in happy wedlock until 1873, when the union was severed by her untimely death. Subsequently he contracted marriage with Dollie Vaughn, who proved a true companion and helpmate until called to her final reward, a few years later, some time after which he married Jennie Kelsey, daughter of Hiram and Susan Kelsey, of Carroll county, his present wife. Mr. Houston has a family of four children, Dr. G. B. Houston, the oldest, being a well known dentist of Willow Springs, Missouri, and one of the leading members of his profession in Howell county; Mabel, the second in order of birth, married Charles De Land and lives in California, these two being children of his first wife. Dr. H. K. Houston, the third of the family, practices dentistry at Norborne, this state, and John G., the youngest of the number, is still under the parental roof and his father's business associate. Fraternally, Mr. Houston belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and, politically, is a pronounced supporter of the Democratic party and one of its leaders in Carrollton. As stated in a preceding paragraph, he has been honored by his fellow citizens from time to time with important official positions and is now serving his ninth year as trustee of his township. A number of years ago he united with the Christian church, in which in due time he was made a deacon, but of recent years he has been serving in the capacity of elder, in this, as in the various offices he has held, proving capable and judicious and a natural leader of men. His wife and children are identified with the same religious body to which he has the honor of belonging and, like him, exemplify by their daily work the beauty and worth of a live church and faith. Mr. Houston is public spirited in the most

liberal meaning of the term and stands four square to the world, a man of noble aims and high ideals, true to his conceptions of right and duty, and his life has been influential for good among his friends and fellow citizens.

WILLIAM B. MINNIS.

The gentleman of whom the biographer writes in this connection is one of the oldest business men in Carroll county, though no longer engaged in the line of trade to which the greater part of his life has been devoted. Some years ago he turned over his interests to his son and since then has been enjoying the fruits of his industry in a life of honorable retirement, William B. Minnis is an honorable representative of one of the old and highly esteemed pioneer families of Missouri, and is himself a native of the state in which he lives. John Minnis, his grandfather, was a native of Ireland and a hero of the American war for independence. He came to this country for the purpose of assisting the colonists in their struggle with Great Britain, and at the close of the war returned to Ireland and married Nancy McCammon, immediately after which the happy young couple started on a bridal trip to the new world. Shortly after arriving at his destination, Mr. Minnis went to Tennessee, where he engaged in farming and where he spent the remainder of his life, dying many years ago where he originally located. He was a brave soldier and while serving his adopted country received a painful wound in the battle of Long Island. He was an active and fearless pioneer during the early times of Tennessee and bore an influential part in the settling and development of the section of country in which he established his home.

Thomas Minnis, son of John and Nancy Minnis, was born in Tennessee, and in 1820 came to Missouri and settled in Howard county, having been among the early pioneers of that part of the state. He secured a tract of land which he improved and cultivated and on which he lived until 1834, when he sold out and moved to Carroll county, taking up five hundred acres of government land which in due time he developed into a fine estate. In many respects, Thomas Minnis was more than an ordinary man. He possessed a strong, practical mind and sound judgment, and soon after locating in Carroll county forged to the front as an influential factor in public affairs. He was the second sheriff of the county, and was twice elected to the General Assembly, where he took a leading part in shaping legislation for the

best interests of the commonwealth. He was judge of the county court for a period of twenty years and is said to have had a more comprehensive knowledge of the law and was a better judge of the same than any man of his day in the county. He was a prominent Democrat and influential in political circles, and in religion was a devout Methodist, of which church his wife was also a zealous and faithful member. Mr. Minnis married Pamela Warren, of Tennessee, who bore him twelve children, and departed this life August 12, 1865, he having preceded her to the unknown land on April 26, 1863.

Charles Minnis, the oldest of the children of Thomas and Pamela Minnis, was a farmer by occupation and a most excellent and praiseworthy citizen. He espoused the Union cause in the late Civil war and served throughout the same with the rank of captain and earned honorable mention for bravery on the field of battle. He was three times married, and by his first two wives had twenty-five children, the third marriage being without issue. He lived to a good old age and died respected and honored by all who knew him. John, the second in order of birth, was also a Union soldier being a second lieutenant, during the late war and is now living in Carroll county, having reached the ripe old age of ninety-two years; Jane married William H. Graham and died some years ago in Texas, where her husband was a successful merchant; James, also deceased, was provost marshal at Carrollton during the war, later engaged in merchandising at the same place and lived and died in this city; Warren was a private in the Union army during the war between the North and South, followed agricultural pursuits for a livelihood and died in Carroll county a number of years ago; Sarah was the wife of J. N. Braden, ex-county treasurer, both being deceased; Robert, whose death occurred in Carroll county, was a prominent farmer and stock raiser and an enterprising citizen; Mary, who married William Cary, of this county, is deceased; the subject of this review is the ninth of the family; Eliza, the tenth, dying in childhood; Amelia died young also, and Martha, the twelfth in order of birth, became the wife of Alexander Trotter, a man of great wealth, both having gone to their eternal reward. Of this large family of children who once gathered around the fireside of Thomas and Pamela Minnis, William B. of this review and his older brother, John, alone remain to tell the story of the happy days of long ago.

William B. Minnis was born April 19, 1830, in Howard county, Missouri, and received his early educational training in the primitive log cabin schoolhouse common to the period in which he spent his childhood and youth. He was reared under the wholesome discipline of the farm, early

became accustomed to hard work and thrifty habits, and on leaving home in 1853 accepted a clerkship in the store of Robert D. Martin, of Carrollton, in whose employ he continued until appointed collector of internal revenue for this part of the state several years later. During the Civil war the subject and Mr. Martin were partners in business and later he became associated with W. D. Shanklin and Samuel L. Painter, under whose joint management a large and lucrative mercantile trade was established. Mr. Minnis continued merchandising in Carrollton for a number of years and in due time became one of the best known and most successful business men of the city. In partnership with his sons and several other parties, he organized, about 1890, the New York store, and for several years thereafter looked after the management of the enterprise, which finally came into the possession of his family by whom it has since been conducted, he retiring in the meantime.

Mr. Minnis' long experience in merchandising proved very successful from a financial point of view and, with a comfortable competence, he is now spending the closing years of a long and active life in quiet and content. For many years he was actively identified with the material growth and prosperity of Carrollton, gave his influence and support to all public utilities and various worthy enterprises, and always took a decided stand for whatever made for the social and moral advancement of his fellow men. In addition to his home and other city property, he owns two fine farms in the county, which he rents, and he is also interested in the Carrollton Exchange Bank. Politically, he is a Prohibitionist and, religiously, a Methodist, to which church his wife and family also belong and in which they are active and influential workers.

On November 29, 1860, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Minnis and Sena Hulse, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Calloway) Hulse, of Howard county, this state, the union resulting in the birth of four children, namely: Edward, manager of the New York store and one of the influential business men of Carrollton; Rector, who is also identified with the same enterprise, doing the buying for the firm and attending to the correspondence; he, too, is an accomplished business man and, with his amiable wife and two interesting sons, is popular in the best social circles of the city; Luther, the third in order of birth and the manager of the shoe department of the firm, stands high in commercial circles and is greatly esteemed by the large number of customers who patronize the New York store; he is a married man and the father of two children; Kate, the youngest of the family, married William Holliday, of the Democrat Publishing Company of Carrollton, and is the mother of two children, a daughter and a son.

FRANCIS MARION CRAWFORD.

The subject of this review, who for some years has been living a retired life, belongs to an old and prominent family, which, with its collateral branches, have been represented in this country since a very early period in colonial times. James Crawford, the subject's grandfather, was born in Virginia in the year 1757; his wife, Sarah, also a native of that state, was born in 1767 and died November 25, 1877. When a young man James Crawford went to Kentucky and located a tract of land, which he bought a number of years later, his patent bearing the date of 1800. He was a veteran of the Revolution and bore a conspicuous part in the early history of the section of Kentucky in which he settled. From the most reliable data obtainable, he appears to have possessed great physical and moral courage, for both of which he had ample need during his pioneer experiences in the "Dark and Bloody Battleground." He departed this life May 16, 1836, aged seventy-nine, leaving several children to mourn his loss, among whom was a son, John S. Crawford, father of the subject of this review.

John S. Crawford was born in Fleming county, Kentucky. He married Martha J. Payne, whose parents, Zadok and Mary (Van Zandt) Payne, were natives of Maryland and Virginia, respectively, the former born in 1780, the latter in the year 1789. The family of Zadok and Mary Payne consisted of eighteen children, sixteen of whom grew to maturity, namely: Margaret, born July 20, 1806, became the wife of Zachariah Givens; Malinda, whose birth occurred on March 4, 1808, married Hiram Lee; Sarah, born February 15, 1810, was twice married, first to a Mr. Hungerford, after whose death she wedded William Kerr; John N. was born June 29, 1812; Elisha V., born December 30, 1813; Alexander W., born November 5, 1815; Mary R., wife of James Cochran, born October 24, 1817; Martha J., wife of John S. Crawford and mother of Francis Marion, of this review, was born January 7, 1819; James V., who married Amanda Freeman, was born January 19, 1821; Elijah F., born October 24, 1822; Alfred J., born September 14, 1824; Jessie C., born December, 1822; married Llewellyn Baries; Matthewson M., born November 21, 1827; Rebecca, born June 15, 1829; William L., born September 8, 1830, and Jeannette, wife of James Shields; two died in infancy. Zadok Payne departed this life September 6, 1855, his wife on the 23d day of December, 1866.

Elisha Van Zandt, the father of Mrs. Mary (Van Zandt) Payne, was born in Virginia on the 8th of March, 1763. Margaret Crawford; whom he married on April 9, 1788, was a native of Virginia, where her birth oc-

current September 27, 1759. Their children with dates of birth and death were as follows: Mary, born April 13, 1789, married September 24, 1805, Zadok Payne, and died as stated above; John, born October 23, 1791, married Nancy Northcott on June 16, 1814, and died May 25, 1847; William, who was born October 30, 1793, on March 2, 1815, married Margaret Williams and died December 30, 1875; Martha, born June 6, 1802, was married September 30, 1823, to William Olwer, and died March 29, 1839; James, born May 3, 1795, was twice married, the first time on November 25, 1825, to Nancy Hamilton, the second time on December 24, 1829, to Mary Fisher; he died August 1, 1870; Margaret was born December 25, 1806, became the wife of James Daugherty on March 18, 1828, and died February 22, of the ensuing year; Jane, born February 24, 1799, married, February 12, 1829, Zachariah Crow, and died March 22, 1862; Elijah was born September 23, 1800, married Mary Winn on February 16, 1830, and died December 20, 1875; Rebecca, born October 23, 1804, married, December 4, 1832, Thomas J. Graham, and died July 31, 1849; Sarah, who married a Mr. Mitchell, was born January 5, 1797, and died on the 23d of February, 1888; Elisha C., who was born August 23, 1838, departed this life April 1, 1811.

Elisha Van Zandt, the father of these children, moved from Virginia to Kentucky in an early day and died in the latter state on June 30, 1829; his wife survived him over thirty years, and was called to her reward on September 27, 1859.

John S. Crawford was reared on the family homestead in Fleming county, Kentucky, which his father entered in 1800 and spent his life at or near the place of his birth. He was a farmer by occupation, met with success at his calling and ranked among the leading citizens of his community in which he resided. John S. and Martha J. Crawford were the parents of eight children, namely: Mariah, wife of Fielden W. Gray, was born July 7, 1838; Eliza J., born January 12, 1840, married Aaron Owens; William Henry, who was born October 12, 1841, served in the Union army during the war between the North and the South, married Alice Pierce and had a family of eight children; James Monroe, born July 21, 1846, married for his first wife Lou Davis, after whose death he wedded Amanda Morrison, is the father of five children and lives in Kentucky; Francis Marion, of this review, is the fifth in order of birth, the sixth being Edna, wife of William Todd, who was born April 4, 1852, and lives in Kentucky, her family consisting of three children; John S. was born July 28, 1856, and resides on the old family homestead in Fleming county, Kentucky; his wife,

who previous to her marriage was Sallie McRoberts, has borne him five offspring; Thomas Payne, the youngest of the family, born July 26, 1858, married Ella Emmons, and has two children. Of the above family, Mariah, Eliza J. and William H. are deceased, the others being well settled in life and esteemed in their respective places of residence.

Francis Marion Crawford, to a brief review of whose life the reader's attention is respectfully called, was born on the ancestral estate in Fleming county, Kentucky, August 31, 1848. He was reared to manhood in his native commonwealth and in February, 1871, became a resident of Carroll county, Missouri. Four years later he purchased one hundred and twenty acres of land in Stokes Mound township, only a part of which was improved, and by well directed industry soon transformed the place into one of the finest farms in that section of the country. Mr. Crawford made a number of valuable improvements on his farm and was long recognized as one of the leading agriculturists and stock raisers of the county. After accumulating a competence, he sold the place in February, 1910, and moved to the village of Tina, where he is now living in comfortable retirement.

The domestic life of Mr. Crawford dates from December 24, 1874, at which time was solemnized his marriage with Charlotte A. Clark, whose parents, Harvey and Mary (Stubbs) Clark, natives of Massachusetts and New York, respectively, moved to Carroll county, Missouri, about the year 1866, and settled in Stokes Mound township. Mr. and Mrs. Clark were married in Ohio and reared their children in that state. They located on a farm in this county and were among the respected people of the community. Mrs. Crawford was born October 18, 1857, and departed this life February 22, 1907, leaving a bereaved husband and five living children. The names of the children are as follows: Frank, born October 18, 1875, died at the age of nine months; John S. was born October 17, 1876; Chauncey L. was born May 10, 1878, lives in Oklahoma, where he is engaged in agricultural pursuits, married Ruth Creech, and is the father of two children, Carl and Alice; Leslie, whose birth occurred June 30, 1880, married Eva Duncan, and is also a resident of Oklahoma; Harley was born October 5, 1882, and lives at home with his father; Roy, who was born November 29, 1884, died when three years of age; Lloyd, was born October 13, 1887, and resides in Brookfield, this state, his wife having formerly been Margaret Radebaugh; the ninth and youngest of the children died in infancy.

Mr. Crawford votes with the Republican party and keeps well informed on the leading questions and issues of the times. He is not a politician in the partisan sense, however, though a zealous supporter of the principles

which he espouses; nor has he any ambition in the way of office or public honors. Religiously, he holds to the plain simple teachings of the Christian church, and is actively interested in the work of the local congregation to which he belongs.

RUSSELL M. KNEISLEY.

The subject of this sketch is descended from those nationalities which have done as much as any other to fix the character of our political and literary institutions—to stimulate and direct the real progress and develop the resources of the great North American republic. He belongs to what may be termed the Scotch-Irish-German element of our population, a staid, thrifty, energetic and most reliable people, whose conduct as private citizens and as public functionaries has been governed by fixed and exalted principles and whose deep interest in the country and its institutions has contributed much to the moral bone and sinew of the body politic.

Russell M. Kneisley is a native of Carroll county, Missouri, and the oldest of a family of five children, whose parents were Reuben H. and Emma L. (Atkinson) Kneisley. Reuben H. Kneisley was born in Virginia, and his wife was born in Marion county, Missouri. Joel Kneisley, the subject's grandfather, a native of Virginia, lived in the Shenandoah valley and was a man of considerable importance in his day. The family early became well known and wherever its representatives have lived the name has stood for a high order of manhood and citizenship. Reuben H. Kneisley moved to Marion county, Missouri, in 1858 and during the nine years ensuing was a prominent contractor and builder in the city of Palmyra. At the expiration of the time indicated he came to Carrollton where he followed contracting for a period of thirty years and achieved much more than local repute in the line of his calling. In 1895 he moved to Neosho, this state, and engaged in the lumber business, which he carried on quite successfully until his death, on the 1st day of September, 1900. He was a Democrat in politics, but in later years he advocated Prohibition. He served in the late Civil war in the Confederate cause, and on the first day out received a gunshot wound, which kept him confined closely to his bed for three years, during which time his wife was his faithful and efficient nurse. With his good wife he belonged to the Christian church and exemplified the doctrines of the same in all of his relations with his fellow men. He was an excellent

neighbor and exemplary and public spirited citizen, and left to his descendants the priceless heritage of an honorable family name. Mrs. Kneisley, who survived her husband, is living at this time with her second son, Harvey C. Kneisley, who is engaged in the lumber business at Clarksville, Texas. Frank H., the third in order of birth, was formerly a member of the Carroll county bar, but during the past two years he has been in the real estate business at Kansas City, in connection with which he also deals quite extensively in lumber. Emma V., the fourth child, is the widow of the late Samuel T. Hocker, of Clarksville, Texas, one of the leading men of that city. Mr. Hocker was interested in the cotton gins, lumber, banking and various other lines of business, besides owning and managing a large opera house. He died in December, 1908, leaving a widow and one child. Harry R. has been an honored resident of Seattle, Washington, for eight years, and a leading lumber manufacturer of that city, being president and general manager of the Columbia Lumber Company, one of the largest and most successful enterprises of the kind in the west.

Russell M. Kneisley was born on North Main street, Carrollton, Missouri, April 9, 1868, and spent his early life in his native city, receiving his education in the schools of the same. After being graduated from the high school, he went to Kansas City where he remained three years and the following year traveled for a Kansas City wholesale tea and coffee house. Severing his connection with the firm at the expiration of the time indicated, he accepted a position with a tea and coffee house of Chicago, which he represented on the road for a year, resigning at the end of that time for the purpose of organizing the Western Association of Professional Baseball Clubs at Des Moines, Iowa. In 1892 he was president, manager and owner of the club at St. Joseph, Missouri, and during the ensuing three years was president, captain, manager and second baseman of the team of that city, which for two successive years won the pennant and gained a national reputation as one of the finest organizations of the kind in the United States.

Not caring to devote his life entirely to sports, Mr. Kneisley, while looking after his baseball interests, took up the study of law, and such was his progress that in March, 1894, he was admitted to the bar at Carrollton, where in due time his abilities gained recognition, and it was not long until he obtained his proportionate share of the legal business. He first formed a partnership with Virgil Conkling, which lasted until October, 1897, and in 1898 he became associated with William G. Busby, the firm thus established continuing until 1901, since which time he has practiced by himself. His success in the law soon paved his way to the political field and in recogni-

tion of his services to the Democratic party he was elected in November, 1898, to represent Carroll county in the lower house of the Legislature, being the youngest member of the body when he took his seat. His experience as a lawmaker was eminently creditable and satisfactory, having served on a number of important committees and taken an active part in the general deliberations of the chamber, besides being instrumental in bringing about legislation of great interest to his constituents and to the state at large.

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Mr. Kneisley has been a member of the Democratic county and city central committees continuously since his twenty-first year, and today is recognized as one of the most efficient and successful politicians in the western part of the state. He served as chairman of the county committee for several years, and as such rendered valuable service in a number of campaigns, both as a judicious counselor and an aggressive, untiring worker in the ranks. As a lawyer he stands among the leading members of the local bar and at this time has a large and lucrative practice, which has been as successful financially as professionally. He enjoys the confidence of his professional brethren as well as the public, is honorable and upright in all of his dealings, and, as a citizen, manifests a commendable interest in all that pertains to the progress and welfare of his city, county and state. He is a prominent member of the order of Modern Woodmen of America and at the present time consul of the organization for the state of Missouri.

Mr. Kneisley was married on the 21st day of June, 1899, to Hattie Cooper, daughter of Dr. J. C. Cooper, of Carrollton, the union being blessed with one child, John Russell Kneisley, who was born January 30, 1901, at Carrollton.

CHARLES R. PATTISON.

