

WHITFIELD TOWNSEND.

whose portrait is presented on the opposite page of this volume, was one of Sumner County's well-known men. He was the owner of a fine estate in Wellington Township, which during his residence upon it of about seven years he developed from an unbroken tract of prairie land to a fine condition, erecting upon it a large frame dwelling, adequate barns and other necessary buildings; he further added to its value by planting an orchard, and in various ways embellishing it. Mr. Townsend was born in St. Clair County, Ill. October 24, 1823, and was a son of George Whitfield Townsend, who is supposed to have been born in Tennessee, from which State he removed to Illinois, becoming a pioneer of St. Clair County. There he bought a large tract of land and carried on the pursuit of agriculture quite extensively, continuing to abide in that county until his death. He of whom we write was reared and educated there, the school which he attended being held in a log house, with a fire-place and home-made furniture, the seats made by splitting logs, hewing them to a tolerably smooth surface on one side, and inserting wooden pins in the other side for legs. In this temple of learning, under the instruction of teachers whose curriculum comprised little else than the "three R's," he acquired all the education possible to be obtained, and de-

veloped the sturdy nature befitting the son of a pioneer.

Mr. Townsend assisted his father on the farm and resided with his parents until their death, and for a time thereafter continued to live on the old homestead. He then located on land adjoining it, added a kitchen to the small house that was already on the place, and made other improvements as rapidly as possible. In 1880, renting the farm, which is still owned by his family, he came to this county, where he had previously purchased three hundred and twenty acres of prairie land, comprising the west half of section 19, in Wellington Township. When he took possession the only improvements consisted of a small house and straw stable, but these were soon replaced by more substantial structures. On this now beautiful estate, which he brought to a high state of cultivation, Mr. Townsend breathed his last January 20, 1887, deeply mourned by a large circle of friends and acquaintances, to whom his high moral and Christian character had endeared him. In the family circle he had been a loving companion and parent, and here his loss was still more deeply felt.

Mr. Townsend was twice married. His first wife, Jane Bradshy, so far as known, was a native of Illinois. She died on the home farm in St. Clair County, fifteen months after her marriage, leaving no children. The second matrimonial alliance of Mr. Townsend was contracted March 18, 1866, the bride being Mrs. Annie (Huseman) Cook. She was born in Bielefeld, in the Westphalen district of Minden, Prussia. Her father, Henry Huseman,

was a native of the same place, and there followed the occupation of farming until his death, in 1845. The wife of Henry Huseman bore the maiden name of Wilhelmina Westerbeck, and was a native of the same locality, where she was reared by strangers, having been left an orphan at an early age. On the death of her husband she was left with four children to care for, and a few years later started with three of her brothers to America. While on board a Mississippi River steamer she was attacked with cholera and died, her remains, together with those of one of her brothers, being taken ashore and buried on the banks of the river. The surviving brothers—Phillip and Albert—settled in Burlington, Iowa. This was in 1853. Mrs. Townsend found a home with a family named Damke, in St. Louis, for a year and a half, and then spent six years with the family of Maj. Walker in the same city.

In that city, in 1861, Annie Huseman was united in marriage with Herman Cook, a teamster by occupation and a native of Germany. After their marriage they removed to St. Clair County, Ill., where Mr. Cook rented a farm, and where he departed this life in 1865. His widow later became the wife of our subject. To Mr. and Mrs. Townsend came five children—Thadys S., the first born, was with them only from December 17, 1869, to July 19, 1872; Virginia, James, Whitfield and Annie are still spared to their widowed mother. Mrs. Townsend possesses many womanly qualities and virtues of character, and is displaying good judgment in the management of her worldly affairs and the rearing of the fatherless ones who are left to her care. She is a member of the Christian Church, with which she united at the age of twenty-one years, and in which her late husband was an Elder for many years.



GEORGE G. HUMPHREYS. The life of this gentleman affords an excellent representation of the success that attends on energy and perseverance, and of the reputation which may be gained by an upright life and a steadfast character, without becoming famous, or having

one's name spread broadcast over the world. The influence of these quiet lives is that to which our country owes its greatest debt of gratitude, in the example set before the young, as well as in the personal deeds.

Born in Champaign County, Ohio, February 16, 1825, Mr. Humphreys has spent many years in agricultural work, has participated in the pioneer work of development, and with but limited educational advantages in his boyhood, has kept himself well informed regarding general topics and current events. He has also won an honorable record in the ranks of his country's defenders during the attempt to destroy the Union. His parents, Thomas and Nancy Humphreys, took up their abode in Champaign County, Ohio, when that section of the country was very new and sparsely settled. There the early years of our subject were passed, and while acquiring a limited education in the subscription schools, which he attended only during the winter seasons and which he abandoned entirely when about fourteen years old, he assisted the other members of the family in the development of his father's farm.

The first marriage of Mr. Humphreys was celebrated in March, 1846, his chosen companion being Miss Mary Howver, a native of the Buckeye State, who shared his fortunes until December, 1855, when she was called from time to eternity. She bore two children: Cornwell, deceased, and Nancy J., the wife of Joseph Piatt of Wellington. Mr. Humphreys contracted a second matrimonial alliance, taking as his companion Mrs. Mary Howver, *nee* Gleason. She was the widow of Peter Howver, a native of Champaign County, Ohio, who was born in 1828, reared in his native State, and married in 1847. To him she bore two children—Lydia, the wife of Thomas Berkley of Vermilion County, Ill., and William, who resides with our subject.

Mrs. Humphreys is the daughter of Arah Gleason, a native of New York. He married Lydia Safford, a native of the same State. She bore her husband twelve children, named as follows: Amanda M., is deceased; Mary M.; Martha is deceased; Phoebe lives in Champaign, Ill.; James, Lydia, Nathaniel R., an infant son who died unnamed,

and Minnie, all deceased; Lorinda lives in Filer City, Mich.; Charles is a minister of the Congregational Church, now located in Angola, Ind.; and George is a farmer in Holt County, Neb. Arah Gleason died at the home of our subject the 2d of June, 1870, aged seventy years, having been born June 5, 1800. Mrs. Lydia Gleason departed this life June 11, 1886, aged nearly eighty-one years, she was born August 2, 1805.

Mr. Humphreys enlisted in the Federal army August 12, 1862, placing his name upon the muster-roll of Company B, Ninety-fourth Illinois Infantry, and becoming an integral part of the Western army. He took part in the battles at Springfield, Prairie Grove, Van Buren, the siege of Vicksburg, Red River, Algiers, Brownsville, (Texas), Fts. Morgan, Gaines, Spanish and Blakeley, the siege of Mobile, and others of minor importance. He was honorably discharged August 29, 1865, and returned to DeWitt County, Ill., in which he had resided prior to his gallant service in the army. Some time subsequently to the war he lived in Vermilion County, Ill., three years. In 1878 he turned his footsteps westward with the determination to become a citizen of Kansas, and selecting this county as his place of abode, settled on the farm where he still resides. It is located in Belle Plaine Township and comprises a quarter of section 23; has been brought to a high state of cultivation and affords its owner a comfortable subsistence. When he took possession of it, it was in an almost primitive condition, the only improvement having been the breaking of thirteen acres of the sod. Its present fine condition and the improvements of various kinds which it bears, are a standing monument to the efforts of Mr. Humphreys.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Humphreys belong to the Methodist Episcopal Church at Belle Plaine, and the former has served as Steward of the organization. It is a matter of course that he belongs to the G. A. R. Post.

The father of our subject was a native of Ireland, who, upon emigrating to America in 1792, settled in Erie County, Pa., whence he afterward removed to Ohio. He belonged to a long-lived race and himself lived to be one hundred and twelve

years and six months old, dying in 1850. He was a soldier in the War of 1812. The mother of our subject was a native of Kentucky. She bore her husband six children, as follows: William, a resident of DeWitt County, Ill.; Elizabeth, wife of Patrick Gorman, of the same county; James, who lives in Ohio; our subject; Joseph H., of Baxter Springs, Kan., and an infant who died unnamed.



HON. T. A. HUBBARD. The Rome Park Stock Farm, located in Jackson Township, which has attained a reputation throughout Sumner County, is one of the most fitting monuments to the industry and perseverance of its proprietor with whose name we introduce this sketch. Mr. Hubbard makes a specialty of fine cattle, horses and hogs, in which he has met with unqualified success and he has done much to raise the standard of this industry in Southern Kansas. He may be properly called a self-made man—one who has been endowed by nature with fine abilities and who has been fortunate in choosing that wise course which has enabled him to increase his talent ten-fold.

The first eleven years of the life of Mr. Hubbard were spent in McKean County, Pa., near the town of Tarpert, and Centerville, Allegany County, N. Y., where his birth took place December 22, 1848. His father, Jeremiah Hubbard, was a native of Vermont as was also his paternal grandfather, Abner Hubbard. The first mentioned was reared among his native hills and when approaching manhood employed himself as a boatman on Lake Champlain. Later he followed the trade of a shoemaker. He finally left Vermont and settled in Cattaraugus County, N. Y., whence, later, he removed to Allegany County, purchasing a tract of land where he prosecuted farming until 1854. That year he emigrated to Michigan, settling in Barry County and securing land from the United States. He at once put up a frame house and proceeded to clear the farm, constructing a comfortable homestead upon which he spent the remainder of his days; he departed hence about

1863. The wife and mother, Mrs. Eliza (Sherman) Hubbard, was born in Connecticut and died in Barry County, Mich., about 1874. Of this union there were born three children. By a previous marriage Jeremiah Hubbard had become the father of seven children.

The subject of this sketch attained to manhood on a farm in the Wolverine State, obtaining a practical education in the common schools. Upon the outbreak of the Civil War he was only seventeen years old, but after watching the conflict for a time he resolved to assist in the preservation of the Union. On October 1, 1861, he enlisted in Company B., Thirteenth Michigan Infantry, first seeing the smoke of battle at Stevenson, Ala., in 1862. He was afterward a participant in all the battles fought by Gens. Rosecrans and Sherman until the close of the war. At Chickamauga, September 19, 1863, his company suffered almost annihilation, being reduced to four members. Young Hubbard was three times wounded and was conveyed to the hospital at Nashville, where he remained until his wounds permitted him to travel, when he was sent home on a furlough, remaining sixty days. He rejoined his regiment at Chattanooga, Tenn., and in January following veteranized and was granted a furlough. He returned home and assisted in recruiting a full regiment and afterward returning to Chattanooga performed engineer duty until the fall of 1864.

Mr. Hubbard's regiment was now sent to Nashville to assist in driving Gen. Forrest from Tennessee, and he later joined Sherman's army at Rome, Ga., going from there on the famous march to the sea. His regiment was in the rear and burned the bridges over the Chattahoochee River, thus severing the connection and cutting off all communication of Gen. Sherman's army with the outside world. After this long tedious march was ended by the capture of Ft. McAllister and Savannah, the army went into camp for a brief rest. They then started on the march through the Carolinas, the most remarkable winter campaign on record. Young Hubbard said the general order was reveille at 4:30 A. M., march at 6, one day's rations for five days and live off the country, and forty rounds of cartridges in the cartridge

box. Railroads were destroyed and the country stripped of nearly everything on which an army could subsist, consequently the boys in blue found their lines cast in anything but pleasant places, yet manfully, and on the whole cheerily, they marched along "shouting the battle cry of freedom."

At Bentonville, N. C., the Fourteenth Corps met the gallant Joe Johnston and were thrashed unmercifully, but the Union army soon got into position and after three days hard fighting, Sherman was victorious in the last great battle of the war. Mr. Hubbard says that he escaped without a scratch but did some tall running. The army then marched to Goldsboro, where the boys got their first mail for sixty days. There also they heard the general order of Gen. Sherman which was for rest and a supply of stores from the rich granaries of the North. After a short rest they marched to Raleigh, soon after which Johnston surrendered. Then followed the famous march to Richmond, Va., then to Washington, D. C., and participation in the Grand Review, after which the corps was transported back to Louisville, Ky., where it went into camp. Young Hubbard was promoted to be First, or Orderly Sergeant, and after a season of rest, camp duty and drill he was mustered out, July 25, 1865, and returned to his old haunts in Michigan, receiving his honorable discharge at Jackson, August 10.

Mr. Hubbard purchased his father's old farm in Yankee Spring Township, Barry County, Mich., during the War and lived upon it until 1872. That year he came to Kansas to visit friends in Marion County and while here explored the surrounding country. Emigrating finally into Sumner County he resolved to purchase land and selected the northwest quarter of section 26, in what is now Jackson Township. On the 4th of July, that year, he filed his claim in the general land office at Wichita and the following year July 5, 1873, secured his title to the land. He settled upon it a few months later and lived there for a number of years. Wichita, for some years was his nearest market and to that point he hauled his grain residing upon that farm until 1880. In the meantime Mr. Hubbard had become quite prominent in local affairs and after filling other positions

of trust and responsibility was selected Register of Deeds, which necessitated his removal to Wellington, January 1880. He resided there until the March of 1889, then returned to his farm of eight hundred acres. In the meantime he had retained the management of this and in 1882 commenced the breeding of Poland-China swine, becoming interested the following year in Berkshires. He now (1889) has a herd of probably four hundred head of full blooded animals of both kinds and is said to be the second largest breeder of swine in the United States. He has been in the habit of carrying off the blue ribbons at the State and County Fairs in which he has competed with the best herds west of the Mississippi. He secured the general sweepstake prize for the best herd of swine of any age or breed at two of the Kansas State Fairs and the same at the Bismarck Fair. He likewise received the first prize at the State Fairs at Lincoln, Neb., and at the Fairs in Kansas City and St. Louis, Mo., in several classes. He also gives much attention to the breeding of Short-horn cattle, of which he has two hundred and fifty head of high-grade Kentucky Short-horns and he has twenty-four head of graded Percheron horses. It cannot be denied that the live stock interests of the Sunflower State have been greatly augmented by the labors and efforts of Mr. Hubbard.

The subject of this sketch was married November 3, 1869, at the bride's home in Michigan to Miss Almira I. Barto. Mrs. Hubbard was born in Kalamazoo County, Mich., February 1, 1849, and is the daughter of Orin Barto, a native of Hinesburg, Vt. Her paternal grandfather, David Barto, was a native of France and upon coming to America settled in Vermont. In that State David Barto was reared to manhood and prosecuted farming there until 1854. That year he emigrated to Michigan, locating in Kalamazoo County, where he spent the remainder of his life. He married Miss Polly Stevens, whom it is supposed was likewise a native of the Green Mountain State. After the death of her husband, Grandmother Barto went to Montana to visit her children and died there. The father of Mrs. Hubbard was reared and married in the Green Mountain State where he lived until about 1831 and then emigrated to

Michigan during the earliest settlement of Kalamazoo County. He journeyed by Lake Champlain and the Champlain Canal, then by the Erie Canal and the lakes to Detroit, whence he proceeded the balance of the journey by team. He purchased a tract of timber land when bear, deer and wolves were plentiful, and constructed a good farm which he occupied until 1865. That year, selling out, he removed to Barry County where he purchased a farm upon which he resided until the death of the wife and mother, about 1881. Afterward he made his home with his children until his death, which took place at the home of his daughter in Mecosta County, in January, 1882.

The mother of Mrs. Hubbard bore the maiden name of Esther Averill. She was born in Vermont and was the daughter of Truman Averill, likewise a native of the Green Mountain State and who emigrated to Kalamazoo County, Mich., as early as 1829. He was thus among the first settlers of that region. He possessed all the hardy elements of the pioneer and improved a farm from the wilderness, where he spent the remainder of his days. Mrs. Estler (Averill) Barto departed this life October 17, 1881.

The Republican party has received the cordial endorsement of Mr. Hubbard since he became a voting citizen. He has kept himself well informed upon current events and while a resident of Michigan was Clerk of Yankee Springs Township for a period of six years. Upon coming to Kansas he served the people of Jackson Township as Road Overseer one year and Trustee of said township two terms, and in 1875 was elected to the State Legislature, serving to such good purpose that he was returned in 1876. While a member of the General Assembly he was on various important committees, including Ways and Means, and Railroads, and was Chairman of the committee on Roads and Highways. He voted every time for nine days for Mr. Plumb for United States Senator. He was elected Register of Deeds in 1879 and re-elected in 1881. He served as a delegate to numerous State and county conventions and in 1889 was a delegate to the third Deep Harbor Convention which met at Topeka. Socially he belongs to Wellington Lodge, No. 150, F. & A. M., Sumner

Chapter No. 37, R. A. M., St. John Commandery, No. 24, K. T., Wellington Lodge, No. 24, A. O. U. W., and James Shield Post. January, 1890, the President appointed Mr. Hubbard Supervisor of Census for the Fourth District in Kansas, about one-fourth part of the State. Mr. Hubbard has about eight hundred or one thousand appointments to make in his district.



JAMES R. GIDEON. The home of this gentleman and his family is pleasantly located on section 22, Belle Plaine Township, of which he is quite an early settler. He now owns three hundred and twenty acres of valuable land, in the accumulation of which he has been ably assisted by his devoted wife, who shared in all the hardships of their early years in the West, and who with him is now enjoying the fruit of useful and industrious lives, the respect of all who know them, and the devotion of their children.

Mr. Gideon was born in Loudoun County, Va., December 28, 1828, to Henry and Nancy (Miller) Gideon, who were natives of the same county, and of German ancestry. His grandfather, Peter Gideon, was a soldier in the Revolutionary War, and his uncle, George Gideon, took part in the war of 1812. To his parents eleven children were born, of whom all survive save David, the ninth on the family roll. Jacob lives in Hall County, Neb.; Alfred, in Macon County, Ill.; Joseph, in Muscatine County, Iowa; Ann, the wife of Samuel Garvey, in Sangamon County, Ill.; Peter, in Hall County, Neb.; Valentine and Sanford, in Omaha, Neb.; Mary E., the wife of Andrew Bennett, in Madison County, Iowa; and Oliver, in Hall County, Neb.

While still a small infant James R. Gideon accompanied his parents in their removal to Champaign County, Ohio, where they were among the early settlers, taking up their abode there while wild hogs and bears and Miami Indians were still numerous in the region. The parents endured such hardships as fell to the lot of Ohio pioneers, and the boyhood of our subject was passed amid frontier

scenes. When he was fourteen years old the family emigrated to Sangamon County, Ill., where he was reared to manhood. His entire boyhood and youth having been spent where there were no free schools, and where all educational work was kept up by subscriptions, he had not the advantages afforded the youth of this day and age, but acquired what knowledge he could under the circumstances which surrounded him, and added to his information by reading in later years.

In the spring of 1873, Mr. Gideon with his family, which at that time comprised his wife and four children, removed to Sumner County, Kan., and settled on the farm which they still occupy. Fourteen acres of the quarter section on which he located was broken ground, and a 12x14 foot house, made of planks, was the only other improvement. He has not only well improved the acreage of which he first took possession, but has added to his landed estate, and successfully carried on his agricultural work.

A quarter of a century ago, on September 20, 1864, the rites of wedlock were celebrated between Mr. Gideon and Miss Catherine Blue. She is of Irish descent in both her paternal and maternal lineage, and a daughter of Robert and Martha (Blue) Blue, both of whom were natives of Kentucky. Her paternal grandfather is supposed to have been a Revolutionary soldier. Her parents were early settlers in Menard County, Ill., where her birth occurred September 1, 1846. The family circle of which she made one comprised seven children, five of whom still live. One died in infancy, and Elizabeth in mature years; Eliza is the wife of Edward Vaughn, of Christian County, Ill.; John lives in Springfield, Ill.; Emily is the wife of Anthony Kinnamon, of Macon County, Ill.; and Nancy, the wife of Hiram Hendrix, of Nebraska.

Eleven children have come to bless the union of Mr. and Mrs. Gideon, and nine still live: Anne is the wife of Robert Nugent, of Belle Plaine Township, this county; and Martha, the wife of Julius Bender, also of this county; Peter, Minnie, Oliver, Mabel, Edward, Ettie and Katie still linger under the parental roof-tree. Mr. Gideon is a believer in the principles of the Democratic party, and therefore casts his vote in its favor. For several years

he has served on the School Board of his district, and evinces an interest in educational matters, and in all other movements which tend to elevate and improve society and forward the interests of the community.



GEORGE RINEHART, a prosperous farmer of Jackson Township, owns two hundred and forty acres of good land on sections 22 and 23; one hundred and sixty acres on the former, and eighty on the latter section. His entire farm is under high cultivation, is well improved and stocked, and fully supplied with all necessary buildings. His family residence, barns and other buildings are all frame structures, erected in a tasty and substantial manner, and are a credit to his enterprise. His success in his chosen vocation is owing to his unremitting energy and intelligent adaptation of necessary means to secure the desired results. He holds a high place in the neighborhood as a man and friend, and is entirely worthy of the esteem which he receives from all who have the pleasure of his acquaintance.

David Rinehart, father of our subject, was born in Pennsylvania, it is thought in Northumberland County. His father, Valentine Rinehart, was a native of Pennsylvania, and thence removed to Ohio while the latter State was in the first stage of its settlement. They crossed the mountains in wagons drawn by horses, and wound slowly along through the almost trackless forests till they reached their destination in the county of Stark, where they were among the very first settlers. Upon his arrival in the county he took up a tract of Government land, a portion of which was heavily timbered and the rest oak openings. It was hard work clearing the land, but he persevered until he had a nice farm, upon which he lived till he fell asleep to awake in that land where the inhabitants never grow weary or faint with the toil which is the common lot of man on this sphere.

The father of our subject was eighteen years of age when he accompanied his parents to Ohio. He remained under the parental roof till he married

and set up in housekeeping for himself. Following his marriage he removed to Carroll County, Ohio, where he bought a tract of heavily timbered land, which he proceeded to clear and fit for agricultural purposes. His first care, however, was to build a house, which he constructed out of logs. It was only a humble cabin, but it sheltered a noble heart, fired with the resistless spirit of progression, which has made the American name famous over the whole world. Mr. Rinehart split puncheon for the floor of his little cot, and constructed a chimney out of earth and sticks. This lowly abode was the birthplace of the subject of this sketch, and in that vicinity he grew to manhood.

Timber was of no appreciable value in that part of the country during the youth of George Rinehart, consequently they rolled large logs together and burned them to get them out of the way. Diligent labor on the part of the father of our subject was rewarded with a fair measure of success, and he was soon enabled to abandon the "little old log cabin" for a substantially built two-story house of hewn logs, in which he passed the greater part of his life. There were no railroads in that neighborhood during the youth of our subject, and they were obliged to carry all their produce to the town of Bolivar, on the Ohio Canal. In 1883 David Rinehart sold his farm, but purchased another in the same township, where he removed and resided till his death, April 7, 1886. The maiden name of the mother of our subject was Elizabeth Snyder. She was born in Pennsylvania, and is a daughter of John Snyder. She is an estimable woman, and still lives on the homestead in Rose Township, Carroll County, Ohio. The union of Mr. and Mrs. David Rinehart resulted in the birth of six children, of whom four survive, and are named as follows: George, Sarah A., Valentine and James H.

The subject of this sketch was born in Rose Township, Carroll County, Ohio, March 6, 1835. He was reared in his native township, and received such education as was afforded by the schools of his district. There were no free schools in his neighborhood in those days, and the people were obliged to maintain such centers of education as they desired at their own expense. The first school that George attended was taught in a log

building, heated by an open fireplace. He was an industrious youth, and early began assisting his father in clearing and cultivating his land. Upon reaching his majority he took to himself a wife in the person of Miss Harriet Walls. Their nuptials were celebrated March 18, 1856, and they went to house-keeping on eighty acres of land in Rose Township, which was given to Mr. Rinehart by his father, and which had a log house already built upon it. Mrs. Rinehart was a native of the same township as her husband. Her birth occurred October 17, 1835, and her active life was spent in her native place.

In 1863 Mr. Rinehart removed from Ohio to Kansas, locating in Sumner County, where he now resides. In the year following, on the 3d of September, his wife departed this life for a better, leaving four children to the care of their bereaved father. They were named respectively: Sarah E., David O., John E. and Hugh M. The second marriage of our subject took place October 19, 1865, to Miss Martha Emily Walters, a native of Coshocton County, Ohio, and daughter of George and Martha (Thompson) Walters. This union resulted in the birth of three children, whose names are Edward E., Walter O. and Emma A.

Mr. Rinehart was reared in the Lutheran Church, and Mrs. Rinehart was reared in the Presbyterian faith, but since taking up their residence in Sumner County they have both united with the Presbyterian denomination which worships at Rome. They are highly respected in the community for their many good qualities, and have a large circle of friends. Mr. Rinehart is a staunch Republican in politics, but does not usually take a very deep interest in purely political affairs.

where he now makes his home. In politics he is a Republican, and is proud of the fact that he cast his first Presidential ballot for James A. Garfield.

The subject of this sketch was born upon land in Pennsylvania which his great-grandfather had entered from the Government, and where his father and grandfather were born and spent their lives. His grandfather was well known throughout Western Pennsylvania, and occupied many prominent and useful positions in his day. He served in the War of 1812 under Gen. Harrison. He was County Commissioner for a long term of years, being a member of the board when the location of the court house was decided; the ballot was a tie, and it fell to his lot to cast the deciding vote, which he did in favor of the present site. He also served as a member of the State Legislature with credit to himself and satisfaction to his constituents. He died in 1879 at the advanced age of ninety years. He was a member of the United Presbyterian Church. The maiden name of his wife was Nancy Smith. Unto them were born seven children, of whom but two are now living—George R., who resides on the old homestead, and David T., a prominent minister in the Presbyterian Church.

William Carnahan, the father of our subject, died in March, 1865, at the age of forty-three years. He was the father of eight children, one of whom was born after his own death. His widow was spared to see her family grow to womanhood and manhood, her death occurring March 16, 1887. She had fulfilled all her duties as a good Christian and devoted wife and mother, in a manner to call forth the highest praise.

The gentleman whose name introduces this biographical compendium opened his eyes to the light in Union Township, Allegheny County, Pa., February 28, 1852. He is the second son of his parents, and was left fatherless at the age of thirteen years. After taking a special course in the University of Pittsburg he concluded to try his fortunes in the West, and having journeyed as far as Illinois, spent a year in that State. He then came to Belle Plaine, Kan., during the winter and purchased a tract of wild land in Sedgwick County, which he improved, and upon which he resided until the spring of 1883. He then sold and removed to Sumner County, where

ALLEXANDER CARNAHAN, Register of Deeds, Sumner County, although he has not resided in this county many years, has gained a high standing among her citizens, being known as a man of strict probity, varied knowledge, and more than ordinary culture. He was elected to the office which he now holds in 1889, at which time he removed to Wellington,

he bought two hundred and forty acres, nearly all raw land. This he improved and made his home until his election to the office of register of deeds, being engaged in general farming and stock-raising, proving his ability as an agriculturist, and placing himself in a front rank among the farmers.

An important step in the life of Mr. Carnahan was taken in 1879, when he became the husband of Miss Emma Kimble. She is a native of Pickaway County, Ohio, the daughter of Solomon and Sarah Kimble, and is a woman of intelligence, refinement and fine character. She is a devoted member of the Presbyterian Church, as is her husband, and like him she holds a high position in the esteem of the community. Mr. and Mrs. Carnahan are the parents of three children who are living, and of one—Maggie A.—who died when a year old.

~~MISS EMMA KIMBLE~~

LOUIS N. PHILLIPPI. Few men within the limits of Morris Township have attained to a better position through a course of industry and good management than the subject of this biographical outline, who is the owner of one of its finest farms, embracing three hundred and twenty acres on section 6. Mr. Phillippi is in possession of the true secret of comfort and profit, paying others to do his hard work and keeping out a close eye to the general management, noting the receipts and disbursements and knowing at all times where he stands financially. He is a man liberal and progressive in his ideas and one evidently who was born to make his mark in his community.

The native place of our subject was in Westmoreland County, Pa., and the date of his birth July 16, 1834. He was the fourth in a family of six children born to John and Eve (Brant) Phillippi, both of whom were natives of the Keystone State, where they were reared and married and where they spent their entire lives. John Phillippi was a farmer by occupation and he likewise officiated as an exhorter in the United Brethren Church. He died at the old homestead in Westmoreland County in 1851. The mother survived her husband for a period of thirty-two years, remaining a widow and

departed this life at the age of eighty. The farm which the father secured in his early manhood is still in the family and considered one of the finest estates in Westmoreland County.

Young Phillippi acquired such education as was furnished by the common school and at the age of eighteen years started out for himself, engaging for about one year with a partner in the mercantile business. He was then broken up by the rascality of his partner, losing nearly all he had and assuming the debts of the concern, all of which he liquidated to the full extent. He continued in business for eleven years and was then burned out, with no insurance. He then moved to Stahlstown, continuing there also in the mercantile business for eleven years in all, and in the meantime traded a farm which he had purchased for a three story house, two lots and a stable. This also was destroyed by fire, and no insurance. In 1870 he removed to Wayne County, Ohio, and was in business there two years. Then pushing on further Westward he settled on a farm in Effingham County, Ill., where he sojourned four years.

Selling out then again, we next find Mr. Phillippi at Altamont, where he again associated himself with a partner and at the end of three years found himself again a loser, and forced to commence once more at the foot of the ladder. This brings Mr. Phillippi up to 1879, in which year he came to this State and settled in Ness County, where he sojourned five years, living in a sod house and was never able to raise a crop during the whole time. Finally, securing a small stock of notions and jewelry he packed them into trunks and traveled on the railroad from one town to another, disposing of his merchandise, and thus managed to clear \$100 above expenses every month. After thus securing a sufficient sum of money he, in 1885, came to this county and purchased three hundred and twenty acres of partially improved land, embracing his present homestead. This last venture proved highly successful. He has now a well-developed farm which yields in abundance the rich crops of the Sunflower State and is also largely devoted to the breeding of cattle and swine.

While a resident of Pennsylvania Mr. Phillippi, in 1855, took unto himself a wife and helpmate,

Miss Mny, daughter of William and Jane (Grove) Weaver. Parents and daughter were natives of the same township in Pennsylvania as our subject. Mrs. Phillippi was born September 10, 1837, and was the eldest in a family of five children. The mother died April 16, 1887. Mr. Weaver is still living in Pennsylvania, being now past eighty years old. There have also been born five children to Mr. and Mrs. Phillippi, four of whom are living. John is a resident of Halstead, this State; Imelda, Edgar and Bertram are at home with their parents. The latter are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church in which Mr. Phillippi has been for many years a Class-Leader and Steward. He identified himself with the Masonic fraternity while a resident of his native State and at the present time belongs to the lodge at Argonia. For over fifteen years he has been a member in good standing of the A. O. U. W., holding various offices, and he also belongs to the Farmers' Alliance. He cast his first Presidential vote for John C. Fremont, at the organization of the Republican party and has since been an active supporter of its principles. After the outbreak of the Civil War he endeavored to enter the ranks as a Union soldier in the Two Hundred and Eleventh Pennsylvania Infantry, but was rejected on account of physical disability. He, however, was elected sutler and sent a man in his place. The latter robbed him of \$4,000 worth of goods which had been purchased on thirty days' time.



ANTHONY WINDELL. Considering the limited amount of capital with which the subject of this notice commenced life in Kansas a few years since, his success has been almost phenomenal. This has only been brought about by the most unflinching industry and the exercise of good judgment, in addition to the practice of a close economy. He has now a well-improved farm in Morris Township, free from encumbrance, with convenient modern buildings and a very fine apple orchard, besides trees of the smaller fruits. The homestead is beautifully located, and is invariably an object of admiration to

all who pass by it. The proprietor is a man held in high respect in his community—a respect which he has earned by his straightforward dealings with his fellow-men.

The early tramping ground of Mr. Windell was in Harrison County, Ind., where he first opened his eyes to the light November 27, 1842. He was the tenth in a family of eleven children born to Anthony and Elizabeth (Cunningham) Windell, the father a native of the Shenandoah Valley, Va., and the mother born in Hardin County, Ky. Both went to Indiana with their respective parents early in life, and were there married. The father carried on farming in Harrison County, eliminating a good homestead from the wilderness, and departed this life in 1855. The mother survived her husband for a period of twenty-one years, remaining a widow and passing away in September, 1876. Anthony Windell, Sr., served in the Black Hawk War as Captain of the celebrated Yellow Jacket camp of Indians. Eleven of the children of the parental family are living.

Young Windell attended the common school during the winter seasons in his boyhood, and assisted his father on the farm until a lad of fourteen years. Then, starting out on his own account, he was employed on a farm until after the outbreak of the Civil War. In January, 1862, when a little over nineteen years of age, he enlisted as a Union soldier in Company B, Fifty-third Indiana Infantry, under the command of Col. W. Q. Gresham. They remained on duty at Indianapolis for a time, guarding prisoners, then repaired to Savannah and Corinth, and subsequently took part with Gen. Hurlbut's Division—the Seventeenth Army Corps—in the engagements which followed. Mr. Windell met the enemy at Hatchie's Run and the siege of Vicksburg, about which time his term of enlistment expired. He then veteranized, while on the Black River, near Vicksburg. Subsequently, while on a foraging expedition, he fell over a cliff and was seriously injured, so that he was obliged to accept his honorable discharge, in December, 1864, for disability.

Upon leaving the army, Mr. Windell returned to Indiana and resumed farming, sojourning there until 1875. He then removed to Texas and set-

bled in Dallas County, but soon became dissatisfied with his surroundings, and we next find him in Cowley County, this State. He sojourned there also only a brief season, then coming to this county, located upon the land which he now owns and occupies. The outlook at that time was anything but encouraging, the land being as the Indians had left it. Mr. Windell first secured one hundred and sixty acres, to which he has since added, and has now three hundred and twenty acres, one hundred and ninety of which are under the plow. He has expended no small amount of time and hard cash in erecting his buildings, gathering together the necessary machinery and putting the farm in good running order. His orchard comprises fifty apple trees in good bearing condition, this alone being the source of a handsome income. Otherwise, he raises the usual crops of this region and also considerable live-stock.

Mr. Windell was married in Harrison County, Ind., April 29, 1865, to Miss Emily C., daughter of Henry and Annie (Pennington) Sieg. Mrs. Windell was the third in a family of thirteen children, and was born in Indiana November 19, 1844. Her parents were natives respectively of Virginia and Indiana, to which latter State the father removed when a young man, and was there married. They were residents thereafter of Harrison County, where the father died in 1865. The mother is still living at the old homestead, and is now sixty-five years old.

Mrs. Windell acquired her education in the common school, and remained under the parental roof until her marriage. Twelve children have been born to this couple, ten of whom are living. Mary Madeline is the wife of John T. Johnson, a resident of Morris Township, this county, and they have one child; Anna Florence married Charles Holland, and they live on a farm in Morris Township; Elizabeth remains with her parents; Sarah is the wife of Samuel H. Brooks, of Harper County; Charles, Alice, Minnie, Ida, Amanda and Atta are at home with their parents. Mr. and Mrs. Windell are members in good standing of the Christian Advent Church. Mr. Windell belongs to the Farmer's Alliance, in which he officiates as Assistant Lecturer. He takes an interest in political af-

fairs and gives his support to the Republican party.

The maternal grandfather of Mrs. Windell was Dennis Pennington, a native of Tennessee, who emigrated to Indiana in time to assist in organizing the Territorial Government. He was a man of fine talents and executive ability, and was a member of the Indiana Legislature many years after it was admitted into the Union as a State. He married Miss Elizabeth English, a native of Kentucky, whose father was one of the earliest settlers of the Blue Grass State. Mr. English was murdered by Indians, who captured his wife and three children. The wife soon escaped with her youngest child, but Elizabeth and her brother were kept in captivity for a period of twelve years. Peace was then declared, and a treaty was made with the Indians by which they released all their white prisoners, and the two were thus returned to their friends. Mr. Windell, our subject, was one of six sons, three of whom entered the Union service during the Civil War, and John died, in 1862, at home; Washington was the Captain of Company F, Thirty-eighth Indiana Infantry.

When Mr. Windell came to Kansas he reached Wichita with a wife and six children and \$5.50 in money. He hired an ox-team to break his prairie farm land, then returned to Cowley County and broke an equal number of acres for the owner of the oxen.



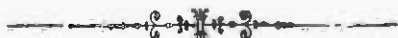
ANTON WENGLER. The farmers of Oxford Township have a worthy representative in this gentleman, who in less than a decade has made of his estate one of the finest and most productive in the vicinity. That farm was purchased by him in 1880, and was but slightly improved at that time, and the one hundred and sixty acres which comprise it now bear a fine orchard, grove and hedges, a comfortable and substantial dwelling, and other adequate farm buildings.

Mr. Wengler was born in Madison County, Mo., March 16, 1850, and is the son of Anton and Catherine (Shumer) Wengler, natives of Germany, who settled in Missouri on coming to the United States,

and there remained until the death of the father in 1872. Our subject was reared and educated at his native place, and his boyish eyes witnessed some of the ravages of the late Civil War. He was married January 27, 1876, to Miss Lizzie Emde, of Burlinghame County, and continued to reside in Missouri until he came to this place.

The wife of Mr. Wengler was born August 22, 1855, and is a daughter of Henry and Mary Emde, who were natives of Germany, and identified themselves with the farming communities of Missouri upon coming to the United States. To Mr. and Mrs. Wengler five children have been born, all of whom are still spared to them. They bear the names of Catherine, John, Bertha, Lizzie and Mary, and it is the intention of the parents to give them the best advantages in the way of schooling, and such moral and practical training as shall fit them for useful lives.

An enterprising and energetic farmer, an intelligent and honorable man, and a reliable citizen, Mr. Wengler is respected by his neighbors, and his worthy wife shares in their esteem.



JASPER C. MANEE. There are few farms in Sumner County upon which the proprietors have labored to better advantage than that which is owned and occupied by the subject of this sketch. His well-tilled fields produce in abundance the rich crops of the Sunflower State, but Mr. Manee has made a specialty of fruit-growing, in which industry he excels. Upon coming to this county, in 1872, he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land on section 7, Falls Township, and subsequently pre-empted one hundred and ten acres on section 6. In 1877 he removed to his present quarters, where he has a neat and substantial residence, good outbuildings, an abundance of fruit and shade trees and all the other appliances of modern farm life.

Mr. Manee was born on Staten Island, N. Y., January 16, 1821, and is the son of Isaac and Maria (Cropsey) Manee, who were natives respectively of Staten Island and Long Island. The father

was a ship carpenter by trade and during his early manhood served as a soldier in the War of 1812, afterward receiving a pension. He spent his entire life on his native island. The paternal grandfather, Abraham Manee, was also born on Staten Island. His ancestors were of old Huguenot stock and were prominent people in their day among the early Colonists. Grandfather Cropsey was likewise a soldier in the Revolutionary War.

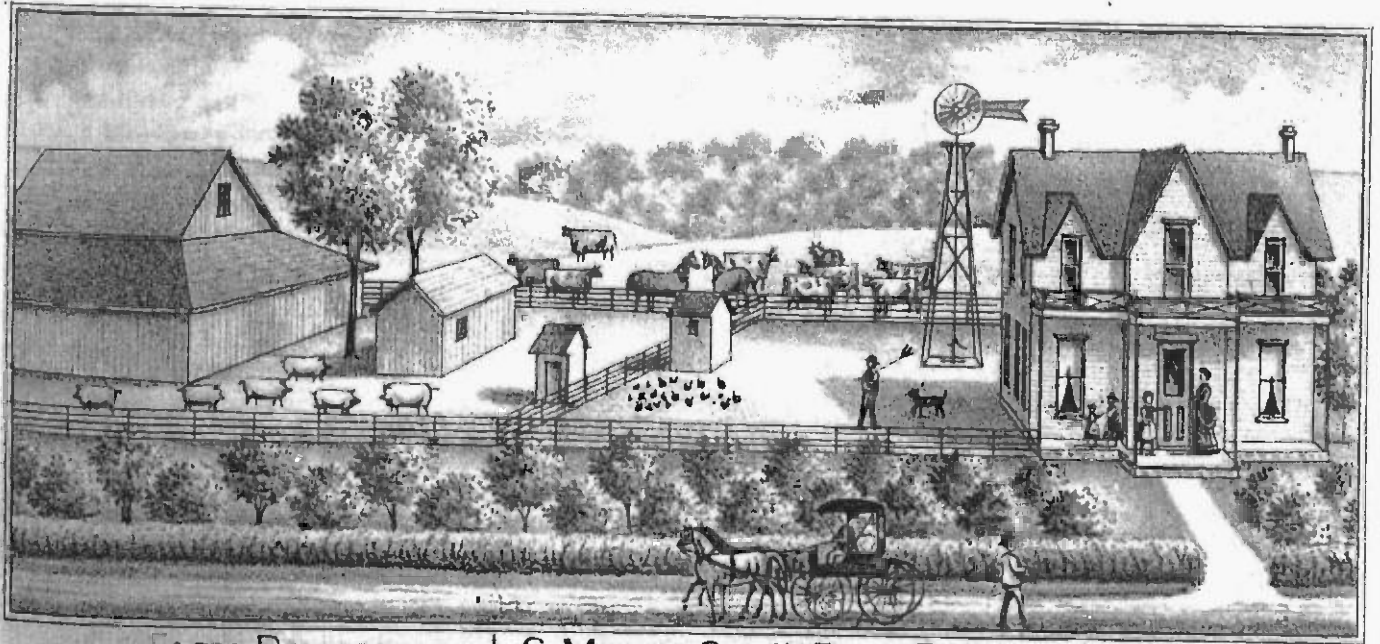
Mrs. Maria (Cropsey) Manee was the daughter of Harmonis Cropsey, whose ancestors came from Holland. Of her union with Isaac Manee there were born ten children, viz.: Harmon, Anna E., Abraham, Jasper C., Isaac, Harmon, 2d; Susan, Nicholas, Ellen J., and one who died unnamed in infancy. Jasper C., of this sketch, was the fourth child and was reared on his native island, attending school until a lad of fourteen years. He was unusually bright and ambitious and at an early age became anxious to start out in the world for himself. When leaving school he repaired to New York City and commenced serving an apprenticeship to the silversmith's trade with which he occupied himself until 1849. At that time the California gold excitement was attracting many young men to the Pacific Slope and Mr. Manee joined the caravan journeying thither, entering the mines, and engaged in searching for the yellow ore with fair success until 1855.

Six years of life in the extreme wild West sufficed to satisfy Mr. Manee and he gladly returned to his native place, but only to sojourn one year or less. He now found he could no longer content himself in the place of his birth or any where else in the East, and in 1856 he again set his face toward the Mississippi, which he crossed a second time, coming then to Jefferson County, this State, and taking up a homestead claim in Jefferson Township. About this time the border troubles commenced and Mr. Manee was one of the very few men who had the courage to maintain their position among the Indians and highway assassins who infested the country. In addition to the danger of an encounter with these, there were also many hardships to endure in endeavoring to develop a homestead and make a living.

Mr. Manee, however, stood his ground, remaining



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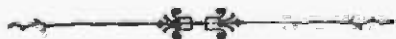


FARM RESIDENCE OF J. C. MANEE, SEC. 7. FALLS TP, SUMNER CO. KAN.

a resident of Jefferson County until 1872 and becoming a prominent man in his community. He served as a County Commissioner several years and held the minor offices. Such was his course as a citizen, that he enjoyed the confidence and esteem of all who knew him and no man was more warmly interested in the welfare and advancement of his adopted county. However, in 1872, desiring a change of location and believing he could better himself in Sumner County, he removed hither.

During the progress of the Civil War Mr. Manec joined the Jefferson County militia and assisted in driving the rebel General Price from Independence. He is a Republican, politically, and during the times which tried men's souls he steadfastly maintained his loyalty to the Union. While a resident of New York City, Mr. Manec, on the 2d of August, 1846, was united in the bonds of wedlock with Miss Eliza J. Denton. Mrs. Manec was born in Connecticut in 1831, and when about eighteen years old removed with her parents to West Milton, N. J. Her union with our subject resulted in the birth of six children, and the mother died at the homestead in Jefferson County, Kan., in 1861. With the exception of an infant who died unnamed, the children were christened respectively: Harmon, Jasperena, Jessie, Avery, and Lucy. Three of these are living and making their homes in Caldwell.

Mr. Manec has a pleasant and commodious residence, which is represented by a fine view on another page of this work.



I SAAC R. WINTERS. A front rank among the farmers of Sumner County is occupied by the above-named gentleman, and his assured position in financial circles has been accomplished by his own efforts and his wise use of the strength and ability bestowed upon him by nature. He has not only a high standing among farmers and fruit-growers, but enjoys a meritorious war record and a reputation for uprightness and Christian character which make it a special pleasure to represent him in this volume.

Before entering upon the sketch of the life of

our subject, it may be well to devote a few lines to his progenitors. His father, John S. Winters, was born in the Green Mountain State, December 12, 1812, and in his boyhood was taken by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Winters, to Preble County, Ohio. He entered the ministry of the United Brethren Church when twenty-one years of age, preaching his first sermon in Preble County, Ohio. In Darke County, Ohio, March 29, 1832, he was united in marriage with Miss Prudence, daughter of Nathaniel Harris. She was born in that county in 1813, and her death took place in 1856. About the year 1850 Elder Winters moved to Logansport, Ind., and preached in that vicinity until his death, in May, 1883. The parental family comprised nine children: Eli, Isaac R., Maria, John B., Marvin, Sophia, San Francisco, Theophilus R. and Elvira.

Isaac R. Winters was born in Preble County, Ohio, February 21, 1838, and passed the first twelve years of his life in his native county. From that time until 1871 his home was in Cass County, Ind., whence he removed to Kansas, and the following spring pre-empted one hundred and sixty acres on section 9, Caldwell Township; he immediately identified himself with the agriculturists and the better class of citizens of Sumner County. He has given all his time to general farming and fruit growing, improving his land and bringing it to a state of cultivation second to none in the vicinity. He is a member of the Farmers' Alliance and of the Christian Church.

In 1861 Mr. Winters determined to devote his energy to the preservation of the Union, and joining the army as a private in Company B, Forty-sixth Indiana Infantry, became an integral part of the Army of the Cumberland, having for his commanding officers three of the most noted generals in contemporaneous history—Logan, Sherman and Grant. Although he participated in struggles on many a hard-fought field, he fortunately escaped wounds and retained such excellent health that he was never an inmate of the hospital. At New Madrid, Ruddles Point, St. Charles (Ark.), Ft. Pemberton, Ft. Gibson, Champion Hills, Siege of Vicksburg, Jackson (Miss.), Grand Coteau (La.) and Mansfield he bore the part of a brave soldier, as well as

in the minor engagements and weary marches. Under all circumstances he manifested the same loyal and uncomplaining spirit, and the same determination that his share in the great conflict should be bravely borne. In November, 1865, he received his honorable discharge at Louisville, Ky., and once more resumed the peaceful occupations which had been interrupted by the call to arms.

In Cass County, Ind., October 14, 1868, the rites of wedlock were celebrated between Mr. Winters and Miss Mary E. McCoy. The bride was born in Pulaski County, Ind., July 19, 1846, and departed this life March 29, 1873. She had borne her husband three children: Amy, Frank P. and Harry P., the latter of whom died March 4, 1873, at the age of three months. On May 30, 1874, Mr. Winters was again married, taking as his companion Mrs. Sarah M. Malone, of Sumner County, widow of Ezekiel S. Malone. She is a daughter of Ezekiel V. and Icyphena (Marrs) Lisenby; her father was born in Washington County, Tenn., on February 14, 1808, and her mother in Monroe County, Ky., February 25, 1816. Mrs. Lisenby departed this life September 14, 1884; her husband still survives, and is making his home with our subject.

On another page of the ALBUM will be found a lithographic view of the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Winters.



JOSEPHUS W. FORNEY, State Senator for Sumner County, Twenty-eighth District, is a pioneer of Belle Plaine Township, and has for a number of years enjoyed a good legal practice in Belle Plaine. He is the possessor of an excellent education, his collegiate course having been due to his own efforts, and has thoroughly learned the principles of justice and equity.

Mr. Forney is of German and English ancestry, and needs to go back but three generations on the genealogical tree ere reaching Germany. His grandfather Forney was born in Maryland, but spent the greater part of his life in Guernsey County, Ohio, where he settled in 1811, and where

John Forney, father of our subject, was born. The latter is still living there and is now well advanced in years. He married Miss Eliza Wilson, and to this union on September 26, 1841, a son was born, of whose history this sketch will give an outline.

Reared to manhood on a farm in his native county and State, he of whom we write received an elementary education in the district schools, and took up the profession of a teacher at the age of sixteen years. For nine winters he was occupied in the instruction of others and during this time he took the scientific course in Madison College at Antrim, Ohio, attending during the summer months and paying his tuition and other expenses with the money he earned in teaching. In 1858, he began the study of the law alone, continuing his reading in this way until 1861, when he entered the office of Col. J. D. Taylor, at Cambridge, Ohio, with whom he read between two and three years.

Mr. Forney was admitted to the Ohio State bar in 1863. In the winter of 1864 he re-enlisted, becoming a member of Company B, One Hundred and Eighty-fifth Ohio Infantry and receiving the commission of Lieutenant, which office he filled during the remainder of his service. The greater part of his second term of service was spent in post duty in various States, and he was honorably discharged in July, 1865, although not virtually released until the spring of 1866.

Returning to the Buckeye State, Mr. Forney engaged in the practice of his profession in Cambridge, until some time during the year 1867, when he opened an office in St. Charles, Iowa. After sojourning in that town until the spring of 1871, he came to Belle Plaine, since which time he has given this section the benefit of his legal knowledge and professional skill. The fall after his arrival here he pre-empted one hundred and sixty acres of land in Belle Plaine Township, comprising the northwest quarter of section 18, upon which he settled, being practically its first occupant as it was virtually bare of improvement. For ten years he made his home upon his farm but still attended to his legal duties—keeping an office in town.

In the fall of 1888 our subject was elected State

Senator for a term of four years, his practical knowledge of the life and needs of the agriculturist, and his forensic skill, alike fitting him for the position, and his constituents confidently expect their varied interests to be advanced through his instrumentality. Mr. Forney is a member of the A. F. & A. M. and has served as Secretary of the lodge. He also belongs to the G. A. R. Post at Belle Plaine and for two years was its Commander.

His political adherence is given to the Republican party. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church and endeavor to carry the principles of their faith into the details of their daily life.

His marriage took place July 3, 1870, and the lady in whom he found the traits of mind and character which he thought most desirable in a life companion, was Miss Sarah E. Ergenbright. She is a native of Clay County, Ind., and a daughter of William Ergenbright. The happy union has been blessed by the birth of six children—May, Nora, John, Lyda, James G., and Minnie, and the loving parents have been bereaved of the last named.



COL. GEORGE BURTON, Postmaster of Argonia, is what may be termed "a gentleman to the manor born," possessed of more than ordinary intelligence and that courteous bearing which wins for him friends wherever he goes. He comes of substantial Irish ancestry, and was born March 7, 1819, in the city of Dublin, where he spent the first thirteen years of his life. Then, equipped with only a limited education, he started out in the world for himself, embarking as cabin boy on an ocean vessel and from that time until 1842 his life was spent on the water—the sea and lakes. The next four years were occupied at various businesses and in 1846 he entered the volunteer service of the United States during the war with Mexico, being a member of Company G, Fourth Illinois Infantry, under Col. Ed. Baker. He served for one year and returned a Third Sergeant. He and ex-Gov. Richard Oglesby, who was then a Sergeant in Company K, frequently reported together.

He served under Gen. Taylor until a part of the army was ordered to join Gen. Scott, and he participated in the battles of Vera Cruz, Natural Bridge, Cerro Gordo and other minor engagements. Later he was under the command of Gen. Shields and under Division Commander, Gen. Twiggs.

Upon retiring from the service Mr. Burton repaired to Tazewell County, Ill., where he operated a sawmill until 1849. Being seized then with an attack of the California gold fever, he set out overland across the plains and worked in the mines until the fall of 1850. In returning home he went down the coast as far as Cape St. Lucas, where the vessel "Louisa Boston" was sunk in the harbor of Mazatlan, and he rode a mule from there to Durango, and finally succeeded in reaching home safely after being chased in Mexico by the Apache Indians. He now resumed sawmilling and was engaged in the mercantile business for probably two years. He in 1852, crossing the Mississippi, took up his abode in Decatur County, Iowa, where he operated as a general merchant three years and also engaged in farming. He became prominent in local affairs and was County Auditor for three years until the outbreak of the Civil War.

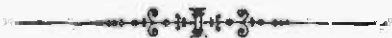
Watching the conflict which ensued with more than ordinary interest, Col. Burton in June, 1861, organized a military company in Leon, Iowa, of which he was elected Captain and which was assigned to the Fourth Iowa Infantry, under command of Col. Dodge. He fought at the battle of Pea Ridge, skirmishing all through Arkansas, was in the fight at Chickasaw Bayou, and then at Arkansas Post, Lookout Mountain, Mission Ridge, Ringgold, Ga., and Woodville, Ala. On the 2d of May, 1862, he was commissioned Lieutenant-Colonel of the Fourth Iowa Infantry. At the battle of Pea Ridge he was wounded by a canister shot through the left arm, and at Cherokee Station received a sabre cut in the left hand. He resigned his commission April 10, 1864, and returning to Iowa resumed the duties of a private citizen.

Col. Burton became well-known in the Hawkeye State and in 1869 was elected Auditor of Decatur County, which office he held three years. Later, for the same length of time he engaged in the livestock business, purchasing cattle in Indian Terri-

tory, and selling them in Iowa. In 1875 he settled on a farm near Mayfield, this county, where he sojourned until 1883, coming that year to Argonia and engaging in the mercantile business. He also began speculating considerably. On the 2d of April, 1888, he was appointed to the office of Postmaster, the duties of which have since occupied his time and attention until February 1, 1890.

In 1848, Col. Burton was united in marriage with Miss Jane Waring, who died in 1863, leaving no children. In 1865, the Colonel contracted a second marriage with Miss Martha S. Walton. This lady was born in Ohio and is the daughter of George and Martha Walton who spent their last days in Iowa. Of this union there were no children. Mrs. Burton was a very excellent lady and a member in good standing of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The Colonel takes an interest in politics, voting the straight Democratic ticket. He is Past Grand in the I. O. O. F., belongs to the Encampment, is a Knight of Pythias and a member of the Chapter in Masonry.

The father of our subject was John Burton, a native of Dublin, Ireland, and a manufacturer of cotton cloth. The mother bore the maiden name of Martha Whitehead and she also was born in Dublin. They came to America in 1833, settling in Cleveland, Ohio, and about 1842, removed to Bloomington, Ill. There the mother died in 1835 and the father in 1848. Only two of the five children born to them are living—G. B. and Eliza, now Mrs. Burnes, the latter being a resident of Leroy, McLean County, Ill.



JOSEPH T. McCLUER is the owner and occupant of an excellent farm in Ryan Township, and is one of the best farmers in all the section roundabout. His industry has been unremitting, his energy un failing, and all who know him rejoice in the success which is crowning his efforts to secure a competence. He came to this locality in the spring of 1878, pre-empted a tract of raw land, and with but seventy-

five cents in his pocket, began a struggle which only his love for his family, his self-respect, and his conscientious determination to do his best in the battle of life, made endurable. He was not able to bring his family here until late in the fall, after his own arrival, but he is now comfortably situated, with stock and all necessary farm tools and appliances, and freed from all but a slight incumbrance upon his property.

The father of our subject was born in Rockbridge County, Va., near the Natural Bridge. He was christened Samuel, and adopted the occupation of a farmer. He was married in Ohio in 1832, to Miss Hannah Sharp, who died in 1849, after having borne eleven children, five of whom are living. After the death of his wife Samuel McCluer removed to Illinois, settling in Peoria County, where he died August 16, 1859.