Charles R. Pattison is a son of George and Ada C. Pattison. He was born in Carroll county, Missouri, June 28, 1855, near what is known as Baums Mills, now in Combs township, and has resided in said county all his life and in Carrollton since he was about five years of age. For sixteen years previous to December 31, 1879, his father was probate judge of Carroll county, and during part of that time and for many years he assisted his father in the probate office, and was clerk of the probate court under his father from 1873 to 1879. For some six years he diligently read law under the tutorship of Hon. Jonas J. Clark, formerly district judge, then

circuit judge, and on the 19th of March, 1875, was admitted to practice law by the circuit court of Carroll county. From January 1, 1880, he and his schoolmate, Winfield Scott Timmons, under the firm name of Pattison & Timmons, were partners in the practice of law till the death of Mr. Timmons, on October 13, 1893. From December 27, 1893, he was associated with Senator J. W. Sebree in the practice of law till the death of Senator Sebree May 3, 1897.

On June 4, 1895, Mr. Pattison was married to Marion Kelly, daughter of the late Manasses Kelly of Carroll county. On several occasions when there was differences among the leaders of the Republican party in said county he was called upon to take charge of the campaign, which he did in 1884, 1888, 1898 and 1900. Not having much political ambition, he reluctantly consented to be a candidate for probate judge in 1902, but, this not being a propitious year for the success of the Republican ticket, he was not elected. In 1901 he was chairman of the courthouse campaign, which resulted in the present courthouse being built. He was also of co-counsel for the county court—serving free of charge—in the matter of the building of said courthouse, which building is a monument to "No Graft," every dollar of the tax therefor having gone into the building.

Mr. Pattison never liked the wrangle or red tape incident to the court practice of the law, and since January 1, 1880, to the present time he has confined himself to the office practice of the law. His opinion and advice to his clients has always been that law suits were expensive "luxuries," at the expense of the litigants, and for his clients, if they can, to keep out of litigation.

J. AMOS LOVELL, D. D. S.

The profession of dental surgery has an able representative in the person of Dr. J. Amos Lovell, of Carrollton, who has acquired a large and lucrative practice in the city and surrounding country and who by reason of his professional attainments and the superior quality of all work done in his office, commands to a marked degree the esteem and confidence of the public. Dr. Lovell is a native of Lafayette county, Missouri, where he was born on the 8th day of September, 1872. His paternal grandfather, H. C. Lovell, an Illinoisan by birth, went to Illinois in an early day and was among the pioneers of the part of that state in which he located. Among his children

was a son, H. C. Lovell, who was born and reared in Illinois and who, after the late Civil war, came to Missouri and settled near Lexington, removing thence, about the year 1887, to Carroll county, where he lived for a number of years, devoting his attention the meanwhile to the oil business. He married, in his native state, Jennie M. McCartney, whose parents, John and Elizabeth (Hammond) McCartney, moved from Kentucky to Illinois in an early day and later to Missouri, where the family became widely and favorably known. H. C. and Jennie Lovell were the parents of three children, the Doctor being the youngest of the number; Frank, the first in order of birth, is in the telephone business, being district manager of the Bell company, with headquarters at Carrollton; John, the second of the family, is a civil engineer and a man of high standing in his calling.

J. Amos Lovell received his elementary education in the public schools and later was graduated with an honorable record from the high school of Carrollton. Having early decided to make dental surgery his life work, he entered, in due time, the Western Dental College at Kansas City, where he prosecuted his studies until completion of the prescribed course, and received his degree in the year 1899. Shortly after graduating from the above institution, he located at Carrollton, where, as already stated, his progress has been rapid and continuous, which shows him a master of his profession and fully entitled to the high place which he holds in the confidence of the public. Doctor Lovell has elegantly appointed parlors and his office and laboratory are equipped with all the instruments and appliances which modern inventive genius and superior mechanical skill have contrived to facilitate practice in this important and highly appreciated profession. By close attention to his calling and the gentlemanly and courteous treatment which he accords to his patrons, he has built up a large practice, which has been as successful financially as professionally, and during the period of his residence in Carrollton he has accumulated a comfortable competence and is in easy circumstances. The Doctor is not given to eulogizing his profession, as the manner of some is, but lets the high character of his work do its own advertising. His patrons include the best people of the city and country and the success he has already achieved affords the best evidence of continued progress in the future. Dr. Lovell is not so immersed in his profession as to lose sight of the interest which every true citizen has in the community, accordingly he keeps in close touch with all matters relating to the growth and prosperity of his city and is a factor of no little importance and influence in the social life of the same. He holds membership with

the time-honored fraternity of Free Masons, is also identified with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and politically gives his support to the Democratic party. He is a believer in revealed religion and a member of the Christian church, to which his wife also belongs.

On January 29, 1900, Doctor Lovell and Carrie Adams, daughter of Hicks Adams, of Carrollton, were united in the holy bonds of wedlock, the marriage resulting in the birth of a daughter, Virginia, now a bright winsome miss of seven years. Doctor Lovell and wife are popular in the social circles of Carrollton and have many warm friends in the city and elsewhere. Their domestic life is mutually agreeable and happy and their pleasant home a favorite rendezvous of their many friends and associates.

THOMAS MITCHELL.

The subject of this sketch is a prominent farmer and stock raiser, and as such ranks among the leading men of his calling, not only in the county of which he is an honored resident, but in the western part of the state as well. He has been signally successful in his sphere of activity and is today one of the financially solid men of his township and county, also a public spirited man who manifests an abiding interest in whatever makes for the material advancement and general welfare of the community in which he resides.

Thomas Mitchell was born in Boone county, Missouri, in the year 1843, being a son of Charles Bridgewater Mitchell and Mary Mitchell, natives of Kentucky and early settlers of Boone county. These parents moved to Carroll county in 1849 and spent the remainder of their lives in Ridge township, the father having been a well-to-do farmer and praiseworthy citizen. He died in 1854 and the mother died in 1897, aged ninety-six years.

Thomas Mitchell was reared to habits of industry on the home farm and early learned the true significance of honest toil. His educational experience, which included a few months' attendance at a subscription school in a small log cabin—one of the first schools in Ridge township—was of the most primitive kind, but he afterwards made up for the deficiency by much reading and contact with the world, a kind of knowledge of far greater value than that acquired in college or university. During his youthful years he helped with the work of the farm and was thus engaged until 1862, when he joined the state militia, with which he served during the following two years. At

the expiration of that time he enlisted in the Forty-ninth Missouri Infantry, which was assigned duty in various parts of the South and while stationed at New Orleans he fell sick and for forty-two days was confined in a hospital in that city. During his last two years of military service, he took part in several campaigns and a number of battles, the most important being the capture of Mobile, Alabama.

Receiving his discharge at the close of the war, Mr. Mitchell returned home and resumed the pursuit of agriculture on the family homestead, which subsequently came into his possession and which he still owns. He has given his entire time and attention to farming and stock raising and his career in these lines presents a series of successes seldom achieved. His farm, which contains three hundred and thirty acres of excellent land, is in one of the finest agricultural districts of Ridge township and is in a high state of cultivation and the improvements are among the best in the country. The residence, although erected a number of years ago, is commodious, comfortable and in a good state of preservation, the other buildings having been more recently added. Among the latter are two large barns, the main one of which is fifty by seventy feet in dimensions, the other forty by sixty-two feet, the structures being finished throughout with the greatest care and proving a model of utility and convenience. There is also a feeder, twenty-six by sixty feet in area, and many other modern improvements and conveniences, including three wind mills, which supply the stock with an abundance of pure water, to say nothing of the six miles of woven wire fencing with which the place is enclosed and subdivided, and the latest and most approved machinery and implements used in the cultivation of the farm.

Mr. Mitchell keeps upon an average of ten horses, ninety hogs, forty cattle and from one hundred and fifty to two hundred sheep, his farm being especially adapted to stock raising. He has a number of very fine animals which represent a large amount of capital, and he takes great pride in the breeding and raising of high grade blooded stock, for which there is always a wide demand. In addition to agriculture and live stock, he is also interested in fruit culture, his orchards being among the finest and most productive in this part of the state. At the present time he has two hundred apple trees which bear and he is continually adding to the number; three hundred bearing pear trees, and quite a number of peach trees, besides small fruits of various kinds are among the features of the farm which attract interest and which have proven the source of a considerable share of his income. Mr. Mitchell has made all of the improvements on his farm and his management has been able and judicious, such indeed to yield him the

largest possible returns and make him one of the wealthy men of his township, which reputation he has sustained for a number of years.

Fraternally Mr. Mitchell is a member of Fred Miller Post, Grand Army of the Republic, at Tina. Formerly he was identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, but for some time past has not attended the meetings of that order. In politics he is a Republican, but not a partisan, and, with the exception of school director, he has held no elective office.

Mr. Mitchell married, in 1869, Catherine Miller, who was born in Cooper county, Missouri, in 1848, and departed this life in 1882, the union resulting in the birth of five children, namely: Addie, deceased; Alice, deceased; Mary, wife of Joseph Gaston, of Oklahoma; John, deceased, and William, who married Lorena Hubbell and lives with his father on the home farm. Mr. Mitchell's success in life has not been altogether joyous, his home having been several times invaded by the fell destroyer, and four of its beloved and cherished members removed. He has borne up with fortitude under his bereavements, however, realizing that such is the inexorable law to which all humanity, sooner or later, must yield, and that in some mysterious way, beyond mortal ken, the God who giveth every earthly blessing doeth all things well.

During the Civil war there was a skirmish fought on Mr. Mitchell's farm between Anderson's men and Captain Hudson with a company of residents. Anderson's men were in the house eating dinner, the women having been forced to get dinner for them, when the neighbors gathered and fired on them, but failed to hurt them much, but wounded some of the women slightly. Isaac Dugan was killed by his own brother-in-law through a mistake, Dugan having been a prisoner along with William Darr. Dugan and Darr escaped from Anderson's men, when Dugan was shot by J. Q. Walker by mistake, Walker thinking he was one of Anderson's men. Anderson's men also killed a fellow by the name of Kirker, and shot Stephen Mitchell's wife, but did not kill her. Captain Hudson and his company were defeated and driven several miles, after which Anderson and his men came back and stayed two or three hours, reporting that they had shot Mrs. Stephen Mitchell.

CALEB ROSE.

Caleb Rose, of Fairfield township, was born in Leslie township, this county, March 28, 1858. He is the son of Vincent Rose and wife, an excellent Southern family. Mr. Rose's father was born in Tennessee and his

mother in North Carolina. She moved to Tennessee when eight years old, there grew to maturity, met and married Mr. Rose, and they came to Carroll county, Missouri, between 1845 and 1850 and were among the early settlers here.

The subject of this sketch has lived on the farm all his life, having been reared on the home place and attended school at Mandeville, and in early life he moved to Illinois and remained there four years, then moved back to Leslie township. His father, dying when Caleb was five or six years old, left a widow to take care of six children, and the subject assisted his mother until he was eighteen years old, then she married and he worked out, receiving fifteen dollars per month. After he was twenty-two years old he rented a farm of one hundred acres and soon had a good start. In December, 1880, he was married to Emma Shirley, in Leslie township, one mile south of Mandeville, and they began farming at once. Mr. Rose retained the one hundred acres mentioned above for three years, then bought eighty acres in section 18, Leslie township, moving thereto in 1885, and lived there until 1892. He prospered and later bought forty acres more, which he sold at a good profit, then moved to his present place in section 12, Fairfield township, in 1892. He bought at first one hundred and sixty acres, and by later purchases has added to it until he now owns four hundred and twenty acres of improved and timber land in Fairfield and Leslie townships. He always kept his land in the very best condition, looking after it personally, and has therefore brought it up to a high state of cultivation and has been abundantly rewarded as a general farmer and stock raiser. He is also the owner of stock in the Mutual Telephone Company. He is eminently deserving of the large success that is today his, considering the fact that when he started in life for himself he was in debt, even for part of his clothes.

Mrs. Rose was born in December, 1858, in Leslie township, her parents being old settlers in this county, the father having been reared here, her mother having been born in Mississippi. These parents were named Marion and Myra Shirley, their home being the same neighborhood in which the Rose family lived, and Caleb Rose and Emma Shirley attended the same school in their youth. The Shirley family came to Carroll county in 1840, from Indiana, Mrs. Rose's father then being nine years old, and her mother was also nine years old when she came.

The following children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Rose: Arthur married Gusta Tarr and lives in Fairfield township, this county; Wilfred T. married Nora Shenk and lives near Tonganoxie, Kansas; Ethel and Lora are

both teaching; Carl is living at home, as are the two daughters. Most of these children have attended the normal and are well educated.

Fraternally, Mr. Rose is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Roads and of the Knights of the Maccabees at Bogard. Politically, he is a Democrat, but is not a politician.

CHARLES NEWTON CANADAY.

The county of Carroll numbers among its citizens many skillful physicians, lawyers of state repute, well-known business men of much more than local reputation; while proud of them, she is not lacking in others who have achieved distinction in callings requiring intellectual abilities of a high order. Among the latter, Charles Newton Canaday, the present able and popular superintendent of county schools, occupies a deservedly conspicuous place. No one is more entitled to the thoughtful consideration of a free and enlightened people than he who shapes and directs the minds of the young, adds to the value of their intellectual treasures and moulds their characters. This is pre-eminently the mission of the faithful and conscientious teacher and to such noble work has the life of Mr. Canaday been devoted. In his record there is much that is commendable, and his career forcibly illustrates what a life of energy can accomplish when plans are wisely laid and actions are governed by right principles, noble aims and high ideals. His actions have always been the result of conscientious thought, and when once convinced that he is right, no suggestion of policy or personal profit can swerve him from the course he has decided upon, and he is one of the leading citizens of a great county widely noted for the high order of its professional talent.

Superintendent Canaday is a Hoosier by birth, having first seen the light of day in Henry county, Indiana, on March 11, 1861, and he is the scion of a sterling old family, being the son of John C. and Mary Ann (Shockley) Canaday, both natives of the same county in which he was born, and there they grew to maturity, were educated and married and became well established and popular in their community. The paternal grandfather, Charles C. Canaday, was born in Tennessee and from there he migrated to Indiana in an early day and there married Jane Frazier.

Superintendent Canaday was eight years old when his parents brought him to Carroll county, Missouri, in 1869, the family locating on a farm in the northern part of Hill township, near the Livingston county line, where

they lived for five years, then moved to a farm in Leslie township, near Bogard Mound.

The son grew to maturity on the home farm and assisted with the general duties about the place, the free outdoor life resulting in a vigorous constitution and a clear, healthy mind. His early education was obtained in the district schools and later in the Chillicothe Normal and the State Normal at Warrensburg. He also took a special correspondence course in Washington University, and by these efforts he became exceptionally well equipped for his life work and obtained his state teacher's life certificate. For a period of twelve years he taught in the district schools, three years in the Carrollton public schools, nine years in the Norborne public schools and five years as principal of the high school and four years as superintendent of the school. Thus for a period of twenty-eight years he has been actively engaged in teaching, all in Carroll county with the exception of three years in Gentry county, one year of this time being spent in the Stanberry high school and the other two as superintendent of the public school at King City. At the end of the first three years of his teaching he entered the mercantile business, establishing a store just south of Bogard Mound. About a year later the town of Bogard was located and he moved his store to the town-site, and thus was the first person to sell goods in the town of Bogard. Selling his stock of goods a few months later to William Mathieson, he re-entered the teacher's profession.

Carroll county has never had a more popular or efficient educator than Professor Canaday, his services always being in great demand. Always a student, he has kept fully abreast of the times in everything pertaining to his profession and ranks high in the list of public instructors in northern Missouri. His popularity as a teacher was evidenced by his large majority in the race for county superintendent of schools on April 4, 1911, and he has made a most commendable start in the affairs of this important office, his fidelity to the duties of the same indicating the judgment of the people in his selection. His classes he entertains and instructs at the same time. His style is direct and forceful, free from redundancy, his perception keen and his analysis acute. His work in every department of education is characteristically practical, and in teaching, superintending, and in devising or modifying the courses of study, he possesses to a remarkable degree the sense of proportion and fitness. Continuous application through a long period of years has given him a clear and comprehensive insight into the philosophy of education and the largest wisdom as to method and means of attainment of ends, while his steady growth in public favor wherever he has labored,

and his popularity with teachers, pupils and patrons has won for him an educational standing second to none in this section of the state. He possesses that rare quality of personal magnetism and tact which render him popular with the young, and by entering into their spirit and pastimes, sympathizing with them in their troubles, listening to and settling their disputes and making their interests his own, his work as teacher among them is rendered easy.

The domestic life of Superintendent Canaday began on July 22, 1891, when he was united in marriage with Anna Carolina Gurn, a lady of talent and culture, the daughter of James Franklin and Almira (Somerville) Gum, a fine old Southern family who many years ago moved from Virginia to near Hale, Missouri, where they became well known and well established. This union has been graced by the birth of two children, Ernest Franklin Canaday, born May 5, 1893, and Emmett John Canaday, whose birth occurred on August 27, 1902.

Fraternally, Superintendent Canaday has been a Mason for over twenty years, and he is at present holding membership in Carroll Lodge No. 249, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and is popular in the same. He has been a member of the Baptist church for a number of years and an active worker in the various congregations among which he has lived. For eight years he was president of the Sunday School Convention of the Missouri Valley Baptist Association and as such rendered most efficient services. A man of honest, earnest purpose, he has always worked assiduously to instill into the minds of the youths under his charge wholesome principles of living and high ideals. He is everywhere regarded as a wide-awake, enterprising man of the times, fully alive to the dignities and responsibilities of citizenship. Affable and easily approached, he commands the undivided respect of all with whom he comes into contact, and his friends are numbered only by the bounds and limits of his acquaintance and his career has been eminently creditable to himself and an honor to the community and the state.

WILLIAM G. BUSBY.

Senator William G. Busby, of Carrollton, Missouri, was born on a farm in Carroll county, April 3, 1873, and is the oldest son of James M. and Lena Busby, whose parents emigrated from Kentucky and were early settlers in Carroll county. Senator Busby was educated in the common schools of the county, and State University at Columbia, Missouri, and was admitted to

the bar at Carrollton, July 19, 1894. He has built up a large practice in the trial and appellate courts of the state, and is the senior member of the law firm of Busby Bros. & Withers, of Carrollton, Missouri.

On April 5, 1898, Senator Busby was elected to the office of mayor of Carrollton, when old enough only by two days to hold the office, and probably has the distinction of being the youngest mayor of any city the size of Carrollton. He was re-elected to the office of mayor in April, 1899, and declined a third nomination for mayor by the Democratic party in April, 1900. He promised that if elected mayor, his administration would adopt a progressive policy, and he succeeded during his two terms as mayor in having the city vote bonds for fifty thousand dollars with which to pave the streets and construct one of the best sewer systems in the state.

On retiring from the office of mayor in April, 1900, Senator Busby resumed the practice of law and declined to be a candidate again for any office until the year of 1910, when the Democratic party of the eighth senatorial district, composing the counties of Carroll, Ray, Caldwell and Daviess, unanimously nominated him, without opposition, for state senator and although the district was very close politically, he was elected in the ensuing election by a majority of one thousand and sixty votes over his Republican opponent, and in the forty-sixth Senate he was made chairman of the committee on life, fire and other insurance, and was a member of the judiciary, criminal jurisprudence, probate law, and other important committees, and succeeded in passing a larger number of bills through the Senate than any other member excepting an older member from a more populous district.

Senator Busby married Miss Mayme Devlin, daughter of Joseph H. Devlin, of Carrollton, Missouri, and they have two sons, William G., Jr., and Joseph Devlin Busby.

SAMUEL KIRKWOOD TURNER.

The subject of this sketch was born in Bedford, Taylor county, Iowa, on Friday, June 8, 1866, the youngest child and only son of Joseph Humphrey and Cordelia Eglantine Walker-Markey Turner. At the age of one and one-half years he was brought to Missouri by his parents and located in Carrollton, the trip having been made to Hill's Landing by boat from St. Joseph, which was, at that time, one of the shipping points of Bedford, seventy-five miles away. Since December, 1867, he has made Carrollton his home, with



SAMUEL K. TURNER

the exception of a few months on three different occasions when he tried living in St. Louis, returning each time from lucrative positions to the scenes of his childhood.