The subject of this sketch was the eighth in order of birth in the parental family, and first opened his eyes to the light in Adams County, Ohio, January 29, 1841. He received a common-school education, partly in his native State and partly in Illinois, and at the early age of thirteen began life for himself. He worked in the coal mines in Peoria and Fulton Counties, Ill., until his twenty-first year, when the breaking out of the Civil War aroused all the patriotic fervor and loyal devotion of his young heart, and he determined to devote the opening years of his manhood to his country's cause.

Enlisting in Company C, Forty-seventh Illinois Infantry, August 18, 1861, young McCluer was sent with his comrades to St. Louis to acquire his first instruction in army discipline and tactics in the barracks there. Thence they went to Otterville, Mo., thence to Island No. 10, to Pittsburg Landing, Corinth, Iuka, thence back to Corinth, on to Vicksburg, next entering the Red River expedition under Gen. Banks, and subsequently going to Mobile, Ala. Mr. McCluer participated in all these battles except that of Pittsburg Landing, where his command arrived the day after the contest. He also took part in the battle of Nashville under Gen. Thomas. At Corinth he was struck on the left arm by a minie ball, but was not disabled, and at Pleasant Hill, on the Red River, he had a

very narrow escape from death, being knocked down by a ball which grazed the back of his neck. He enlisted as a private, and was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. At the expiration of his term of enlistment, when at Black River Bridge, Miss., he re-enlisted and served until February 22, 1865.


The short list of heavy engagements in which Mr. McCluer took part makes up a very small portion indeed of his army record, but all who are familiar with the history of the "irrepressible conflict," can readily fill in the details of experience spreading over a period of nearly four years. Especially can those who have witnessed the life in camp, who know the drill which is necessary in preparing for active campaigns, and the watchfulness and care that are ever required, appreciate the service rendered by those gallant men who, like our subject, were conscientious, brave and painstaking in every detail of a soldier's life.

When mustered out of the service Mr. McCluer returned to Peoria County, Ill., spending the summers in farming and the winters in working in the mines for a few years. The farm which he pre-empted in this county comprises one hundred and sixty acres of land, all improved and one hundred and ten acres under the plow. He has put on all the improvements, raises all the stock the farm will support, and now has thirty head of cattle, thirty of hogs and six horses. During the season of 1889 he raised thirty-five hundred bushels of corn on eighty-four acres, eleven hundred bushels of wheat on eighty acres, and eleven hundred bushels of oats on forty acres. With the grain he has raised and the sale of his soldier's claim in Garfield Township, he has paid off \$1,200 indebtedness, and is now feeling quite comfortable in regard to the claims upon him. The dwelling in which the family resides was built in 1885. The next year he went to Garfield County, where he remained two years, securing his soldier's homestead.

In Illinois, August 16, 1866, Mr. McCluer was united in marriage with Mrs. Margaret Obarr, *nee* Bradley. She is a daughter of Thomas D. and Mary A. (Jordan) Bradley, natives of Mississippi, who removed to Tennessee, where the father died in 1861. Mrs. Bradley removed to Illinois two years later and settled in Fulton County, whence

she came to Kansas in 1881. She is now living with our subject, and has reached the advanced age of seventy-five years. She is the mother of six children, the wife of our subject being the second in order of birth, and her natal day April 2, 1842. Mrs. McCluer was the recipient of a common-school education, is a lady of estimable character, and of many domestic virtues. She has borne her husband six children, five of whom are now living, named respectively: Lucy A., George W., Samuel D., and Oscar and Ernest (twins). The eldest daughter is a member of the Christian Church and Sunday-school, the parents also being active in the Sunday-school work, and members of the Church of Christ at Milan.

Mr. McCluer is a member of the Southern branch of the Farmers' Alliance. He is Treasurer of School District No. 23, and has been a member of the board since the district was organized. He has served as Road Overseer. He keeps himself posted in political matters, and now votes the Union Labor ticket; he was previously a Greenbacker. It is needless to state that he is highly esteemed by his fellow-citizens, among whom his character is above reproach.



WILLIAM B. MALABY. This gentleman is prominent among the leading men of Springdale Township as an advanced advocate of the Union Labor movement, and one who keeps himself thoroughly posted upon the leading topics of the day, advocating progressive measures in all things as far as is wise and prudent. He has the honor of being one of the pioneer settlers of this county, becoming first a resident of Palestine Township. His native place was in Fayette County, Pa., and the date of his birth July 23, 1848. He was the eldest of the twelve children of his parents, ten of whom are living, making their homes mostly in Kansas.

George A. Malaby, the father of our subject, was a native likewise of the Keystone State, and occupied himself as a farmer and bricklayer. He was married in early manhood to Miss Esther A.

Johnson, a maiden of his own county, and they resided there until 1854. Then emigrating to La-Salle County, Ill., they lived there sixteen years, and next removed to Marshall County. After a three years' residence in the latter, they, in 1870, disposed of their property and transported themselves and their household goods across the Mississippi to Kansas, settling in this county. The father departed this life at his home in Palestine Township, August 1, 1878; the mother is still living at the old homestead, and is aged fifty-nine years.

The Malaby family removed to Illinois when William B. was a little lad six years of age. He attended school for a few winters thereafter, and at the age of twenty years commenced farming on his own account. He came to Kansas in 1870, settling in this county on the 7th of August, when there was not a woman within its limits, and when the Osage Indians mostly owned and occupied the land. Herds of buffalo roamed over the prairie, and Mr. Malaby spent days at a time without seeing the face of a human being. Settlers soon began coming in, however, and there was soon a growing community. But few are living in this county who came to this region at that time. Mr. Malaby located first on what was known as the McCamon farm, and labored as best he could without capital, and with few conveniences or farm implements. Later he removed to the John Widick farm in Palestine Township. About 1872, he with the Denver Bros., put up the first livery stable in Belle Plaine, which he operated one year.

Mr. Malaby was married in February, 1873, to Martha S., step-daughter of Joseph Daniels, of Palestine Township. Mrs. Malaby was born May 2, 1855, in Illinois, and by her union with our subject, became the mother of three children: William L. F. was born March 20, 1875; Joseph E. A., February 22, 1877; and Ross E., July 13, 1879. Mrs. Martha Malaby died at her home in Palestine, July 22, 1881. Our subject was married again July 17, 1882, to Miss Margaret, daughter of Alfred and Susan Rice, who were natives of Gallatin County, Ill. Mrs. Rice died in 1880. Mr. Rice is still living in Illinois. Mrs. Margaret Malaby was born December 15, 1860, in Gallatin County, Ill., where she was reared and attended the common school.

This union resulted in the birth of four children: Clarence I., born May 13, 1880; Myra Helena, March 31, 1886; Norah Esther, January 4, 1888, and Howard Raymond, August 5, 1889. The present wife of our subject is a member in good standing of the Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Malaby is President of the Farmers' Alliance, Springdale Lodge, No. 656, and has been a member of the school board of his district for the past five years. He has just completed his second term as Township Trustee. He takes an active interest in politics, and until about three years ago, was a staunch supporter of the Republican party. His sympathies are now with the Union Labor movement, of which he is a leader in this locality. His farm embraces three hundred and twenty acres of good land, the greater part of which is under a good state of cultivation. Upon taking possession of this in 1877, pre-empting it from the Government, it presented an appearance widely different from that of the present, having upon it no improvements whatever, lying as the Indians had left it. Mr. Malaby put up his present residence in 1882. He is quite extensively interested in the breeding of live-stock, cattle, horses, sheep, and swine. He has planted large numbers of fruit trees, having two orchards, including four hundred apple trees, one hundred cherry trees, and fifty of peach. As a pioneer settler of this region, he is regarded with more than ordinary interest, and as one who has made for himself a good record, he is eminently worthy of representation in a work designed to perpetuate the names and deeds of the early settlers of Sumner County.



WILLIAM A. McLAIN, one of the progressive farmers of Jackson Township, was born in Hillsboro Township, Montgomery County, Ill., October 20, 1845. His father, Adlai McLain, was a native of Greensborough, N. C., where he was reared and married. In 1835 he left his native State to find his home in the then far Northwest. He journeyed with teams across the mountains, traversed the States of Tennessee and

Kentucky and entered the State of Indiana, where he remained one year. At the expiration of that time he again started Westward and reached Illinois, where, being pleased with the country, he located in Montgomery County of which he was one of the first settlers. He bought a tract of land which was covered with timber and had a log house upon it, the one in which our subject was born. The region in which he fixed his abiding place was sparsely settled at that time and deer and other wild game abounded. St. Louis, sixty-five miles distant, was their nearest market and they were obliged to draw their grain and pork there and back with teams.

Addison McLain improved his place and made it into a fine productive farm which yielded him a good income in the latter years of his life, and which was his residence until his death, which occurred in 1878. The maiden name of the mother of our subject was Catherine Lewy. She is a native of North Carolina and now resides in the homestead in Hillsboro, Ill. Mr. and Mrs. A. McLain were the parents of eight children of whom two are deceased.

The subject of this notice was reared and educated in his native county and made that his home until 1883. In 1876 he visited Texas and bought land in Hunt and Kaufman Counties but did not settle there. He returned to Illinois and in 1878 made a trip to Sumner County, Kan., traveling by rail as far as Hutchison, then finishing the journey in a wagon. The nearest railroad point at that time was at Wichita and the country was but sparingly settled in that portion of the State. When Mr. McLain examined Sumner County's advantages, present and prospective, he was so pleased with the outlook that he bought the southwest quarter of section 10, Jackson Township. Following his purchase of land in Sumner County, our subject returned to Illinois where he continued to reside until 1883. In that year he removed to Kansas and located on the land which he had previously purchased.

As soon as possible after the arrival of Mr. McLain in his new home he erected good, substantial frame buildings, enclosed his farm with a strong fence, planted fruit and shade trees and in every

respect brought it up to a high standard of excellence. June 30, 1887, our subject and Miss Olive Pinefrock were united in the holy bonds of matrimony and began housekeeping on the farm which was then in a high state of development and productiveness. Mrs. McLain is a native of Ohio. She is a member of the Presbyterian Church at Rome, and a refined, cultivated, Christian lady, whom it is a pleasure to know. Mr. McLain is a Republican in politics and takes a moderate share in the active work of his party. They are the parents of one child, named—Charles Sumner.



JOSHUA WRIGHT is a well-known dweller in Belle Plaine, and was, for about thirteen years, a member of the agricultural class of Belle Plaine Township. He spent some time in serving his country during the trying days of the War of the Rebellion, was elected Captain on the organization of the company, and has since that time been known by that title. He has acquired a sufficient amount of this world's goods to allow him to give up active work and to enjoy the repose that seems so fitting after a life of industry and well-doing. He and his estimable wife are regarded with confidence and esteem by all who know them.

The paternal grandfather of our subject was born in England, but having become a citizen of the Colonies prior to the Revolutionary War, entered the Colonial army and met his death at the hands of the British. His son, Jonathan, was born in Virginia, was bound out when a child, taken to Kentucky, and there grew to manhood. He married Miss Sarah Read, and became the father of twelve children, of whom three only beside our subject are now living. Mrs. Parmelia Turley lives in Orange County, Ind., and Aaron and Emmett in Lawrence County, of the same State. The parents had removed to that State in 1802, taking their place among the pioneers of Orange County, where they endured the privations and hardships incident to such life, rearing their family among the frontier surroundings and bestowing upon them such ad-

vantages as the circumstances would admit. The father died November 17, 1838, and the mother did not long survive, her death taking place August 4, 1840.


In the State and county in which his parents so long resided, Capt. Wright was born, December 20, 1822, spending his boyhood amid the scenes of the frontier, where a sturdiness of character is developed and habits of observation learned that take the place of extended schooling. Even before the death of his parents, he was obliged to begin labor for his own support, at the age of sixteen going out to work by the month or day. On April 8, 1842, he was united in marriage with Miss Parmelia Hall, also a native of Orange County, Ind., who has borne her share in the burdens of life by her husband's side since the day of their union, and has faithfully endeavored to fill her place as a wife and mother. She is becoming advanced in years, having been born September 27, 1823.

The parents of Mrs. Wright were William and Sophia (Dabney) Hall, who, like her husband's parents, were early settlers in the county in which she was born. Her father was a native of Kentucky and of English descent. The household band comprised twelve children, of whom the following now survive: Mrs. Nancy Stewart, of Iowa; Mrs. Polly Fender, of Kansas; Mrs. Wright; and Marantha, wife of George Moore, of Lawrence County, Ind.

In the spring of 1849 Capt. Wright, with his wife and two children, removed to Jefferson County, Iowa, where he resided for over a quarter of a century, and whence, in 1876, he came to Kansas. He located on a farm near Belle Plaine, in this county, and remained there until February, 1889, when he became a citizen of the village. His farm comprised 160 acres of well-improved land, which he sold some time since. The enlistment of Capt. Wright took place in July, 1862, as a member of the Nineteenth Iowa Infantry, and he was elected Captain of Company D. The command became a part of the Army of the Southwest, and participated in numerous skirmishes and various engagements. During the battle of Prairie Grove the Captain received a wound in the

right arm, and still carries a musket ball embedded in that member as a trophy from the battle-field. He now receives a pension of \$20 per month on account of his injury. During the same engagement he received two other slighter wounds. In July, 1863, he was discharged and returned to his home to again take up the life of a civilian. He was connected with the home militia in Iowa after his return from the seat of war.

To Capt. and Mrs. Wright eight children have been born, of whom Sarah J., Eliza M. and Mary E. have been removed from them by death. Matilda is the wife of Henry Kline, of this county; Rhoda E., the widow of David Snider, also lives in this county; George W. makes his home in Iowa; Millard is mining in Colorado; and William operates a farm in Belle Plaine Township, this county. The parents of this family have been identified with the Christian Church and are active members of society. Capt. Wright belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic, and gives his political adherence to the Republican party. He has served as Justice of the Peace here for nearly six years.



GEOERGE W. HENDERSON. This gentleman represents a large amount of wealth and influence, and is considered one of the most stirring and useful citizens of Morris Township. He has built up one of its most valuable farms and has been no unimportant factor in the growth and development of this region, having by his very example promoted, to a large extent, its material interests. He occupies a substantial modern dwelling, and has all the other necessary farm buildings, together with modern machinery and the appliances requisite for the successful prosecution of agriculture. Among the other good things which have fallen to his lot in life is the possession of an intelligent and helpful wife, who not only manages her household affairs in a most praiseworthy manner, but is at the same time the efficient helpmate of her husband in many of his business enterprises, being a safe counselor at all times. Thus, in addition to being in the enjoy-

ment of a model home, they are most happily situated in their domestic relations. There have been born to them two children only—Marshall E., April 1, 1875, and Rose Myrtle, July 23, 1877. The son and daughter are being given a good education, including instruction in music, in which art they are quite proficient.

Mr. Henderson has made his permanent location many miles from his birthplace, which was in Sussex County, N. J., and the date thereof July 12, 1829. He was the eldest in a family of seven children, four of whom are living, the other three being located in Kansas and Iowa. The father, Eleazer, was an iron manufacturer, and like his wife, who in her girlhood was Mary Castimore, was a native of New Jersey. This branch of the Henderson family is of Irish and French descent, while the mother traced her forefathers to England and Germany.

The parents of our subject were reared and married in New Jersey, residing there until 1839. That year they removed to Pennsylvania, where they lived until 1857. Still looking Westward, they next removed across the Mississippi to Fayette County, Iowa, where the iron manufacturer changed his occupation to that of a farmer. The wife and mother departed this life at the homestead, in Fayette County, in 1876, at the age of seventy-four years. The father subsequently took up his abode with his son, George W., and died at his house, April 5, 1882, aged seventy-five years, four months and fifteen days.

After emerging from the common school, Mr. Henderson, in 1877, took a thorough course in the business college at St. Joseph, Mo. He left the parental roof when a youth of seventeen years, commencing an apprenticeship at wagon-making and wheelwrighting, at which he was employed continuously thereafter for a period of twenty years. He completed his apprenticeship in Pennsylvania, and during the years mentioned resided in that State and Illinois. In the spring of 1856 he preceded his family to Iowa, settling in Fayette County, where he followed his trade and purchased a farm, upon which he resided until 1859. He then recrossed the Father of Waters, and took up his abode in Centralia, Ill., where he sojourned until

the fall of 1856. In the meantime he spent one year in the Quartermaster's Department at Nashville and Chattanooga, Tenn., employed in putting up hospitals and warehouses.

In the fall of 1865 Mr. Henderson came to Kansas, and settling in Doniphan County, engaged in farming. He lived there until 1881, and his next removal was to this county, where he secured possession of the land which he now owns and occupies. When a little over twenty-one years old he was married, January 28, 1851, in Pennsylvania, to Miss Hannah M. Venrick. The two children born of this union are sons—William, a resident of Trinidad, Col.; and Alexander, employed in the freight depot of the Missouri Pacific Railroad at Leavenworth. Mrs. Hannah M. Henderson departed this life at her home in Iowa, May 2, 1857. The second marriage of Mr. Henderson occurred August 1, 1861, with Miss Mary Beaver, and she also became the mother of two children—George L., a resident of this county; and Ella, the wife of Edward Brooks, of New Mexico. Mrs. Mary Henderson died October 23, 1878.

The present wife of our subject, to whom he was married, at Pana, April 22, 1874, was in her girlhood Miss Hattie L. Yeager. Her parents were Moses and Margaret (Campbell) Yeager, natives of Pennsylvania, and the father engaged in farming pursuits. They removed with their respective parents to Ohio, where they were married, and whence they emigrated to Indiana, probably fifty years ago. After a sojourn there of twenty years, they went over into Illinois, and then, in 1884, came to this State, settling in Argonia. Mr. Yeager died February 6, 1888, at the age of seventy-four years. His widow is still living, and is aged seventy-six. Four of their six children are living. Mrs. Henderson was the second, and was born March 11, 1841, in Rush County, Ind. As a child, she was a bright beyond her years, made good use of her time in school, fitting herself for a teacher, and followed this profession for a period of seventeen years in Indiana and Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. Henderson are devoted members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which they have been active workers, especially in the Sunday-school, Mr. Henderson officiating as Superin-

tendent and teacher of the Bible Class, and in the church proper he has held the offices of Class-Leader and Steward. He is rather conservative in politics and strongly in favor of prohibition. He voted for Abraham Lincoln in 1860, but is now rather independent, aiming to support the men whom he considers will best serve the interests of the people. For seven years he has been Treasurer of his school district. He was elected a Trustee of Morris Township, but resigned. He served at one time as Justice of the Peace in Morris Township. He belongs to the Grange, the Farmers' Alliance and the A. H. T. A.

Mr. Henderson's farm embraces three hundred and twenty acres of choice land, which is devoted to the raising of grain and stock, he making a specialty of cattle, horses and swine. The present residence was put up in 1881. It is handsomely finished and furnished, and is considered one of the best structures of its kind in Morris Township. Mr. Henderson is one of those men whose name will be held in remembrance long after he has been gathered to his fathers.



WYATT B. GOAD, Postmaster at Mayfield, is of English extraction, and a native of Tennessee, born in Smith County, May 3, 1815. His early boyhood was passed in his native State, and in 1857 he accompanied his parents to Kentucky, continuing his education in the common schools there, and growing to early manhood on the farm which his father owned and operated. He had been taught to love his country, and the spirit of loyalty which was implanted within his breast led him to desire to assist in the preservation of the Union, and he therefore, in the spring of 1862, although but seventeen years of age, enlisted at Glasgow, Ky., was enrolled in Company C, Thirty-seventh Kentucky Infantry, and served twenty-two months; he then re-enlisted in the Fifty-fifth Regiment, Company E, Infantry, until May 24, 1865, when he was honorably discharged at Covington. Although he was not called upon to take part in any of the most famous battles of

the war, he bore his part bravely in the battles of Mt. Sterling, Cynthiana, and King Salt Works in Virginia, a few minor engagements, in the routine duties of camp life, and in various marches.

When mustered out of the service, young Goad returned to Kentucky, and remained in that State until 1882, when he came to Wellington, Kan., and for two years followed his trade as a carpenter in this vicinity. He then moved on to a farm, and for about three years carried on the pursuit of agriculture. Having received the appointment of Postmaster, he took possession of the office, September 20, 1887. Mr. Goad is a Republican, never failing to exercise his right to the elective franchise in behalf of what he considers most conducive to the welfare of the country. He is an honorable and upright man, and throughout his entire life has exhibited a spirit of prudence and industry, and a cordial, friendly nature in his dealings with mankind.

In November, 1866, Mr. Goad was united in marriage with Miss Harriet R. Bullock, who was born October 2, 1834, and who died May 23, 1880. Mr. Goad subsequently became the husband of Mrs. Nannie Owens, widow of James T. Owens, the rites of wedlock being celebrated between them September 28, 1880. Mrs. Goad is a daughter of Thomas and Emily (William) Franklin, natives of Virginia, and was born March 28, 1852. Her mother died in Warren County, Ky., at the age of fifty-five years, and her father is still living there. She has borne her husband one child, Thomas H., whose natal day was February 4, 1883.

The paternal grandfather of our subject was Joshua A. Goad, who was born in Virginia about the year 1770, and who died at Carthage, Tenn., at the advanced age of eighty-five years. His son, Henry, was born in Colfax County, Va., October 9, 1800, and was six years old when the family removed to Tennessee. In 1857 he became a resident of Kentucky, where his death occurred April 20, 1885. He was a Republican in politics, and a member in good standing of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

The wife of Henry Goad, and the mother of our subject, bore the maiden name of Martha Duke, and was born in Jackson County, Tenn., January

28, 1806, and is still living in Monroe County, Ky. Her parents, McKauge and Annie (Brooks) Duke, were natives of Virginia, and her father was a planter and slave trader. Mr. and Mrs. Duke died in Jackson County, Tenn. The family of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Goad comprised eight children—Martha, Harvey, Sallie A., Henry C., Mathew, Mary, Wyatt and Katherine. Three of this family are deceased, Martha having died at the age of three years, Mathew in infancy, and Henry at the age of thirty-five. The latter was a Union soldier during the Civil War.



JOHAN L. MEARS. If a man's character may be determined by his surroundings, that of Mr. Mears and his no less capable and worthy wife, possesses all the elements of thrift, industry and good citizenship. We find them in the midst of pleasant surroundings, the occupants of a well-developed farm on section 14, Dixon Township, having a substantial dwelling with convenient outbuildings, fruit and shade trees and the land under a good state of cultivation. The family occupies a good position in the community, and the fact that they are well spoken of by their neighbors is sufficient indication of the sterling worth of character which has had its influence upon those with whom they have become associated.

A native of Muskingum County, Ohio, Mr. Mears was born May 29, 1837, being the eleventh child of the Rev. William and Elizabeth (Latham) Mears, who were natives of the city of London, England. The father for a period of forty years officiated as a minister of the Baptist Church. Upon coming to America, in 1830, he located in Zanesville, Ohio, being among its earliest settlers and teaching the first school established there. He purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land north of the town site and after a residence of three years in the town removed to his farm, where he built up a permanent homestead and where his death took place in 1869. The mother survived her husband for a period of fifteen years, dying in Ohio in 1884.

'They were the parents of thirteen children, eight of whom grew to mature years.' Six are now living, making their homes in Ohio, Kansas and Nebraska.

Young Mears lived at the farm with his parents until a youth of nineteen years, learning the arts of sowing and reaping and choosing agriculture for his life vocation. In the fall of 1856, starting out for himself he sought the Great West and settled on a tract of new land in Tama County, Iowa. He was one of the earliest pioneers of that region and not realizing his hopes of making a fortune, returned, after about two years, to his old home in Ohio. Sojourning there until 1877 he again turned his steps Westward, coming to this State and settling on a tract of raw land, from which he has since constructed his present farm. He commenced at first principles in its development and has himself effected all the improvements upon it. He put up a new residence in 1888, and has one hundred and thirty acres under the plow. He makes a specialty of swine.

Miss Mary, daughter of Abraham C. and Mary (Wallwork) Romine, was wedded to John L. Mears, October 10, 1860, in Ohio. Mrs. Mears was born September 3, 1838, near Zanesville, Ohio. Her father was a native of Columbus, Ohio, and a plasterer by trade, which he followed the greater part of his life and died in Ohio in 1889. The mother was born in the city of London, England, and came with her parents to America when quite young. She passed away prior to the decease of her husband, her death occurring in 1881 in Ohio. Of the three children born to them only two are living, the one besides Mrs. Mears being Mrs. Black, a resident of Ohio.

Six children have been born to Mr. Mears and his estimable wife, the eldest of whom, Mary Louisa, is the wife of James Mack, and the mother of two children; James Baxter married Miss Vesta Thurlow, and is a resident of Milan, Kan.; Alice is the wife of Thomas Looper, a resident of Belle Plaine, this State; Laura married J. M. Bunker, is the mother of one child, and lives in Ryan Township; J. Welcome and Ellen Blanche remain at home with their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Mears are connected with the

Church of God. Mr. Mears was formerly a Class-Leader in the Methodist Episcopal Church and is identified with the Masonic fraternity, in which he has held the office of Junior Deacon. For a period of eight years he has served on the school board of his district and he has also officiated as Road Overseer. His political sympathies are with the Union Labor party.

In 1863, during the progress of the Civil War, Mr. Mears enlisted in Company E, One Hundred and Fifty-ninth Ohio Infantry, and was promoted to Corporal in the one-hundred days' service. His duties lay around Camp Bradford in Maryland. After serving his first term he re-enlisted in Company B, One hundred and Eighty-ninth Battalion, Ohio Infantry, and was stationed at Camp Chase, being held as a reserve, and as it was near the close of the war was not required in the active service.



ALFRID LASHLEY is the owner and occupant of a valuable farm on section 33, Oxford Township, where he is engaged in general farming. He came to this county in January, 1880, and the following August purchased one hundred and sixty acres, which he soon afterward began improving, putting upon it such outbuildings as are usually erected by an enterprising farmer, and substantial fences, and cultivating it thoroughly. He has also set out shade trees, a wind-break, and an orchard which is considered as fine as any to be seen in this vicinity. The estate is ably conducted, and the fortunate owner is a fine representative of the class to which he belongs.

John Lashley, the grandfather of our subject, was a native of New Jersey, his wife's maiden name was Grace Bortons, and moved to Ohio, when it was a new country, and in Warren County, June 8, 1829, a son was born to him. That son, David Lashley, grew to maturity in his native State, married, settled on a farm, and is still living in his native county. His wife bore the maiden name of Sarah Slack, and she was born in the same county as himself, her natal day being July 2, 1826. Her parents, Job and Rebecca (Searle) Slack, were early

settlers in the Buckeye State, to which they came from Pennsylvania, and the father was a mechanic. To David and Sarah Lashley, seven children were born: Rebecca A., our subject, Sylvester S., William H., Florence E., and Robert B., still survive; Marshall E. is deceased.

The subject of this biography is a native of Warren County, Ohio, where his eyes first opened to the light November 26, 1857. He received a good education in the common schools of his native county, and completed his studies at Waynesville, and at the age of twenty-two years, left his home to become a resident of Kansas. He is not only succeeding in his agricultural work, but is winning the respect of all with whom he comes in contact, by his honorable dealing, his intelligence, friendliness, and excellent moral principles. He has already a good financial standing, and bids fair to become one of the wealthy men of the township ere middle age. He is a member of the Farmers' Alliance, and casts his vote with the Republican party. He belongs to the United Brethren Church.

Sylvester Lashley, brother of our subject, was also born in Warren County, Ohio, and there grew to maturity. His natal day was November 23, 1859, and after finishing his education, and remaining with his parents until twenty-two years old, he came to this county in February, 1882, and has since spent the most of his time here. He, however, took up a claim in Grant County, on which he resided, and which he proved up on.



GEORGE S. HILL, manager of the business of the Rock Island Lumber Company, at Caldwell, is comparatively a young man starting out with the promise of making for himself an excellent record. He was born in East Sullivan, Me., June 15, 1859, and is the son of Thomas B. and Pruda (Simpson) Hill, who were likewise natives of the Pine Tree State, and born in the same place as their son. Thomas B. Hill followed the seas the greater part of his life, but is now located at East Sullivan, Me., where they are peacefully spending their declining days. There were

born to them five children, namely: Elwood W., George S., H. Ernest, Arthur T., and Helen C., all of whom are living, making their homes principally in Maine, Kansas and Nova Scotia.

The subject of this notice, the second child of his parents, removed with them when quite young, to East Sullivan, in his native State, where he attended the common school. After becoming sufficiently advanced in his studies, he entered East Maine Conference Seminary, at Bucksport, where he completed his studies. He commenced his business career as clerk in a store of general merchandise at Bucksport, Me., in 1883. That year he sought the Far West, and in September took up his abode in Caldwell, and engaged in the lumber business, in which he has since been interested. He has improved his opportunities for information in this line of trade, and is thoroughly posted as to its details. Although meddling very little with politics, he gives his support to the Republican party, and occupies a good position among the Knights of Pythias.

After becoming a resident of Caldwell, Mr. Hill formed the acquaintance of Miss Emma G. Cragin, to whom he was wedded March 11, 1886. Mrs. Hill was born in Groton, Mass., July 31, 1864, and is the daughter of Rodney and Jennie (Gill) Cragin, who were natives of Groton, Mass., and are now in Caldwell, Kan. Mr. and Mrs. Hill occupy a neat home in the central part of the city, also a good position, socially, among its people.



CALVIN B. McALLISTER. Although by no means an old man, this gentleman is one of the old settlers of the county, to which he came in the spring of 1870, opening a bachelor's hall in Belle Plaine Township, assisting in the development of the agricultural resources of this section, and seeing the country around him grow to a well-cultivated, well-settled and prosperous region. The characteristics which make of the "canny Scot" so reliable a citizen, so staunch a friend, and so brave a soldier when called to battle, have been manifested in the career of the gen-

tleman above-named, who from both lines of descent derives these traits, and that pride in the family name which is also a leading trait in the Scotch character.

James and Nancy (Andrew) McAllister were natives of Franklin County, Pa., and the parents of eleven children, of whom our subject is the tenth in order of birth. Of this family all the survivors except our subject are living in Pennsylvania—Margaret and John make their home in Adams County; Alexander is deceased; Mary, Agnes and Samuel live in Adams County; Sarah is the wife of John Young, of York County; Martha and Theodore live in Adams County, and Robert is deceased. The father of this family died about the year 1870, and the mother survived him about four years. The parental home was within one and a half miles of the town of Gettysburg, and the McAllister estate formed a part of the historic and memorable battlefield.

The subject of this biography was born September 15, 1844, was reared to manhood on a farm in Adams County, Pa., and received his education in the common schools. He was still in his teens at the outbreak of the Civil War, but with the patriotism and enthusiasm manifested by so many of the youth of the land, he entered the Union army in December, 1863, as a member of Company B, Twenty-first Pennsylvania Cavalry. The band to which he belonged became a part of the Second Brigade, Second Division of the Army of the Potomac, under the command of Gen. Crook, since so widely known as a successful Indian fighter. Mr. McAllister participated in the fight at Dinwiddie Court-House, at Farmerville, Sailor's Creek, in the engagement prior to the surrender of Lee at Appomattox Court-House, and in numerous affrays of minor importance, his conduct in every position doing honor to the family name.

After receiving an honorable discharge, in June, 1865, Mr. McAllister returned to his native county and State, whence in the spring of 1868 he emigrated to Kansas. For some two years he remained near Junction City, and then coming to this county, pre-empted one hundred and sixty acres of land on Cow Skin Creek, Belle Plaine Township. There he lived about two years, at the

expiration of which time he bought the quarter-section, upon which he now lives, paying \$2,200 for it. About sixty acres of breaking had been done upon it, and a shanty of cottonwood boards, ten by twelve feet, had been constructed. This "shack," to use the Western term, was the bachelor home of Mr. McAllister until a better structure could be put up and take its place.

For a number of years Mr. McAllister practiced the self-denials and endured the discomforts of life in a bachelor's hall, which, although sufficiently jolly at times, is scarcely the ideal of home life, and he then, on January 1st, 1884, took to himself a wife in the person of Miss Emma North. His bride was born in Ohio, and is a daughter of Wesley and Amelia (Moore) North, who settled in this county about the year 1872, and a sketch of whom appears on another page of this work. By dint of energy and hard work Mr. McAllister had brought his land to a fine state prior to his marriage, and is able to provide his loved companion and bright family with all the comforts of life, and he receives an ample return in the neatness, order and added cheerfulness to be found under his roof. Three children have come to bless the home—Ray, born October 10, 1884; and Nellie and Norma (twin girls) November 16, 1886.

Mr. McAllister has served as Clerk of Belle Plaine Township three terms. He belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic Post, at Belle Plaine, is a Republican in his political opinions and ballots, and both he and his wife are members in good standing in the Presbyterian Church.



JONATHAN H. DAVIS, a Sumner County pioneer of 1873 and one of the Trustees of Jackson Township, is a citizen deserving of more than a passing notice. He was born near Greenville, Bond County, Ill., October 19, 1840, and is the son of Matthew Davis, a native of Trigg County, Ky. The paternal grandfather, the Rev. Jonathan Davis, a preacher of the Ironclad Baptist persuasion, was born and reared in Virginia.

Jonathan Davis when a young man left his na-

tive soil and removing to Kentucky, established himself among the earliest pioneers of Trigg County. He remained there until about 1815, then emigrated to what was then the Territory of Illinois, locating in what is now Bond County. There, likewise, he was one of the first settlers. The removal from the Blue Grass State was made with teams, and a portion of the way had to be cut through the wilderness in order for the travelers to reach their destination. The earthly plans and expectations of Grandfather Davis and his family were cut short in one brief year by his death. The widow and her seven children soon afterward returned to Kentucky and resided in Trigg and Christian Counties. Matthew, the father of our subject, sojourned in that region until 1838, then returned to Illinois accompanied by his mother and two brothers. This time they located about the center of Bond County, where Matthew purchased a tract of wild land, part prairie and part timber, and built a log house. In the meantime he was married and in that humble dwelling the subject of this sketch was born.

Matthew Davis was a resident of Bond County, Ill., until October, 1849, when he sold out and removed to Montgomery County. There he purchased a partially-improved farm near the town of Donelson. Of this twenty acres had been cleared and a set of log buildings had been erected. Deer and other wild animals were plentiful. It was before the days of railroads and St. Louis, sixty miles distant, was the nearest market. Stoves were unknown and the mother performed her cooking by the fireplace. She also spun and wove wool and flax and clad her children in cloth made by her own hands. The father was in ill health for some years and the children were trained to habits of industry at an early age. Matthew Davis departed this life at the old homestead in Montgomery County, Ill., in 1858. He was married in Illinois to Miss Sarah Bentley, a native of Giles County, Tenn. Grandfather Richard Bentley was a native of Virginia, whence he removed to Tennessee and from there to Bond County, Ill., during its earliest settlement. He there spent the closing years of his life, dying in 1873, in the eighty-ninth year of his age. The maiden name of his wife was Elizabeth Hayes.

The mother of Mr. Davis came to this county in 1873 and died at his home in Jackson Township in August, 1886. Of her children, seven in number, the eldest, Margaret C. A., became the wife of David D. Moss, now deceased. Jonathan H. was the second born; Nancy, Clarissa E., Richard B. and James B. are residents of Jackson Township; Sarah E. married E. M. Desart and lives in South Haven Township. Jonathan H. was reared to man's estate in Montgomery County, Ill., where he attended the pioneer schools conducted on the subscription plan. The temple of learning was a log house with slab benches and a fireplace extending nearly across one end. The chimney was made outside of earth and sticks and the system of instruction corresponded very well with the surroundings of the pupils. Young Davis being the eldest son he, after the death of his father necessarily assumed much of the care of the family and he remained with his mother, superintending the farm until a man of twenty-seven years. He made his home there until coming to Kansas in 1873, and after retiring from the management of the farm occupied himself as a carpenter.

The journey to the Sunflower State was made by Mr. Davis overland with a team of horses and a wagon, he being accompanied by his wife and his brother, Richard B. They arrived in this county on the 6th of April, 1873, when the country was thinly settled and Wichita, forty miles away, was the nearest market and railroad station. Mr. Davis entered a claim to a tract of Government land on section 27, in what is now Jackson Township, filing the same in the land office at Wichita. He put up a box house, 12x14 feet in dimensions and commenced at first principles in the development of a farm. He resided there five years, effecting good improvements, then sold out and removed to that whereon he now resides. Deer, buffalo and other wild game was plentiful a few miles west of his present homestead at the time of his settlement here. He has watched the march of events in his adopted State with that interest only felt by the intelligent and public-spirited citizen, and in adding to the value of the taxable property of Sumner County has thus contributed his full quota to its prosperity.

The wife of Mr. Davis, to whom he was married

in Montgomery County February 23, 1873, was in her girlhood Miss Elizabeth Desart. Mrs. Davis was born in Edgar County, Ill., and is the daughter of George and Emily (Martin) Desart, who were natives of Ohio and New York and are now deceased. This union resulted in the birth of three children, all daughters—Olive, Emily and Augusta. They are a bright and promising trio and, it is hardly necessary to state, the pride of their parents' hearts.

Mr. Davis cast his first Presidential vote for Gen. McClellan and has since remained a steadfast supporter of the principles of the Democratic party. He is serving his sixth term as the Trustee of Jackson Township, and has been the candidate of his party for the State Legislature. He belongs to Lodge No. 255, A. F. & A. M., and is prominently connected with the Methodist Episcopal Church.



CORNELIUS I. CUSHMAN. The farming community of South Haven Township recognizes in Mr. Cushman one of its most faithful representatives, although he has only been a resident of Kansas since 1883. That year he came to this county supplied with a reasonable amount of hard cash, and purchased three hundred and thirty-three acres of wild land on section 9. By a course of unflagging industry, he has now one hundred acres under the plow, has erected a substantial frame residence with a barn, corn cribs, granary and other necessary structures, and has set out an apple orchard, together with trees of the small fruits. He makes a specialty of live stock, mostly cattle and swine of good grades.

A native of Windsor County, Vt., Mr. Cushman was born June 21, 1839, and was there reared to manhood on a farm. His father, John Cushman, Jr., was also of New England birth, and the son of John, Sr., who was born, and reared his family chiefly in Vermont, where he spent his last days. John, Jr., remained a resident of his native county until reaching manhood, and was then married to Miss Fanny, daughter of Raszell Spaulding. There were born to them seven children, of whom Cor-

nelius I. was next to the youngest. He and his brother, Edmund E., are the only surviving members of the family.

Mr. Cushman remained a resident of his native State until November, 1868, then, leaving New England, emigrated to Illinois, and was a resident of Jacksonville until the winter of 1873. Next, crossing the Mississippi, he established himself as a resident of Fairmount, Neb., where he was employed as a clerk in a store three years. In the meantime, in 1876, he was married to Miss Isabel Perry. There were born to them one child, a son, Aubert J., and Mrs. Cushman died April 28, 1879, aged twenty-nine years. In 1876, Mr. Cushman removed to Clay County, Neb., where he prosecuted farming until coming to this county.

Our subject contracted a second marriage April 1, 1889, with Miss Hannah M., daughter of Carson and Christina E. (Meyer) Ehlers. Mrs. Hannah Cushman was born in Adams County, Ill., of parents who were natives of Germany. Her mother came to America with her mother and sister in 1856, and located in Illinois. Mr. Ehlers came to the same state in 1854, and was there married. In 1886 they came to Kansas and purchased a farm in Falls Township, upon which they still live. In the fatherland they were members in good standing of the German Lutheran Church.

During the progress of the late Civil War, Mr. Cushman enlisted as a Union soldier in Company A, Twelfth Vermont Infantry, and served as a private nine months. Politically, he votes independently. He became a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in Illinois, and joined the Farmers' Alliance after coming to this county.

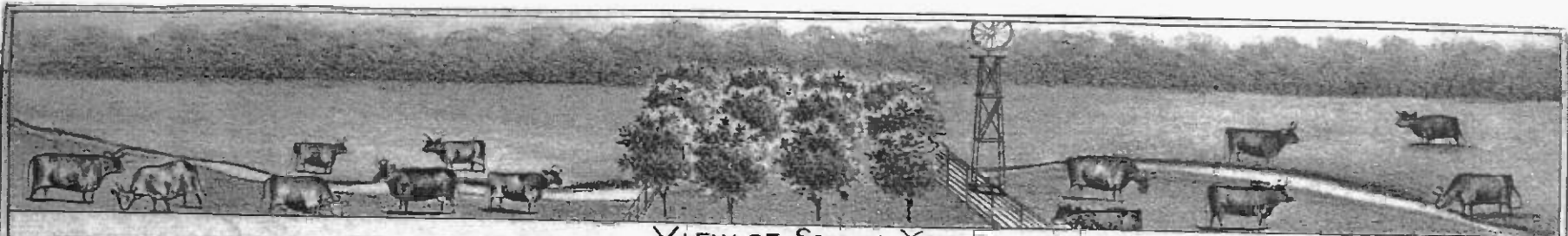
The Cushman family, it is supposed, originated in England, and the first representative in America was one Robert Cushman, who was born about 1585, and was one of the band who left his native land for the sake of religious freedom. To him had been given the responsible task of going to London and hiring a vessel larger than the Mayflower, of "burden about nine score," and to see that she was sent around to Southampton, there to meet their companions from Holland. These facts are selected from a work compiled as the "Cushman Genealogy." The Cushmans later flourished in

both Massachusetts and Vermont, and were people generally well-to-do, noted for their industry, honesty and moral worth generally. They experienced all the inconveniences and discomforts incidental to the early settlement of New England, and in all the relations of life conducted themselves in a manner which, as the records show, should be a matter of pride to their descendants.

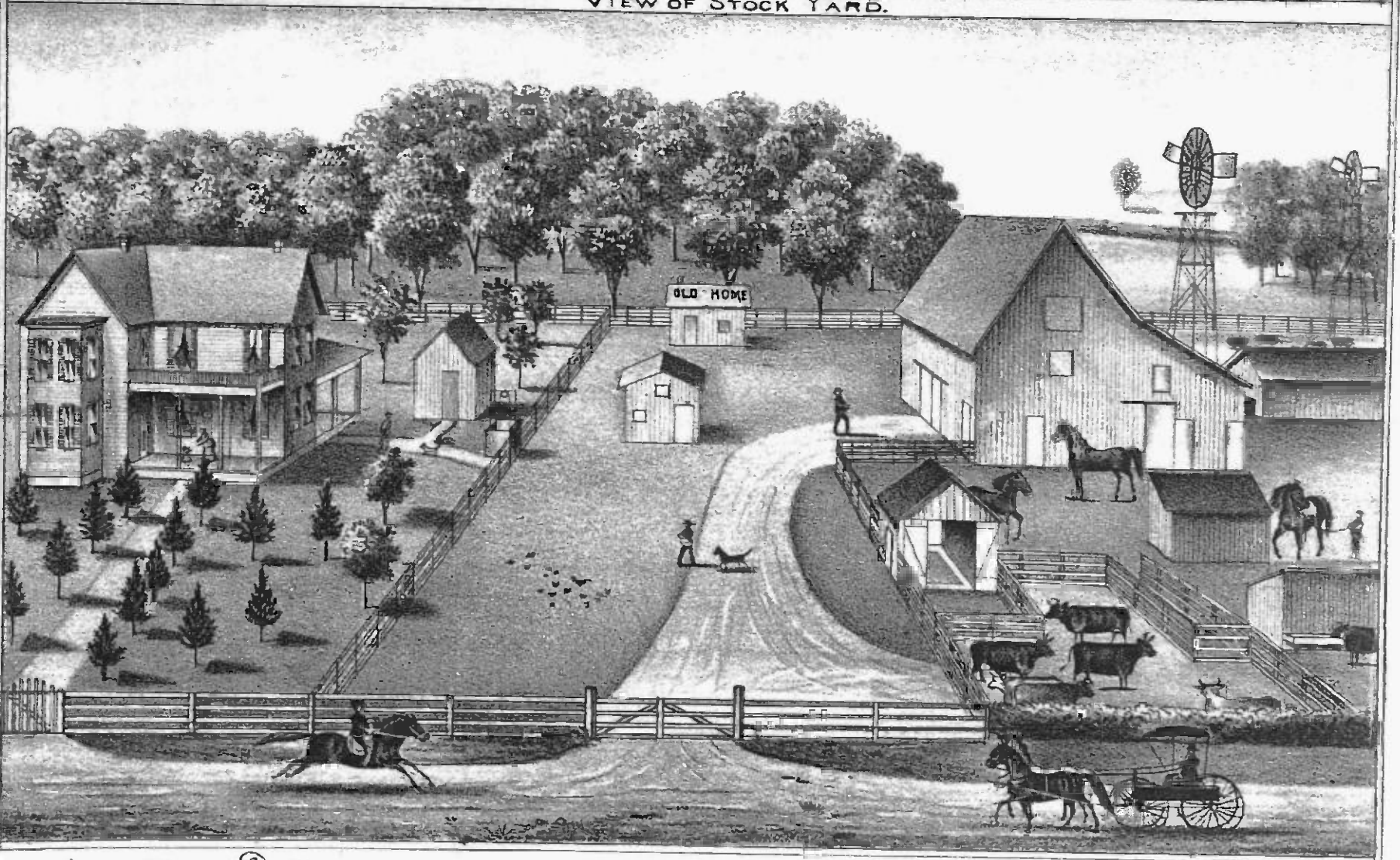



JOHAN EIKLOR. The number of comparatively young men who occupy positions of public responsibility, carry on extensive business operations, and own large and valuable estates in the great expanse west of the Mississippi River, is a continual source of surprise and comment to Eastern visitors, who are accustomed to see such places occupied either by men of middle age or as an inheritance from those who have lived long in the East. The above-named gentleman, though still young, is in a position of financial prosperity highly creditable to his own energy and ability, and is justly considered one of the most substantial and progressive agriculturists of Greene Township.

Mr. Eiklor came to this county in January, 1878, and pre-empted one hundred and sixty acres of land on section 29, and to that acreage he has added until his landed estate now comprises eight hundred acres, principally located in Greene Township, and bearing improvements which are more than usually adequate, substantial, and attractive in appearance. He is one of the largest dealers in stock in this county, his herd of cattle numbering some five hundred head. Since youth he has been engaged in farming, and endeavors in every department of agriculture to keep up with the times in the use of modern and labor-saving machinery; he takes the advantage of every opportunity to increase the quantity and quality of his farm products, and keeps fine grades of stock, exhibiting good judgment in the qualities most desirable in them. That he has met with success in his under-



VIEW OF STOCK YARD.



STOCK FARM  RES. OF JOHN EIKLOR SEC. 29. GREEN TR. SUMNER CO. KAN.

takings is evidenced by a lithographic engraving of his homestead, presented elsewhere in this volume.

The birth of Mr. Eiklor took place February 2, 1852, in DeKalb County, Ill., which was his home until he reached the age of twelve years. Then, accompanying his parents to McLean County, he there grew to manhood, making it his home until he came West. There also his father died, about two years after settling in the county. Mr. Eiklor was united in marriage with Miss Emeline Olmsted, also a native of DeKalb County, December 17, 1872. Four bright children—Daisy, Andrew, Herman and Lawrence—have come to bless their union. Mrs. Eiklor is a woman of intelligent and cultured mind, practical domestic acquirements, and consistent Christian character.

Mr. Eiklor belongs to the Republican party, and while neither an aspirant for political honors nor what is commonly known as a politician, is deeply interested in the success of the principles in which he believes, and in the election of the candidates in whose hands he believes the reins of Government will be most wisely held. Both he and his wife are members of the Methodist Church, and it is needless to say that they have many warm friends in the community and are held in high esteem by all who know them.



CHARLES F. HORNER, in whose death this county lost one of her earliest pioneers and most highly esteemed citizens, was a native of Gettysburg, Adams County, Pa., his natal day having been April 29, 1848. He was a son of John and Jane Horner, of the same county, was reared on a farm, and received his early education in the district schools. He lost his mother by death when he was about seventeen years old. He remained in his native State until eighteen years of age, when he came to Kansas, following various occupations here during the first years of his sojourn. He and his brother, D. W. Horner, herded cattle here before Sumner County was organized, and they built one of the first houses within its limits.

Among the employments in which Mr. Horner was engaged, was that of milling, but his principal occupation was buying and selling cattle. In 1870 he pre-empted land in Belle Plaine Township, his location being on the Arkansas bottoms, where he resided a short time, and then moved to within a half mile of the village of Belle Plaine, where he was a resident until his death. That sad event occurred on the 9th of January, 1889, and was made doubly sad by the suddenness with which the dreadful blow fell. Mr. Horner seemed as well as usual during that day except for a slight pain in his back, of which nothing serious was thought. During the evening, however, it was thought best to call a physician, and his devoted wife sent word to his brother, that "Charley" did not seem well. The brother and a friend went to the house about eleven o'clock, found Mr. Horner in good spirits, and inclined to joke about the matter. Shortly after their arrival the Doctor gave him a soothing potion, and requested him to lie down and try to sleep. He was attended up stairs to his room by his wife, who, after seeing him comfortably disposed for rest, returned below, thinking he would fall asleep in a few minutes, but on going back to the room a short time afterward, she found that life had departed. Although no noise had been perceptible to those below, it was evident from the position of the lifeless body, that Mr. Horner had risen and fallen across the bed. So suddenly did apoplexy remove an honored citizen from the midst of his fellowmen.

The family from which a kind and loving husband and father was thus removed, comprised a wife and three children. Mrs. Horner, who has the sympathy of many devoted friends in her sad bereavement, is a native of Gettysburg, Pa., a daughter of John and Margaret A. Knox, of that place, and was united in marriage with him whose loss she now mourns, November 7, 1863. The first child born of this happy union, is Edith, whose natal day was August 21, 1884; John B. added his presence to the family circle May 23, 1886; and Margaret C. October 16, 1888. Mrs. Kate M. Horner is a member of the Presbyterian Church, in which her deceased husband held high standing. She still lives near Belle Plaine, owning her residence with ten

acres of land surrounding it, and one hundred and sixty acres near Conway Springs.

Mr. Horner belonged to the Masonic fraternity, and gave his political affiliation to the Republican party. Like other pioneers he had endured some of the hardships attending the early settlers, and as he had no one to start him in life, his success was due to his personal efforts and capability. The prosperity at which he had arrived was a source of rejoicing to all who knew him, as he had ever manifested the generous and whole-souled spirit which viewed with favor every movement that would advance the interests of the community, would elevate the standard of morality and good citizenship, and lead to a higher and nobler civilization.



CHARLES RUMBLE. If great credit is due to the men and women who do the pioneer work in any section of country and open the way for the advance of civilization, how much greater credit should be accorded those who take their places upon the frontier in one section after another, doing a double share of the labor and undergoing a double share of the privations and dangers which surround the lives of the early settlers. The gentleman above named, who is now the owner of a fine tract of land in Wellington Township, is not only a pioneer of this county but in another section of this State was also an early settler and developed a tract of land, reclaiming it from the primitive condition and making of it a valuable estate.

Mr. Rumble is a native of "Merrie England," in which country his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Rumble, were also born and where they were reared and married. In 1834 they left their native land and, with their children, crossed the Atlantic and settled near Toronto, Canada, in a section which was then sparsely inhabited. There the father of our subject was employed at various occupations for a few years when he purchased twenty acres of land twenty miles from Toronto, in Vaughn Township, where he built a set of log buildings and lived

until after the death of his wife. He then sold his property and lived with his children in the Dominion, all of whom except our subject remained there. The family comprised eight sons and daughters—Thomas, William, Robert, John, George, Charles, Mary and Lucy.

The subject of this sketch was about six years old when the family came to the New World, and he was reared in Canada, whence about the year 1855 he removed to the United States. He located in LaSalle County, Ill., which was then a new country in which Ottawa, twenty miles distant from his home, was the nearest railroad station and depot for supplies. He purchased a tract of prairie land in Otter Creek Township, which was unbroken and unimproved and upon which he at once erected a frame house 16x14 feet, and began other necessary improvements and which he cultivated and made his home until 1874. He then sold and turning his face Westward, arrived in this county on the 9th of May.

Mr. Rumble thought best to rent a farm and raise a crop that year while looking about for a place that would suit him as a permanent location. The people who were living here in the year 1874 will always remember that as the "grasshopper year" and our subject, with other residents, suffered the loss of his entire crop, as the grasshoppers came in clouds and devoured every green thing, leaving corn-stalks as bare as bean poles. In the fall of that year Mr. Rumble purchased the southeast quarter of section 8, in Wellington Township, which was an unbroken tract of prairie land. He continued his work as a renter for two years and then located upon his own estate where he has since resided and where he began making improvements immediately after taking possession. It is a fine body of land lying on the Slate Creek bottoms and capable of producing excellent crops. During the first few years of Mr. Rumble's residence here antelope were to be seen from his door, and deer and bison were plentiful a few miles farther west; Wichita was the nearest railroad station and market for farm produce, and all the travel throughout this vicinity was accomplished with teams or on foot.

The lady who for over thirty years presided over

the household economy of Mr. Rumble's home, faithfully discharging the duties which devolved upon her sphere in life and encouraging him in his labors, was a native of Clearfield County, Pa., and the rites of wedlock were celebrated between them in 1854. Her maiden name was Elizabeth Corle, and she was a daughter of Isaac and Jane Corle, natives, respectively of New Jersey and Pennsylvania. The union of Mr. and Mrs. Rumble resulted in the birth of seven children—Isaac, Miriam J., Lucy May, Mary A., Rella Belle, Phæbe A., and Elizabeth R. The wife and mother was torn from her family by the hand of death May 18, 1885, deeply regretted by many friends and especially by the home circle wherein her virtues were best known and understood.



GEORGE M. D. HINCKLE, a representative farmer and stock-raiser residing on section 9, Belle Plaine Township, is the subject of this brief biography. He was born March 28, 1846, in Frederick County, Va., to Daniel and Mary J. (Duckwall) Hinckle. The parents were born natives of Virginia, the father of Daniel Hinckle having settled in Frederick County, upon his arrival as an emigrant from Germany many years before. The parental family consisted of five children, named respectively: Mary C., wife of John Shade, resides in Sedgwick County, Kan.; Rebecca, deceased; George M. D., the subject of this notice; Sarah E. is the wife of Dr. W. B. Hollis, and resides in Virginia; and William A. P., who resides in Belle Plaine Township, Kan.

Mr. Hinckle was reared in his native State to the occupation of a farmer. His educational advantages were limited, being confined to the early subscription schools of the State, which were far from being efficient in either method or scope of instruction. Realizing the benefits to be conferred by knowledge, our subject was not discouraged at the little opportunities which were within his reach, but applied himself diligently to reading and study of such subjects as were presented to him from time

to time. By this means he became well acquainted with all the leading topics of the day, and has always kept abreast of the general trend of modern thought.

When Mr. Hinckle was in his twentieth year, he left home and went to Portland Ky., where he clerked in a store for about ten months, then went north as far as Macoupin County, Ill., where he hired out as a farm-hand. He followed the latter occupation for about two years, receiving \$25 per month, and his board. Subsequently he rented land in the same county, and farmed it one season then moved to Montgomery County, Ill., where he operated a farm two years for another man, receiving one-half of the products as his share. He left Illinois in the spring of 1872, and located on section 34, Salem Township, Sedgwick County, Kan., where he resided a number of years. He then went to Mulvane, Kan., where he handled stock for a time, then removed to his present place in the spring of 1886, where he has since lived.