Mr. Turner, or "Kirk" as he is commonly called by the residents of the community where he grew to manhood, takes as much pride in his ancestry as any one could. His father was a native of Massachusetts and his mother of Maine, the line on each side going back to well known English families, he being named for Samuel James Kirkwood, the "war governor" of Iowa, who was a friend of his father.

Joseph Humphrey Turner, or "Capt. Joe," was born in South Scituate, Massachusetts, September 26, 1831. Having been left to his own resources early in life, he was able to avail himself of but a primary education, but being a great reader and student he became an exceptionally well posted man. His ancestry dates back to the days of the Pilgrim Fathers when Humphrey Turner, in the good ship "Ann," in 1623 landed near Plymouth. This line includes heroes of the King Philip war, the Revolution and the war of 1812. He learned the trade of ship carpenter, which he followed until 1856, when he came west and located in Des Moines. Here he remained one year and removed to Bedford, Iowa, where he established the *Iowa South-West*, the first newspaper published in Taylor county, and entered upon what proved to be his life's work. It was here, in 1859, that he was married to Mrs. Cordelia Eglantine Walker-Markey, and here he enlisted on Lincoln's first call for volunteers in Company F, Twenty-ninth Iowa Volunteer Infantry. He served through the war as lieutenant, captain, sergeant major and acting assistant adjutant-general on the staffs of General Solomon and Rice and was honorably discharged August 25, 1865.

At the close of the war, despairing that Bedford would ever get a railroad and hearing that the North Missouri railroad was to be extended through Carrollton, he came here and established the *Wakenda Record*. Those were wild and perilous times in Missouri and especially so for any one who was known to have been in sympathy with the North. The threats and slights heaped upon a man who would enter such a community for the purpose of establishing a "radical" newspaper can, at this time, be scarcely imagined. It was only a few weeks until the newspaper office was destroyed by fire and had it not been that almost on the very day of the fire he had contracted for a home in Carrollton it is probable that he might have gone back to some Northern or Eastern state. The question was settled, however, by the fact that the combined fortunes of the family (which was by no means large) had been invested and the paper was re-established and was continued until 1878

when it was again destroyed by fire and again re-established as *The Carroll Record*, which he continued until the time of his death, September 26, 1888. During a portion of the time he was associated with others in the *Record* and for two brief intervals was only remotely connected with its management, but the greater part of the time from the foundation of the enterprise until his death he was the moving spirit and the head of the enterprise, ever contending for the right as he saw it, for the uplift of humanity and for the good of the town and county of his adoption. So well did he succeed that before his death he numbered as his best friends some of those who had viewed with the deepest suspicion the "yankee" who had come uninvited to the community twenty years before.

"Kirk" was able to attend the public school until the age of sixteen when, on account of the ill health of his father, he abandoned his cherished desire of a professional life and entered the printing office, where he saw he was the most needed, and took up a business career. In 1887, when he attained his majority, he was taken into the business, which was continued until the death of the father, when the newspaper was sold to W. F. Chalfant and he entered mercantile business. In a few years he was offered sufficient salary to justify him putting in all his time as superintendent of the water works company, he having held this position and devoting a portion of his time to it since the death of his father who had been the superintendent under like circumstances. As superintendent of the water works company, the plant was made to grow and during his management the first incandescent light machine was put in and the plant of the first electric light company bought and merged with the water works company.

In 1893 he went into the real estate and loan business with his father-in-law, Jesse D. Perkins, and in 1898 the firm of Perkins & Turner bought and completed a set of abstract books just started and organized the Carroll County Title Company. The season of 1902-3 was spent in St. Louis, where he went that his oldest son might have the benefit of expert medical attention. He was called back to Carrollton to accept a position with the reorganized Water, Light & Transit Company, where he remained for two years, when he again took up the real estate and loan business with Samuel A. Clark, which is still continued.

Mr. Turner has never been a lodge man. He insists that he "belongs to his wife and the Presbyterian church." In that church he was elected a deacon in 1887 and was afterwards elected to the eldership. He has never had and never expects to have any political aspirations; but is of the opinion that it is the duty of every citizen to take his turn at service on the town

council and school board when impressed to do so by the people and, having filled both of these positions, feels free to express his views on the matter.

On October 8, 1889, Mr. Turner was married to Miss Anne M., the daughter of Jesse D. and Lucie A. Perkins, who, with two boys, Joe Perkins and Roy Walker, and one girl, Lucelia Kirkwood, completes his family.

In addition to being engaged in the real estate and loan business with Mr. Clark, Mr. Turner is the secretary of the Republican-Record Printing Company, of which Mr. Clark is the president and manager, and renders some little service on the local pages of that paper.

EDWARD F. DAWSON.

Praise is always due to merit and especially where merit is the product of unassisted energy and perseverance. The self-made man commands our highest respect. Those struggles by means of which he has risen from obscurity to honorable distinction cannot fail to enlist sympathy and call forth our warmest applause. One of Carroll county's most enterprising, useful and honored self-made citizens is Edward F. Dawson, widely known both as a minister of the gospel and as a probate judge, who, after an eminently worthy and meritorious career, is now living on his model farm near the city of Carrollton. The conspicuous place he has gained in the esteem and confidence of the public has been fairly and honorably earned. He numbers his friends by the score wherever known, and the hope is universally and emphatically expressed that his life and health may be preserved and the public permitted for many years to enjoy the benefit of his presence.

Judge Dawson is the scion of a sterling old family of the Blue Grass state, of which he also is a native, his birth having occurred in Anderson county, Kentucky, on October 12, 1865. He is the son of William and Sarah (McGinnis) Dawson, both natives of Kentucky, where they grew to maturity, were educated and married, each representing fine old pioneer families. In 1867 the Dawsons took final leave of the country of "the dark and bloody ground" and made the steamboat journey to Ray county, Missouri, locating on a farm, where, by dint of hard work and careful management, they became very comfortably established, the parents spending their last years there, the death of William Dawson occurring in 1877, his widow surviving until 1891. They were excellent people, hospitable, honest and neighborly, consequently were popular and influential in their community.

Their family consisted of seven children, named as follows: James, deceased; Betty is the widow of Buckner Mosby, of Rayville, Ray county, Missouri; Charles W. lives at Richmond, Missouri, but is extensively interested in banking in Oklahoma; Catherine, now deceased, was the wife of Allen B. Hughes, a banker of Hardin, Ray county, Missouri; William is a prosperous farmer and stock raiser in Oklahoma; Octavia has remained single and makes her home in Hardin, Missouri; Edward F. of this review is the youngest of the family.

Judge Dawson received a good common school education and spent four years at William Jewell College, Liberty, Missouri, where he made an excellent record for scholarship, having studied with a view to entering the active ministry, which he had decided upon as a life work soon after his conversion to the Christian faith at the age of nineteen years, and he entered the work under the auspices of the Baptist church at Hardin, Missouri. About 1889, directly after leaving college, he came to Carroll county and assumed the duties of pastor of the Union church, sixteen miles west of Carrollton, where he labored for twelve years, being very successful, building up a strong and active congregation, in which he was very popular, owing to his earnest and faithful work, his ability as a logical and often truly eloquent exponent of the gospel and his kindness and unselfish labor in the homes of the congregation. After leaving there he was called back two years later, but his health failing at this time necessitated a change in his work, and, his friends prevailing upon him to accept the nomination on the Democratic ticket for probate judge, he accordingly made the race and was duly elected in 1902. His services in this capacity of public service were so eminently satisfactory, he having displayed ability of a high order and fully meeting the expectations of his friends and the general public, that in 1906 he was re-elected to this important office, and thus served for a period of eight years, during which he so discharged the duties of the office as to receive the hearty approval and warm commendation of the bar without regard to party. He brought to the bench a dignity becoming the high position, and in the line of duty was industrious, careful and singularly painstaking, which, combined with his sterling honesty and fearlessness of purpose, made him one of the most popular and efficient men ever called to preside over this court. It is but just to say, and greatly to his credit, that no political prejudice, bias or zeal was ever allowed to deflect his mind from its honest convictions, and while discharging his official functions, personal ties and friendships, as well as his own interest and opinions, were lost sight of in his conscientious efforts to render equal and exact justice to those whose

affairs were adjudicated in his court. His opinions and decisions attested his eminent fitness for judicial positions, being always lucid, unstrained and vigorous, his statements full and comprehensive, and his analysis and interpretations of the law conspicuous and complete.

Upon the expiration of his term of office, Judge Dawson retired to his fine farm of one hundred and fifty acres, lying one mile of Carrollton. It is under a high state of cultivation and improvement, and here, under his able management, general farming and stock raising are carried on in a very successful manner. He also owns another excellent farm of one hundred and fifty acres. He has a commodious and attractive home, modern in its appointments and among its equipment is found the Judge's extensive and well-chosen library, where he spends a great deal of his spare time, "losing himself in other men's minds," and becoming acquainted with the world's best literature on a great diversity of themes.

The domestic life of Judge Dawson began on August 18, 1891, when he was united in marriage with Linea E. Moore, a lady of many estimable and praiseworthy attributes, the daughter of John J. and Alice Moore, a prominent family of Olathe, Kansas. She was a successful school teacher at the time of her marriage. This union has been blessed by the birth of three children, namely: Cecil, who was a member of the graduating class of 1911 at the Carrollton high school, entered William Jewell College in the fall of the same year; the younger children are Lois and Hugh Edward, all three interesting and promising. Fraternally, Judge Dawson is a member of the Masonic lodge at Carrollton.

Judge Dawson is one of the most popular men of Carroll county and he is deeply appreciative of the high esteem in which he is held by the people of this locality. It is said that he officiates at more marriages than any other minister of this county. A true nobleman, he bears worthily the honors conferred upon him, being duly grateful for the kindness shown him by the people of Carroll county.

JOHN I. WILLIAMSON.

To achieve success in any profession requires innate attributes of a rare order, especially in one so exacting as the law, consequently when one attains eminence in the legal world he justly merits the high esteem of his fellow-men. John I. Williamson, well known in the locality of which this history

deals, for a number of years has occupied an envied position at the Jackson county bar and holds a conspicuous position among the legal lights of Kansas City, having brought the qualifications and forces of a drilled, disciplined and brilliant intellect to the active practice of the law when he entered upon its complex duties and responsibilities. When a young man in Kentucky he entered the ranks, and his thorough preparedness won him instantaneous recognition among his contemporaries. His force and effectiveness are strongly emphasized in his preparation of cases and in his arguments to the jury, quickly grasping their minds by the compass of his own. The calm and masterly manner in which he disposes of the preliminary considerations is the reminder of the experienced general, quietly arranging his forces and preparing to press down in overwhelming force upon a weak point. His manner becomes aroused, his action animated, and in the marshaling of arguments and effective presentation of the same he is second to none at the local bar. Owing to his zeal and vigilance in looking after the interests of his clients, his indomitable energy in pushing forward to successful issue whatever he undertakes, his uniform courtesy and unswerving honesty, his unassuming manner and his unfailing public spirit, Mr. Williamson is a worthy representative of the modern, virile, self-made American man of affairs.

John I. Williamson was born in Carroll county, Missouri, on March 16, 1867, and he is the son of John W. and Mary (Smith) Williamson, the father born in Kentucky in 1827 and the mother in Missouri in 1836. He is of Scotch-Irish ancestry. David Williamson, the great-grandfather, was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, and Carter Tarrant, a great uncle, was a chaplain in the war of 1812. Grandfather Williamson emigrated from Virginia to Kentucky, and the father, John W. Williamson, came from Kentucky to Missouri.

John I. Williamson received a good common school education, and took up the study of law in early life. His higher education was obtained in the University of Kentucky at Lexington. For ten years he practiced law with a large measure of success in Kentucky, from 1893 to 1903, then, seeking a broader field for the exercise of his talents, he came to Kansas City, Missouri, where he opened an office and has since been actively engaged in general practice, having built up a large and gradually increasing clientele and has figured prominently in the local courts in a number of important cases, in which his efforts have been fittingly crowned with success.

Mr. Williamson is a loyal Democrat and has spoken in behalf of Democratic principles in every campaign waged by his party since he was twenty years of age, but has never sought or held any office, with the exception that

he has served frequently as special judge of circuit courts, both in Kentucky and Missouri, in the former by appointment by the governor and in the latter by elections, and in each instance he gave evidence of eminent fitness for high judicial positions. He declined the nomination for judge of the circuit court in Kentucky in a district in which a nomination was equivalent to an election, and since coming to Kansas City, though frequently urged to become a candidate for judicial and other offices, has always refused to abandon the active practice of his profession.

Mr. Williamson affiliates with the Christian church, and fraternally he belongs to the Scottish Rite Masons; he is a member of the State Bar Association, the Jackson County Bar Association, the Midday Club, the Knife and Fork Club and others. An evidence of his eminent standing as a lawyer is shown by the fact that he has been for several years a lecturer in the Kansas City School of Law. Always a profound student, he has kept fully abreast of the times in all phases of jurisprudence.

The domestic life of Mr. Williamson began when he espoused a popular, cultured and refined girl of the Blue Grass state, on December 8, 1891, who was known in her maidenhood as Lucy E. Willett, daughter of W. E. and Martha (Letton) Willett, an excellent old Southern family of Carlisle, Kentucky. Mrs. Williamson was educated at the Georgetown Female Seminary, Georgetown, Kentucky. This union has been graced by the birth of two daughters, Isabel and Elton.

HUGH KAVANAUGH REA.

The career of Hugh Kavanaugh Rea, a member of the law firm of Conkling, Rea & Sparrow, of Kansas City, Missouri, illustrates the fact that if a young man possesses the proper attributes of mind and heart, with the ability to direct the same in proper channels, he can attain for himself not only material success but gain an honored place among the factors that shape the destinies of communities. He was born in Carroll county, Missouri, December 20, 1870. His father, J. G. Rea, formerly a farmer, but now successfully engaged in the implement business in Carrollton, is the son of John H. and Sarah (Conner) Rea and the grandson of Joseph and Mary Ann (Hay) Rea, both natives of Virginia, the former born in Henry county, May 11, 1773, and the latter in the same county June 7, 1778. Joseph Rea's mother was a Miss Horsely and his mother's mother was a Miss Goodman. The mother of Mary Ann Hay was a Miss Harrison.

Joseph and Mary Ann Rea grew to maturity, were educated and married in the Old Dominion, and from there he and his family emigrated overland to Cooper county, Missouri, in 1832, his wife having died several years previous to that date. They spent fifty-one days on the road. He died October, 1836, and was buried on his farm, five miles south of Boonville. Thus the Rea family have been identified more or less conspicuously with the development and history of this locality since the pioneer days.

J. G. Rea, the father of the subject, grew to maturity on the old homestead in Carroll county, Missouri, and was educated in the local schools. He married Lucretia Brooks, daughter of Sanders and Henrietta (Hancock) Brooks, the latter the daughter of Rev. Abbott and Cynthia (Kavanaugh) Hancock.

Hugh K. Rea was educated in the Carrollton public schools, selecting the law as his sphere early in life, and to prepare himself he began reading law in 1892 in the office of Capt. William M. Eads and began the practice of his profession in his home city in 1894.

In 1901 he formed a partnership with Virgil Conkling, which has continued to the present time. On June 7, 1905, this well-known and popular firm moved to Kansas City, where they have conducted a general practice and built up a large clientage, later admitting Sam Sparrow as a member of the firm. Since the election of Mr. Conkling as prosecuting attorney of Jackson county, much of the general practice has devolved upon Mr. Rea, which has at all times been conducted with thoroughness and skill. Since their residence in the metropolis at the mouth of the Kaw, former clients, recognizing their ability, have recalled this firm to take part in some of the most noted cases tried in Carroll county.

Mr. Rea's pleasant home is presided over by a lady of charming personality, known in her maidenhood as Lucy Carey Leland, whose marriage with Mr. Rea occurred at Carrollton on June 20, 1894. She is the daughter of Dr. John D. and Laura (Page) Leland, the latter the daughter of Joseph and Sarah (Creigler) Page, she the descendant of the noted Depew family of Virginia. Doctor Leland, who was one of the leading dentists of Carroll county twenty years ago, was the great-grandson of Charles and Lucy (Lee) Leland, of Lancaster county, Virginia, and the grandson of Charles, Jr., and Lucy Carey Leland, and the son of John Dudley and Sarah (Gaskins) Leland.

Mr. and Mrs. Rea have one son, Leland Rea, a manly youth of much promise, who takes a great interest in athletics, having won several medals for himself in tri-state contests.

The family attend St. Paul's Episcopal church, Mrs. Rea being a communicant and active worker in the same. Fraternally, Mr. Rea belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Lodge No. 415, and he has always been an active worker in the Democratic ranks, but its honors and emoluments have had no attraction for him. At present he is secretary of the Democratic city central committee of Kansas City. In 1903 Gov. A. M. Dockery appointed him a member of the board of regents of Lincoln Institute at Jefferson City.

By thorough preparation and close application to his profession, indomitable energy and pleasing personality, Mr. Rea has succeeded and is recognized as one of the best young attorneys at the Kansas City bar.

JOHN M. ROOD.

In examining the life records of self-made men it will invariably be found that indefatigable industry has constituted the basis of their success. True, there are other elements which enter in and conserve the advancement of personal interests—perseverance, discrimination and mastering of expedients—but the foundation of all achievement is earnest, persistent labor. At the outset of his career the gentleman whose name introduces this biographical review recognized this fact and he did not seek any royal road to the goal of prosperity and independence, but began to work earnestly and diligently in order to advance himself, and the result is that he is today numbered among the progressive, successful and influential citizens of the great state of Missouri, and his influence in public affairs is a most potent factor.

John M. Rood, formerly one of Carroll county's best known business men, but now a resident of Kansas City, and the present able and popular sheriff of Jackson county, Missouri, is the scion of a sterling old family of the Sucker state, his birth having occurred near Quincy, Adams county, Illinois, on May 14, 1856. He is the son of John and Louise (McWhinney) Rood, the father born near Zanesville, Ohio, and the mother near Quincy, Illinois. The elder Rood spent his early life in Ohio, but was still young in years when he moved to Illinois in 1839, being among the early settlers, and by close application and honest dealings he became very comfortably established, finally moving to Carroll county, Missouri, in 1875.

John M. Rood received a public school and business college education and prepared himself for a teacher, which line of endeavor he followed in the

public schools of Adams county, Illinois, for two years, from 1878 to 1880, and, although he gave promise of becoming an efficient educator, he left the schoolroom to enter the arena of business in 1880. Until 1887 he was with the firm of Painter, Minnis & Shanklin, merchants, during which time he mastered the various phases of the mercantile business, becoming well known in industrial circles of Carroll county. Then he went to Kansas City to make his permanent residence and there engaged in the lumber business as secretary of the Midland Lumber Company, in which line he was very successful, but, seeking a larger field for the exercise of his talents, he became vice-president of the Current River Lumber Company, wholesale and retail, and they carried on a very extensive business, due in no small measure to his judicious management and laudable counsel. He remained with this firm until 1908, when, having long taken an abiding interest in public affairs and standing loyally by the tenets of the Democratic party, he was elected sheriff of Jackson county for a term of four years, the duties of which important office he is now discharging with a fidelity and conscientiousness that not only reflects much credit upon himself, but is winning the hearty approval of all concerned, irrespective of party alignment, the general consensus of opinion being that the county has never had a more faithful and able occupant of this office.

Mr. Rood also won the confidence and approval of his constituents and the general public by his praiseworthy record while a member of the upper house of the council of Kansas City, to which he was elected in 1900, serving a term of four years. He evidently has the good of the city and county at heart and has spared no pains in furthering the general good in every way possible, fearlessly defending such principles as he saw and understood the right, and as a result he has the good will of all classes and merits in every respect their high esteem.

Fraternally, Mr. Rood is a member of the Masonic order, the Knights of Pythias and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He also belongs to the Commercial Club of Kansas City, and he affiliates with the Christian church, of which, however, he is not a member.

Mr. Rood was united in marriage on January 1, 1884, to Sarah B. Atwood, a lady of many estimable characteristics, and the daughter of Dr. Franklin B. Atwood, a well-known physician of Carroll county, Missouri. This union has resulted in the birth of the following children: Florence; Mary Louise married Colwell A. Pierce, at present living at Victor, Colorado, and they have one child, Sarah Louise; Willie C. was the third child in order of birth; Florence, Josephine, Pauline and John Atwood.

Personally, Mr. Rood is a gentleman of pleasing address, courteous, obliging and straightforward in his methods of business, well informed on current events, a good mixer and a broad minded, public spirited citizen.

JAY W. HIGGINBOTTOM.

Through all the gradations of life recognition should be had of the true values, and then should full appreciation be manifested, for, if it be done justly, there can be no impropriety in scanning the acts of any man as they affect the public, social and business relations. The name of Jay W. Higginbottom, well-known abstracter of Carrollton, Carroll county, should be given a conspicuous position in the list of enterprising and public spirited citizens of the locality of which this history treats.

Mr. Higginbottom was born in Winnebago county, Illinois, February 25, 1864, the son of Samuel L. and Elizabeth (Andrew) Higginbottom, both natives of England; from which country the father emigrated to America when twenty-four years of age, and the mother was twelve years old when she came to the United States. The father was a farmer and railroad engineer; he first located in Rhode Island, later moving to Massachusetts, thence to Ohio, and from there to Illinois, from which state he came to Missouri in December, 1870, locating at Norborne, Carroll county, where the family home remained until about 1903, when they removed to Kansas City, where Mr. Higginbottom died about a year later, the widow surviving until in October, 1910, passing away at her home in Kansas City. They were the parents of eleven children, seven of whom are living, namely: Walter M., of Kansas City; Jay W., of this review; Mrs. Ida M. Oliver, of Rockford, Illinois; Ella and Hannah, both single, live in Kansas City; Mrs. Effie M. Wagner, of Denver, Colorado; Mrs. Bertie E. Brown, of Kansas City.

Jay W. Higginbottom was educated in the public schools of Norborne, this county, and at a commercial college at Lexington, Kentucky, being graduated from the latter in 1897. He began life as a school teacher, which profession he followed successfully in Carroll county for seven years. He was postmaster at Norborne during President Benjamin Harrison's administration. He was elected circuit clerk of Carroll county in 1894 and re-elected in 1898 on the Republican ticket, serving eight years, since which time he has been engaged in the abstract business, maintaining his office in the court house. Owing to his familiarity with this line of work he has built up an

extensive business. In all positions of public trust he acquitted himself in a manner that reflected much credit upon himself and to the satisfaction of all concerned.

Mr. Higginbottom was married on January 1, 1900, to Maud Parker, which union resulted in the birth of one child, Ruth, a very bright and attractive little lady, now attending school at Columbia, Missouri.

Fraternally, Mr. Higginbottom is a member of the Knights of Pythias; politically, he is a Republican, and he belongs to the Episcopal church.

ALBERT JEROME LEE.

The career of Albert Jerome Lee, well-known real estate dealer, formerly of Carroll county, now of 1009 Commerce building, Kansas City, Missouri, proves that true success in this world depends upon personal efforts and consecutive industry in the pursuit of some specific and honorable purpose; it also demonstrates that the road to positions of influence among men, whatever the relation of life may be, is open to all who may possess the courage to tread its pathway. besides serving as an incentive to others, teaching by incontrovertible facts that true excellence in any worthy undertaking is ambition's legitimate answer. For many years he was one of the foremost citizens of which this history treats, teaching many successful terms in the public schools and serving two terms as clerk of Carroll county. He is the scion of a sterling family of the old Buckeye state, his birth having occurred in Highland county, Ohio, May 5, 1862, the son of Joseph Andrew and Hanna (Chapman) Lee, both natives of that county also, the father born on October 28, 1829, and the mother on May 4, 1835. She was the daughter of Caleb and Sarah (Colvin) Chapman, the former born in South Carolina, from which state he moved to Ohio when a small boy and there remained until his death, which occurred at the age of seventy-eight years. Sarah Colvin was born in 1806, being the first white child born in Highland county, Ohio. Caleb Chapman was a second cousin of Gen. Anthony Wayne. Edward W. Lee, the paternal grandfather of the subject, was born near Berkley Springs, Virginia, and there grew to manhood, was educated and married, moving with his young wife to Highland county, Ohio, in 1827 and there settled on a three hundred-acre farm, then a heavily timbered tract, which he subsequently cleared, established a good home among the pioneers and there reared a family of eleven children, three daughters and eight sons, six of the latter

donning the blue and serving under the Stars and Stripes in the great war between the states, one of the sons enlisting when scarcely more than a child; three of them, Thomas, William and James, died during the service. William was taken prisoner at the battle of Franklin, Tennessee, and with eighteen others of his company was sent to Alabama and imprisoned at Castle Thunder until Lee's surrender. Thomas Lee was in the cavalry service in Wyoming, where he lost his life. James Lee was sent home on sick furlough and lived only two weeks, dying when nineteen years of age; Thomas was just past twenty-one and William was in his twenty-fourth year; Chancey was in the army when James died, he being but sixteen years of age.

Edward W. Lee married Sarah Fisher, who was born and reared near Chambersburg, Pennsylvania. Her parents were of stanch Pennsylvania Dutch stock, her mother being known in her maidenhood as Catherine Wirtz. Sarah Fisher was but sixteen years old when she married and her eldest child was a babe when she and her husband moved to Ohio. The only surviving member of this family is a daughter, Mrs. Anna (Lee) Thornburgh, of Hillsboro, Ohio, now in her seventy-eighth year. The Lees are descended from Richard Lee, the emigrant to Virginia from Stratford, England. Col. Richard Lee was a younger son of the house of Litchfield and he came to America in 1641, during the reign of King Charles, as secretary of the colony of Virginia and one of the King's privy council. He was a distinguished gentleman and a loyal cavalier. Upon his first visit to Virginia he made a large settlement of one thousand acres of land in York county, that state, in 1642, which he named "Paradise." He afterwards entered several thousand acres of land in the same state and sold his large holdings in England. His descendants are found all over the Americas, filling positions of honor and trust, influential in various walks of life. Gen. Robert E. Lee was of this family.

Joseph A. Lee, father of the gentleman whose name forms the caption of this review, was a man of many worthy characteristics and a fine type of the strong, industrious pioneer. In the fall of 1867 he moved to Fulton county, Illinois, making the overland trip by wagon, when his son, Albert J., of this review, was a child. In the autumn of 1870 the family moved to Chariton county, Missouri, three years later moving to De Witt, this state, and in May, 1875, they located on a farm six miles east of Carrollton and the family home has since been in this vicinity, the father's death occurring in this county in 1892.

Albert J. Lee of this review was the fourth of a family of ten children, eight sons and two daughters, he being the only one now living in Missouri. The other children are Robert Dill, Francis, Edward Morgan, John Sheridan,

Ralph Morton, Harry Chapman, Lillie married a Mr. Shirley, Alva Centennial and Earnest Jay Lee.

The subject of this sketch was a teacher in the country schools for eleven years, teaching for five years at Rosebud, a school having the largest enrollment of any rural school in the county, reaching one hundred and fourteen one session. As a teacher he gave eminent satisfaction and his services were in great demand. Always prominent in local affairs, Mr. Lee held a number of township offices, such as that of assessor of Eugene township, trustee of Combs township, and he was township Republican committeeman from Eugene, Wakenda and Combs. In 1894 he was elected county clerk on the Republican ticket by a majority of four hundred and thirty-eight. He moved with his family to Carrollton on December 18, 1894. He was elected director of the city schools, also serving as secretary of the board, and, being an educator himself, he worked to the upbuilding and improvement of the schools, which rank among the best in the state. He served as chairman of the city Republican committee two terms and was chairman of the county central committee. Mr. Lee was always found in the lead of every movement that meant progressiveness and improvement, and to his initiative is largely due the building of the handsome new court house at Carrollton. At a state meeting of county clerks he imbibed the enthusiasm and from a chance acquaintance whose county had recently built a new court house after repeated trials to make a go of it, he learned the mode of procedure and upon his return home he communicated this knowledge to such moving spirits as Virgil Conkling, Ralph Lozier, Charles Patterson and others, and soon the court house was a reality, but not without much detail work, a great deal of which was done by Mr. Lee and his deputy, Ralph M. Lee, who was his brother, giving of his valuable time unstintingly without hope or desire of reward, merely through patriotic and public-spirited impulses. The popularity of Mr. Lee was shown by his re-election in 1898. He filled all positions of public trust in a manner that reflected much credit upon himself and to the entire satisfaction of all concerned.

The domestic life of Mr. Lee began when he was united in marriage with Etta Wood, daughter of James and Margaret E. (McCarty) Wood, the father born in Rutherford county, Tennessee, from which state he emigrated to Missouri in 1830; his father, William T. Wood, was a soldier in the war of 1812. Mrs. Lee's mother was born in Nodaway county, Missouri. Mrs. Lee is a lady of culture and refinement, who has long been a social favorite. She was one of the most beautiful girls of eastern Carroll county.

The sunshine of their pleasant home is their lovely and talented daughter,

bearing the pretty classic name Annabel Lee, just now budding into girlhood, and who gives promise of being a very gifted musician. Mabel Lee is their charming niece and foster daughter, and an important link in this model household.

Through enterprise, wise discretion and keen discernment, Mr. Lee has built up an extensive and rapidly growing real estate business and is well known and influential in business circles of this part of the state; since taking up their residence he and Mrs. Lee have made many new and valuable friends, while retaining those constituting the wide circle of their former days, both by their genial and affable manners and their unimpeachable integrity winning and retaining the admiration and warm regard of all with whom they come into contact.

W. CLIFTON HOGAN.

It is the progressive, wideawake man of affairs that makes the real history of a community and his influence as a potential factor of the body politic is difficult to estimate. The examples such men furnish of patient purpose and steadfast integrity strongly illustrate what is in the power of each to accomplish, and there is always a full measure of satisfaction in adverting, even in a casual way, to their achievements in advancing the interests of their fellowmen and in giving strength and solidity to the institutions which make so much for the general prosperity. Such a man is W. Clifton Hogan, a native of the locality of which this history treats, now a well-known business man of Kansas City, Missouri, and as such it is eminently fitting that a review of his interesting and worthy career be accorded a place among the representative citizens of this section of the "land of the big muddy water," for it shows what may be accomplished in the face of obstacles by perseverance, fortitude and courage when one is actuated by lofty motive and proper ideals.

Mr. Hogan was born at Norborne, Carroll county, Missouri, on October 22, 1880. He is the scion of a highly esteemed and well-known old family, being the son of Isaac N. and Lilly V. (Marshall) Hogan, the father a native of Rockingham, Virginia, and the mother of Aurora, Indiana.

The son, W. Clifton Hogan, was reared in Carroll county and received his education in the common schools and the high school at Carrollton. He had a strong inclination to military life when a boy, and while this country was endeavoring to subdue the natives of the Philippine Islands he enlisted on August 30, 1899, in Company B, Thirty-second United States Volunteer

Infantry, and he proved to be a very gallant soldier, ever faithful to duty. He was sent with the army to our Oriental possessions and on November 5, 1899, took part in the battle at Angelus, Philippine Islands; he was also in about seven skirmishes, but he served most of the time as commissary clerk and acting commissary sergeant. For meritorious service he was promoted to a corporal, winning the hearty approval of his superior officers and the good will of his comrades. He was mustered out of the service with his regiment at Presidio, California, on May 8, 1901.

Returning to Missouri after his career in the army, Mr. Hogan turned his attention to the automobile business, which he desired to learn from the ground up, consequently he started in as janitor for the Day Auto Company at No. 1407 East Twelfth street, Kansas City, on August 1, 1901, and he worked his way up until he became foreman of the shop in 1903, mastering the ins and outs of the business in a rapid and comprehensive manner. In 1903 he went in business for himself, later selling out and entering the employ of the Cadillac Company, with which he remained until September, 1906. He then started a repair shop and carried an extensive stock of supplies, soon building up a very satisfactory trade. Early in 1908 he started an auto school at No. 2101 East Fifteenth street, Kansas City, Missouri, in which he has since been most successfully engaged, having built up the largest automobile school in the world, and he has one of the largest automobile establishments in Kansas City. He is well equipped in every respect for carrying on his chosen work and, being up to date and keeping fully abreast of the times in everything pertaining to the automobile business, he obtains the greatest possible results, and his pupils gain a general knowledge of one of the leading lines of business of the present day, their instruction being both theoretical and practical, so that they are well equipped to take active and responsible positions. He is certainly deserving of a great deal of praise for what he has accomplished, considering the fact that he has been unaided and had many obstacles to overcome.

Mr. Hogan was married on October 22, 1902, to Alma Thelma Shelton, a lady of many pleasing traits, and the daughter of Thomas I. Shelton, of Kansas City, Missouri. To this union one child was born, Wilbur Clifton Hogan, Jr., whose birth occurred on December 27, 1903. The wife and mother was called to her rest on July 2, 1909, of illness resulting from a toy pistol wound. On February 1, 1910, Mr. Hogan was again married, his last wife being a lady of genial address and representing an excellent family. She was known in her maidenhood as Bessie Woolam, of Kansas City.

Politically, Mr. Hogan is a Republican, but he has never been an aspirant for office. He affiliates with the Methodist Episcopal church, South, and

fraternally he belongs to Temple Lodge No. 299, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; Oriental Chapter No. 102, Royal Arch Masons; Adoniram Lodge of Perfection, No. 2; Aresopagus Chapter, Rose Croix, No. 2; Demolai Council of the Knights of Kodash, No. 2; Consistory of Western Missouri, Ararat Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He also belongs to the Modern Brotherhood of America. He stands high in fraternal circles and takes a great interest in lodge work. He was elected commander of Camp L. A. Craig, Army of the Philippines, for 1910, and was re-elected for 1911. He was elected commander of the John C. Bates Camp No. 7, Department of Missouri, United Spanish War Veterans, for 1911. He served as officer of the day for 1910, and was a national delegate in 1910. He is influential and active in these organizations. Personally, he is a gentleman of pleasing address, generous, obliging and a man of rare force of character, making and retaining friends without effort.

ORANGE L. DARBY.

It is the progressive, wideawake men of affairs that make the true history of a community, and their influence as potential factors of the body politic is difficult to estimate. The examples such men furnish of patient purpose and steadfast integrity strongly illustrate what is in the power of each to accomplish, and there is always a full measure of satisfaction in adverting even in a casual way to their achievements in advancing the interests of their fellowmen and in giving strength and solidity to the institutions which make so much for the prosperity of the community. Conspicuous among such men in Carroll county is Orange L. Darby, formerly county recorder, a man of sterling worth, whose life has been closely interwoven with the history of the locality in which he resides and whose efforts have always been for the material advancement of the same as well as for the general welfare of his fellowmen, and the well-regulated life he has led, thereby gaining the respect and admiration of all, entitles him to representation in a biographical work of the scope intended in the present volume.

Mr. Darby was born in Howard county, Indiana, April 16, 1866, the son of William S. and Rachael Y. (Beaty) Darby, old and highly respected citizens of Carrollton, the father a native of Hamilton county, Ohio, while the mother was born in Iowa. William S. Darby came to Missouri in 1869,

settling in Carroll county. In 1870 he located on a farm in Sugar Tree township, where he lived until 1891, at that time taking up his residence in Carrollton, a year later moving to Norborne, and later removing to a small farm near his former place in Sugar Creek township, where he lived until 1903, since which time he has made his home in Carrollton. He is now eighty-one years old, and he and his faithful life companion celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary on March 6, 1911. They are a grand old couple, who have led beautiful, upright lives of unselfishness and service, and they have a host of friends throughout the county. They were the parents of seven children, only two of whom are now living, Orange L., of this review, and Samuel E., of New York City.

Orange L. Darby came to Carroll county with his parents in 1869, when three years old, and he has spent the major portion of his life in this locality. He received a good common school education and early in life began farming, being successfully engaged in general agricultural pursuits on the home place for practically thirty-three years, or until 1902, when he was elected county recorder on the Republican ticket, and so discharged the duties of the office as to meet the hearty approval and warm commendation of all concerned, irrespective of party alignment, his every task being so ably and conscientiously performed that he was re-elected in 1906, serving eight years. He was painstaking, untiring and scrupulously honest at all times, and always obliging and courteous, consequently he had the good will and confidence of his constituents from the first.

Upon the expiration of his tenure of this office Mr. Darby began as traveling salesman for the Buckley Shirt and Underwear Company, of St. Louis, beginning February 1, 1911, canvassing northern Missouri and Kansas, which position he still holds and is giving the firm entire satisfaction and is turning in a very large amount of business.

Mr. Darby was married on October 21, 1891, to Cora R. Hoddle, daughter of William and Eliza Hoddle, natives of England, the father born in Huntingtongshire and the mother in Bedfordshire. There they grew to maturity, were educated and married, emigrating to America in 1865, locating first in St. Charles county, Missouri, and in 1882 they removed to Carroll county, where they have since resided, being well established on a farm in Sugar Tree township.

To Mr. and Mrs. Darby one child has been born, William L., whose birth occurred on November 27, 1892. This family are worthy members of the Baptist church.

JOHN C. GOODSON.

Well known to the people of Leslie township, among whom he has passed his life and in whose community he has long been active and influential in whatever has promised to be for the public good, is Mr. Goodson. His career has been at all times one of action, for he is a man of energy and intelligence, who is not content to wait while others work, and as a result of his enterprise has gained for himself a competence and won the esteem and respect of his neighbors.

John C. Goodson was born in Leslie township, Carroll county, Missouri, in 1851. His father was Isaac N. Goodson, who was born in Cumberland county, Kentucky, in 1814, and died in Carroll county on June 1, 1867. He was married to Permelia A. Goodson, who was a native of Kentucky, born in 1815, and moved to Pike county, Missouri, from Kentucky, in the early forties. Remaining here but a year or two, he came in 1844 to Leslie township, Carroll county, and entered one hundred and twenty acres under the homestead act at one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre. He followed farming throughout his life, and was a plain, hard-working man of many strong traits of character.

John C. Goodson started out in life for himself in 1870. He had attended the district schools of his township, and between the years 1870 and 1880 taught in the schools for six years, having added to his education by home study, under no master save himself, in which way he accomplished much. In 1870 he bought his first land, forty acres, and has added to this until he is now the owner of two hundred and forty acres of good farming land in this township, all but twenty acres of which is under cultivation. He is a general farmer, raising corn, wheat, clover, oats and timothy; and buying and feeding cattle. For several years he was local agent for the Home Fire Insurance Company of New York, and the Continental Insurance Company of Chicago, and wrote a good deal of insurance, but has lately ceased this.

In 1872 Mr. Goodson was married to Ann M. Walker, who was born on August 14, 1850, in Iowa. The following children were born to this union: Edmund, who married Nellie Mossbacker, and now lives in Kansas City; Orva B., who married Tom E. Payne, of Leslie township; Nannie, who married William Jones, of Leslie township; Eunice, at home; William, who married Opal Courtner, is now a railway agent at Aztec, New Mexico; Ernest, now postmaster at Bogard, who married Dollie Rigg; Harrison, who married Mary Redding and lives in Prairie township; Raymond, who is attending school at Carrollton, and Emma, who married Charles Pendell, a lumberman

and traveling man of Beatrice, Nebraska. Mr. and Mrs. Goodson are members of the Church of Christ at Mandeville, in which Mr. Goodson is an elder, having held this position since 1896, and before that time having been for several years clerk.

Mr. Goodson takes much interest in township and county politics, and is one of the strong Republicans of his community. For ten years he has been justice of the peace, and was for six years assessor of the township, being the second man in the history of the township to hold that office. He was very influential in the establishment of the first rural free delivery route out of Bogard, which was the third established in the county. Mr. Goodson uses up-to-date machinery, and is progressive in all his methods of farming, being considered among the most capable farmers in the neighborhood. He is a man more than ordinarily well informed on subjects of public interest, and has acquired a fund of knowledge by his reading.