Upon first coming to Kansas, Mr. Hinckle pre-empted one hundred and sixty acres in Sedgwick County, when it was in a perfectly raw condition, with no improvements, and but few neighbors. The usual hardships of a pioneer fell to his lot, but he was made of sterner stuff than to mind a little trouble when the object in view was a home of his own. He persevered in his work, and, after keeping bachelor's hall for some time, in 1874, on the 10th of November, was united in marriage to Miss Lillie Wilson, a daughter of David O., and Cornelia D. Wilson. They are now residents of Stevens County, Kan., but were at the time of the marriage of their daughter, residents of Sedgwick County. Mrs. Hinckle was born January 14, 1858, in Randolph County, W. Va., is a lady of domestic habits, and is a model wife and mother. There have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Hinckle, three children, who are named respectively: Pearl; Earl, deceased; and Mabel. Mr. Hinckle and his wife are both active and efficient members of the church known as the United Brethren in Christ. They are not only regular in their attendance upon its services, and liberal contributors to its financial prosperity, but in many other ways are zealous in their labors of love for the Lord. Their duties to their home and

church, do not, however, interfere with their participation in the pleasures and refinements of society, nor in their obligations to the community in general. They are ever ready to assist the right whether in political affairs of the State or Nation, or in the more immediate concerns of their own county.

Mr. Hinckle owns three hundred and twenty acres of land in Sumner County in addition to that already mentioned as belonging to him in Sedgwick County. He is a self-made man, having accumulated all his present property since he began life as an humble hired farm hand. Industry and good management have been the principal factors in the success which he has achieved. He is not a politician, and has no desire for office, preferring home life to the agitation of public affairs, but, nevertheless, he keeps posted in all issues of national or local importance. He affiliates with the Prohibition party, but is not a strict party man, aiming to vote for the best man irrespective of party. He was a member of the Patrons of Husbandry when that organization had an existence. His experience in this county dates back to its beginning. He has witnessed its gradual improvement and development from a wild prairie where the Indian and buffalo held full sway, to the present, when the forces emanating from the brain of man have changed it to a fit residence for refined people, and made it the dwelling place of cheerful prosperity.

The parents of Mr. Hinckle were both members of the denomination known as the United Brethren in Christ, and were worthy and devout people. The father of Mr. Hinckle was a local preacher in that church. Mr. and Mrs. Hinckle are natives of Virginia and West Virginia, respectively, where they have many friends.



RICHARD B. DAVIS. For the past sixteen years Mr. Davis has been a continuous resident of this county, and during this time has lived at his present homestead on section 27, Jackson Township. He shared in the labors and struggles of the early pioneers, and has

made for himself a good record, having been a peaceful and law-abiding citizen, attending closely to his own concerns, and in assisting in the development of a good farm, has thus contributed his quota to the growth and prosperity of his adopted county.

Mr. Davis is a native of Illinois, having been born in Bear Creek Precinct, Montgomery County, November 20, 1846. He is the second son of Matthew and Sarah (Bentley) Davis, further mention of whom is made in the sketch of the brother of our subject, J. H. Davis, on another page in this volume.

As soon as large enough, young Davis was sent to the pioneer school of his neighborhood, and at an early age, he also was required to assist in the labors of the farm as far as his strength would permit. His father died when he was a lad of twelve, and he continued at the homestead during the years which followed, assisting his mother in the support of the family, and remaining under the old roof-tree until 1873. Then, in company with his brother, Jonathan H., he started out for the country west of the Mississippi, overland with a team, making his way to this county. Much of the land in this region was at that time owned by the Government, and was thinly settled, presenting a wild picture of frontier life.

The land selected by Mr. Davis, comprised the southeast quarter of section 28, in what is now Jackson Township, and after he had filed his claim, he returned to Illinois to settle up his affairs. In the fall of that same year, he started on the return journey to Kansas, accompanied by his mother, his sisters, and a younger brother, journeying as before, overland with a team. The mother, upon her arrival here, selected the southwest quarter of section 27, as her property, entering the same at the Land Office at Wichita. Upon this land a house was at once put up, and other buildings added as time and means allowed. Mr. Davis and his brothers proceeded with the improvement of the joint farm, and the mother resided with them until her death, in August, 1886.

The two sisters, Nancy and Clarissa, continue their residence at the homestead. The latter now presents the picture of a thoroughly improved

farm, which has been enlarged from its original proportions, comprising now two hundred and forty acres, and embellished with substantial buildings.

Mr. Davis for the past few years has given considerable attention to stock-raising, in which industry he has been fairly successful. He still pursues his life of single blessedness, his sisters presiding over his domestic affairs, and he has accumulated a sufficiency of this world's goods to defend him against want in his declining years. In summing up the list of the early pioneers of this county, it must be acknowledged that Mr. Davis, one of the most worthy, has performed well his part, and is amply worthy of representation in a work designed to perpetuate their names and deeds.



JOHN T. McMILLAN, one of the earliest settlers of Sumner County, resides on the southwest quarter of section 34, Belle Plaine Township. He was born December 6, 1833, in Jefferson County, Ind., to John and Mary (Shannon) McMillan. The father was a native of Ayr, Scotland, and emigrated to America in October, 1803, locating first in New York and afterward removing to Lexington, Ky., September 12, 1805. He was a fine architect and followed that profession in both of the above-named places for a number of years. The mother of our subject was born in Fayette County, Ky., and was a daughter of George Shannon, who settled in Jefferson County, Ind., in the early days of its history when everything was new and the future gave little promise of the wonderful development that was to come.

The father and mother of our subject were united in marriage April 26, 1815. They had a family of eight children, of whom John T. is the youngest in order of birth. Their eldest son, George, was a minister of the United Presbyterian Church until death relieved him. The rest of the family were all members of the Presbyterian faith. The Shannon family was of considerable note in that new country, as they invested in quite a body of choice

land, and the uncle of this subject, George Shannon, was the first Surveyor in this part of the State, and did much valuable work for the community in which he lived.

The subject of this notice was reared in his native county, and after a thorough course in the common school, he attended the Hanover College awhile. This institution is located in Hanover, Ind., and is the oldest Presbyterian college in the State. The father of our subject was a hardware merchant for a number of years and besides this, he was the owner of two fine farms, one of which he had farmed himself, and after the death of his father, John T. being then not quite twelve years of age, he and his mother lived on the farm and followed agricultural pursuits until the year 1856. His mother died September 21, 1855, and a portion of 1857 he spent in Illinois and other places. He then leased out the homestead which he had fallen heir to, and in the fall of 1858, concluded to go to Texas, and leaving the Hoosier State at Madison, on board a new steamer, the "Diana," which had just been built for the Galveston and Houston trade, he thus proceeded down the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers to New Orleans, where he crossed on the Gulf to Galveston, Tex. The passage across the Gulf came very near being of a serious nature, had the "Diana" not reached a harbor at Vermillion Bay, just in time to escape a fearful storm, in which two Gulf steamers were badly disabled. The passage across the Gulf occupied several days before reaching Galveston, but our subject enjoyed the novel experience of a taste of sea life on a common river steamboat. In a few more days he reached his destination, Houston, Tex., where his friends met him, rejoicing, as the report had been there for several days, that the "Diana" was lost. Mr. McMillan remained at that place for some time engaged in mercantile pursuits. He was a resident of the Lone Star State for six or seven years, residing in different counties and following different occupations, but principally engaged in an agency, after leaving Texas. He finally drifted Northward again and in July, 1865, found himself once more in his native State, where he remained some two or three years. He concluded to settle again

on the old homestead, and was married the first time to Miss Sarah A. Leap. The marriage was celebrated at the home of the bride, near Hanover, Ind., January 4, 1866. She was a refined and gentle woman, but unfitted, physically, to cope with the rigors of their changeable climate. So in the spring of 1868 they removed to Kansas, hoping it might benefit his wife's health, and first located in Lawrence, Douglas County, where he remained but a short time, then went to Labette County, where he engaged in the milling business. His first venture was with a sawmill which he operated with good success in that county, until he had the sad misfortune of losing his wife, who had previous to this time borne her husband two children: Cora A., and Ada E., who are at rest beneath the green sod with their loving mother. So not long after Mr. McMillan's sad bereavement he removed his sawmill west to Cowley County, on the Walnut River, three miles below Winfield, where it was operated one season with good success, during which time he located for pre-emption a quarter section of land in Sumner County on section 34, the same on which he now lives, which was done in the fall of 1870. He afterward decided to remove his mill to Oxford, Sumner County, and in addition to the sawmill he also put up a gristmill at the same place, which was the first to be erected in that part of the State. He operated the mill in that place for about three years, in the meantime controlling territory from thirty to fifty miles around, as he was the only gristmill owner within a radius of that distance. He is proud of the distinction of being the first to grind (grain) wheat, corn, and buckwheat in his section of the country where it was so much needed. After this Mr. McMillan went East onto the Mississippi River and engaged again in the sawmill business for two or three years, after which time he had the misfortune to have his mill burned up. He then went to the mountains in Colorado to look for his fortune but was not very successful. He was in the milling business altogether about twelve years. After Mr. McMillan returned from the mountains he then went onto his land where he now resides, and commenced improving with a determination of making a home of it. Mr. McMillan was again married on the 29th of Decem-

ber, 1879, to Miss Hattie M. Dickinson, a young lady of great decision and force of character, and the daughter of George W. Dickinson, of Madison, Ind. They are the parents of one daughter, Pearl B.

Mr. McMillan owns three hundred and sixty acres of land under a high state of cultivation. He turned the first furrow on his place at a time when there was no wagon road near, nothing but the hunter's trail. There was no town laid off in the county when he settled in it and he has lived to see it develop from that primitive state of wildness to its present condition of wealth, culture and refinement. In common with most pioneers he endured some privations and hardships but he feels amply repaid for his sacrifices by the present prosperous condition in which everything is progressing in his adopted State and county. He is a friend and helper of everything tending to the upbuilding of the community either from a material or intellectual point of view.

Mr. and Mrs. McMillan are members of the Presbyterian Church and take a deep interest in the religious education of the rising generation and are highly esteemed in church and society circles. Mr. McMillan is a Democrat and is distinguished as the first Democrat to locate in the county. He takes only a moderate share in purely party affairs, but keeps himself well posted in regard to those questions of the time that concern all good American citizens and is ever ready to lend a helping hand to whatever promises good to the nation or his own community.



ALBERT D. SPARR, Postmaster of Miller-ton and its pioneer merchant, is widely and favorably known to the people of this part of Sumner County as a man who has been for many years identified with her closest interests. Notwithstanding a varied experience and many years spent in business channels, he is a comparatively young man, having been born February 11, 1850. His native place was in Blair County, Pa.,

and his parents were John and Susannah (Shultz) Sparr, who were likewise natives of the Keystone State, within whose limits they reared their family of ten children, of whom Albert D. was the eldest. The father occupied himself at farming until his death, which took place in his native State in 1865. He was a man of many excellent qualities and a member in good standing of the Lutheran Church. He had been twice married, becoming by his first union the father of two children.

The subject of this sketch, in 1869, leaving his native State, made his way to Peoria County, Ill., and sojourned there until April, 1873. Then crossing the Father of Waters, he came to this county and pre-empted one hundred and sixty acres in London Township, where he lived until 1876. In the meantime he had been joined by his widowed mother. That year he sold out and purchased an improved farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Conway Township. He occupied that four years, effecting many improvements, then retiring from the active labors of farm life removed to the village of Millerton, which had just been laid out. Soon afterward he added to the importance of the embryo town by putting up a substantial residence and purchasing a stock of goods of his brothers, Edmund and Martin L., who had opened the first store in the town. He entered upon his career as business merchant, which he has since followed successfully, building up a good business.

Mr. Sparr was appointed Postmaster in the fall of 1886, a position which he still holds and in which he has given general satisfaction. In the fall of 1887 he was elected Township Assessor, and has since been annually re-elected. In the meantime he has served as Clerk of the School Board and is the only Notary Public in Millerton, having held this office since November, 1885. He has also served as Township Clerk. Every movement calculated to advance the welfare of the place has been warmly seconded by Mr. Sparr, who may be looked upon as decidedly one of the city fathers.

Mr. Sparr remained a bachelor until twenty-eight years old and then took unto himself a wife and helpmate, Miss Mary F. Martin, to whom he was wedded April 25, 1888. This lady was born in Jasper County, Mo., and was the daughter of

Joshua and Sarah (Vance) Martin. Mr. Martin was a staunch Union man during the war and was a man who was highly respected in his community. He was shot and instantly killed by bushwhackers July 29, 1863, at his home in Joplin, Mo. These bushwhackers claimed to be Union men and accused Mr. Martin of secretly working in behalf of the rebel army. It was confidently believed, however, that they were rebels and accomplished his death to effect their purpose. Prior to this they had burned his house with the most of its contents, together with his barn, granary, corn cribs and all the buildings on the farm with the outstanding grain. Mrs. Martin was compelled to flee for her life on foot, as her teams and stock were also driven off, she being thus left without means or resources of any kind. Upon one occasion her thirteen-year-old son, who had gone to mill with an ox-team, was waylaid by the outlaws and the wagon and team taken from him, he being compelled to walk home. The Martin family were not by any means the only sufferers from marauders in that region, as Unionists generally were treated in the same manner by the rebel element.

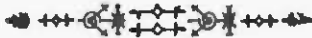
Mrs. Martin spent the winter of 1863-64 in Carthage, Mo., and the following spring came with her family of eight children to Kansas, traveling from Ft. Scott with a freighting train. (Her two younger children, twins, were born in September, 1863, a short time after the death of their father). She was destitute of money, but having extended much kindness to a sick soldier in Missouri, the United States supply train men on this account assisted her in getting to Kansas, providing all the necessities for her and her children on the journey to Ft. Scott, and at that point hired a team by which she was conveyed to Lawrence, in the vicinity of which she had a brother living. The latter was unable to go down to Carthage after her because it was dangerous for a Northern man to visit that region.

Mrs. Martin lived for a time in Douglas County, this State, until one of her sons, Joseph, came to Illinois Township, this county, and took up a claim, after which she joined him. Four of her children are now residents of this county, and she makes her home among them. Joshua Martin was a prominent

member of the Baptist Church, in which he officiated as Deacon. He was born in Kentucky and went to Missouri with his parents when a mere boy. He was first married to Miss Elizabeth Edwards, who bore him eight children and died in Joplin.

The mother of Mrs. Sparr was a widow when she married Mr. Martin, her first husband having been Isaac N. Thompson, who died in 1860, while on his way to California, leaving two children.

There have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Sparr five children, viz: Luther L., Ernest E., Albert D., Milson V. and Zora Q. They are all living at home. Mr. and Mrs. Sparr, as may be supposed, enjoy the esteem and confidence of a host of friends. Beside his village and farm property Mr. Sparr has a business house at Conway Springs, a part of which is occupied as the post-office. For four years he conducted a store on his farm, abandoning it when the railroad was built and the station located at Millerton.



SAMUEL F. CLINARD. This gentleman is numbered among the old settlers of Sumner County, and is well known as an enterprising and progressive farmer, a reliable citizen, and a man of upright life and character. His attractive farm consists of three hundred and twenty acres on sections 17 and 8, Greene Township, and is a productive and valuable estate.

Mr. Clinard was born in Clermont County, Ohio, March 22, 1844, and is a son of Henry and Sarah (Ferguson) Clinard. The parents removed to Pettis County, Mo., when our subject was about five years old, and in that and Saline Counties he grew to manhood. The father was a blacksmith and gave his son every advantage possible in the way of acquiring an education. The young man attended Jones Commercial Academy at St. Louis about six months, and also attended the Missouri State Normal School at Kirksville, for more than half a year. He adopted the profession of a teacher, and for seven or eight years was engaged in pedagogical labors in Pettis and Saline Counties, proving his efficiency in the school room, and sow-

ing seed which would develop and bring forth fruits of usefulness in the lives of his pupils long after he had left their midst.

In the summer of 1876, Mr. Clinard came to this county and pre-empted one hundred and sixty acres on section 17. Immediately beginning work upon the same, which is now in a fine state of productiveness and improvement. Since settling here Mr. Clinard has given his attention almost wholly to farming and stock-raising, and is demonstrating the fact that book lore is not incompatible with success in the more mechanical employments, when practical common sense and good judgment are brought to bear with one's theoretical knowledge. He has added to his landed estate since his first settlement, now holding the amount mentioned at the beginning of this article, the whole comprising a home with which any man might well be pleased.

In Saline County, Mo., February 27, 1879, Mr. Clinard was united in marriage with Mrs. Magdaline (Carman) Stanley, who was born in Ross County, Ohio, December 26, 1845, and who is an educated woman, of noble Christian character, and one who in every department of life is faithful and efficient in the discharge of her duties, so letting her light shine in the midst of her associates. Mrs. Clinard is a daughter of John and Susannah (DeHaven) Carman, and at the date of her marriage with our subject was the widow of Winfield S. Stanley, who died in Saline County, Mo., February 11, 1876. By her first marriage she became the mother of two children, Frank M. and Mattie E. To herself and Mr. Clinard three children have come: Pearlie M., now brightening their fireside, while John H. and Rhoda were taken from them in their infancy.

In the spring of 1880, Mr. Clinard was elected Trustee of Greene Township, being the first incumbent of that office, a position which he held for five consecutive years. He has also held some of the school offices, and in every position manifests an intelligent understanding of the duties accruing to it and an earnest determination to fulfill them to the best of his ability. In politics he favors the principles of the Democracy and therefore supports them with his vote. He belongs to the Farmers' Alliance. Both himself and wife are professing

Christians, the one being a member of the Baptist and the other of the Methodist Church, and both having high standing in their respective denominations.



ROSTIEN L. WRIGHT. No citizen of South Haven is held in higher respect than the subject of this notice, who was one of the first men upon the ground after the laying out of the town and had the honor of serving as the first City Treasurer. He is at present engaged in the grocery business, including cigars, tobacco and confectionery, and by his straightforward method of dealing with his fellow-citizens, has earned their confidence and esteem as well as a substantial patronage.

Mr. Wright was born in Montgomery County, Ohio, February 9, 1850, and spent his early years in Springfield, Yellow Springs and Dayton, that State. His father, Isaac K. Wright, a native of Philadelphia, Pa., was engaged during his later years as a merchant tailor, and died at Philadelphia in 1868. His mother bore the maiden name of Mitchell and is now living in Cowley County, Kan.

Mr. Wright after reaching his majority, came, in October, 1871, across the Mississippi, joining a corps of men who had been appointed to survey the Indian Territory. He operated with them two years and at the expiration of this time, located on a pre-emption claim at a time when few white settlers had come to this section and when buffalo and other wild animals roamed at will over the country. Erecting a frame house, young Wright thereafter lived by himself for about ten years, carrying on farming and keeping bachelor's hall. He had a dairy of from ten to twenty cows, from which he manufactured quantities of butter. He hired men to assist him in his farm operations, doing the cooking for the whole crowd, and afterward occupied for some time an old log building that had formerly been utilized as a trading post.

Finally, however, realizing the fact that it was not good for man to be alone, Mr. Wright, in September, 1881, was wedded in Cowley County,

this State, to Miss Lydia A., daughter of N. C. and Margaret (Raszell) Heizer. This lady was born in Fayette County, Ind., in 1852, of parents who were natives of Indiana and who are now living in Sumner County. Mr. and Mrs. Wright remained on the farm in Cowley County until the spring of 1885, then Mr. Wright purchasing a farm in Guelph Township, this county, removed to it, living there until February, 1887. His next removal was to the embryo town of South Haven. Here he associated himself with a partner, J. M. Johnson, and they engaged in the dry-goods and grocery business. In April following Mr. Wright established a new grocery store by himself, which he has since successfully conducted. There have been born to him and his estimable wife two children: Maggie E. and Carrie C. Mr. and Mrs. Wright are actively connected with the Methodist Episcopal Church.

The parents of Mrs. Wright came to Kansas in 1877, settling first in Cowley County and later, removed to South Haven Township, this county. Mr. Heizer was born in Fayette County, Ind., and his wife was a native of Decatur County, that State. The latter with her parents, Nehemiah and Nancy A. (Wherrett) Raszell removed to Fayette County where she was reared, and where her parents spent the remainder of their lives.



ALBERT M. COLSON, President of the Citizen's Bank of Caldwell, is also extensively engaged as a dealer in live stock and is one of the leading men of Southern Kansas. By a course of industry and prudence, he has become independent, financially, while his genial and companionable temperament draws around him friends wherever he goes. He is a gentleman of fine business abilities, and enjoys the distinction of being one of the first settlers of Sumner County. A native of Eaton, Madison County, N. Y., he was born March 13, 1843, and is the son of Brackley and Susan (Salter) Colson.

Brackley Colson was a native of Connecticut,

and a hatter by trade, at which he worked the greater part of his life. He accumulated considerable means and lived to a ripe old age, dying in 1885, after having passed his ninety-second year. The wife and mother was born in Massachusetts and outlived her husband one month only, dying in 1885 at the age of eighty-seven years. Their married life had embraced the long period of sixty-seven years. There were born unto them nine children of whom Albert M. was the youngest.

Mr. Colson was reared in his native town, receiving such advantages as were afforded by the common school. He was variously employed until the outbreak of the Civil War, then enlisted as a private in Company C, Ninety-first New York Infantry, which was first assigned to the Department of the Gulf and later went with the Fifth Army Corps under the command of Gen. Warren. After a faithful service of four years, during which he shared with his comrades the various dangers and hardships in the army, Mr. Colson received his honorable discharge in July, 1865. Soon afterward he emigrated to the Pacific Coast, following various pursuits for a number of years. We find him first in Kansas in 1870, locating in this county, of which he has since been a continuous resident. He arrived here prior to its organization and upon this important occasion was elected Superintendent of Public Instruction. He soon took up his residence in Caldwell and in due time became a member of the City Council and finally the Mayor. He has watched the growth and development of the town with unabated interest, and has contributed his full quota toward bringing it to its present condition.

In 1887 in company with other leading residents of Caldwell, Mr. Colson assisted in organizing the Citizens Bank, of which he was elected President, a position which he has since held with credit to himself and satisfaction to all concerned. He came to the Sunflower State poor in purse, and has had no assistance from any one, financially. By industry and good management, he has accumulated a comfortable property, including considerable real estate in this county, besides the Southwestern Hotel at Caldwell. He has for some years dealt

considerably in live stock, realizing ample returns therefrom. He cast his first Presidential vote for Lincoln and remains a loyal adherent of the Republican party. He is a Mason in good standing and Commander of Upton Post, No. 27, G. A. R. at Caldwell. He is also a K. of P., Uniform Rank. Mr. Colson was first wedded in 1874, to Miss Mary Goldey of Milan, this State. This lady was born in Iowa and after becoming the mother of one child, a daughter, Fawnie, died at their home in Caldwell in 1879. The following year Mr. Colson contracted a second marriage with Mrs. Mary J. Garetson. Mrs. Mary Colson was born in Litchfield, Ill., April 11, 1853. Of her first marriage there was born two children, a daughter, Katie and son Charlie who died July 14, 1877. The Colson residence is pleasantly located in the north part of the city and is the frequent resort of its most intelligent and cultured people.



MRS. MARGARET E. CAPPS. One of the finest farms in Belle Plaine Township belongs to the lady with whose name we introduce this sketch and embraces two hundred and forty acres of well-developed land on sections 1 and 12. It is embellished with good buildings with fruit and shade trees and is supplied with the most approved machinery for the successful prosecution of agriculture. Mrs. Capps is a lady of more than ordinary intelligence and fine business capacities and manages her property with rare good judgment. Socially, she occupies a leading position in her community.

Mrs. Capps was born in Sangamon County, Ill., September 2, 1848, and is the daughter of James P. and America (Morris) Hilyard, who were natives of Virginia. Mr. Hilyard removed from the Old Dominion with his parents when a small boy to Sangamon County, Ill., they locating among its earliest pioneers. His wife, America, also came to that region with her parents when a young girl. They lived there for some time after their marriage, Mr. Hilyard engaging in agricultural pursuits. In the meantime he served as a soldier during the

war with Mexico and afterward removed from Sangamon to Macon County, where he made his home four years.

Mr. Hilyard came to Kansas in 1870, taking up his abode in Greenwood County. The parental household consisted of fourteen children of whom Margaret E. was the fourth in order of birth. She was a maiden of seventeen years when the family removed to Macon County and she was there married November 21, 1867, to Ephraim James. Mr. James was born near Columbus, Ohio, March 19, 1837, and became a resident of Macon County, Ill. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. James continued to live there until their removal to Kansas in 1874. They settled in Belle Plaine Township, Mr. James purchasing six hundred and fifty acres of land upon which he engaged quite extensively in farming until the illness which resulted in his death, April 11, 1884.

To Mr. and Mrs. James there was born a family of eight children, the eldest of whom, a daughter, Laura J., is the wife of O. C. Watson of Belle Plaine; William lives in Belle Plaine Township; Yowell died when one year old; Emma, Elmer, Albert, George and Sybil, remain at home with their mother. Mrs. Margaret E. James was a second time married April 19, 1888, to E. S. Capps, a native of Illinois and of English parentage.

In religious belief Mrs. Capps is a Universalist, as was also her first husband. Mr. James was an intelligent man and took a warm interest in educational affairs.



THOMAS R. MORDY. Among the residents of Sumner County, who claim English birth and parentage, this gentleman is numbered. As a successful agriculturalist, an early settler and a prominent citizen, he well deserves notice in a volume of this character. He now resides on a farm in Belle Plaine Township, which from an eighty-acre tract, he has increased two-fold, besides redeeming the soil from its primitive condition and erecting substantial buildings on the homestead. He is identified with all important movements in the history of the township,

and is a member of the Subordinate Lodge of I. O. O. F. at Belle Plaine, also of the Encampment at Mulvane, being a charter member of both organizations. Politically, he supports the principles of the Republican party, and is at present serving his third term as Treasurer of the Twenty-fourth School District.

Durham County, England, was the native place of our subject, and the date of his birth February 13, 1845. He was the youngest son born to John and Dorothy (Robson) Mordy, who were born in England, and after passing their entire lives on its soil, also passed to rest there. Our subject's education has been principally self-obtained, as in his youth he had very limited advantages. He was reared in his native county, and until the age of seventeen years, remained under the parental roof. Then, commencing for himself, he worked in the Durham County coal mines until he resolved to come to America.

Taking passage in the steamer "Louisiana," which sailed from the port of Liverpool April 26, 1864, Mr. Mordy arrived in New York City on the 11th of May. Thence he went to Pennsylvania and worked in coal mines, principally in Schuylkill County. He was there during the Mollie McGuire period, but in the spring of 1866 removed to Tuscarawas County, Ohio, whence, after spending a short time engaged in digging coal and farming, he returned to Pennsylvania. He once again sought the Buckeye State, where he was united in marriage August 22, 1867, with Emma Beberly, who was born in Germany July 10, 1844 and was the daughter of Charles and Theresa Beberly. When about two years of age she came with her mother to the United States.

Mr. and Mrs. Mordy have a family of bright and intelligent children, five in number. The eldest, James, is deceased. Cora, Thomas, Simon, John and Vivian are at home and are receiving good educational advantages. In January, 1878, Mr. Mordy, with his wife and children, came from their home in the Buckeye State to Sumner County, Kan., having in the former place traded a horse and buggy and seventy bushels of corn, for the eighty-acre farm where they now live. This land was practically unimproved, when he settled on it,

being in about the same condition left by the Indians. It required many years to bring the farm up to its present high state of cultivation, while prudent economy enabled him to purchase another eighty acres. Upon coming to the Sunflower State he had \$6 ahead. His present prosperity is due in no small measure to the assistance he has received from his wife, who has been his helpmate and counselor for years. He has witnessed the gradual development of the county and has contributed his share to the same. His farm is a monument to his industry, and is being subjected to constant improvements.