WILLIAM GROVES.

The name of the subject of this memoir was for many years intimately associated with the material growth and prosperity of Ridge township, and the influence of his life and achievements is still felt in the community which he honored with his citizenship. William Groves was a native of Noble county, Ohio, and a son of Jonas and Maria (Phillips) Groves, of that state. He was born April 23, 1840, spent his early years on his father's farm and enjoyed such educational privileges as the district schools hard by his home afforded. He was reared to agricultural pursuits and at the age of twenty-three left the parental roof to begin the struggle of life for himself, choosing husbandry as the vocation best suited to his taste and inclinations. On January 29, 1863, he contracted a marriage with Sarah Piper, whose birth occurred in Noble county, Ohio, in the year 1843, being a daughter of Jacob and Mary Ann (Thompson) Piper, the former born in Virginia in 1816, the latter in Ohio in the year 1819. These parents came to Missouri a number of years ago and spent the remainder of their days in Linn county, the father departing this life in 1887, the mother in 1903.

Mr. Groves moved to Linn county, Missouri, about four years after his marriage and in 1868 transferred his residence to Carroll county. He bought one hundred and sixty acres of land in section 21, Ridge township, which he at once proceeded to clear and improve, and subsequently secured an addi-

tional one hundred acres of wild land in the same township, which under his effective labor and judicious management was in due time reduced to cultivation and, with his original purchase, became one among the valuable farms in the locality. Still later he bought a quarter in section 20 in the same township, to which he afterwards added two hundred acres in section 15 and eighty acres in another section, thus making a total of seven hundred and forty acres of fine land which came into his possession and on which he engaged in agriculture and stock raising on a scale equaled by few farmers of the county. Besides, he gave to each of his children eighty acres, or equal to that. Believing that good improvements added not only to the beauty, but to the value of his land, he expended considerable money in this way, and in due time carried to completion a number of buildings, including a fine modern dwelling of ten rooms, equipped with a full complement of conveniences, a large and commodious barn, several other structures for various purposes, besides substantial wire fences, wind pumps, etc., etc.

Mr. Groves early turned his attention to live stock as a sure source of income and was one among the first men to introduce Polled Angus cattle into Ridge township; in addition to which he bought quite a number of registered cattle of other breeds, which he reared for both the local and general market. He handled stock quite extensively during his active years, shipped numbers of cattle to the eastern and other markets, besides breeding and raising high-grade swine and blooded horses. He was very successful in the live stock business and became one of the wealthy farmers of his township, as well as one of the most enterprising men of affairs. He was identified with various public utilities from time to time, having been a director of the First National Bank of Bosworth and a stockholder of the same, and he was also connected with the bank at Tina when the institution failed, causing him a loss of several thousand dollars. In the main, however, his business interests were signally successful and, as indicated above, resulted in the fortune which gained for him a conspicuous place among the financially solid men of Carroll county.

Mr. Groves manifested an abiding interest in public and political matters and kept abreast of the times on all questions of local and general import. He voted with the Republican party and was one of its active and influential workers in Ridge township; he served two terms as trustee and proved a capable and faithful official and had he seen fit to accept might have been honored with higher and more important trusts. During the Civil war he was a zealous and uncompromising friend of the Union, and did much to uphold the cause in the community where he was living. He was captured

by General Morgan, in Guernsey county, Ohio, during the Confederate raid through the southern part of that state. Personally, Mr. Groves was a very companionable man; he was popular among his neighbors and friends, stood high as a citizen and was ever ready to lend his influence to all worthy measures. His business dealings were conducted honorably, he had a profound contempt for unfair or dishonest methods, and his simple word was equivalent to his written obligations. A man of high character and upright life, his influence was always salutary, and his death, which occurred on the 8th day of March, 1910, removed from Carroll county one of its most enterprising and public spirited citizens.

The following are the names of the children born to Mr. and Mrs. Groves: Carmaleta, wife of Robert Simpson, of Bosworth; Mary Alice, who married Andrew Sylvester, resident of that town also; Jonas, S. Groves, who resides in the neighborhood; Raymond P. Groves, and Daisy, wife of Frank Wollam, of Bosworth; Roberta, twin sister of Raymond, having died at the age of two years and two months.

CHARLES EMMITT PORTER.

Action is the keynote of the character of all who achieve success on this planet of ours—action wisely planned and carefully carried out. The successful life record of Charles Emmitt Porter, the well-known agent at Carrollton, Carroll county, of the Pacific, Wells-Fargo and Adams express companies, is a case in point, being one of a determined struggle for a definite purpose. It clearly illustrates the possibilities that are open in this country to earnest, persevering men who have the courage of their convictions and are determined to be the architects of their own fortunes. He has always had deeply at heart the well-being and improvement of the county, using his influence whenever possible for the promotion of enterprises calculated to be of lasting benefit to his fellowmen, besides taking a leading part in all movements for the advancement of the city and community along social, intellectual and moral lines.

Mr. Porter is the scion of a long line of sterling ancestors, many of whom have figured more or less prominently in the affairs of their various communities for many generations. He was born in Pettis county, Missouri, August 24, 1877, and he is the son of Edward Lacy and Sallie Mary (Bouldin) Porter, the father born in Woodford county, Kentucky, November 20,

1847, and the mother's birth occurred in Pettis county, Missouri, February 8, 1851. The direct lines of descent are as follows: The paternal grandfather, Charles Porter, married a Miss Jones; grandfather David Irvine Porter married Eleanor Thornton, the father having been born in Madison county, Kentucky. The father of Eleanor Thornton was the son of David Thornton, of Delaware. Charles Porter, mentioned above, was born in Culpeper county, Virginia. His wife was a sister of one of the pioneers of St. Louis, her brother being a partner in business of Mr. Chouteau, one of the early settlers and prominent men of that city. On the maternal side of the house we first hear of the subject's great-great-grandfather, Col. Thomas Bouldin, who was appointed sheriff of Lunenburg county, Virginia, on July 7, 1759, by Francis Fauquier, and appointed lieutenant-colonel of the militia of Charlotte county, Virginia, April 10, 1773, by Lord Dunmore. He also served the county as magistrate. He was a man influential in public affairs and he became a man of wealth for those days. He was a patriot, and he was the father of Maj. Wood Bouldin, an officer in the Revolutionary war and the ancestor of many more scattered throughout the United States. Colonel Bouldin married Nancy Clark. The great-great-grandfather of the subject was Joseph Bouldin, who married Nancy Cheatam, and the great-grandfather was Lenard Bouldin, who married Mary Cheatam; the grandfather, Edward Clark Bouldin, married Elizabeth Glover, both natives of Kentucky, the father born in Henderson county and the mother in McClain county; she was the daughter of Walker and Sarah (McFarlane) Glover, both of Virginia. Lenard Bouldin, mentioned above, was born on February 1, 1785, in Henry county, Virginia. Thomas Bouldin and Nancy Clark, mentioned above, emigrated from Maryland to Lunenburg (now Charlotte) county, Virginia, in 1744. The Bouldins are of English ancestry, the first of the name born in America being Col. Thomas Bouldin.

Charles E. Porter, of this review, was a member of a family of the following-named children: David Irvine, Edward Clark Bouldin, Thornton, Elizabeth and Woodford, all living except the last named. Mr. Porter was reared in Pettis county, this state, near Sedalia, and he obtained a good education in the public schools. He accompanied the family to Carroll county in 1896, and he lived on the farm until 1901, when he moved to Carrollton. The family lived in Jackson county, Missouri, from 1881 to 1889.

Charles E. Porter entered the service of the Pacific Express Company in 1901, and since December 26, 1902, he has been agent of the joint office at Carrollton of the Pacific Express Company, the Wells-Fargo Express Company and the Adams Express Company. In this capacity he has dis-

charged his duties in a manner that has reflected much credit upon himself and to the entire satisfaction of his employers, being alert, painstaking, honest, courteous and obliging, and generally agreeable in all his relations with the public. Politically, he is a Democrat, and he is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, of which he has been steward for a number of years, in fact, he has been a great worker in the church since his youth. He is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Carrollton Lodge No. 415. In his home is found Southern hospitality and good cheer.

NATHANIEL W. GROSSMAN.

To win success in farming requires careful management as in any other business, and nowhere else is there a better or more paying field for the application of systematic business methods. The farmer who raises the largest crops is not necessarily the one who makes the most money. In three ways the farmer may especially apply a good deal of study, just as any other business man would: First, in giving to his land the proper amount of cultivation to make it yield the most pay for the investment of labor; second, in reducing the expenses of cultivation and maintenance to a minimum; and third, by looking out for small wastes, which tap profits. Mr. Grossman has long applied systematic methods to his farming, with highly paying results.

Nathaniel W. Grossman was born in Carroll county, Missouri, on January 17, 1875, the son of Alex and Martha (Blakely) Grossman. His father was a native of Pennsylvania, his mother of Ireland. They were married in Carroll county and settled near Bosworth, where they lived till the fall of 1909, when they moved to Texas. Mr. Grossman prospered as a farmer in Carroll county, and still owns two hundred and fifteen acres of land here. His family consisted of twelve children, of whom Nathaniel W. Grossman was the second. He has spent his life in farming in Carroll county, and has been extraordinarily successful. At present he is the owner of five hundred and seventy acres of fertile and improved land, the cultivation of which has proved highly remunerative.

On Christmas day, December 25, 1899, Mr. Grossman was married to Nellie Rucker, a daughter of John and Flora Rucker, and a native of Chariton county, Missouri. To this marriage have been born six children, Ernest, Lewis, Esther, Ralph, Kenneth and Nellie Pauline, who form a bright and interesting group of young people.

Mr. Grossman is a man well known in Carroll county, with a high reputation as a farmer and business man. He takes his full share in all enterprises which have the good of the community at heart, and his past successes augur greater ones in future.

JOHN S. SHIRLEY.

The Shirley family have been prominent in Carroll county since the pioneer days and have directed their energies along such worthy channels as to bring them much material success and the confidence and good will of their fellow citizens as well. They have done much to inaugurate and foster the physical and moral development of the county and are deserving of conspicuous mention in a history of the same.

Of this family John S. Shirley, a prosperous farmer of Fairfield township, is deserving of especial mention. He was born on the farm on which he now lives on August 29, 1859, and he is the son of W. I. Shirley and wife, the father being a native of Indiana and the mother of Tennessee. They came to Carroll county, Missouri, among the early settlers, about 1843, and became well established here. The subject has devoted his life to farming and has lived on the same farm as long, possibly, as any other man in this county has lived on any certain place. He received his education in the district schools. He is of Irish and French descent. His ancestors, as far back as his great-grandparents, lived in the eastern part of the United States. John S. Shirley was the eldest of a family of seven children, and after the death of his father in 1873 the management of the home farm devolved upon him, the father having owned one hundred and twenty acres, all of which John S. worked alone, with the assistance of his mother, and for a few years they found it rather rough "sailing." They lived in a small, weather-boarded, two-roomed house up to the time of the subject's marriage, at the age of twenty-four years, he having worked on the home place until then with the exception of two years, when he worked by the month, receiving from sixteen to eighteen dollars per month, during which time the home place was rented. Upon the death of the father the place fell into the hands of the heirs, and John S. bought them out as they became of age. The mother continued to live with him until 1880, in which year she married John Whitworth.

On April 6, 1884, John S. Shirley was married to Hattie A. Pitts, daughter of P. W. and Martha A. (Goodson) Pitts. She was born in Lester

township, this county, May 24, 1860, and this union has resulted in the birth of the following children: Everett, Winona and Mattie, all at home.

Mr. Shirley has, with the assistance and encouragement of his wife, made a success of his life work, and, considering his early disadvantages, he is deserving of a great deal of credit for what he has accomplished. He saved enough money from his wages when working by the month to purchase his first one hundred and twenty acres, buying it in small quantities at a time, and he was in debt at the time of his marriage. He was about fifteen years old when he started in working the place. Approximately thirty acres were in cultivation of the one hundred and twenty acres, and he has by indefatigable work brought the place up to its present excellent condition. After working the place several years he purchased one hundred and ten acres adjoining in section 12; still later he purchased one hundred and five acres, and, buying twenty-five acres at different times, he had an aggregate of three hundred and sixty acres in Fairfield and Leslie townships, all joining and constituting one of the most desirable and productive farms of the county, all practically under cultivation, well improved and well kept, the land being in better condition today than it was when he became its possessor. He has but little timber, most of his broad acres being in various crops. He devoted considerable attention to stock raising, mostly to cattle and hogs, and no small part of his annual income is derived from this source. He has built a modern, substantial, commodious and attractive nine-roomed house on his farm and has planted a beautiful grove of soft maples in his yard. He is easily one of the leading agriculturists of Fairfield township.

Mr. Shirley is an active member of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, and has been a steward of the same for the past fourteen years, and is at present holding that position. Politically, he is a Republican, and has held a number of minor offices, but he does not take a very active part in political affairs.

WILLIAM BEVERLY ROY.

Success is only achieved by the exercise of certain distinguishing qualities and it cannot be retained without effort. Those by whom great epoch changes have been made in the political and industrial world began early in life to prepare themselves for their peculiar duties and responsibilities, and it was only by the most persevering and continuous endeavor that they succeeded in rising superior to the obstacles in their way and reaching the goal

of their ambition. Such lives are an inspiration to others who are less courageous and more prone to give up the fight before their ideal is reached or definite success in any chosen field has been attained. In the life history of the young business man whose name initiates this biographical review we find evidence of a peculiar characteristic that always makes for achievement—persistency, coupled with fortitude and lofty traits—and as a result of such a life Mr. Roy has won definite results in the business world in the face of obstacles, which he has made stepping stones to higher things.

William Beverly Roy, scion of a highly honored old family of the county of which this history treats specifically and who is now a rapidly rising business man in Kansas City, Missouri, was born in Carrollton, Carroll county, this state, on September 8, 1878. He is the son of Joseph and Mary C. (Benton) Roy, the father born in Cabell county, West Virginia, in 1838, and the mother in Kentucky. The paternal grandparents, Henry B. and Mary (Segar) Roy, were natives of Virginia, from which state they emigrated to Carroll county, Missouri, in 1840. Henry B. Roy was the son of Richard Roy, who married Jane W. Beverly, daughter of Henry Beverly, a wealthy planter of Caroline county, Virginia, and grandson of Wiley Roy, who married Sarah Fowke, fifth in descent from Roger Fowke, of "Gunston Hall," county Suffolk, England. The subject is a descendant of the well-known families of Beverly and Montague of Virginia and the Bentons of Missouri, Thomas H. Benton, the distinguished senator from this state, having been a member of the latter.

William B. Roy grew to maturity in Carroll county and attended the Carrollton public schools. He came to Kansas City about thirteen years ago and entered the employ of the Schwarzschild & Sulzberger Packing Company as timekeeper, remaining with them two years, giving entire satisfaction as a faithful and conscientious employe. He was with the Interstate National Bank the next four years, during which time he gained a fund of valuable practical knowledge of banking and general business methods, and then traveled for some time through the Southern states for the National Biscuit Company. His next services were with the Cupples Woodenware Company, of St. Louis, which he represented for two years as traveling salesman in the northern part of the United States and southern Canada. After this he was sales manager for the state of Minnesota for the Buck Stove & Range Company of St. Louis, being regarded by all these firms as one of their most efficient, trustworthy and faithful employes. Early in 1911 he located permanently in Kansas City, Missouri, maintaining a suite of rooms at No. 1121 Commerce building, being extensively and successfully engaged in the advertising business.

Left an orphan at an early age, Mr. Roy is deserving of much credit for what he has accomplished, for he has achieved a marked degree of success, by no other means than a strong will, close application, unswerving energy and unfailing integrity. He is a worthy scion of the long line of sterling ancestry from which he sprang and is a fine type of that virile, broad-minded, self-reliant, self-made American whom untoward fortune fails to down.

Mr. Roy has remained single. Politically, he is a Democrat and is a member of the Christian church. He belongs to the Kansas City Athletic Club and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

Personally, he is a man of pleasing address, courteous, genial and obliging, makes and retains friends easily and is popular wherever he is known.

FRITZ GOEDEKE.

The German farming communities of this country always bear an outward appearance which shows the character of the men who are operating the farms. No class of farmers in the United States is more thrifty or prosperous than are the Germans, or those of German descent, and no farms have a more prosperous appearance than those which they own. The traveler through Carroll county, who passes Mr. Goedeke's farm, is at once attracted by the well kept appearance which it presents, with its handsome house, substantial outbuildings, carefully cultivated fields of luxuriant crops, fat stock in the pastures, and the general air which betokens the home of a man who is really master of his farm.

Fritz Goedeke was born on February 7, 1855, in Germany, the son of Christian and Katrina (Burholt) Goedeke. The father was a farmer in Germany, and came to the United States in 1870, where he first located in Madison county, Illinois, and followed farming until his death at the close of a respected life, in 1901. His wife had preceded him in 1875. They were the parents of nine children, four of whom are living, Fritz, Caroline, Christ and Minnie.

Fritz Goedeke received his education in the excellent public schools of his native country, and came to the United States in December, 1869, seeking increased opportunity. He located in Madison county, Illinois, and for a short time worked on the farm by the month then rented land, and farmed for about ten years, at the expiration of which time he went to Arkansas and farmed there for three years. In 1882 he came to Carroll county, Missouri,

and bought one hundred acres, to which he has since added fifty-five acres more, and has brought this farm to a high state of cultivation, has erected a fine residence and good outbuildings, and is regarded as one of the progressive and influential farmers of his county. His operations are confined mostly to general farming, but he raises some fine stock.

Mr. Goedeke was married in 1876 to Caroline Schnad, of Madison county, Illinois. She is of German parentage. To this union were born ten children, of whom five are living. Lizzie married Ernest Wolf, a farmer of Carroll county, and is the mother of two children; Carl, Emma, Edward and Laura are at home. The mother of these children died on April 16, 1905, having been for nearly thirty years a faithful wife and true helpmate. She was a member of the Lutheran church. Mr. Goedeke is a member of the same church and has been for ten years one of its trustees. In politics he is a Democrat. Mr. Goedeke is an honorable and respected citizen, a man of strong Christian character, and has made and kept many friends.

BERNARD HANAVAN.

Prominent among the successful farmers and public spirited men of Carroll county is the gentleman whose name appears above. Bernard Hanavan was born in Buffalo, New York, February 11, 1845. The following year he was brought to Missouri by his parents, Bernard and Katherine (Short) Hanavan, who made the trip with two wagons and two yoke of oxen and were several weeks in reaching their destination. Bernard Hanavan, Sr., started west with Carroll county, Missouri, as his objective point and upon his arrival his earthly possessions consisted of his oxen, wagons, a few household goods and agricultural implements and one dollar and a half in money. With this modest beginning he bought a small farm, going in debt for the same, and a little later entered a tract of public land, which he improved and to which he subsequently added at intervals until his real estate finally amounted to five hundred and forty acres. He was an enterprising man and a very prosperous farmer and in due time became one of the prominent and influential citizens of the county. He served in the late war as a private in Company L, Seventh Missouri Cavalry, and at the close of the struggle returned to his home in Carroll county where he continued to prosper to the end of his days, dying on the 17th day of March, 1874. Mrs. Hanavan, who departed this life on November 21, 1897, was a woman of excellent character

and, with her husband and family, belonged to the Roman Catholic church. Six children were born to Bernard and Katherine Hanavan, the oldest being Kitty, who died in 1854; James, the second of the family, was a member of Company F, Eighteenth Missouri Infantry (Union), during the Civil war and at the termination of his period of service became a farmer, which vocation he followed until his death, in the year 1898. He was a twin brother of the subject and a man of intelligence and highly esteemed by all who knew him; Philip, who served in the state militia during the war, is deceased; John, the fourth in order of birth, lives in Hale, Missouri; Patrick and Thomas, the youngest members of the family, were called from earthly scenes some years ago.

Bernard Hanavan, of this review, was reared to agricultural pursuits on the family homestead and during his childhood and youth attended the public schools. In the fall of 1862 he enlisted in Company F, Forty-fourth Missouri Infantry, with which he rendered valiant service for the national union until the close of the Civil war. Previous to the above date he was for seven months in the Home Guards, or state militia, during which time he participated in several irregular engagements, the experience fitting him for the more arduous service which he afterwards rendered as a soldier in some of the noted campaigns and bloody battles of the southland.

Returning to Carroll county at the cessation of hostilities, Mr. Hanavan turned his attention to the pursuit of agriculture and from the beginning of his career as a farmer he appears to have prospered and this, too, beyond his expectations. In connection with tilling the soil, he engaged in the raising of cattle upon quite an extensive scale, and to this important branch of farming he still devotes a great deal of attention, feeding and shipping as much live stock perhaps as any other man in the county and meeting with success such as few achieve. He owns at this time six hundred and forty acres of fine land which is especially adapted to agriculture and pasturage, and by his energy, sound judgment and exceptional business ability he has accumulated a fortune which places him among the wealthiest farmers of the county. In February, 1905, he left the farm and took up his residence in Bosworth, where he owns a beautiful modern home; he still manages his large agricultural and live stock interests, though no longer under the necessity of laboring as in former years, this feature of the business having long since been turned over to other hands.

Mr. Hanavan, on December 7, 1869, was married to Elizabeth A. Phillips, whose father, one of the original California gold seekers or "forty-niners," died in the far West and lies in an unmarked and unknown grave.

Mrs. Phillips subsequently became the wife of James R. Boley, a farmer of Carroll county, both having died some years ago. Mr. and Mrs. Hanavan have five children, whose names are as follows: William H., a farmer and stock raiser of Carroll county; Bernard L., who lives on the home place; Lily May, wife of Charles Taylor, of this county; Ed, who lives at home, and one that died in infancy. Mr. Hanavan owns three fine city properties, and ever since moving to Bosworth has been active and prominent in public affairs. He has represented his ward four years in the common council and as a member of that body was instrumental in bringing about much needed municipal legislation. He is a Republican in politics and a zealous worker for his party and its candidates, though never an office seeker himself nor an aspirant for public honors of any kind. Fraternally he is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and for a number of years he has been a leading spirit in the Grand Army of the Republic post of Carrollton, which has honored him at various times with important official positions.

LOUIS GERLING.

Among the respected names of the German-American citizens of Carroll county none is more highly regarded than that borne by the Gerling family. The father was a man who strongly exemplified the racial virtues, who by industry and diligence accumulated a large estate and set his children a standard to emulate, while his judgment was looked up to by the neighborhood. His sons and daughters have ever kept the parental example in mind, and are sturdy and energetic citizens of their county, such as form the bulwark of our republic.

Louis Gerling was born on November 4, 1866, in Madison county, Illinois, the son of Christian and Elizabeth Gerling, both of whom were born in Germany. (For them see sketch of Christian Gerling, their son.) Louis Gerling was educated in the common schools and worked on a farm from boyhood. At the age of twenty-six he began farming on his own account in Madison county, Illinois. In 1901 he located on his present farm of eighty acres, where he now resides, about four miles from Carrollton, and also rents forty acres more. He follows general farming and stock raising, is continually improving his farm, and by the use of modern methods of cultivation and by good management makes his occupation a profitable one. There is no more progressive farmer in the township. Mrs. Gerling also owns one hundred and twenty acres.

Mr. Gerling was married in April, 1893, to Dora Webber, the daughter of Casper Webber, of Carroll county, Missouri. They are the parents of seven children, Rosalie, Irwin, Martin, Norman, Lewis, Caroline and Victoria, who form a bright and interesting family of young people. Mr. and Mrs. Gerling are members of the Lutheran church and take active part in its work. Mr. Gerling is one of the strong men of his community, and has many friends.

S. A. CLARK.

(An Autobiography.)

In the early part of my existence and when a very small boy I was born in the "Short-Hills" of Jefferson county, East Tennessee, on the 15th day of May, 1870, just in time for breakfast. There's a great deal in being born right—in the right time and in the right place—and consequently every man should weigh this matter carefully before making his advent into the world. It is an important incident in every life, calculated to make or mar destiny, and therefore should never be neglected. Had I been born earlier in life, I would have had to pass through the bloody struggles of the late Civil war, and the chances are that I would have been on the losing side. Had I been born in the mountains of Kentucky, I might have been a consumer of "moonshine" whisky, a feudist who would have lain in ambush or "Anheuser-Busch" for the slayer of my wife's cousin, and a ring-tailed tooter from the head waters of Bitter creek. On account of these conditions I preferred being born "After the Ball Was Over," in "Sunny Tennessee."

I was born in a log cabin, which at that time was the favorite birthplace of Presidents; but it has since gone out of fashion, and I came upon the stage of action too late to derive any benefit from the "log cabin" story. It has already been worn to a frazzle. I came of Southern parentage, my father, W. F. Clark, being a native of Georgia, and my mother, Elizabeth F. Harkleroad, being a native of Sullivan county, Tennessee. My father and mother were married on the first day of May, 1861, and I am their youngest son. They moved to Dubuque, Illinois, in 1872, where they remained one year, and then removed to Carroll county, Missouri, at which time I was three years old. I was raised on the farm and educated in the district schools of the county. Afterward I attended the Chillicothe Normal, Chillicothe, Missouri.

That I was born with high aspirations was shown by early tendency to climb to the top of the loftiest trees in the forest. When but four years old I



S. A. CLARK

climbed a lightning rod to the top of a two-story brick building, and when I returned to terra firma the shock my mother gave me with a shingle made a lasting impression on my—memory. At the age of nineteen I obtained a school certificate and taught two terms in the district schools of the county. In the spring of 1891 I founded the *Bosworth Sentinel*, at Bosworth, the first issue being published April 17, 1891. I early espoused the cause of liberty, and when a lad of only eighteen summers, or “summers” thereabout, a young-lady friend of mine accused me of “taking more liberty” than any youngster she had ever met; but I never took anything else except the measles and whooping cough, the dregs of which still remain in my system; but the dregs of these diseases are not half so obnoxious as the bitter dregs of an ill-spent life—still I wish I had never taken them. I also insisted on the freedom of speech—when talking to young ladies—and on the freedom of the press on the slightest provocation or on the sofa either, and I never knew what an abridgement of either meant until after I was married.

This leads me to tell about my marriage to Miss Laura A. Crispin, which occurred on the 21st day of June—the longest day and the shortest night in the year—Anno Domini 1893. I then had a luxuriant growth of hair, instead of being bald as you see me today; but after my wife reads this autobiography I won't have any hair at all. I am a Republican and believe in “protection,” which never fails to promote the “infant industry.” This is one enterprise in which no trust has yet been formed and nobody, thank God, has a monopoly of the business. However, there seems to be a striking resemblance between a trust and a baby. Nearly everybody cusses them until they get one of their own. I have four—three boys and one girl.

In the summer of 1894 I sold the *Sentinel* and moved to Lawson, Missouri, where I published the *Leader* for two years and then returned to Bosworth and engaged in the real estate, loan and insurance business. The only office I ever held was that of justice of the peace, and although I was quite young at that time—in fact the youngest justice in Missouri—I have never been able to outlive the title of “Squire.” On the first day of July, 1901, I became cashier of the Bosworth Exchange Bank, in which capacity I served until January 1, 1904. During this time I helped to organize the Carroll County Telephone Company, and served two years as president of that company. I also purchased an interest in the Carroll County Abstract Company, and served two years as president of that corporation. After I severed my connection with the bank I resumed the publication of the *Bosworth Sentinel* for a short time, and then traded it for the *Carrollton Republican-Record*, of

which I am the present editor. I am also associated with Mr. S. K. Turner in the real estate and loan business under the firm name of S. K. Turner & Company.

From a worldly standpoint I have not distinguished myself among the great men of the age; but when I glance over the school books which I studied when a boy, I have the satisfaction of knowing that my name is indelibly written on the pages of history. Although I have never achieved any greatness—at least not enough to be burdensome—I have accumulated a good supply of shop-worn experience, which was purchased at the highest market price. In conclusion, I want to say to all young people who aspire to wear a laurel wreath instead of a straw hat the year round, to study my life, habits and character, and then—do different.

FRED M. LUTZ.

Carroll county is especially adapted to stock raising and feeding and has many good stock farms and capable stock farmers, but no farms better adapted to this pursuit than those of Mr. Lutz, and certainly no more successful stock farmer than is he. For this man has spent his life in the raising and feeding of stock, has given much attention to the work, and brought to his occupation a more than ordinary degree of intelligence and an abundant energy, which in combination have brought to him a high degree of success.

Fred M. Lutz was born in Porter county, Indiana, on January 21, 1852, the son of Michael and Catherine (Henry) Lutz, both of whom were natives of Germany, the country which has sent to America so many of her best citizens. His parents were married at La Porte, Indiana, and lived on a Porter county farm until 1857, when they removed to Carroll county, Missouri, and settled at Miles Point, in Cherry Valley township. Until after the Civil war Michael Lutz was engaged in the mercantile business at Miles Point, but at that time returning to farming and stock raising, which he continued to follow successfully until his death, in August, 1875, at the age of fifty-seven. His wife has preceded him in October, 1863, when thirty-six years old. Michael Lutz was a man of much influence in his community and was highly respected.

Fred M. Lutz was the eldest of five children and was five years old when his parents came to Carroll county, where he spent his boyhood. He attended the common schools of his township and the Carrollton schools for one year.

Early he became actively engaged in raising and feeding and dealing in stock, and has devoted his attention entirely to these lines. He is one of the best judges of stock to be found in the county and has won a reputation for the character of the animals which he breeds. Mr. Lutz is now the owner of more than nine hundred acres of land, which yield him an abundant revenue. He takes an active part in all public affairs and has always voted with the Republican party. For one term he has been assessor of his township.

On November 21, 1889, Mr. Lutz was married to Eliza Hiney, who was born in Indiana and was the daughter of Joseph and Lydia Hiney. To their union ten children have been born, five of whom are living, namely: Lydia, Leroy, Byron, Parker and Emma. Earl died when nineteen years old, May when sixteen, and Harry when ten, while two children died in infancy. Lydia is a graduate of Howard Payne College at Fayette, Missouri, and is a teacher of vocal and instrumental music and German at the Woodson Institute at Richmond, Missouri.

To any one who can see the life which Mr. Lutz leads, in his comfortable home, with the society of an agreeable family, and the management of his farm and business giving him a pleasant and profitable occupation, his lot seems indeed a desirable one.

ELIJAH WALTER KIMBLE.

The subject of this review is one of Carroll county's native sons and has spent his entire life within a few miles of the place where he first saw the light of day. He is widely and favorably known among his fellow townsmen and others, manifests commendable interest in all that makes for the material advancement of the community in which he resides and has ever had at heart the welfare of those with whom he mingles. The Kimble family had its origin in England, but during and since the Revolutionary war has been represented in the United States, some of the subject's ancestors having settled many years ago in Massachusetts and Ohio. Elijah Kimble, grandfather of E. W. Kimble, was born at Manchester, Ohio, and there married Margaret Bradford, also of English origin, and in that locality reared his family. He was a man of sterling worth, a public-minded citizen and wielded an influence for good among all with whom he came in contact. He died in an early day at Manchester, at the age of eighty-four, and left to his descendants an honorable family name.

William Kimble, son of Margaret and Elijah Kimble and father of the subject, was a native of the Buckeye state and by occupation a farmer. In 1859 he disposed of his interests in Ohio and moved to Carroll county, Missouri, where he spent the remainder of his life as an industrious and successful farmer, the meanwhile taking an active part in promoting the material progress of the locality in which he settled and becoming an influential factor in public affairs. He was long one of the leading Republicans of Carroll county, and in recognition of efficient service rendered his party was elected judge of the county court, which position he had for some years, in discharging the duties of which he displayed ability of high order. He was president of the school board for some sixteen years, besides filling other local positions, and his career as an official and a citizen was without a taint of dishonor.

He married in his adopted state Permelia James, a native of Tennessee, who bore him five children, of whom the subject of this sketch is the only survivor. Mr. Kimble was a Mason of high degree and at all times ready and willing to assist in charitable and benevolent enterprises. During the last twenty-five years of his life he lived at Carrollton, in honorable retirement, and his death, which occurred on the 12th day of March, 1904, was profoundly regretted by all who knew him.

Elijah Walter Kimble was born November 5, 1872, was educated in the Carrollton public schools, also graduating in law at the Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, in 1896. He was elected prosecuting attorney of Carroll county, which position he filled with ability and credit.

Mr. Kimble, on February 26, 1906, was happily married to Albuquerque Calvin, of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, granddaughter of Anthony Cook, a pioneer lumberman of that state, to which union two daughters were born, Ruth Calvin Kimball, December 15, 1907, and Alba May Kimball, November 2, 1910. Mr. Kimble and family, in January, 1911, moved to Los Angeles, California, to make their future home in the land of perpetual flowers and beautiful sunshine.

CONRAD EISERER.

There are no better farmers and more substantial citizens of Carroll county than those of German ancestry or descent, and among these there are none who rank higher as capable farmers, or in the esteem of their neighbors than does Mr. Eiserer. He has passed through many hardships and caprices

of fortune in his life, but throughout has persevered in the even tenor of his way, and has at last obtained the reward for his faithful labors in his present assured prosperity and the consciousness of a past life well lived to the advantage not only of himself, but also of his community.

Conrad Eiserer was born on March 9, 1847, in Germany, the son of Franz and Caroline Eiserer. Franz Eiserer was a stone mason by trade, and died in 1849. He was the father of five children, Conrad, Mary, Louisa, George and Conrad. The mother of these children emigrated to the United States in 1866. She first located at Evansville, Indiana, where Conrad, her youngest son, received his education at the common schools, and learned the trade of tinner. For four years he worked at his trade, then worked on a farm for his brother-in-law, Fred Schultz, for about seven years. In 1874 he came to Carroll county and for ten years farmed rented land. In 1884 he bought his present farm of one hundred and sixty acres of bottom land, two miles from Carrollton. He has made great improvements on this farm and brought it up to a high state of cultivation, and has built a fine modern residence, with good barns and outbuildings. Mr. Eiserer keeps pace with the times and is equipped with modern agricultural machinery. A splendid example of the sturdy German type, he has done his full share in bringing the low bottom land of Carroll county to a high and productive state second to none in the county or state.

Mr. Eiserer was married in August, 1873, to Caroline Kinger, the daughter of William Kinger, of St. Charles county, Missouri. She was born in St. Charles county, but of German parents. Ten children were born to this union. Fred, Lewis and Henry are deceased. William married Kate Keiser, and is the father of two children. Mary married August Lueders and is the mother of three children. Lena married George Lueders, and has two children. Henry, Conrad and Martin are at home. The mother of these children died April 20, 1907, at the age of fifty-one. She was a member of the Lutheran church. Mr. Eiserer married for his second wife, on December 20, 1909, Eliza Hentz, who was born in Berlin, Germany, came to the United States about 1900, and was residing in St. Louis at the time of her marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Eiserer are members of the Lutheran church and Mr. Eiserer has served on the official board.

Mr. Eiserer is a man of influence in his neighborhood, and is respected and esteemed by those who know him. He has lived a strong life, he has cast his influence for good, and has trained up a family of children to be strong and useful men and women.

FRED B. BROCKMIER.

Germans everywhere show racial qualities which place them at the front. Patience, perseverance and thrift are the traits which have the most to do with their advancement. The German is not, like many of our present Americans and Europeans of more excitable races, determined to have results at once. He is willing to lay his plans, then to wait until results come; and the larger and more difficult undertakings usually require the most time and patience, so in these the German excels. He does not lay his plans and wait idly, but perseveres in the performance of his part; and during all the time, by thrift, economy, and attention to small things, he lets nothing escape him.

Fred B. Brockmier was born on November 10, 1865, in St. Charles county, Missouri, the son of Benjamin and Paulina (Hopper) Brockmier. Both his parents were born in Germany and came to the United States with their parents when they were quite young, and located in St. Louis. When Benjamin became of age he enlisted in the Union army and served through the Civil war, with an honorable record as a brave soldier. At the close of the war he went to St. Charles county, Missouri, and farmed there for several years. In 1875 he came to Carroll county, Missouri, and bought eighty acres, what is now known as the home farm, to which he later added until he had a total of one hundred and eighty acres, on which he resided and farmed until his death, in 1905. His wife died in 1907. Benjamin Brockmier was an expert farmer and made his occupation pay. He was a man of much influence in the communities in which he lived. To him and his wife were born twelve children, eight of whom are living, namely: Annie, who married Henry Sueltham; Amelia, who married William Moller; Fred B.; John; Emma, who married John Sylvester; William H.; Lena, who married Henry Dencher; and Edward.

Fred B. Brockmier attended the common schools of Carroll county, and also the German school at Norborne. From boyhood he worked on the farm, and thus early gained experience. After maturity he rented eighty acres from his father, and farmed on his own account until his father died, when he became the owner of eighty acres of the home farm. His land is highly improved, very fertile, and has on it a good residence and outbuildings. Mr. Brockmier follows general farming and stock raising, and is very successful in his operations. He was married in 1898 to Augusta Scheffer, the daughter of Henry Scheffer, and four children have been born to this marriage: Harrie, Milton, Augusta and Martha. Mr. Brockmier and his wife are members of

the Lutheran church. Mr. Brockmier is highly regarded by his neighbors, and has many friends in his township and county. As a farmer he has few superiors.

CHRISTIAN VALLBRACHT.

The subject of this sketch came to this country when young, with very small means, and has worked and saved until he is now a prosperous farmer, a strong example of what one can do who is born to no other inheritance than that of a sound and active mind in a sound and active body, and a strong and determined will. Intelligence, patience, perseverance and thrift have placed Mr. Vallbracht in his present comfortable situation.

Christian Vallbracht was born on May 15, 1859, in Germany, the son of Jacob and Elizabeth Vallbracht. Jacob Vallbracht was a tailor, having learned the trade when a young man and followed it throughout life. He died in 1880, and his wife in the same year. They were the parents of six children, John, Christian, Mary, Kate, Louis and Augusta. Mr. and Mrs. Vallbracht were honorable and respected in their community, plain people, possessing the strong elemental virtues.

Christian Vallbracht was educated in the common schools of his native land and when a young man worked on a farm in Germany. He came to the United States in 1883, and located in Carroll county, Missouri, where he for a few years engaged in farming rented land. In 1895 he bought his present farm of eighty acres, which he has brought to a high state of cultivation, and erected on it good buildings, while he has equipped himself with modern farming machinery. He is progressive, keeping pace with the times, and is one of the successful and influential farmers of the county.

Mr. Vallbracht was married in 1886 to Anna Leimkuehler, who was born in Germany, the daughter of Henry and Minnie Leimkuehler, and came to this country with her parents when she was about three years old, receiving her education in the public schools of this country. To Mr. and Mrs. Vallbracht have been born six children. Henry married Mete Plackmeser, of Carroll county, Missouri, who was born in St. Charles, Missouri. Louis, Amanda, Walter, Augusta and Otto are all at home. The entire family are members of the Lutheran church. In politics Mr. Vallbracht is a Republican. Few men in his township can lay claim to possess more friends than his companionable and agreeable qualities have won for him.

MILTON STANDLEY.