CAPT. GEORGE D. ARMSTRONG. This gentleman first set foot upon the soil of Kansas during the early settlement of this county, when the land now lying within its limits was the property of Uncle Sam and when few settlers had ventured into this region. He landed here in June, 1871, and at once entered a claim to the northeast quarter of section 33, in what is now Avon Township, filing his claim in the Land Office at Wichita. He was not then married and did not build upon his land until the following year, when he put up a solid oak frame house which thereafter remained his residence until 1879. Then selling out, he purchased his present farm, which occupies the southeast quarter of section 3, Jackson Township. Here he has erected a set of frame buildings, has gotten together the requisite farm machinery, planted a large variety of fruit trees and surrounded his dwelling with shade and ornamental trees. His property is now numbered among the attractive rural homes of the county where is indicated in a marked manner the enterprise of the proprietor, his industry as an agriculturist and his worth as a member of the community.

Mr. Armstrong was born a little over fifty years ago, December 3, 1839, in Shelby County, Ohio, where he spent the first ten years of his life and then removed with his parents to Illinois. He was a young man approaching the twenty-second year

of his age at the outbreak of the Civil War and that same year, in October, 1861, proffered his services to assist in the preservation of the Union, enlisting in Company F, Fifty-ninth Illinois Infantry. A few months later, however, in April, 1862, he was obliged to accept his discharge on account of disability. Upon recovering from his ailment, however, he in July following, re-enlisted in Company B, Ninety-seventh Illinois Infantry and had the satisfaction of serving until the enemies of the Government had been subjugated. He participated in many of the important battles of the war, meeting the enemy at Pea Ridge, Chickasaw Bluffs, the siege of Vicksburg, Port Gibson, Raymond, Champion Hills, Black River Bridge, Ft. Blakely and other minor engagements. After the close of the war he received his honorable discharge and was mustered out at Galveston, Tex.

At the second enlistment of Mr. Armstrong in the army, he was mustered in as private and later for gallant and meritorious conduct on the field, was promoted through the different grades and finally was given a Captain's commission. He justly looks upon that period of his life as something to be proud of. In August, 1865, Mr. Armstrong returned to Illinois and in connection with farming, worked at the trade of a plasterer, which he had learned prior to entering the army. He sojourned in Coles County until 1870 and spent the following year in California. In 1871 he came to Kansas.

Mr. Armstrong found a wife and helpmate in this county, having been married October 13, 1872, to Miss Sarah A. Gregson. Mrs. Armstrong is a native of Indiana and the daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Montgomery) Gregson, who came to this county at an early day, settling in Avon Township; they are now residing in Avon. Of the seven children born to the Captain and his excellent lady, three died in infancy. The survivors are Irving, Albert, Minnie and Edwin. Since coming to this county Mr. Armstrong has identified himself with its most important interests, especially in the rural districts and among the fruit growers. He is a leading member of the State and Sumner County Horticultural Societies and belongs to the Southern Kansas Farmers' Alliance. James Shields

Post, No. 57, G. A. R. recognizes Capt. Armstrong as one of its most worthy members. He and his estimable wife are prominently connected with the Methodist Episcopal Church.

The immediate progenitor of Capt. Armstrong was John S. Armstrong, who was born September 30, 1806, in Gallia County, Ohio. The paternal grandfather, Andrew Armstrong, a native of Mifflin County, Pa., was born March 11, 1777, and was reared in his native county. He emigrated to Ohio during the early settlement of the State and was married in Gallia County, October 4, 1803, to Miss Susan Snider. Grandmother Armstrong was born in North Carolina June 18, 1779. Her father, John Snider, was born in September, 1751, in North Carolina and removed to Ohio during the pioneer days of Gallia County, where he constructed a home in the wilderness and spent his last years.

Andrew Armstrong after his removal to Ohio sojourned a few years in Gallia County, then removed to Clark County and finally to Shelby County. In the latter he entered a tract of heavily timbered land from which he cleared a farm and there resided until his death on the 25th of March, 1840. His wife had died in Clark County, August 24, 1817. Their son, John S., the father of our subject, when becoming his own man, took up his abode in Miami County where he sojourned a few years, but about 1845, settled in Logan County. There he proceeded as had his father and grandfather before him, purchasing a tract of timber land and constructing a farm. Upon this, however, a few acres had been cleared and there had been erected a double log house. This was long before the days of railroads in that region and for some years thereafter the town of Sidney, twenty-five miles away, was the nearest market and trading point. Upon the building of the first railroad, John Armstrong secured the contract to supply the timber for one mile of the road. Much more lumber was then employed in the construction of a track than is now used, heavy timbers then being laid lengthwise the road bed, the cross ties being laid upon them and upon these another layer of lengthwise timbers upon which were spiked the iron rails. Father Armstrong cleared considerable of his land, residing there until about 1851.

In the above-mentioned year the father of our subject, selling out his interest in the Buckeye State, started overland for Illinois with teams. He was accompanied by his wife and seven children, and upon arriving in Cumberland County purchased a tract of land in Long Point Precinct, comprising one hundred and sixty acres of timber and the same of prairie. The latter embraced a part of what was known as Parker's Prairie. A hewed log house was put up, the first ever built in that region. No railroads were made in Illinois for several years thereafter and Terre Haute, forty miles distant, was the nearest market, milling place and depot for supplies. Deer were plentiful and the Armstrongs could often see droves of them passing not very far from their own doorway. They lived there until 1863, then the father, selling out once more, changed his abode to Coles County, purchasing a farm six miles southeast of Mattoon. In 1871 he made another removal, selling out again and settling in Bond County, purchasing an improved farm near Greenville. There John Armstrong spent his last years, dying on the 20th of June, 1880.

The mother of Mr. Armstrong of this sketch bore the maiden name of Priscilla Dye. She was born in Miami County, Ohio, July 12, 1818, and was the daughter of John Minor Dye who was born August 24, 1773, and was one of the earliest pioneers of Miami County. He was a man of great industry and perseverance and improved a large farm from the wilderness near which the city of Troy afterward grew up. There he spent his remaining days, passing away April 1, 1842, at the age of sixty-nine years. He was married to Elizabeth Clyne who was born in June, 1775, and died January 5, 1852.

Mrs. Priscilla (Dye) Armstrong departed this life at her home in Bond County, Ill., March 31, 1879. To her and her husband was born a family of twelve children, two of whom, James and Samuel died young. They were named respectively: Andrew M., James, George D., Elizabeth A., John C., Henry C., Charles M., Priscilla, T. Alexander, Mary E., Samuel S., and Walter Grant.

Joseph Gregson, Mrs. Armstrong's father, was born in Indiana in 1828, and was married June 4,

1854, to Miss Elizabeth Montgomery, who was born in Ohio in 1836. Of this union there were born eight children, as follows: Sarah A., Mary C., William C., Joseph F., Carrie E., Alvin W., Commodore P., Lee W. All of these are living.



JOSEPH THEW, one of the early settlers of Oxford, came to this county before the railroad was built through, and purchased a farm of one hundred and sixty acres, adjoining the village of Oxford on the west. With the exception of the soil having been broken, no improvements whatever had been made on the place, but going at once to work, our subject planted out an orchard, erected a good residence, setting out a grove and in other ways improved the farm.

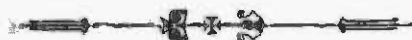
Upon coming to Kansas, Joseph Thew was accompanied by his wife, whose maiden name was Mary Hayward, and who was born in England May 20, 1824. When four years of age she accompanied her parents to the United States, and settled with them in Pennsylvania. Her father, Isaac Hayward, was a farmer by occupation. Her mother, Ann Shepard, was also a native of England. Later the family removed to Ohio, where Mary met and married Joseph Thew, the wedding being celebrated December 20, 1843. The father afterward located near Ft. Wayne, Ind., and lived there until his death in 1881, and after a residence in the Hoosier State of about twenty years.

Mrs. Thew first began housekeeping in Marion County, Ohio, where her husband was engaged in the shoe business and where their children were born. They were six in number and are all living, and named respectively: Olive Ann, J. Wesley, Francis, Ella, A. Lizzie and William. Mr. and Mrs. Thew removed to Indiana when their youngest son William was eighteen months old. After a short sojourn there they located in Noble County, the same State, where Mr. Thew continued in the same business as before. In that county they resided for eighteen years, coming thence to Kansas in 1877.

Having purchased his farm before coming to this State, Mr. Thew came directly here via the rail-

road to Wichita. He conveyed his lumber from the latter city and put up at the first good house in the country, and it is still in a good condition. He was not a politician, but was a member for many years of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He was born in England in 1819 and when six years of age with his father removed to Ohio, settling in Morrow County. His father, Richard Thew, there engaged as a farmer. Here our subject grew to manhood and lived until his marriage, which occurred as above stated, in 1848. He was one of the leading men of the township in which he resided, and highly spoken of by all who knew him. He died in Oxford after a long illness, January 8, 1883. Of his children, Olive married Albert Rice of this township, and has one child, Frank. J. W. married Miss Quintilla Flowers, by whom he has two children—Grace and Lenna. He lives in Oxford. F. H. married Emma Frink, and they have three children—Iva, Bessie and Bernie. Ella married D. F. Owens, of Dodge City, Kan. They have two children, Mabel and William. A. Lizzie married D. A. Griffith, now of Chicago. Their two children are Ethel and Mansure. William married Ann A. Gibbons, and has one child, Joseph. Mr. and Mrs. Thew lost two children, Ellen M. and Charles Wesley.

Mrs. Thew was again married in this township to William G. Lewis, who came to Kansas in the summer of 1877, settling at Belle Plaine, and there lived until coming to Oxford. He was born in 1837 in Pittsburg, Pa., where he lived until coming West and taking up a claim.



BENJAMIN F. HAMILTON, M. D., Coroner of Sumner County, and a leading physician and surgeon of Wellington, was first elected to his present office in November, 1887. He was re-elected in 1889, having filled the office most acceptably to the people. He located in Wellington, in the fall of 1884.

Dr. Hamilton was born near Mendon, Mercer County, Ohio, August 31, 1857, and there grew to mature years. He completed his education at Val-

paraiso, Ind., and subsequently taught school five years in Ohio, a part of which time he was Superintendent of the Mendon schools. In the meantime for three years he occupied his leisure hours in the reading of medicine and later placed himself under the instruction of Dr. J. B. Haines, of Mendon. When sufficiently prepared he took a course of lectures in the Ohio Medical College at Cincinnati, from which he was graduated in the class of 1883. He commenced the practice of his profession in his native place and in the fall of 1884, coming to Kansas, settled first at Millerton, Sumner County, whence in the spring of 1886 he removed to Wellington. He is now in the enjoyment of a lucrative business and is looked upon as a valuable member of the community. He has never sought office but keeps himself well posted in political affairs and gives his support to the Republican party.

Dr. Hamilton was married August 23, 1885 in Wellington, Kan., to Miss Luella Mann. Mrs. Hamilton was born in Shelby County, Ill., September 5, 1866, and is the daughter of John and Maggie Mann, who were natives of Illinois. Mr. Mann is at present engaged in the hardware business at Wellington. He came to Sumner County in 1881. To the Doctor and his estimable wife there have been born two children, only one of whom is living, a babe unnamed. Barrus F. died at the age of one year, three months and seventeen days. The father of our subject was Justin D. Hamilton, a native of Mercer County, Ohio, who married Eliza J. Snively. He was bred to farming pursuits and with his estimable wife occupies the old homestead where he was born.



ARMOUR C. LAMBE. In making notice of the men who came to this county during the period of its early settlement, the name of Mr. Lambe could by no means be properly omitted from the category. His career has been signalized by unflagging industry and a perseverance that was bound to overcome all obstacles. He met with the usual difficulties and drawbacks of life in a new country at a time

when a long journey was involved in going to market and mill, and when the country was poorly supplied with the facilities for either agriculture or any other industry. He not only watched the march of events with a warm interest and faith in the future of the Sunflower State, but in building up one of its most creditable homesteads has contributed his full quota to bring about the welfare and prosperity of his adopted county. He is now in possession of a well-tilled farm of one hundred and sixty acres, whereon he has effected good improvements and is in a condition to rest upon his oars.

Mr. Lambe, besides the property above mentioned, owns another body of land on section 23, the homestead proper lying on section 28, and both are largely devoted to stock-raising. His native place was County Tyrone, Ireland, and the date of his birth September 25, 1830. He lived there until a youth of sixteen years, attending the common schools and learning the art of agriculture as conducted in the Emerald Isle. When a youth of sixteen years, desirous of bettering his condition, and seeing little prospect of this upon his native soil, he set out with his father for America, settling in Clinton County, Ill. He lived there until a young man of twenty years, then emigrated to St. Louis, Mo., and for ten years thereafter had charge of an omnibus line. At the expiration of this time, tired of city life, he returned to Clinton County, Ill., and engaged in farming. He sojourned there until coming to Kansas in 1870. In this State he first took up his abode in Montgomery County, but only lived there about one year, removing the following spring to Sumner County. He pre-empted one hundred and sixty acres of land on section 28, where he established his abiding place and has since remained.

Mr. Lambe after coming to this State was married in Coffeyville, Montgomery County, April 21, 1871, to Miss Mary Sprout. The lady was born in Pike County, Ill., June 10, 1854. The result of this union was five children, who bear the names respectively of Charles B., William J., Nettie, Maggie and Armour C., Jr. Mr. Lambe was in St. Louis, Mo., during the progress of the Civil War, and was identified with the Home Guards.

Upon becoming a voting citizen, Mr. Lambe identified himself with the Democratic party, of which he has since been a uniform supporter. Recognizing his ability and sound sense, the Democrats of this county nominated him in 1881 to represent them in the State Legislature, and tendered him the same compliment in 1889. The party being in the minority, he was defeated with the balance of his ticket. He has officiated as Township Trustee and Justice of the Peace for a period of six years. Mr. and Mrs. Lambe are prominently identified with the Christian Church, in whose welfare and advancement they take an active interest.

The father of our subject was John Lambe, also a native of County Tyrone, Ireland, and a farmer by occupation. After coming to this country he prosecuted farming in Clinton County, Ill., where he died.



LEWIS A. SALTER. The legal profession of this county embraces many able men, and among them may be properly numbered Mr. Salter, who is a prominent citizen of Argonia, and in the enjoyment of a thriving business. He is a young man still, just having passed the thirty-second year of his age, having been born January 7, 1858. His native place was in the vicinity of Marshall, Calhoun County, Mich. His parents were Melville J. and Sarah Elizabeth (Hinkle) Salter, natives respectively of New York and Pennsylvania. The paternal grandfather, David N. Salter, was a native of Vermont, a farmer by occupation, and spent the closing years of his life in Michigan.

Melville J. Salter sought the State of Michigan in early manhood and was there married. He continued a resident of the State until February, 1871, coming then to Kansas and locating in Neosha County. Later he removed to Bourbon County, settling at Pawnee Station, where he now lives, engaged in the mercantile business with two of his sons. The latter and Lewis A. comprise the household circle. The elder Salter was Register of the United States Land Office at Independence for

about eight years, during which time the family lived at Independence. The father of our subject was elected Lieutenant-Governor in 1874, and again in 1876 of Kansas.

The subject of this sketch was the eldest born of his parents, and pursued his early studies in the common schools of his native township. After the removal of the family to Kansas, he entered the State Agricultural College at Manhattan, from which after a three years' course, he was graduated in 1879. Subsequently for two years he employed himself on his father's farm.

Our subject, Lewis A., subsequently removed to Cherry Vale and engaged in the hardware trade with Messrs. Carson & Baldwin. In 1882, he removed to Argonia and opened a hardware establishment with the same gentlemen, they operating under the firm name of Carson, Baldwin & Salter. A year later Messrs. Carson & Baldwin sold out their interest to Mr. O. Kinsey, and under the firm name of Salter & Kinsey the business was conducted until the fall of 1885. Mr. Salter then sold out and embarked in the real-estate and insurance business, in the meantime improving his leisure hours in the reading of law, and was admitted to the bar in 1887. He has been successful in both in his practice and his other interests, and is the owner of two hundred acres of valuable land, one and one half miles southwest of Argonia, where his residence now is.

The marriage of Lewis A. Salter and Miss Susannah M., daughter of Oliver and Terrissa A. Kinsey, occurred at Silver Lake, Shawnee County, this State, in September, 1880. Mrs. Salter was born in 1860, in Ohio, and was given a good education, developing at an early age uncommon brightness and intelligence. She is a lady who has read extensively and keeps herself well informed upon all the leading topics of the day. She sympathizes entirely with her husband in his political views, being with him a staunch Republican with prohibition tendencies. She became so thoroughly interested in the well-being of the city of Argonia that she was considered fully competent to stand at the head of the municipal affairs, and in the spring of 1887 was elected Mayor, serving her term of one year acceptably and with great credit. She was



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the first lady holding this position in the State of Kansas, and it was considered a great triumph for her sex, she receiving letters of congratulation from all over the world. Mr. Salter has always been an active politician, prominent in his party, and is frequently sent as a delegate to the county and State conventions. In Neosha County he was a member of the school board, and in (Sumner County) City Clerk and Notary Public. He was the Master Workman in the A. O. U. W., Argonia Lodge, No. 171, in which he has held many other offices. He and his estimable wife are members in good standing of the Baptist Church, in which Mr. Salter has officiated as clerk and trustee.

There have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Salter five interesting children, viz.: Clarence E., Francis Argonia, who was the first child born in the city; Winfred A., Melva Olive and Bertha Elizabeth.



SAMUEL BUTTERWORTH is one of the leading farmers of Oxford Township, where he owns a valuable farm of four hundred acres, his residence being on section 31. He was born in England, April 14, 1833, and when nine years of age was brought to the United States by his father, Goucher Butterworth, who settled in Pequanic, near Bridgeport, Conn., where he remained about four years. They then removed to Fall River, Mass., where our subject remained seven years, his next place of residence being Shirley, whence he came West to Illinois, settling on a farm in DeWitt County. The father left Massachusetts in 1849, and went to California, where he died.

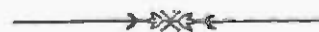
Samuel Butterworth, of whom we write, made his home in DeWitt County, Ill., until 1874, though he had spent some time in Canada. In that country, on March 16, 1874, he was united in marriage with Mrs. Mary E. Alyea, and came at once to this county, where he had purchased a farm a few months before. When Mr. Butterworth purchased the place it was in almost its primitive condition, and he has put upon it the fences and other

improvements that are expected of an enterprising farmer, and has so cultivated and conducted it that he now has one of the finest farms in the south-western part of the township.

Mrs. Butterworth was born in County Prince Edward, Canada, December 31, 1851, and is a daughter of James and Sarah (Abrams) Cummings. Her father was born in Ireland, and her mother in Rome, N. Y., their home after marriage being in Canada, where their daughter also resided until her marriage to her present husband. Mr. and Mrs. Butterworth have one son, James S. Sarah Alyea, the daughter of Mrs. Butterworth and her first husband, is now the wife of Charles Brant, of this township.

Until recently Mr. Butterworth belonged to the Republican party, but he is now in sympathy with free trade. He has been Trustee of the School District for four years, and his continuance in office is proof of his fitness for the position. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, while his wife belongs to the Friends' Church. Both receive their due measure of respect from their associates therein, as well as from the community in general.

A lithographic portrait of Mr. Butterworth may be found on another page of this volume.



LEWIS J. MATSON, the popular liveryman of Argonia, established himself at his present headquarters in August, 1889, with a fair outlook for the future. He is well-to-do, financially, owning a good farm in Morris Township, and may be properly classed among the leading citizens of his town. He was born March 26, 1844, in Ohio, and was the seventh in a family of nine children, the offspring of James and Mary (Kels) Matson, the former of whom departed this life at his home in Pennsylvania, in 1854, and the latter died in Nebraska, in 1881. Seven of their children are still living, located in Nebraska, Pennsylvania, and Kansas.

James Matson was one of the early pioneers of

the Buckeye State, whence he removed to New York State, sojourning there one year, and from there went to Bradford County, Pa. The parents were married in New York State. The mother was a native of Vermont, and descended from a substantial Dutch family, who settled in New Jersey.

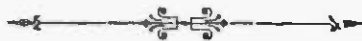
Young Matson commenced "paddling his own canoe" at the age of fifteen years. He worked on a farm and chopped cord wood until the outbreak of the Civil War, then made two separate attempts to enter the army, both of which were failures, because of his youth in one instance, and the negligence of a mustering officer in the other. In 1863, however, he succeeded in getting into the Pennsylvania State Militia, for a term of three months, and finally in September, 1864, he enlisted in Company K, Second New York Cavalry, as a recruit. This regiment operated in the Shenandoah Valley, and assisted in fighting the famous battle of Winchester the day before Mr. Matson joined it. He served under Gen. Phil Sheridan in the lamented Gen. Custer's Division, going on several scouting expeditions. He served under Custer until April, 1865, and in all the engagements under that dashing commander. At the battle of Five Forks he was wounded through the left knee by a minie ball. At the field hospital near Dinwiddie court house, he submitted to amputation of the left leg above the knee. He was then conveyed to City Point, thence to Harwood hospital near Washington, from there to Lincoln hospital at Washington, and thence back to Harwood, where he received his honorable discharge, September 2, 1865.

Returning now to Bradford County, Pa., Mr. Matson sojourned there one year, then selling his farm, removed to Muscatine, Iowa. He lived there on a farm one year, then changed his residence to Mercer County, Mo., where he remained ten years. During this time he took charge of a stock of tin-ware for another party, adding a stock of groceries himself, and carried on this business for some time, returning then to his farm.

In March, 1877, Mr. Matson first struck the soil of Kansas, and secured a tract of land on section 8, Morris Township, this county. He occupied this until August, 1889, then renting his farm, established himself in his present business in Argonia.

He was married on the 8th of January, 1864, to Miss Julia Ann, daughter of George and Eliza (Fox) Locke. Mr. Locke was a carpenter by trade, which he followed in Bradford County, Pa., until his death September 11, 1851. There were born to him and his excellent wife, three children, only one of whom is living, Mrs. Matson. She was born April 26, 1846, in Bradford County, Pa., and was left fatherless five years later, Mr. Locke dying in 1851. The mother subsequently married Isaiah Carr, and is now a resident of Kansas. Miss Julia Ann remained with her mother until her marriage, which took place in Bradford County, Pa. Seven children have been born of her union with our subject, five of whom are living. The eldest, George L., is operating his father's farm; Willis A. lives with his parents; Marian E. is the wife of Simon Dobson, and lives in Argonia; Elnora is the wife of Joseph Varner, and they also live on the home farm; Cora is with her parents. Mr. and Mrs. Matson belong to the Christian Advent Church, in which Mr. Matson is a Class Leader. He is also a Master Workman in the Ancient Order of United Workmen, a member of the Grange, and the Grand Army of the Republic, at Argonia, in the latter of which he has been surgeon and Senior Vice Commander. He votes the straight Republican ticket, although conservative in his ideas. He has officiated as Road Overseer in his district, and as a member of the school board.

The deceased children of Mr. and Mrs. Matson are: Harry, who died in Missouri when one year old, and Cecil Clay, who died at the home farm in this county in 1886, in his fourth year.



GALE S. DOWIS, general merchant, of Perth, established himself in business here in 1883, and by his good management and strict attention to business details, has built up a lucrative and steadily increasing patronage. He is a gentleman just past the fifty-fourth year of his age, having been born December 12, 1835, and his native place was the town of Barboursville, Ky. His an-

cestry from away back were Southerners. His father, Robert Dowis, was born in South Carolina, whence he emigrated to the Blue Grass State with his parents when a child. The family were among the earliest settlers of Knox County, where the father followed farming and died at the early age of forty-one years.

The paternal grandfather of our subject was also a native of South Carolina and lived to the advanced age of ninety years, spending his last days in Knox County, Ky. Robert Dowis was married in early manhood to Miss Nancy Steele, who was born in Virginia and who is now living in Knox County, Ky., at the age of eighty-eight years. She is a daughter of William and Annie Steele, who were likewise natives of the Old Dominion. To her and her husband were born a family of nine children, viz.: Martha, Helen, Jackson, Gale S., Jasper, Franklin, Elizabeth, Robert and Dallas.

The subject of this notice was the fourth child of his parents and was reared in his native county, although he attended school for a time in Tennessee. Upon approaching manhood he was occupied in various pursuits until the outbreak of the Civil War when, on the 20th of August, 1861, he enlisted as a soldier in the Union army, being then twenty-six years old. He was assigned to Company I, Seventh Kentucky Infantry, served as Sergeant until January, 1862, was then promoted to be Second Lieutenant and at the end of two months was again promoted to the rank of First Lieutenant, in which position he served until May, 1864, when he was promoted to the rank of Captain. He was discharged from the service on the 5th of October, 1864, by reason of the expiration of term of service. He participated in the siege of Vicksburg and various other engagements. After leaving the army he returned to his native county, sojourning there until 1865.

In the year above mentioned Mr. Dowis turned his face toward the country west of the Mississippi, removed to Jackson County, Mo., where he sojourned until 1883. In the meantime he was married, March 17, 1867, in Jackson County, to Miss Betty H. Dupuy. This lady was born in Shelby County, Ky., in 1845, and by her union with our subject became the mother of four children, viz:

Nellie, Cora, Robert and Albert. Robert died in infancy; Nellie is married and living in Guthrie, Oklahoma; Cora and Albert are at home. Mr. Dowis was not quite twenty-one years old upon the organization of the Republican party, but he endorsed its principles and has remained its loyal adherent.



JESSE A. BURNETTE, attorney-at-law in the city of Caldwell, and who is making for himself a good record among his brethren of the legal profession, is a gentleman still young in years, having been born May 26, 1859. His native place was Cocke County, Tenn., to which his father, James B. S. Burnette, removed in boyhood, living there until December, 1869. That year he set out for the Far West and located in Fremont County, Iowa, where he sojourned until 1874. He then removed to Atchison County, Mo., where he now resides. He was born in Buncomb County, N. C., in 1824, and has followed farming all his life. He served in the Confederate army during the late Civil War in an East Tennessee Regiment. Without making any great stir in the world, he has pursued the even tenor of his way as a peaceable and law-abiding citizen and is a member in good standing of the Baptist Church. The paternal grandfather of Mr. Burnette, William by name, was also a native of North Carolina and the son of a hero of the Revolution.

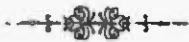
Mrs. Rebecca (Young) Burnette, the mother of our subject, was born in Cocke County, Tenn., of parents who were North Carolinians by birth. One of her grandfathers served in the Continental army and met his death on the battle-field at King's Mountain. Mrs. Burnette is sixty-three years old.

The parental family consisted of twelve children, of whom Jesse A. was the seventh in the order of birth. His boyhood days were spent in his native county until he was eleven years of age, when he accompanied his parents, first in their removal to Iowa and then to Missouri. He worked on a farm and attended the common schools until approaching manhood, then completed his education at

Amity College, College Springs, Iowa. He utilized the knowledge which he had acquired in teaching school and employed his spare moments in reading law. In the latter he made such good progress that in the spring of 1885 he was admitted to the bar in Atchison County, Mo.

Soon after entering the ranks of the legal profession young Burnette repaired to Mobeetie, the county-seat of Wheeler County, Tex., where he commenced the practice of his profession and taught school one year. At the expiration of this time, leaving the Lone Star State, he came to this county and located in Caldwell, opening an office, and has since given his attention to the duties of his profession. He has served as City Attorney three terms and is evidently on the highway to prosperity, being in the enjoyment of a lucrative practice and able from time to time to lay up something for a rainy day. He is a working member of the Republican party, and is identified with the Ancient Order of United Workmen and Modern Woodmen of America.

The marriage of Mr. Burnette with Miss Kate Pursel was celebrated at the bride's home in Atchison County, Mo., May 20, 1886. Mrs. Burnette was born in that county October 20, 1863, and is a daughter of Alex and Annie Pursel, who are now residents of Atchison County, Mo. Two daughters have been born of this union, named, respectively, Imogen and Emma.