The gentleman whose career is briefly reviewed in the following lines belongs to one of the oldest families of Carroll county, his grandfather, James Standley, a South Carolinian by birth, having moved to this part of Missouri while the foot of the red man still pressed the soil and entered a tract of land. He was a pioneer in the full sense of the word, and during the early times labored hard to establish a home for himself and those dependent upon him, besides using his influence to further the interests of those who cast their lots with him when the country was new and discouraging conditions prevailed. Robert Standley, son of the above and father of the subject, was born shortly after the family settled in Carroll county and grew to maturity amid the stirring scenes of pioneer times. He early turned his attention to agriculture, which he followed with gratifying success as long as he lived, and at the breaking out of the Civil war entered the Federal army and until the close of the conflict rendered valiant service for the national union. He married in his young manhood Martha Goodson, a native of Carroll county and a member of one of its old and respected families, the union resulting in the birth of four children, namely: Ida, now Mrs. Samuel Minnis; Una, who died in infancy; John, who departed this life in 1905; and Milton, whose name introduces this sketch. Mr. and Mrs. Standley were pious members of the Baptist church and are remembered as exemplary Christians and excellent neighbors whose lives were replete with good and whose influence is still felt in the community where they so long and so honorably lived. Mrs. Standley died in 1894 and on March 18, 1896, her husband responded to the final call, leaving to his descendants the memory of a useful life and an honorable family name.

Milton Standley was born in Carroll county, Missouri, December 29, 1882. His early life under excellent home discipline was singularly fortunate, and he grew up with good habits well formed and with a fixed purpose to make himself of some use to the world. After finishing the common school branches, he took a high school course and later prepared himself for the duties of life by attending a business college at Quincy, Illinois, from which he was graduated in due time. In the selection of a vocation, his judgment and taste suggested agriculture, and having been reared to the same, he experienced no difficulty when he began tilling the soil upon his own responsibility.

Mr. Standley brought to his life work a well trained mind and thus far his efforts as a tiller of the soil have been eminently satisfactory, as his fine farm of one hundred and twenty-five acres, with its modern buildings and other improvements, abundantly indicates. He is a man of method and con-

ducts his labors on scientific principles, with every assurance of ample returns. His home is beautiful and attractive and neither labor nor money has been spared in its adornment. Although a young man, Mr. Standley has won a prominent place among the representative agriculturists of his township and as a citizen he is deeply interested in all that tends to the welfare of the community, materially or otherwise. He is public spirited and influential and bids fair to retain the prestige which he has already gained. Fraternally, he is a member of the Knights of Pythias and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

The domestic life of Mr. Standley dates from 1905, on June 7th of which year was solemnized his marriage with Aileen Rea, daughter of Gale and Lucretia (Brooks) Rea, of Carroll county, Missouri. Mr. and Mrs. Standley had two children, who were twins, both dying in infancy.

FRED J. WHITE.

The subject of this sketch holds worthy prestige among the leading farmers and stock raisers of his part of the state and, springing from good old Revolution stock, he is entitled to worthy notice in a work devoted to the representative men of the county in which he holds his citizenship. The White family, which is of Scotch-Irish descent, has been represented in this country since the colonial period, the original ancestors having been among the substantial yeomanry of New York, in various parts of which state and Pennsylvania their descendants still reside. Fred J. White was born in Bradford county, Pennsylvania, on the 5th day of February, 1844, and is a son of David and Martha White, natives of Pennsylvania and New Hampshire respectively. David White, a farmer by occupation, spent his entire life in the state of his birth and was a man of intelligence, high social standing and exercised no little influence in his community. He reared a family of ten children, whose names are as follows: Franklin, who died at the age of thirteen; Rodney, also deceased; Fred J., of this review; Delevan, deceased; William, a farmer of Carroll county; Warren, who lives in Pennsylvania; Frank and Milton, residents of that state also; Adaline, deceased; and Martha, who married Clark Chase and makes her home in the state of Pennsylvania.

The early life of Fred J. White in his native state was devoid of special interest, having been about the same as the majority of boys reared amid rural scenes and influences. He attended during his youthful years the schools of his neighborhood and on attaining his majority left home and went to Il-

linois where he spent the ensuing seven years as a farmer. At the expiration of the period indicated he came to Carroll county, Missouri, and purchased, in April, 1876, a farm of eighty acres, which he at once proceeded to improve and which he has subsequently been enabled to increase until in due time he became one of the largest land owners and most enterprising agriculturists of the township in which his place is situated.

Mr. White has always been a man of great energy and well balanced judgment, and he so managed his farming interests as to add frequently to his real estate, as is indicated by the fact of his being at this time the owner of five hundred and sixty acres of excellent land, nearly all of which he has cleared and otherwise improved. Some years ago he replaced the original dwelling with a fine modern home, one of the most beautiful and attractive residences in the county, and in addition to tilling the soil he devotes a great deal of attention to the breeding and raising of high grade live stock, especially cattle, horses and mules, besides buying and shipping upon quite an extensive scale. Being a careful and judicious business man, he seldom fails to realize handsomely from his investments, and, as already intimated, he is now one of the leading farmers and stock growers of the county and occupies a conspicuous place among the financially solid men of his part of the state.

On February 2, 1871, Mr. White and Anna C. Chase, of Illinois, were united in marriage. Mrs. White's father, Charles Chase, was a cousin of the late Hon. Salmon P. Chase, secretary of the treasury in President Lincoln's cabinet and afterwards chief justice of the supreme court of the United States. The family is an old and historic one and has furnished a number of distinguished men for various government positions, besides taking precedence in public life during more than one important national crisis. Mrs. White's immediate family are among the early settlers of Illinois and took an active part in the pioneer history of the county in which they located. Both Charles Chase and his wife, who previous to her marriage was a Miss Carter, sprang from sterling Revolutionary ancestry and her daughters are now zealous members of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Seven children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. White, namely: Addie, wife of Ed. Pierce, of Carrollton; Charles and Mattie, twins, both deceased; Fred, also deceased; Mattie, who married Mr. Briscoe and lives at home; Kent and Dan, both of whom have been called to the other life.

Fraternally, Mr. White has been a Mason for forty years, during which time he has risen to high standing in the order and been honored with a number of important official trusts. He is a Democrat, but not a politician in the usual acceptance of the term, though in a larger and more dignified sense

he is a politician in that he keeps in touch with the leading issues of the times and has broad and intelligent views on all questions of public import which come before the people. He is not identified with any religious organization, but attends quite regularly the Methodist Episcopal church, of which his wife is a member and to the support of which he is a liberal contributor. He combines many of the sterling characteristics of his sturdy ancestors, has made his life a signal success and as a man and citizen stands high in the confidence and esteem of his contemporaries.

CHARLES A. BENSON.

The name of Charles A. Benson has long been an honored one in Combs township, Carroll county, and it has always stood for high grade citizenship and wholesome living, and he has thereby won and retained the confidence and good will of all with whom he has come into contact.

Mr. Benson was born in Pike county, Illinois, August 31, 1863, and he spent his youth on the home farm which he worked when he became of proper age and attended the neighboring schools in the wintertime, remaining under his parental roof-tree until he was twenty-three years of age. In the fall of 1869 his family moved to Leslie township, Carroll county, Missouri, when he was six years old, and there bought a farm. He began life for himself by working out, hiring to farmers. Later he rented a farm of eighty acres in Leslie township, in 1888, for one year, later renting more land which he worked until his marriage, on March 14, 1894, to Mattie Medlin, at Carrollton, Missouri. She was born on October 23, 1871, in Carroll county, and is the daughter of A. B. and Dorcas Medlin, whose sketch appears on another page of this work.

The following children, living, have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Benson: Ralph, born in 1895; Claude, born in 1896; Marwin is deceased; Maurine, born November 6, 1899; Minnie, born in February, 1904; Charles, born in November, 1906; Frank, born in February, 1910.

After his marriage Mr. Benson devoted his energies to farming in Leslie township for six years, and got an excellent start, then moved to his present place in Combs township in 1900, and here he rented land for six years, working three hundred and forty acres, and, being a hard worker and a good manager, he was very successful. Of the above mentioned farm he purchased one hundred and ninety-three acres, later selling sixteen acres to the railroad com-

pany, leaving him one hundred and seventy-seven acres. He has made a number of good improvements on it, including the building of a substantial barn, forty by sixty-five feet, a "smoke-house," fences, etc., and he now has one of the best farms in his community in every respect, and being a persistent worker he has become well established. He raises a great deal of grain and live stock.

His mother is still living in Leslie township on the old homestead, the father having died on September 27, 1900. The Benson family has ever borne an excellent reputation and been influential in their community.

Politically, Charles A. Benson is a Democrat, but he does not find time to mingle extensively in political affairs. In religious matters he is a Methodist.

CHARLES H. FORREST.

An honored veteran of the Civil war and for many years a successful farmer, but now living in retirement, the subject of this sketch merits a place of distinction in this compilation and it is with no little satisfaction that the following brief record of his career is herewith presented. Charles H. Forrest is descended from English ancestry on his father's side and on the maternal his antecedents were Irish. His father, who also bore the name of Charles H., was born in Ireland, of English parents, and his mother, who prior to her marriage was Margaret Sullivan, was a native of the Emerald Isle and a member of one of the old and well known families of the county in which she lived. These parents were married in Ireland and about the year 1838 came to the United States and located in St. Louis, Missouri, where Mr. Forrest worked at the harness maker's trade and where, on the 6th day of July, 1843, his son, whose name introduces this sketch, was born.

Charles H. Forrest, Jr., who is one of a family of five children, spent his childhood and youth in his native city and received his educational discipline in the schools of the same, which he attended until completing the prescribed course of study. He was preparing himself for some useful vocation when there came the call of a higher duty, to which patriotic impulse he at once responded, realizing, as he did, that the country was in danger and his services were needed in its defense.

In 1861, when a youth of eighteen, he joined the state militia with which he served until the fall of the following year, when he enlisted in Company C, Ninety-ninth Illinois Infantry, his company being afterwards consolidated

with Company E, under the latter designation. It was not very long until his regiment proceeded to the scene of hostilities where from the time of its arrival Mr. Forrest's duties were active and strenuous and within a brief period he realized in all of its terrible reality the true meaning of warfare. The Ninety-ninth took part in a number of campaigns from Missouri southeast and its record as a fighting regiment was second to that of no other. Among the battles in which Mr. Forrest participated the following were perhaps the most important, viz.: Hartsville, Missouri, Champion Hill, siege and capture of Vicksburg, Black River, Port Gibson and Jackson in Mississippi, Shreveport and Crow's Prairie, Louisiana, Fort Morgan and Mobile, Alabama, and many others, besides numerous minor engagements and skirmishes, in all of which he discharged his duty bravely and conscientiously and sustained his reputation as a true defender of the flag. From May 2, 1863, to the 4th day of July, following, while his command was in Mississippi, he was almost continuously under fire and at various other places for a number of days in succession he enjoyed but little respite from fighting. Soon after entering the service, he was made a corporal, later rose to the rank of sergeant, and for some time was one of General Canby's body guard, in which capacity he rendered valuable service and added to his reputation as a gallant soldier. At the expiration of his period of service in 1865, he was mustered out at Springfield, Illinois, and returning to that state shortly thereafter, resumed the pursuit of agriculture, which he carried on there until his removal to Carroll county, Missouri, in the spring of 1873.

On coming to this country Mr. Forrest purchased a farm in Carroll county which he at once proceeded to improve and which under his effective labors and judicious management became in due time one of the most productive and valuable farms of its area in the township of Carroll, to say nothing of its beauty and attractiveness as a desirable rural home. Being a careful judge of soils and their adaptability to the various grains, vegetables, etc., grown in this latitude, he succeeded by judicious rotation in raising abundant crops and his success as an agriculturist was such that within a few years he was the possessor of a handsome competence, with a sufficient surplus laid aside to insure the future against any exigency that might arise to disturb his tranquility. Accordingly, in 1905 he turned his farm over to other hands and moved to the beautiful little place consisting of twelve acres adjoining the city of Carrollton, where, in an imposing modern residence which he erected, he has since been living in quiet and content.

Although retired from active life, Mr. Forrest is by no means idle, as he gives personal attention to his various interests and devotes not a little of his time to the cultivation of the few acres by which his home is surrounded. He keeps his grounds and gardens in excellent condition, raising almost enough vegetables, fruits, etc., to support his family, to say nothing of the value of the place to him as a means of healthful recreation and enjoyment. He is well situated to enjoy the many material comforts and blessings which he has so nobly earned and with his good wife he is now passing quietly along life's sequestered way, at peace with himself and with his fellow men and with his Maker.

Mr. Forrest was happily married on the 14th of February, 1881, to Dora Pollard, whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Pollard, moved from Illinois to Missouri a number of years ago and settled in Sheridan county. Mr. and Mrs. Forrest have three children living, whose names are as follows: Earl, who lives on the family homestead in Carroll township; Benjamin, a merchant doing business in California; and Leona, who is still with her parents; a fourth and the youngest of the family, a daughter by the name of Viola, having died when three and a half years of age. Mr. Forrest began life for himself as a poor boy and for the success to which he has attained and the prominent place he occupies as an enterprising citizen, he is indebted entirely to his own efforts. In the best sense of the term he is a self-made man and the architect of his own fortune, and his life has ever been on the high moral plane which bespeaks the broadminded citizens and the courteous gentleman. His character and reputation, which he has always carefully guarded, are above reproach and no one has ever questioned his veracity or cast a single aspersion against his integrity or the honor of his good name. In his political allegiance he is a Republican and wields a strong influence for his party and in religion both himself and his wife are consistent members of the Methodist church. Mr. Forrest is a friend of the public schools and believes that intelligence properly disseminated makes for the happiness of the people and the stability of the state. He provided his own children with the best educational advantages obtainable and they seconded his efforts in their behalf by applying themselves closely to their studies while students and are now intelligent, well informed and a credit to their parents, their course in life thus far being such as to add luster to the name they bear and make the world better. The family is highly esteemed in Carrollton and elsewhere and Mr. Forrest is destined to be remembered in future years as one of the leading citizens of Carroll county during the period of his residence therein.

EDWIN J. BEALS.

A soldier in the Civil war, one of those who still keeps his place in the thinning ranks of veterans, with a long and honorable record of service, while he bears on his body the evidence of wounds freely received for his country's sake,—in peace as good a citizen as in war he was a soldier, always striving to advance his community, and ever ready to lend a hand to an unfortunate—such is Mr. Beals.

Edwin J. Beals was born in Trumbull county, Ohio, in March, 1842, the son of Thomas Beals, who was born in Massachusetts in 1802, and died in Carroll county, Missouri, in 1886, and of Maria W. (Cook) Beals, who was born in Genesee county, New York, in 1812, and died in Carroll county on September 20, 1888. When he was thirteen years old he moved with his parents to Williams county, Ohio, and attended school there and helped on the farm until September, 1861, when he enlisted in Company D, Thirty-eighth Ohio Infantry, and served three years and two months, enlisting as a private, but receiving a promotion to be a corporal. At the battle of Jonesboro, Georgia, on September 1, 1864, he was shot through the left thigh, and was for two months in a field hospital at Atlanta, Georgia. One ball grazed his knee also, but he received no other serious wound. He was in many battles, including those of Wild Cat, Kentucky, Mill Springs, Stone River, Missionary Ridge and Resaca, Georgia, also took part in all of Sherman's campaigns to Atlanta.

After the war Edwin Beals began to farm in Williams county, Ohio, and remained there until 1869, when he came to Stokes Mound township, Carroll county, Missouri, and bought one hundred acres of land. In 1873 his parents came here and lived with him until their deaths. In 1874 he was married in Ohio to Pauline Dormois, whom he had met in that state. She was born in New York city in 1851, the daughter of Frederick Dormois, who was born in France in 1814, and died in 1859 in Williams county, Ohio, and Caroline Hannah Dormois, who was born in England in January, 1818, and died in Carroll county in 1893. Her father came to America when he was seventeen years old, her mother when she was ten, and the most of their lives was spent in New York city, from which they moved in 1854 to Williams county, Ohio, where he died, and where his wife lived for twenty years longer, and then moved to Carroll county.

Mr. Beals is a general farmer, and raises cattle and stock. His farm is well fenced with wire and all but twelve acres is under cultivation. He keeps ten horses and mules and about fifteen cattle and fifty hogs, and is a very able

and successful farmer. He is a member of Fred Miller Post No. 130, Grand Army of the Republic, at Tina, and he and his wife are members of the Methodist church, North. His wife has been president of the Ladies Aid Society, and he is a trustee of the church and has been a class leader and teacher for years. His Christianity is carried out in practice in his daily life. In politics he is a Republican, and was at one time a member of the township board, and has been school director here for several years.

Mr. and Mrs. Beals are the parents of the following children: Daisy L., who was a music teacher and stenographer, and married Mr. Hammer, now living in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, keeping a music store. Ray E., who is a member of the Odd Fellows at Tina, married Ethel Powell and lives here. Ira D., who is a graduate of the Chillicothe Business and Penmanship College, lives at home and owns an interest in a business school in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, in which he is a professor of penmanship, but is now, on account of poor health, traveling for the Detroit Scales Company as a salesman. Dwight, who is a bookkeeper for the Kansas Moline Plow Company at Kansas City, is a graduate from the Cambria Business College at Johnstown, Pennsylvania, and is now attending night law school.

HENRY F. VOGELMAIER.

Though yet a young man, Mr. Vogelmaier is well and favorably known in Van Horn township as one of its able and enterprising farmers, who has by his intelligently directed labor attained a degree of prosperity which many who are older might envy, and who stands high among his neighbors in influence because of the soundness of his judgment and the strong points of his character.

Henry F. Vogelmaier was born in 1872, in St. Charles county, Missouri, the son of Henry and Elizabeth Vogelmaier. When Henry F. was nine years old his parents moved to Carrollton, Carroll county, Missouri, and his father bought a farm of one hundred and sixty acres. His father prospered very much, and is now living in Carrollton a retired life. He and his wife are members of the German Lutheran church, and Henry Vogelmaier, Sr., has long been one of the trustees of that body. He is the owner of two excellent farms in Carroll county, one of two hundred and one acres, the other of one hundred and sixty-five, making a total of three hundred and sixty-six, and is

a man of sterling and substantial character, who is highly respected by those who know him.

Henry F. Vogelmaier assisted his father on the farm until he was twenty-two years old, and then began to farm for himself, buying a farm of two hundred acres in Van Horn township, on which he has since lived. He follows general farming, raising corn, wheat and hay mostly, and keeping about sixty head of Poland China hogs and ten shorthorn cattle. His entire farm is under cultivation, and is well fenced with wire and hedge, while it was naturally well drained and needed no tiling, or open ditches. The farm presents a pleasing appearance to the passer, betokening the property of a man of energy and thrift.

Mr. Vogelmaier was married to Anna Wahrenburg, who was born in Madison county, Illinois. To this marriage were born two children, Otto and Henry, both at home, the former attending school. For fourteen years Mr. Vogelmaier has been a member of the German Lutheran church, and in politics he casts his lot with the Republican party. A young man of honor, integrity and resource, Mr. Vogelmaier is a type of the successful American agriculturist, and is one of that class of citizens which no community can afford to lose.

PETER C. CASKEY.

The gentleman whose name heads this sketch is a well known resident of Stokes Mound township, Carroll county, in which he has spent his life, and is one of its capable and enterprising farmers, well worthy of being chosen in such a work as this as one of the representative men of the township. For he has witnessed and taken part in its history for sixty years and more, and in that time has noticed many changes. Energetic and progressive, he has made for himself a reputation as a man who carries on his farming operations in a most profitable manner.

Peter C. Caskey was born in Stokes Mound township, Carroll county, Missouri, in 1848. His father was Allen Caskey, who was born in Kentucky in 1812, and in 1844 came to Carroll county, Missouri, and entered three hundred acres of land from the government at one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre, in the cultivation of which he spent the remainder of his life. He married Frances Austin, who was a native of Boone county, Missouri, and died in Carroll county. Allen Caskey died in 1903, at the age of ninety-one. In his early life in this community he had many hardships, and split rails at

twenty-five cents per hundred to eke out a living, but in later times he became a very prosperous farmer. At the time of his coming to Carroll county there were but few whites in the county and many signs of Indians.

Peter C. Caskey attended subscription schools to obtain his education, and spent his boyhood on his father's farm. When twenty-one years old he began operations for himself on the farm where he now lives. He owns one hundred and twenty acres, and is a general farmer, raising corn as his original crop, and some oats, wheat and grass, and keeping fifteen head of cattle and fifty of hogs. His farm is all under cultivation and well fenced with wire. Mr. Caskey has made all the improvements and cleared much of the land himself, and has been quite successful as a farmer. In politics he is a Republican. Formerly he was a member of the Masonic fraternity.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Caskey are the parents of two children, Claud, who is now at home helping his father on the farm, a bookkeeper and stenographer by profession; and Roy, a traveling man of Dallas, Texas. Mr. Caskey is well known in the township as a solid and substantial citizen.

WARREN E. FORSYTHE.

Among the best known of the young farmers of Stokes Mound township is Mr. Forsythe, a young man of energy, ambition and will, and one of the most capable farmers in the community, having learned the lessons of agriculture well from his father, who had no superior in the township as a practical and enterprising farmer. His father made the Forsythe name well known and respected and his sons, especially the subject, have lived up to its high reputation, and are his worthy successors.

Warren Forsythe was born in Stokes Mound township, Carroll county, Missouri, on November 25, 1877. He attended the district schools and worked on his father's farm of six hundred and forty acres until he was twenty-one. His father was one of the wealthiest men in the township, well known to its citizens, and very influential in local affairs. When Warren became of age his father gave him a portion of the farm, and he farmed this land and lived at his father's house until his marriage. This farm of one hundred and twenty acres, on which he now lives, was unimproved land when his father gave it to him, and he has fenced it, built a seven-room house, and a barn fifty-four by forty-six, and is constantly improving the fertility of the soil, so that his land is in better condition than at first. He raises corn and

stock, keeps about ten horses, twenty-five mules and thirty hogs, and by stock raising returns to the land all that he takes from it. His portion of his father's farm is today, thanks to his energy, the best kept up of the whole farm.

At the age of twenty-nine Mr. Forsythe was married, at Tina, to Bessie Henderson, a daughter of William and Amanda Henderson, and born in Bogard, Missouri, in October, 1887. She received a district school education. Her father died when she was a small child, and her mother removed to Tina. Mr. and Mrs. Forsythe are the parents of three children: Eunice M., born in 1907; William H., born in 1908; and Helen, born in 1910. Mr. and Mrs. Forsythe attended the Presbyterian church. He is in politics a Republican.

Warren Forsythe is a young man who has many friends, and is well known as a progressive and up-to-date farmer. He is much devoted to his wife and family and takes great pleasure in his home life. From his past career and his ancestry, we can but predict that he will become one of the leading citizens of his county.

JOHN R. METCALF.

One of the best farms in Van Horn township, though not one of the largest, is that owned by Mr. Metcalf, who has himself improved his land, and has carefully conserved the original fertility and added to this in every manner which was possible, so that today, because of his careful management of his soil and the thorough cultivation which he makes it a rule to give to his crops, his average yields are far above those of his neighbors, and his land is worth more to the acre than the most of that which surrounds it.

John R. Metcalf was born on a farm in Grant county, Kentucky, twenty-one miles south of Covington, on May 31, 1836. His parents were native Kentuckians and his grandparents were of French descent. During the American Revolution six brothers of the name of Metcalf came over with Lafayette, and after the war three went to the Northern states, and three to the Southern, and the subject is descended from the Southern branch of the family. He was born in a log cabin and graduated from a log schoolhouse, and in his youth suffered many hardships. All his brothers and sisters were born in the woods, and a stump formed one corner of the parental log cabin. Until he was twenty-one John R. Metcalf worked for his father, then began to farm for himself and bought a small farm. He was married at the home

of his wife's parents, on November 2, 1861, to Julia E. Northcutt, and came to Carroll county, Missouri, and settled, the land here being all prairie at that time. He had saved a little money, and with this made the first payment on a farm of seventy acres, for which he paid twenty-six dollars per acre, and which is now worth one hundred dollars per acre. All of this land, save eight acres which was the only improved portion when he bought, he has himself improved, and has erected a barn and several buildings. Besides his farm he owns a house and lot in Bosworth. His neighbors all admit that his farm is one of the best in the county, since he has kept it in such good condition. He follows general farming, raising corn, wheat and grass, keeps three or four cows and fifteen to twenty good hogs, and sells on an average three mules yearly, while he obtains from his bees eight hundred pounds of honey a year. His residence is surrounded by a fine grove of trees, which he himself planted.

Mr. and Mrs. Metcalf are the parents of six children: Cora, deceased; Aura, living in Washington, D. C.; Armenta, of northern Missouri; Carrie, of New Mexico; John, of Washington; and Bertie, at home, whose husband carries on the farming operations. All are married. Mr. Metcalf is a Democrat in politics, and well informed on local and national issues. In religion he is a member of the Baptist church. Mr. Metcalf is truly a self-made man, and yet remembers vividly the first dollar he earned, which cost him two days toil in the woods at the age of seventeen or eighteen. He is well known in the township, and known favorably because of his strength of character and many companionable traits.

SOL WAIT.

There are farmers and farmers, but the consensus of opinion in Ridge township and elsewhere is that the best improved and best kept farm in the township and the most valuable of its size in Carroll county is the one owned by the gentleman whose name appears above. The veracity of this statement will be hardly questioned by those who have seen the splendid buildings, fine fences, thoroughly tilled fields, handsome fruit and shade trees and the many other pleasing features which constitute the model home of this enterprising, up-to-date American agriculturist who believes in the dignity of his calling and manifests a pardonable pride in the labor of his hands and the success with which his efforts have been crowned. Sol Wait, son of John and Eliza-

beth Wait, natives of Kentucky and Virginia respectively, was born in Pike county, Illinois, in the year 1849. He was reared to habits of industry and frugality on his father's farm, and during his childhood and youth attended school in the winter time and devoted the rest of the year to labor in the fields. At the early age of fifteen he left home to earn his own livelihood and from that time until his twentieth year he worked as a farm hand for monthly wages. By strict economy he succeeded in saving during the period indicated the greater part of his earnings, with which to begin an independent career; he left his native state in the spring of 1869 and came to Carroll county, Missouri.

Mr. Wait made a judicious investment in the quarter section of land which he bought in April of the above year for twelve hundred dollars, for it was not long until he was enabled to dispose of the land for exactly double the purchase price. In partnership with a Mr. Smith, he then bought two hundred and twenty acres of the Major Stearns farm, but the same year turned the land back to the Major and purchased forty acres of the farm in Ridge township which he still owns and to which he has since added until the place now contains one hundred and sixty-five acres, which in point of fertility and productiveness are not excelled by any like area in Carroll county. The entire place is enclosed with dense and smoothly trimmed hedges, which presents a decidedly attractive appearance, the fields being bounded with wire fencing of the latest and most approved design. A large two-story dwelling containing eight commodious rooms and a large basement, with wide porches in front and rear and finished in the highest style of the builders' art, and which is a model of architectural handiwork, adds greatly to the beauty and attractiveness of the farm. The other improvements, which include two barns, thirty-eight by forty-eight feet and forty by forty-two feet respectively, a feeder twenty-four by forty-eight feet in size, a house for the storage of implements and machinery, one for tools and various other accessories, are all modern and in first class condition, the buildings alone representing a value considerably in excess of five thousand dollars. All in all, this is one of the most beautiful and attractive country homes in Carroll county, and the excellent condition in which the buildings and everything else on the premises are kept indicates the presence of a man of enterprise and good tastes and a happy and contented family. All but fifteen acres of his land is in cultivation and, in addition to the large crops he grows, Mr. Wait raises considerable live stock. He keeps from six to ten horses, from thirty to forty cattle and a large number of hogs, seldom less than fifty, all of his stock being of superior breeds and commanding the highest prices the market affords.

Mr. Wait has been very successful financially and is well situated to enjoy the many material comforts which his labor and good management have earned. He votes the Republican ticket, but with the exception of school director, in which capacity he served for twenty-one years, he has persistently refused to accept public trusts, though amply qualified to fill any local office within the gift of his fellow citizens. He was married in 1871 to Emma Waughtal, of Wisconsin, where her birth occurred in the year 1847, the union being blessed with the following children: James, who lives in Oklahoma; George, formerly a member of the Southern base ball league, now living in Little Rock, Arkansas; Delmer, a resident of Bosworth; Fred, whose home is in Oklahoma; Bernard and Lennie, the last named being the wife of Ray Stanley, of Bosworth. Frederick and Catherine Waughtal, parents of Mrs. Wait, were natives of Virginia and Ohio respectively and are remembered for their high moral principles and many sterling qualities of manhood and womanhood. Mrs. Wait is a lady of excellent repute and commands the unbounded confidence and esteem of her friends and neighbors.

DAVID H. EISENHOWER.

For sixty-three years a resident of Carroll county, the subject of this review has been actively identified with the development of the township in which he has lived so long and to such good purpose and is worthily entitled to notice among the men of action and influence to whom this part of Missouri is largely indebted for the prosperity which it now enjoys. David H. Eisenhower is a native of Boone county, Missouri, and a son of Peter and ——— (Goodwin) Eisenhower, the former born in Pennsylvania and the latter in Virginia. Peter Eisenhower became a resident of Boone county in an early day and about the year 1847 moved from that part of the state to Carroll county, and during the seven ensuing years rented a farm in Eugene township. Later he bought eighty acres of land, to which he added from time to time until he finally became quite a successful farmer. He also enjoyed prestige as an intelligent and exemplary citizen, and his death and that of his good wife, which occurred some years ago, were mourned and profoundly regretted by all who knew them.

David H. Eisenhower was born in the year 1841, and at the age of seven years moved with his parents to Carroll county and spent his youthful years on the home farm in Eugene township. He attended for some years sub-

scription and public schools in an old log cabin, equipped with seats, desks, etc., of the most primitive pattern. Despite these disadvantages he made commendable progress in such branches as were then taught and by reading the few books and papers that could be procured, became in due time quite well informed on a number of subjects. When fourteen years old he removed with his family from Eugene township to the township of Ridge and from that time until reaching the years of young manhood he assisted his father in clearing and cultivating the farm in section 11, which the latter purchased. There was nothing on the place when Mr. Eisenhower took possession except a diminutive log cabin, such as the first settlers used, and the few acres in cultivation were barely sufficient to afford the family a scanty support. On the land young Eisenhower worked early and late and experienced the vicissitudes and hardships incident to life in a new country. He early developed strong physical powers and learned the lessons of self-reliance which with other equally valuable discipline proved a worthy school in fitting him for his subsequent duties as a successful farmer and enterprising man of affairs.

Mr. Eisenhower commenced life for himself in 1865 by purchasing eighty acres of land in section 13, Ridge township, going in debt and paying seven per cent for the money with which to make his payments. He applied himself very diligently to the work and it was not long until he had a goodly portion of his farm in cultivation and a number of improvements made. By persevering industry and good management he paid for the land in due time and later added to his holdings at intervals until he now owns a fine and well improved farm of two hundred and forty acres, which at a conservative estimate is worth considerably in excess of eighty-five dollars per acre. Mr. Eisenhower is not only a practical but a scientific farmer and by modern methods of cultivation and the use of improved implements and machinery, he gets from the soil all it will produce, maintaining the fertility by proper fertilizing and the judicious rotation of crops. One hundred and sixty acres of the farm are in cultivation, the rest being devoted to pasturage, for which it appears peculiarly adapted. He raises high grade blooded cattle and a superior breed of hogs which he sells in large numbers every year at the highest market prices. He has also achieved quite a reputation as a breeder and raiser of fine horses and mules, which he sells for both road and draft purposes, there being fifteen of these animals on the place at the present time.

The improvements on Mr. Eisenhower's place are first class and up to date and among the best in the township. The large two-story residence, containing seven commodious rooms with the usual halls, etc., is fully equipped with comforts and conveniences and is a beautiful and imposing edifice

and few, if any, features of a modern dwelling are lacking in its construction. Finished throughout and furnished in good taste, it affords the family a comfortable and attractive home, such a one, in fact, as a gentleman of Mr. Eisenhower's enterprising spirit would be expected to provide for the family circle in which he manifests a pardonable pride. In keeping with the residence is a large barn, in the erection of which neither money nor pains were spared, also a large and commodious tool house, together with the latest type of wire fencing, and various other improvements such as are usually found in first class American farms. Realizing that western Missouri is admirably adapted to fruit culture, Mr. Eisenhower devotes not a little attention to this fascinating and profitable pursuit, and his orchard, which now contains over two acres of apple and peach trees, he contemplates enlarging in the near future and planting with other varieties of fruits that are grown successfully in this latitude.

In politics Mr. Eisenhower is a prominent Democrat. He served three years as justice of the peace and filled the office with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of the public. At one time he was appointed postmaster of Bosworth, but at the end of one year resigned the position, although capable and faithful in the discharge of the official duties.

Previous to her marriage, Mrs. Eisenhower bore the name of Elizabeth Gabriel; she is a native of Cooper county, Missouri, where her birth occurred in the year 1845, and has borne her husband the following children: Nancy J., wife of L. E. Pierce, of Colorado; George W., who married Lulu Faulk, and lives in Carrollton township, this county; Benjamin W., a resident of Hale, his wife having formerly been Mabel Dye; Richard A. married Matilda Linville, and lives on a farm in Ridge township; Mary, now Mrs. P. Thurls, resides in Ridge township also; Anna, wife of Ed. Noble, lives in Kansas City; and John A., who is attending a dental college at the latter place.

STEPHEN W. GRACE.

The history of a county or state, as well as that of a nation, is chiefly a chronicle of the lives and deeds of those who have conferred honor and dignity upon society. The world judges the character of a community by those of its representative citizens and yields its tribute of admiration and respect to those whose works and actions constitute the record of a state's prosperity and pride. Among the prominent and highly honored citizens of Carroll

county of a past generation, who became well known because of their success in private business affairs and the part they took in public matter, was the late Stephen W. Grace, whose long, active and eminently useful life resulted in incalculable good to the people of Carrollton and vicinity.

Mr. Grace was a native of Hampshire county, West Virginia, where he first saw the light of day on September 16, 1837, and there he grew to maturity and was educated in the public schools. When thirty years of age he emigrated to Missouri and settled in Livingston county, and later, in 1881, he came to Carrollton where he resided until his death, on March 31, 1907.

In a business way Mr. Grace was very successful, having been a man of indomitable energy, good judgment and honesty. The major part of his business life was spent as proprietor of a grocery store which he managed in a manner that always insured him an extensive trade and he was always identified with the material interests of the community as well as the moral and educational, being an advocate of whatever tended to the general good.

Before coming to Carrollton he had united with the Methodist Episcopal church, South, and during the years of his residence had been a faithful and consistent member of that church which will long greatly miss his counsel and his help.

Prior to his coming to Missouri Mr. Grace was united in marriage with Frances Blue, who, with three daughters, Mrs. John Haines, of Independence, Mrs. Luther Minnis and Miss John, of Carrollton, and one son, Skip, survive him, the son being a successful and enterprising merchant in Carrollton.

Thus has passed one of the exceptional men of the community—a man without enemies, who lived honestly and uprightly, who thought and did from a heart overflowing with love for the Master and his fellow men, that which he knew to be right and his going has left in the business and religious world a vacancy which will be hard to fill.

WILLIAM LAUCK.

The subject of this sketch is one of Carroll county's native sons and belongs to a family that has been represented in this part of Missouri since 1844. Simon M. Lauck, father of the subject, was born in Ohio in 1812, and moved from that state to Indiana in an early day and in the year indicated above came to Carroll county, Missouri, where his death occurred in 1898; his wife, Remitha Lauck, a native of Indiana and a member of an old pioneer

family of that state, is still living in this county, having reached a ripe old age and retaining much of her former health and vigor.

William Lauck, whose birth occurred in Hurricane township, in the year 1865, was reared under the rugged and wholesome discipline of rural life and at the proper age took his place in the fields where he learned the lessons of industry and thrift, which have had such a marked and salutary influence in shaping his subsequent career as an enterprising and successful tiller of the soil. He assisted his father until his twenty-first year, when he engaged in the pursuit of agriculture for himself on a farm of one hundred acres which he cultivated during the ensuing three years for a share of the proceeds. Discontinuing farming at the expiration of that time, he accepted a position in a round house at Marceline, this state, but not being satisfied with his work there he resigned at the end of one year and resumed his former vocation by renting the farm in Ridge township which he afterward bought and still owns.

Mr. Lauck's farm contains one hundred and twenty acres of fine land admirably situated for agricultural purposes; since taking possession of it he has brought the place to a high state of cultivation and added a number of substantial improvements. Among the latter are a well constructed residence of six rooms, equipped throughout with modern conveniences and comforts. Two commodious barns which are well adapted to the purposes they are intended to subserve, a feeder of ample proportions and other necessary buildings, the farm being enclosed with good fences and every feature of the premises indicating the care which the proprietor has taken to provide a comfortable and attractive homestead for himself and family. In the prosecution of his labors, Mr. Lauck uses modern implements and machinery of the most approved type. Being a careful observer of soils and the best methods of cultivating the same, he raises abundant crops and has already accumulated a handsome competence. During certain seasons he operates a threshing machine which earns him several hundreds of dollars per year, which with the income from his farm, has made him financially independent and one of the well-to-do men of the township in which he resides.

Mr. Lauck is a gentleman of irreproachable character and as a citizen is enterprising and deeply interested in whatever makes for the prosperity of the community and the general welfare. He votes with the Democratic party, but is not a politician, though elected at different times to various local offices; he served several terms as road supervisor, and for some years has been school director, in which capacity he has done much to promote the educational interests of his township.

Vina Purdy, who became the wife of Mr. Lauck in 1884, was born in Carroll county, Missouri, in the year 1869, being a daughter of Ed and Sarah E. Purdy, residents of Ridge township, the father a prosperous farmer and respected citizen. The family of Mr. and Mrs. Lauck consists of nine children whose names are as follows: Alice, Minnie, Homer, Richard, Bessie, Lena and Laura, twins; Russell and Roscoe, all at home except Alice, who married West Chance and lives in Bosworth.

W. H. COX.

Few of the citizens of Combs township are better known in their community than is W. H. Cox, who has been long a resident of the township, and for a longer time of the county, has taken an active part in all affairs of the community, has, unaided, brought himself up to a condition of prosperity, and is a man of much influence among his neighbors.

W. H. Cox was born in Hayward county, Tennessee, on February 15, 1847. He had no chance to obtain a good education, and his schooling was meager. When he was three years old his father moved to Wakenda township, Carroll county, Missouri, and he grew up in working on his farm. In 1873 he moved to Eugene township, and there bought his first farm of sixty acres in the Missouri river bottoms, which he kept for about eight years, and then sold to his brother, realizing quite a profit on this venture.

Mr. Cox was first married on July 22, 1874, to Cornelia Holdoman, of Eugene township. She bore to him the following children, who are living: Amy, born in June, 1876, at home; Maude, born April 2, 1887, married Henry Nolan, of Combs township; Susan, born January 19, 1880, at home; Myrtle, born in 1891, at home; Inez, born in 1883, married Marshall Nolan. Mrs. Cornelia Cox died on March 10, 1894, and Mr. Cox was married a second time to Eliza Hays, the daughter of William and Alvina Hays, who was born in Linn county, Missouri, on February 7, 1849.

After selling his first sixty acres, Mr. Cox came to his present farm in section 10, Combs township, and bought one hundred acres for one thousand eight hundred dollars, to which he added sixty more in 1883, and forty more in 1901. He has improved the house, put up a smoke house and other out-buildings, erected a barn forty by thirty-seven by sixteen feet, dug several wells and set out several shade trees about his dwelling. The land is in fair condition. When Mr. Cox started out he had nothing, and has made all that he

has by himself. He is now completely out of debt, and deserve much credit for what he has accomplished by his ability. In politics he is a Democrat, and has been justice of the peace for eight years. He has been for many years a member of the Methodist church, South, and is one of the trustees of the local congregation.

To hear of the life of such a man as Mr. Cox is to receive inspiration, for it is an example of what pluck and perseverance will do. Having been so long a resident of the community in which he lives, there are few people so well acquainted with its history as is he, and he is recognized by all his neighbors as a solid and substantial citizen.