NELSON SMITH. One of the finest stock farms in Jackson Township has been developed and improved by Mr. Smith and is eligibly located where it is amply watered by two branches of Shoo Fly Creek—this creek being fed by springs and during the coldest weather has never been known to have its current interrupted by the formation of ice. In the industry to which Mr. Smith devotes the most of his time and attention, he has been very successful and ships annually numbers of cattle and hogs.

A native of the Buckeye State, Mr. Smith was

born in Chillicothe, Ross County, March 7, 1833, and is the son of Jacob and Eliza (Hanes) Smith, the former a native of New York State and the latter of Ross County, Ohio. Jacob Smith, when a young man emigrated to Ohio and was there married. He purchased a tract of land near Delphi, Ross County, where he prosecuted farming until his death, in 1838. The mother had also died several years prior to the decease of her husband and the latter married a second time. Five children were subsequently cared for by the stepmother, who kept the family together about three years and then Nelson went to live with his guardian, David Holderman, a farmer of Ross County, Ohio. Grandfather Frederick Hanes was a native of Germany and emigrated to America when a young man, settling among the pioneers of Ross County, Ohio. He took up a tract of timber land from which he cleared a farm and there spent the remainder of his days.

Young Smith attended school a part of each year during his boyhood and the balance of the time worked on the farm with his guardian until fourteen years old. He then entered the employ of his brother-in-law, David Whetsel, with whom he remained for a period of seven years during which he was absent from his duties but three days. Mr. Whetsel was a stock dealer and there being no railroads young Smith assisted him in driving his cattle across the mountains to the Eastern markets. Upon one occasion he went to New York City with a drove of cattle. He had saved his earnings and when twenty-two years old had a snug little sum of money with which he went to Illinois and purchased land in Macon County, two and one-half miles from Decatur, the county seat. Mr. Smith resided in Illinois until 1877, then, selling out, came to Kansas locating in this county, when the nearest railroad station was at Wichita. He had visited this region previously and purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land on the southeast quarter of section 22, Jackson Township. There were fifteen acres broken, but no buildings. Mr. Smith rented a house near by in which he resided with his family one and one-half years, then put up a dwelling on his own land, which he has since occupied. As his capital increased, being prospered in

his labors, he added to his landed possessions and is now the owner of three hundred and twenty acres, all fenced and improved with modern buildings. He is now enjoying the fruits of his industry and feels well repaid for the toils and sacrifices which he endured when settling upon what was very nearly approaching the frontier.

The marriage of Nelson Smith and Miss Susanna May was celebrated at the bride's home in Ross County, Ohio, September 6, 1855. Their union has been blest by the birth of five children: Frank, Beman, Chancey, Maggie and Clara. Mrs. Smith was born in Green Township, Ross County, Ohio, and is the daughter of Francis and Barbara (Betzer) May, who were likewise natives of Ross County, Ohio. It is believed that the paternal grandfather, George May, was born in Germany and if so, he emigrated to America at a very early day and was reared in Pennsylvania. He was among the earliest pioneers of Ross County, where he cleared a farm and spent the remainder of his life. Francis May was reared in his native county where, upon reaching man's estate he purchased an improved farm, which he lived upon until 1858. Then removing to Macon County, Ill., he settled in Decatur where he resided until his death, about 1887. The mother of Mrs. Smith was the daughter of William Betzer, a native of Pennsylvania and of German ancestry. He likewise was a pioneer of Ross County, Ohio, and died there. His daughter, Barbara, was taught in her girlhood to card wool and flax, also to spin and weave and made her home with her parents until her marriage. She spent her last days in Decatur, Ill., passing away prior to the decease of her husband. Mrs. Smith remained with her parents until her marriage.



IRA M. VICKERY. In noting the leading farmers and stock-raisers of Walton Township, Mr. Vickery is deserving of special mention. He has by a course of plodding industry and good management become one of the leading land-owners of this section, holding the warranty deeds to

eight hundred acres lying in the counties of Cowley and Sumner, his residence being on the Indian Territory line. He came to this county in 1883 and commenced operations upon his present estate, which has yielded bountiful returns, rendering the owner practically independent.

The subject of this sketch was born in Oswego County, N. Y., November 2, 1838, and is the son of William and Hannah L. (Manwarren) Vickery, both also natives of the Empire State and the latter born in Oswego County. William Vickery lived in that county from a child of four years, until 1857, when he set out for the far West, settling in Doniphan County in 1858, before Kansas was admitted into the Union as a State. Taking up land, he prosecuted farming successfully, becoming well-to-do and leaving an estate valued at \$10,000. His death took place in 1865 when he was sixty-two years old. He was for many years a member of the Christian Church.

The mother of our subject was born in 1816 and is still living, making her home with our subject. Her father, John Manwarren, likewise a native of New York State, served as a soldier in the War of 1812, and his father, carried a musket on behalf of the Colonists in the Revolutionary War. To William and Hannah Vickery there was born a family of eight children, namely: Fanny L., Ira M., William M., Lucy A., Hannah A., William E., Lillie H. and Frank. Four of these are living and located in Colorado and Kansas.

The subject of this sketch was the second child of his parents and was reared on the farm in Oswego County, N. Y. He attended the common schools and later Falley Seminary, and at an early age was trained to those habits of industry and frugality which have probably been the secret of his success in life. He came to Kansas Territory with the family in 1857, working still with his father until after the outbreak of the Civil War. That same year he joined the army, enlisting as a private in Company A, Seventh Kansas Cavalry, and served with the Sixteenth Army Corps in Missouri, Arkansas, Tennessee, Kentucky, Alabama and Mississippi. He maintained his position in the ranks until the close of the conflict, escaping wounds and imprisonment and received his honor-

able discharge at Ironton, Mo., July 20, 1865, on account of disabilities from a horse falling on him.

After retiring from the service Mr. Vickery returned to Doniphan County, this State, remaining there until removing to his present homestead. He gives his entire attention to farming and stock-raising. Aside from his membership with the Church of God, he is not identified with any organization, social, religious or political, not even casting his vote for President. On the 30th of January, 1866, Mr. Vickery was united in marriage with Miss Georgia A. Smith. This lady was born in Randolph County, Ala., in 1847, and is the daughter of David D. and Sarah H. (Thrasher) Smith of that State. Mr. Vickery formed the acquaintance of his wife in Alabama during the war. There have been born to them six children, viz.: Clara J., Minnie L., Ivan W., Willic M., Jesse A. and Nannie E. Clara J. and Jesse A. died at the ages of three years and fourteen months respectively.



IRA T. GABBERT, M. D., one of the ablest physicians and surgeons of Caldwell, aside from occupying a high position in the medical profession, is also numbered among the business men of this place. He is intelligent and progressive in his ideas, a man who keeps himself thoroughly posted upon leading events and for whom is predicted a career of more than ordinary success. He was born December 3, 1852, in the town of Weston, Platte County, Mo., and is the son of William and Frances (Hamner) Gabbert. William Gabbert was born in Warren County, Ky., about 1816.

The father of our subject when a young man removed to Southern Indiana, sojourning there until about 1840. Thence he emigrated across the Mississippi to Platte County, Mo., where he still resides. He has followed agricultural pursuits the most of his life, accumulating a large property, and is now retired from active labor, with the exception of occupying himself as a money-loaner. He is an active member of the Christian Church, contributing liberally of his means to further the cause of

the Master. Politically, he is a sound Republican and socially, belongs to the Free and Accepted Masons and Modern Woodmen of America, of which he is Examining Physician.

Mrs. Frances (Hamner) Gabbert, the mother of our subject was born in Virginia about 1818, and is still living. The parental family included eight children, Ira T. being the fifth in order of birth. He was reared in his native town, receiving a collegiate education. In 1878 he began reading medicine under the instruction of Dr. J. W. Martin, of Weston and subsequently attended three courses of lectures in Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, from which in 1882, he was graduated with high honors. He began the practice of his profession in Kansas City, Mo., but a year later came to this county, establishing himself in Caldwell of which he has since been a resident. His close attention to business gained him the esteem and confidence of his fellow-citizens and he soon found himself in the midst of a lucrative business. In addition to this he conducts a thriving drug store, of which he became part owner in 1886 and sole proprietor in the spring of 1889. He has also dealt largely in real estate. As a member of the Knights of Pythias he has taken the Uniformed Rank degree, and in politics is a straight Republican.

Dr. Gabbert was married in Gap, Lancaster County, Pa., October 2, 1889, to Miss Elizabeth Slaymaker. This lady was born in Lancaster County, Pa., in 1860 and is the daughter of John and Elizabeth Slaymaker, who were likewise natives of the Keystone State and the mother is still living at Gap, Pa. The father died at Williamstown about 1875.



JOSEPH M. JOHNSON, a prominent citizen of Creek Township, is the proprietor of one of the finest homes within its limits, and is apparently surrounded with all the good things of life. He has been more than ordinarily successful as an agriculturist, and is considerably interested in sheep-raising, an industry which he believes is far too much neglected among the fertile

districts of the Sunflower State. The career of Mr. Johnson has been eminently creditable to him as a man and a citizen, but that perhaps upon which he prides himself most is the fact that during the late Civil War he was a brave and gallant soldier of the Union Army. In viewing the wealth and prosperity of this great country, he justly feels that he was one of the humble instruments in preserving to her her continued prosperity and standing among the nations.

Coming of substantial Pennsylvania stock, Mr. Johnson was himself a native of the Keystone State, and born in Fayette County, December 21, 1832. He acquired a practical education in the common-schools, and at an early age developed the independence of character which has made him a successful man in life. He left home before reaching his majority, emigrating to Delaware County, Iowa, and was there employed on a farm the greater part of the year. He then returned to his native State, sojourning there and engaging in farming mostly until 1858. He had, however, learned the tanner's trade, at which he worked a part of the time. During the year last mentioned, he went to LaSalle County, Ill., but in 1859, returned to Pennsylvania, remaining there until after the outbreak of the Civil War.

On the 27th of August, 1861, Mr. Johnson signaled his patriotism by enlisting as a Union soldier in Company I, Eighty-fifth Pennsylvania Infantry. When the organization of the regiment was completed, the "boys in blue" were sent to Washington City and attached to the Army of the Potomac, which was then under the command of Gen. McClellan. Mr. Johnson took part in the battle of Williamsburg, the siege of Yorktown and the fights at Savage Station, Seven Pines, Jones' Ford and Black Water. Later, in North Carolina, he met the enemy at Southwest Creek, Kniston, Whitehall, Goldsboro, the sieges of Morris Island and Fts. Wagner and Gregg, and was at White Marsh Island in Ga., Gloucester Point, Va., Bermuda Hundred and in the skirmish near the Richmond & Petersburg Railroad.

At Richmond, Mr. Johnson was wounded in the thigh by a minie ball, and sent to the general hospital at Fortress Monroe. On the 30th of

August, 1863, he was wounded in the face and breast by a shell, one piece of which he still carries in his breast. He entered the service as a private, and was first promoted to Orderly Sergeant. On the 4th of March, 1863, he was tendered the commission of Second Lieutenant. After his wounds were healed, he returned to his regiment and served the balance of his time in the army as Regimental Quartermaster. He was given an honorable discharge November 22, 1864.

Returning now to Pennsylvania, Mr. Johnson sojourned there until 1869. That year he came to this State, settling first on a farm in Waubensee Township. In 1871 he came to this county, locating first in Palestine Township, where he lived eight years. His next removal, in 1879, was to Creek Township, of which he has since remained a resident. His farm embraces two hundred acres of thoroughly-cultivated land with all the modern improvements. The residence, a well-built and convenient structure, was erected in 1885. Mr. Johnson has given considerable attention to fruit growing, having an orchard of 80 apple trees, 50 cherry trees, 30 pears, and 1,000 peach trees, besides the smaller fruits, and he gives considerable attention to stock-raising.

Mr. Johnson was first married November 10, 1853, to Miss Margaret Diamond, and there were born to them three children, only two of whom are living. The daughter, Catherine Jane, is the wife of Frederick Rinchart, of Springdale Township, and they are the parents of eight children; William A. B. married Miss Myra Brown, is the father of two children, and lives in Riley County, this State. Mrs. Margaret Johnson departed this life at her home in Illinois many years ago. Mr. Johnson was again married September 27, 1860, to Miss Hannah, daughter of John and Sarah (Clovis) Ganoe. This lady was born March 19, 1838, in Fayette County, Pa. Her father was a native of that State, and her mother was born in Maryland; the father is deceased, and the mother resides in Pennsylvania.

To Mr. Johnson and his present wife have been born twelve children, ten of whom are living. Martha E. is the wife of George W. Lewis, of Ewell, and they have one child; Jesse E. is unmarried, and remains at home with his parents; Dessie

May is the wife of William Dempsey, and they live five miles northeast of Conway Springs; Benjamin A., Phebe A., Sarah E., Quindora L., Mary E., Kate S. and Joseph E. sojourn under the parental roof. Mr. Johnson belongs to the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, while his estimable wife is a Baptist in her religious views. Politically, Mr. Johnson supports the principles of the Republican party. He is Trustee of Creek Township, serving his third term. He was Justice of the Peace for three terms, and is a member of the School Board, taking a warm interest in educational matters, and having been a school official in Pennsylvania and other places where he has resided. Socially, he belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Milan, in which he has passed through all the Chairs, and is now Past Grand. He is also identified with the Grand Army of the Republic at Milan, in which he has been Senior Vice Commander.

The parents of our subject were Simon and Jane (Jefferys) Johnson, natives of Pennsylvania, and the father a farmer by occupation. The parents were reared and married in their native State, where they spent their entire lives. The father died in 1853, at the age of fifty-five years, having been born in 1798. The mother was born April 2, 1805, and died in Pennsylvania about 1880. Of the twelve children born to them, eight are now living, located mostly in Pennsylvania. Simon Johnson was a prominent man in his community, and served as a Justice of the Peace for many years.



JOSEPH T. BRENEMAN, M.D. Among the old landmarks of Wellington may be numbered Dr. Breneman, who, as the result of a long and successful practice, has become fully established, both as a physician and a citizen. He does business at a well-equipped office on the corner of Washington and Harvey Avenues, and occupies a pleasant residence at No. 1028 South Washington. His professional career has been signalized by close study and extensive reading, re-

sulting in a thorough understanding of the most modern and approved methods adopted by the medical fraternity of the present day.

Dr. Breneman was born twelve miles east of Findlay, Hancock County, Ohio, January 23, 1849, but when a boy of seven years, was taken by his parents to New Middletown, Mahoning County. He there developed into manhood, and completed his literary education. When a young man of twenty years, he removed with the family to Iowa County, Iowa, where the father took up new land and improved a homestead. Joseph T., after following the profession of a teacher for a time, began reading medicine under the instruction of Dr. W. W. Orris of Victor, Iowa, and later entered Bennett Medical College of Chicago, where he remained from 1872 until 1874. He commenced the practice of his profession at Morris, Iowa, remaining there until 1877. That year he entered the Iowa State university, and took two full courses, being graduated on the 5th of March, 1879. He then resumed practice at Morris until the fall of that year, when he changed the field of his operations to Audubon, Iowa, where he sojourned four years, and conducted a drug store for three years, doing a good business.

Dr. Breneman became a resident of Wellington in 1883, and for two years conducted a drug store here in connection with his practice. He now gives his entire attention to the latter, and has met with unqualified success. He was for a time a member of the Board of United States Pension Examiners under the administration of President Cleveland. Although a warm supporter of the Democratic party since becoming a citizen, he has never aspired to office. He is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias.

Dr. Breneman was first married in Iowa City, Iowa, to Miss Allace Ewing. She was the daughter of Frank Ewing. Of this union there was no issue. She departed this life at Salon, Iowa, May 16th, 1877.

On the 13th of May, 1883, Dr. Breneman was wedded to Miss Fanny Humphry, of West Union, Iowa. This lady was born in West Union, and is the daughter of William H. Humphry, a farmer by

occupation, and now deceased. This union resulted in the birth of three children—Fay Alice, Hazel and a babe, George H. The father of our subject was Christian B. Breneman, who was born in Mahoning County, Ohio, in 1814. He married Miss Mary A. Robison and engaged in farming. In 1869, leaving the Buckeye State, he removed to Iowa, and thence to Kansas in the spring of 1881. His death took place at his residence in Wellington, November 10, 1884; the mother is still living, and makes her home with the Doctor.



MICHAEL TROUTMAN. The State of Illinois parted with a most excellent citizen in October, 1872, when Mr. Troutman left the fertile lands of Macon County, hoping for still better things in Kansas. He first settled in Avon Township, near Wellington, where he lived about two years, then removed to South Haven Township, where he had secured possession of a claim of one hundred and sixty acres, upon which he removed, and where he continued to live until 1879. Then, selling out, he came to Harmon Township, and selected his present homestead on section 13. Here he has erected good buildings, and operates largely as a stock dealer and feeder, reaping therefrom a comfortable income.

Mr. Troutman was born in Fulton County, Ind., April 17, 1852, and lived there until a youth of seventeen years. He then went to Macon County, where he sojourned until coming to this State. He has had a lifelong experience as an agriculturist, and enjoys nothing better than watching the growing grain and gathering in the harvest. His farm, two hundred and sixty-two acres in extent, has all been brought to a good state of cultivation, and yields abundantly the rich crops of Southern Kansas.

One of the most interesting and important events in the life of our subject was his marriage in Oxford Township, April 20, 1876, to Miss Delilah Elder. This lady was born in Kosciuseo County, Ind., April 1, 1857, and is the daughter of Lewis

and Elizabeth (Firestone) Elder, who were natives of Pennsylvania and Ohio. Mr. Elder died in Kosciuseo County, Ind., about 1860. The mother is still at the old home in Indiana. The parental household consisted of eight children, seven of whom are living. There have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Troutman five children, only one of whom is living, a son, George H., who was born April 26, 1882, in Kansas. The deceased are Fayette, Joseph M., Veda and James E. Mrs. Troutman is a lady highly esteemed in her community, one who has been a devoted wife and mother, looking carefully after the ways of her household, and by her wise management, prudence and economy, has assisted her husband materially in his struggles for a home and a competence. Mr. Troutman, politically, supports the principles of the Democratic party, and has held the office of Township Trustee.

The parents of our subject were Joseph and Phebe (Clark) Troutman, natives of Kentucky and Indiana, and who are now residents of South Haven Township, this county.



WARNER A. TILTON is one of the prominent business men of Oxford, where he is engaged in the sale of clothing and gentlemen's furnishing goods. His business establishment is furnished with a complete and well-assorted stock, and is conducted in a manner creditable to the business tact and energy of its owner, and on the principles of honorable dealing with all. Mr. Tilton owns a fine farm of three hundred and twenty acres in Greene Township, which he still supervises, in addition to the management of his excellent business in this city.

The birth of our subject took place in Goshen, Hampshire County, Mass., October 21, 1820, and he lived in his native place until sixteen years old, attending the public schools and in intervals working with his father, who was a tanner and farmer. In 1836 the family removed to Hawley, and two years later to South Deerfield, Franklin County. Young Tilton finished his education at North

Hampton, and when about of age left the parental roof and started in life for himself, occupying his time in teaching and tanning. He finally went into the business of manufacturing buttons and doing all kinds of turning and sawing at South Deerfield, continuing in this business until 1852. He then went to California, via Cape Horn, and engaged in ranching and mining. At Grass Valley, Nevada County, he carried on his mining work, and at Iowa City, Placer County, conducted his search for the precious metal. After four years spent in these employments he went to Sacramento, where for about eighteen months he dealt in wood and coal. He then returned to the occupation of mining, working in various parts of the State until 1860, when he returned home via the Isthmus of Panama.

After some time spent in farming at his former place of abode, Mr. Tilton removed to Toledo, Ohio, and engaged in the milk business and tobacco growing. In 1877 he left the Buckeye State to become a resident of Kansas, and having purchased a farm which was almost entirely in its primitive condition, he set about its improvement and cultivation. He erected good buildings, brought the soil to a fine state of productiveness, and now has as fine a farm as one could desire. After living upon the rural estate for six years, Mr. Tilton came to this place, and with his son, C. G., opened a dry-goods and grocery establishment, but not long after changed to the line of trade which he has conducted during the past five years.

Mr. Tilton is descended from one of three brothers who emigrated from Devonshire, England, in 1660, and who settled in Martha's Vineyard, N. H., and New Jersey respectively. From the New Jersey settler descended Theodore Tilton. From the Martha's Vineyard branch descended Salathiel Tilton, the grandfather of our subject, who was born on the Island. His son, Benjamin B., father of our subject, was born in Goshen, Mass., October 20, 1796. He learned the trade of a tanner, and always made his home in the old Bay State, being gathered to his fathers in October, 1876, when he lacked but a few days of being eighty years old. His wife bore the maiden name of Clymena Warner, and she was born in 1802,

and died in 1847 of consumption. She was a daughter of Capt. Warner, who took part in the first fighting done by Vermont during the Revolution, and in after years settled in Williamsburg, Hampshire County, Mass., his occupation being that of a farmer. The parents of our subject reared three children.

The marriage of our subject took place in June, 1843, in South Deerfield, Mass., his bride being Miss Harriet N., daughter of Col. Zebediah Graves, whose character and acquirements well fitted her for the duties of wife and mother. Their union has resulted in the birth of four children—Theressa M. is now the wife of Mr. Cole, of Glen St. Mary, Fla.; C. G. is engaged in general merchandising in this city; Mrs. Flora A. Dewey lives in Avondale, Ala.; Edward W. resides in Tacoma, Wash.

Mr. Tilton is not an aspirant for political honors, and takes no interest in political affairs, except in so far as to exercise the elective franchise, and his vote is given to the Union Labor party. He is a man highly spoken of by all who know him, for his business integrity and ability, his good principles and his kindly nature.

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GEOERGE W. CLARK, proprietor of the Wellington Carriage Works, is an old resident of Sumner County, to which he came in January, 1871, the first settlement in this county having been made the preceding fall. Although identified with the history of this county at so early a date, Mr. Clark has not been a continuous resident. He is one of those gallant soldiers who entered the Union army soon after the breaking out of the Rebellion, and spent several of his best years in the service of his country, receiving various injuries, but ever faithful to the cause he loved.

Mr. Clark was born at Coshocton, Ohio, September 18, 1840, and while quite young accompanied his parents to New Philadelphia, where he remained till seventeen years old. He then went to Fairfield, Iowa, and entered a blacksmith-shop with the pur-

pose of learning the trade. After sojourning there two years he went to Burlington, and the war having broken out, enlisted in Company I, Sixth Iowa Infantry, his enrollment taking place June 17, 1861.

The command to which Mr. Clark belonged was sent to Missouri, with Gen. Fremont as their leader under Sherman. They then went to Shiloh, where Mr. Clark participated in the first engagement, and subsequently took part in the battles of Corinth, Holly Springs, Memphis, Vicksburg, Jackson (Miss), Missionary Ridge, Knoxville, and the various combats preceding the taking of Atlanta, thence accompanying Sherman on his march to the sea, and being mustered out after having served a little more than three and a half years. The first wound which he received was at Jones' Ford, Miss., on the Black River, in July, 1863, from the effects of which he was sent from the field hospital to Paducah, Ky. While forming the part of the right wing at Atlanta, on the 27th of July, 1864, he was again wounded, the injury being sufficiently serious to detain him in the hospital for some time. The explosion of a shell at Dallas caused partial deafness of each ear, and an injury received at Griswoldville, Ga., caused his discharge.

After being mustered out of the service Mr. Clark went to Pittsburg, Pa., and being desirous of enlarging his fund of information and knowledge, attended school there for a year. In 1867 he came to this State, and engaged in blacksmithing at Salina, where he remained until 1869. He then removed to Hays City, and took a contract to furnish wood for the railroad. The following January he came to Sumner Township, this county, and put up the first blacksmith-shop therein, and a store being subsequently started by C. Gifford, both situated on the old cattle trail, the place received the name of Austin, and our subject was its Postmaster for some time. In 1875 he went to the Wichita Agency, where he was employed by the Government for about five years. He then went to Texas, and purchased seven hundred head of cattle, and moving them to the territory occupied himself in the cattle business until 1886. He then sold out, came to this place, and with O. G. Brown engaged in carriage manufacturing. He now has a

fine two-story and basement edifice, 50x100 feet, built of stone, in which all kinds of work pertaining to carriage-making are carried on.

The marriage license of Mr. Clark and Miss Catherine Wright was the first issued. The bride was born at Bladensburg, Iowa, and in 1871 accompanied her parents to this county, of which they were early settlers. She died in December, 1873, leaving no children. On April 10, 1878, Mr. Clark contracted a second matrimonial alliance, the lady with whom he was united being Mrs. Anna M. Egner. She was born in Batesville, Ark., and is a daughter of Reuben Harpham, who is well-known in this county.

Mr. Clark belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic and to the Masonic fraternity. He is highly spoken of by all who know him, as a man of strict integrity in all business transactions, and honorable in his social life.

The father of our subject was an Englishman, who came to the United States when a young man, and spent some time in New York State, there marrying Miss Anna Syron, and afterward settling in Coshocton, Ohio. While in this place he worked in a sawmill, although his trade was that of a baker and confectioner. He changed his location to New Philadelphia, where his death took place about the year 1846, when he was forty years old. The mother of our subject was born near Trenton, N. J., about the year 1821, and after the death of Mr. Clark remained a widow for a number of years, eventually marrying again, and surviving until 1881.



LUCIUS S. CAMPBELL, M. D. During his ten years' residence in the city of Wellington, Dr. Campbell has fully established himself in the confidence and esteem of his fellow-citizens. The story of his life is in its main points as follows: He was born in the town of Ferrisburg, Addison County, Vt., October 26, 1826, and is the son of Capt. George Campbell, a native of Mansfield, Conn. His paternal grandfather is supposed to have been likewise a native of Connecticut and

tradition says that the family in America was perpetuated by four brothers who emigrated from Scotland. Grandfather Campbell followed farming all his life which it is supposed he spent in Connecticut. Capt. George Campbell was reared in his native State whence he went to Vermont and after his marriage located in Vergennes, where he established a tannery and in addition to the manufacture of leather, also made boots and shoes. This was before the days of railroads and transportation was effected via Lake Champlain and the Champlain Canal.

The father of our subject remained a resident of Vergennes a number of years, then purchasing property in Ferrisburg, put up a sawmill and bought a tannery. He was occupied with these until his death, which occurred in October, 1845. He earned his title of Captain by commanding a company of State Militia a number of years. Politically, he was an old line Whig and he was for many years identified with the Masonic fraternity. He was twice married.

The maiden name of the mother of our subject, who was the second wife of Capt. George Campbell, was Harriet E. Powers. She was born in Ferrisburg, Vt., and was the daughter of Capt. Joseph Powers, a native of Massachusetts. Capt. Powers received only limited educational advantages in his youth, being a good-sized boy when first attending school. That very first day the British invaded Lexington and young Powers left the schoolhouse and joining the citizens assisted in driving the British back to Boston. He also participated in the battle of Bunker Hill and continued in the Federal service until the close of the war. Then removing from Massachusetts to Vermont he settled in Ferrisburg where he spent his last days.

Mrs. Campbell accompanied her son, Lucius S. to Wisconsin and thence to Michigan, spending her last days at his home in Glen Arbor. Her death took place in 1858. She was the mother of four children, only two of whom lived to mature years. Six children were born to Capt. George Campbell by his first wife. Lucius S. was reared in his native county, receiving a good education. After leaving school he taught one term in Shoreham, Vt. In 1848 he went to Tolland, Conn., and com-

enced the study of medicine with Dr. J. C. Eaton. Thence in 1850 he emigrated to Wisconsin and practiced for a short time in Fond du Lac County. There being then a good opening for a builder and contractor, he embarked in this business and resided there eight years. His next removal was to Glen Arbor, Mich., where he erected a sawmill and engaged in the lumber business two years. Then returning to Wisconsin he superintended the erection of seven buildings at Lapeer.

During the Civil War Mr. Campbell, at St. Louis, Mo., entered the Quartermaster's Department of the Second Missouri Light Artillery as regimental wheelwright. He remained with the army in Missouri a few months and was then sent to the frontier, being in the service about one year. When the war closed he received his honorable discharge with his regiment at St. Louis. Next visiting the Southwest, he sojourned briefly at Springfield and from there traced his steps to Douglas County, Mo., where he put up a steam sawmill. Later in Dallas County, he erected the first steam saw and grist mills within its borders. Later he operated similarly in Marshfield, Webster County, taking a contract also for building the court house and several other important structures. He spent a few months following in New Orleans and then coming to this county established himself in a drug store at Marshfield which he operated until 1879. Then selling out he came to Wellington which was at that time a town of about twelve hundred inhabitants. He purchased lot No. 20, block 59, Washington Avenue, and erected a frame building which was destroyed by fire in 1883. He at once put up an iron clad building and resumed business within a short time.

In 1884 Dr. Campbell erected one of the best buildings in Wellington, 25x100 feet in dimensions two stories in height and with a fire-proof metal roof. In October, that year he sold his stock of drugs and rented the building. In the meantime he was studying medicine and in 1883 attended the Cincinnati Medical College to which he returned in 1885, and in 1886 was regularly graduated. He is now following his profession with flattering success.

Dr. Campbell was married in 1871 to Miss Josephine E. Straw. This lady was born in New Hamp-

shire, in 1850, and is the daughter of Jacob and Lucy Straw. Her mother is living at Springfield Mo.; and her father is deceased. The two sons born of this union bear the names of Robert G. and Lucius S. During his early manhood Dr. Campbell, politically, affiliated with the old Whig party and upon its abandonment cordially endorsed Republican principles. He was a charter member of the I. O. O. F. Encampment at Marshfield, Mo., and at the same place identified himself with the Masonic fraternity. He has been a charter member of three lodges of the Knights of Pythias. He and his little family occupy a neat home in the northeast part of the city, and a good position in its social circles.

until his death, October 10, 1869, although during that period he changed farms two or three times. His wife had been taught to card, spin and weave, and when her children were small she used to weave the cloth and fashion their garments therefrom with her own hands. She also departed this life in Shelby County, the date of her decease being in the fall of 1888. To Mr. and Mrs. Scott Allen, twelve children were born, nine of them attaining to years of maturity.

Jacob H. Allen was born in Fayette County, Ohio, April 6, 1842, and was but five years old when his parents changed their residence to Shelby County, where he attended school as opportunity offered, and in early boyhood began to assist his father upon the farm, continuing his labors as strength would admit. The breaking out of the Civil War roused in our subject a desire to do a man's work in the armies of his country, and in July, 1861, though still lacking some months of being of age, he entered the Union army as a member of Company B, Twentieth Ohio Infantry.

The army life of Mr. Allen carried him into various parts of Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, Louisiana, Alabama and Georgia, and he participated in a number of the most noted and bloody conflicts of the Rebellion. Among the engagements in which he took part were those at Ft. Donelson, Shiloh, La Grange, Bolivia, Grant Junction, Corinth, Vicksburg, Jackson, Black River, Snake Creek and Ft. Gibson. He joined Sherman's command in Georgia, and took part in the battle of Jonesburg and the engagements around Atlanta. Like all faithful soldiers he had a weary round of camp duties to perform at times, and much arduous marching to undergo, but they were all cheerfully fulfilled until the expiration of his term of service, in October, 1864, when he was honorably discharged.

On being mustered out of the service Mr. Allen went to Louisville, where he spent six months driving a Government Post team. He then went to Washington, Iowa, and rented some land on which he began farming for himself, and where he remained until November 2, 1869, on which day he started on horseback for this State. He stopped in Miami County and rented a farm, upon which

JACOB H. ALLEN. This gentleman is a veritable pioneer of Sumner County, having entered what are now its limits before it was yet surveyed or organized, and when every foot of the land was held by the Government, which has since been sold for \$1.25 per acre. Mr. Allen is a large land-owner, his acreage in Wellington Township amounting to six hundred and forty acres, while he has a half-interest in sixteen hundred and sixty-three acres in Falls Township. He farms a portion of the land and rents the remainder, his home being on section 23, Wellington Township, where he has a commodious and tasteful dwelling, accompanied by all necessary outbuildings, substantially erected and conveniently disposed.

The grandfather of our subject was one of the first settlers of Montgomery County, Ohio, where he cleared and operated a large farm, upon which his son, Scott Allen, father of our subject, was born and reared. On reaching mature years the latter married Rebecca, daughter of Jacob Hosier, an early settler of the same county.

After his marriage Scott Allen leased a farm in Fayette County, and lived upon it until 1847, when he bought land in Shelby County and removed there. In the latter county he remained

he resided until late in the fall of 1870, when he started on horseback for the Western frontier, and reaching this county, located a claim, built a dug-out, and began his labors as a pioneer farmer. He occupied the dug-out a twelve month, and then erected a frame house, and as time rolled on added to his original quarter-section and made various marked improvements, some of which have been noted above.

On April 10, 1874, Mr. Allen was united in marriage with Mary E. Sullivan, an estimable lady, who was born in Wisconsin and was a daughter of Hiram and Mary Sullivan. She died on the 13th of October, 1878, after having borne two children—Ralph J. and Minnie E. After having remained a widower several years, Mr. Allen contracted a second matrimonial alliance, the ceremony taking place November 15, 1883, and the bride being Miss Mary E. Gregson, a native of Rochester, Fulton County, Ind. Mrs. Allen has borne her husband two children—Fred and Glenn. She is a member of the Christian Church, and an intelligent and noble-hearted woman.

The grandparents of the present Mrs. Allen were William and Mary (Myers) Gregson, the former born in North Carolina in 1803, and the latter a native of Lexington, Ky., while their marriage took place in the Hoosier State, to which Mr. Gregson had gone when a young man. He was an early settler in Morgan County, where on April 23, 1834, a son was born to him, who was christened James R., and who became the father of Mrs. Allen. William Gregson carried on a farm in Morgan County, whence he subsequently removed to Fulton County, which he made his home until 1873, when he came West and lived with his children in this county until his death, November 1, 1876. His companion survived him until March 24, 1887, when she also fell asleep, and was buried beside her husband in Prairie Lawn Cemetery.

James R. Gregson was but an infant when his parents removed to Fulton County, where he was reared and attended the pioneer schools. He remained with his parents until his marriage to Christina, daughter of Michael and Sarah (McMahon) Morris, who was born in Fayette County, Ohio, October 15, 1837. He then purchased a

tract of timber land, comprising eighty acres, and located five and a half miles from Rochester, built a frame house and log stable thereon, cleared half of the land and resided there until 1873. He then sold his Indiana property and came to this county, traveling by rail to Wichita, which was then the western terminus of the road, and thence continuing his journey with a team. He bought the southeast quarter of section 24, where the sod had been turned on a half acre, and a small board shanty had been erected. Wellington then contained but a few houses, Wichita was the nearest railroad station, and for some years continued to be the market for this locality. Herds of buffaloes roamed over the prairies a few miles west, and deer and smaller game were abundant. Mr. Gregson immediately began to improve his farm, and at the time of his death, July 20, 1884, was in possession of a productive and valuable estate. While Wichita was yet the market for produce, he drew eight hundred bushels of grain there one year.



WILLIAM R. WALLACE. Few, if any, of the dwellers of this county have a more realizing sense of pioneer life than the above-named gentleman, who, as boy and man, has labored in frontier development. He is one of those to whom Belle Plaine Township owes its improvement, and that he has many friends is attested by the fact that he has been elected Mayor of Belle Plaine, in which town he has lived for a few years past. He was born in DeWitt County, Ill., January 13, 1844, to Charles C. and Rebecca R. Wallace, natives of Kentucky, whence his father had gone to the Prairie State at an early day, laboring among the pioneers there. His paternal ancestors were Scotch-Irish, and his grandfather Wallace is said to have been a soldier in the War of 1812. Our subject is the oldest son in a family of four children, of whom the other survivors are: Elizabeth A., wife of C. A. Stewart, of Kansas City; and James D., of Girard, Kan.

Mr. Wallace was reared to manhood among the

scenes of pioneer life, and having lost his father when he was but eight years old, and living on a farm, he was early obliged to assume control of the farm, and the support of the family depended to a considerable extent on his efforts. His education was therefore somewhat limited, although he attended the district schools of the county in which he lived, and for about two years was a student in the schools of Atlanta, Ill. On the 2d of August, 1862, having but a short time before attained to eighteen years of age, he became a member of Company C, One Hundred and Sixth Illinois Infantry, which was a part of the army of the Mississippi, under the command of Gen. Grant. The duties of Mr. Wallace for some time, were to form one of the body which was watching Johnston to prevent him from breaking through Grant's lines while the latter was besieging Vicksburg. He subsequently did duty in Arkansas, and was shifted around to various places doing guard duty. On March 19, 1865, after an army life of over thirty-two months, he was honorably discharged, leaving the service with a worthy record as a member of the rank and file who so faithfully carried out the orders of their commanders.

Returning to Illinois Mr. Wallace remained there until the summer of 1874, at which time he was numbered among the inhabitants of this county. In the meantime, December 28, 1871, he was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth A., daughter of James and Sarah Temple, of Pike County, Ill., a lady to whose housewifely skill and Christian character he owes the physical comforts of his home, and the sympathy and good counsel which every true man finds agreeable. The happy union has been blessed by the birth of the following children: Helen, born December 22, 1872; Nora, April 1, 1875; Edna, September 7, 1882; and Charles, deceased.

Upon becoming a citizen of Kansas Mr. Wallace first located on a farm in the northern part of Belle Plaine Township, and after operating the same some five years, removed to the town where he now lives, and where, with the exception of two years which was spent in Wellington, he has since been a continuous resident. He still owns one hundred and fifty acres of outlying land in the town-

ship. He was Township Trustee three different terms, and for two years he served as Register of Deeds for Sumner County. In April, 1889, he was elected Mayor of Belle Plaine, the term of office being one year. He is a member of the G. A. R. Post, and he and his wife are members of the Christian Church, in which he has officiated as an Elder for a number of years. In politics he is a true-blue Republican.




DANIEL E. HOLLIDAY, now following the peaceful pursuits of agriculture on a one hundred and sixty-acre farm, comprising a portion of section 24, Harmon Township, looks upon that period of his life which was spent in the Union army as the one most creditable in his whole career. He enlisted as a private soldier, October 1, 1863, at the organization of Company C, which was assigned to the Ninety-first Ohio Infantry, and served until the close of the war. Prior to this, however, he had been in the army in the employ of Capt. John Cook, of the Fifty-sixth Ohio Infantry, one year. Upon entering the ranks, he went with his comrades to the front and participated in the battles of Cloyd Mountain, Lynchburg, Stevenson Depot, Winchester, Opequan, Cedar Creek and others, thirteen general engagements in all. With the exception of receiving a slight flesh wound, which did not incapacitate him from service, he escaped unharmed, and was mustered out at Cumberland, Md., after which he received an honorable discharge at Camp Denison, Ohio.

At the expiration of his first term of service, Mr. Holliday enlisted in Company D, Eighteenth Regular United States Infantry, in which he served three years, going to the Far West among the Indians. Upon returning to the pursuits of civil life, he took up his abode in Warren County, Ill., where he was engaged in agricultural pursuits for about four years. At the expiration of this time he came to Kansas, locating in Miami County, where he engaged in farming until the

spring of 1878. That year, coming to this county, he purchased his present farm in Harmon Township, of which he has since been a resident. His land is all in a productive condition, enclosed and divided with good fences and embellished with substantial modern buildings. Both as a farmer and a citizen he may be accounted a success.

Mr. Holliday was married in Paulding County, Ohio, June 10, 1869, to Miss Sarah Drake. This lady was born in Licking County, that State, April 11, 1851, and is the daughter of the Rev. James H. and Caroline Drake, who were natives of Ohio, and are now living in Wayne County, Iowa. Eight children have been born of this union, viz: Arthur O., Oliver M., Clara, Frank, Milton Garfield, Lulu B., Robert L. and George A. Mr. Holliday gives his support to the Republican party, and has taken quite an active part in political affairs. He has held the office of Township Clerk and served at different times on the School Board of his district. He is a member in good standing of Belle Plaine Post, No. 337, G. A. R., with headquarters at Belle Plaine. Both he and his wife are prominently connected with the Methodist Episcopal Church.

When entering the regular army, Mr. Holliday was at once promoted to Second Sergeant, and served in that capacity for eighteen months. He was then made a First Orderly Sergeant, with which rank he was mustered out. While in the volunteer army he was detached, and served about six months as Orderly of his regiment at department headquarters, and at the headquarters of Gen. George Crook.



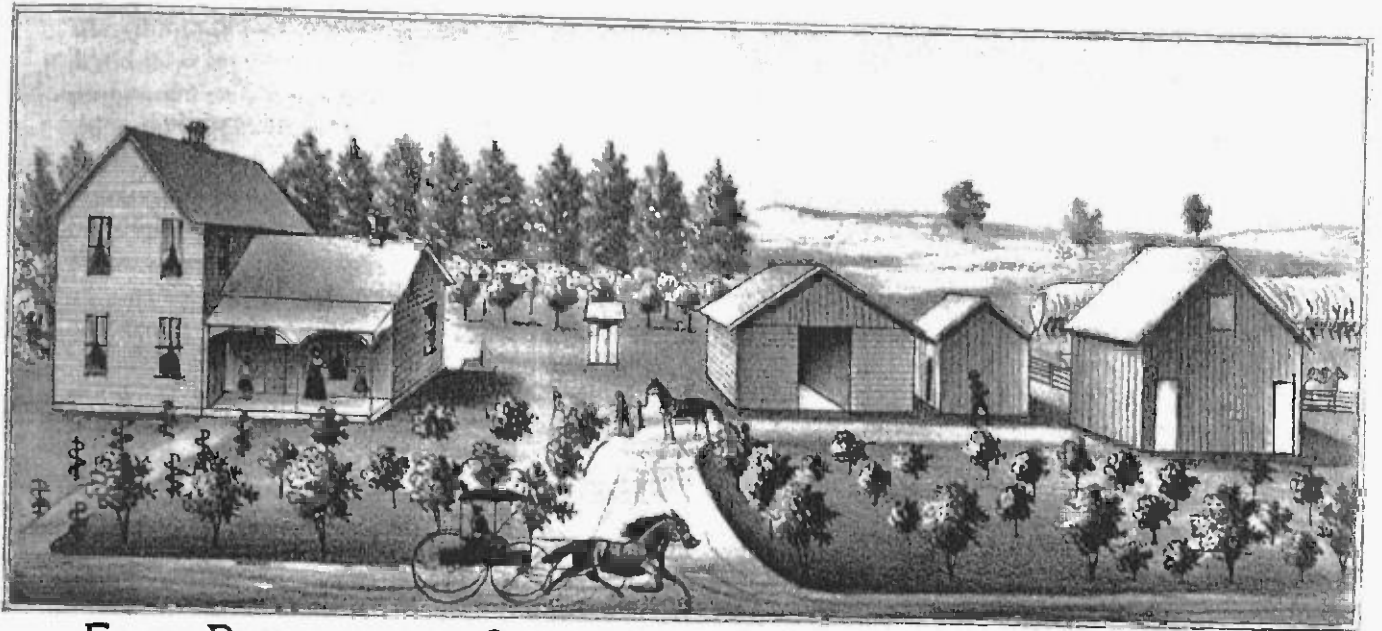
JOHN E. HUTSON, one of the leading farmers and stockmen of Caldwell Township, has been a resident of Kansas for about twenty years, and during the extended period of his sojourn here has made many warm friends. He inherits the thrift and sturdy integrity of his Scotch ancestry, and has succeeded in amassing a comfortable property. He was equally for-

tunate in the selection of a helpmate, his wife being a lady of culture and refinement. She was Miss Rettie, daughter of James and Eliza (Black) Stevens, and was born June 12, 1850, in Jefferson County, Ohio, though at the time of her marriage she was living in Miami County, Kan. Mr. and Mrs. Hutson are the parents of six children, as follows: Ella, Della, Eddie, Jessie, Nellie K. and Asa.

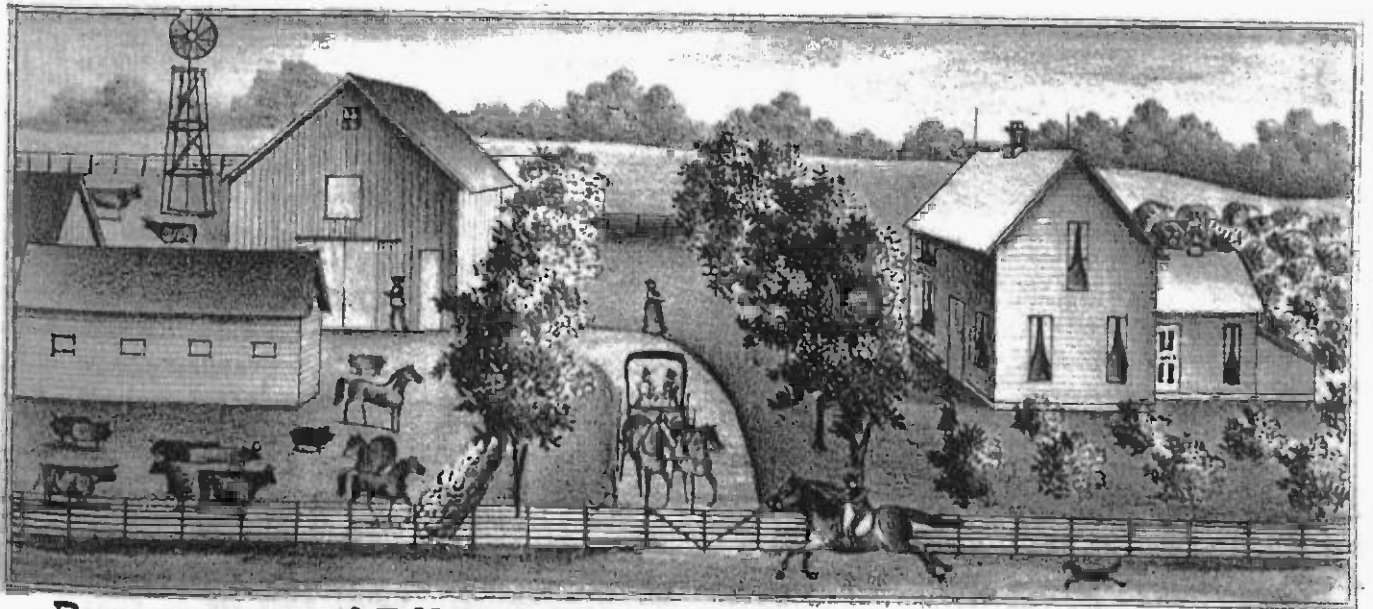
In Greene County, Mo., our subject was born December 1, 1842, his parents being William and Elizabeth (Ryan) Hutson. The former was born in Ray County, Tenn., and removed to Greene County, Mo., in 1842. After the late war he removed to Douglas County, Kan., and subsequently to Miami County, where he died in 1872, having attained to the age of sixty-four years. His entire life from boyhood had been spent in tilling the soil, with the exception of three years, which he devoted to the service of his country. In 1861 he joined the Union army in Company E, Thirty-seventh Missouri Infantry, but was afterward transferred to Company B, Seventh Missouri Cavalry, and held the rank of Lieutenant. He served three years, and during the term of his enlistment participated in many of the hard-fought battles of the war. He was a Republican, and a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. His father, David Hutson, was a native of Tennessee, and a soldier of the War of 1812.

The mother of our subject was born in Ray County, Tenn., and has now reached the ripe age of seventy-six years. She is a daughter of Abner Ryan, who was also a native of Tennessee. She is the mother of eleven children, of whom our subject is the fourth in order of birth.

The gentleman whose name initiates this sketch was reared on the farm in Johnson County, and received a common-school education. He was not yet of age when the Civil War broke out, but during the first year of that struggle he joined the Union forces as a private in Company L, First Missouri Battery, and served with that command in Missouri, Arkansas, Tennessee, Mississippi and Pennsylvania, until the winter of 1862, when his term of service expired. He then returned to Sedalia, Mo., and re-enlisted, becoming a member



FARM RESIDENCE OF GEORGE LINN, SEC. 4, DIXON TR, SUMNER CO. KANS.



RESIDENCE OF J. E. HUTSON, SEC. 4 CALDWELL TR, SUMNER CO., KAN.

of Company L, Second Missouri Battery, in which he served until the close of the war, most of the time in the Sixteenth Army Corps. There are few men who took part in as many hard engagements as did Mr. Hutson, and he had a share in many minor conflicts, in much heavy marching, and in the usual camp duties which pertain to a soldier's life. The list of hotly-contested fields upon which he bore a gallant part, includes Vicksburg, Gettysburg, Shiloh, Stone River, Nashville, Franklin (Tenn.) and Chickamauga. At the latter place his commanding officers fell, and he assumed their duties during the battle. He took part in the famous Georgia campaign with Sherman's army, and with the 60,000 marched through to the sea. During his term of service he received seven bullet wounds, although none were of a serious nature. Just before his term of service expired he was, with three companions, out scouting on Powder River, Wyo. Ter., when they were encountered by the Indians, and all were killed with the exception of our subject. Being able to run barefooted, he escaped, though being compelled to run for a long distance on prickly pears, the thorns penetrated his feet, and it required three days for the physician to extract them. Even after that, for many months the small particles would work through his feet. The last battle our subject was engaged in was with Price at Pleasanton, Kan.

The limits of a sketch like this will not allow of any detailed account of Mr. Hutson's experiences during the Rebellion, and we can only say that he was ever found ready at the word of command, and that his conduct on the field of battle, and in many positions where even greater moral courage was needed than in those exciting scenes, was such as became a brave and loyal young man. He was honorably discharged at St. Louis, Mo., in November, 1865, and took up his residence in Miami County, Kan., (having first become a resident of this State in 1861). In 1870 he removed to Labette County, and three years later to Sumner County, purchasing two hundred and two acres of land on section 4, Caldwell Township, where he has since resided. He has given his entire attention to farming and the stock business, and has one of the best improved farms in

the township. All that he has, has been made by his own unremitting industry, his prudent economy, and the exercise of a discriminating judgment regarding the agricultural needs of the community, the best methods of cultivation, and the number and kind of stock of which he could readily dispose.

Mr. Hutson belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic and to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. A firm believer in the principles of the Republican party, he exercises the right of suffrage in its behalf and upholds it with his personal influence. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and endeavors to live in a manner consonant with his belief; consequently he gains the respect of all who know him, and among his associates has many warm friends.

By careful labor and systematic business management, Mr. Hutson has become the possessor of a commodious residence, which, with its convenient accessories, is represented by a view elsewhere in this work.



GEORGE LINN. The Linn homestead, which is pleasantly situated on section 4, Dixon Township, invariably attracts the attention of the passing traveler as one which has evidently been built up by a man possessing more than ordinary industry and enterprise. A handsome residence still further embellishes it, and is represented on another page of this volume by a lithographic engraving. The proprietor is a self-made man in the broadest sense of the term, having begun at the foot of the ladder in life, and made his way unaided, bending his energies to the accomplishment of a certain purpose, and he has reason to be proud of the result of his efforts. He has been a hard worker, and a good manager, and has surrounded himself and his family with all the comforts and many of the luxuries of life.

In noting the career of the successful citizen, the mind naturally reverts to those from whom he drew his origin. The subject of this sketch is the son of

Jacob Linn, and was born February 12, 1839, in Stark County, Ohio, being the thirteenth in a family of fourteen children, ten of whom are still living. The mother, who in her girlhood was Miss Elizabeth Allen, was a native of the Keystone State, where both she and her husband developed into mature years, and where they lived nearly twenty years after their marriage. Then removing to Ohio, they settled on a farm in Stark County, where they spent the remainder of their days. The elder Linn was a blacksmith by trade, which he followed more or less until the close of his life. He departed hence in 1848, after having made the record of an honest man and a good citizen. The mother survived her husband nine years, dying in Ohio in 1857.

Mr. Linn spent his early years in his native township, and acquired his education by a somewhat limited attendance at the common school. He was only nine years old at the time of his father's death, after which he went out to work among strangers, giving his earnings to his widowed mother. He continued this course until his marriage, giving even the proceeds of his summer's work before that event, to his mother. He was united in wedlock with Miss Helen E., a daughter of the Rev. Jonathan M. and Mary (Brown) West, the former a minister of the Church of God, preaching for many years in Ohio, Missouri and Kansas. Both he and his wife were natives of Pennsylvania. He departed this life at his home in Missouri in 1881. The mother died in Ohio in 1887. They were the parents of nine children, three of whom are still living. Mrs. Linn was born January 22, 1840, in Stark County, Ohio, and there obtained her education in the common school.

Our subject and his wife became the parents of five children, namely: Mary J., born September 5, 1861; Dora B., June 19, 1863; Emma I., March 24, 1868, died June 23, 1871; Helen A., born October 3, 1870; and George N., April 11, 1874. The latter is at home with his parents. Mary J. is the wife of William Keplinger, and they live in Navarre, Stark County, Ohio; Dora B. is at home with her parents; Helen A. is the wife of Corwin Bryant, of Meade County, this State, and they have one child, Floyd, an infant. Mr. Linn's children

have been given a good education, and are, like their parents, intelligent and bright, reflecting credit upon the home training.

Until the early part of 1885, Mr. Linn remained a resident of his native State, then decided upon seeking the farther West. Setting out for Kansas, he arrived in this county on the 28th of February, settling at once upon his present farm. This embraces one hundred and fifty-six acres of fertile land, and Mr. Linn owns besides a quarter-section, two and one-half miles southeast of Argonia on the Chikaskia River bottoms. The latter is operated by a tenant. The homestead proper is embellished with good buildings, including a neat residence, put up in 1885, at a cost of \$1,200. Eighty acres of the land are devoted to the raising of grain, and the ordinary crops, and the balance is utilized principally for live-stock, Mr. Linn being considerably interested in cattle, horses and swine.

In politics, Mr. Linn votes the Democratic ticket. He has been somewhat prominent in local affairs, serving as Treasurer of Dixon Township two terms. In Ohio he was for many years a member of the school board of his district, and served as Township Trustee two terms. Socially, he belongs to Argonia Lodge, I. O. O. F., and is foreman in the Ancient Order of United Workmen. Mrs. Linn, a lady greatly respected in her community, is connected with the Presbyterian Church.



RUDOLPH J. TRACY. Among the solid men of Dixon Township may be most properly mentioned Mr. Tracy, whom we find in independent circumstances, financially, the result of his own industry and good management. He is one of the many who may be termed "self-made," having sprung from an humble position in life, and without any other aid than his native good sense and steady application has attained to a worthy position and is deserving of more than a passing mention. It is to perpetuate the record of such men that the present work has been instituted, in the hope that the story of their

lives, perused by a generation to come, will become an incentive to those who may be similarly situated.

Mr. Tracy first opened his eyes to the light on the other side of the Atlantic, in the Kingdom of Prussia, December 13, 1849. He is thus a little past the age of forty years, still a young man, and having already acquired a competence, may reasonably hope for many years in the enjoyment of this world's goods. He comes of substantial German stock, being the son of George and Catherine (Yerka) Tracy, who were likewise natives of that country and born under the reign of the good old Emperor, Wilhelm. They were reared and married in their native Province, whence they emigrated to America in 1860, settling first in the city of Baltimore, Md. In 1867 they emigrated to the West, settling in Lisbon, Iowa. From there, in 1870, they came to Kansas, locating in Sedgwick County, where the mother still lives. The parental household comprised seven children, only two of whom are living—Rudolph J. and Augusta, the latter a resident of Wichita.

Mr. Tracy was a lad of only eleven years when coming to America, and immediately upon his arrival began to work in a factory at Baltimore, turning over his earnings to his mother. After coming West, he was employed on a farm and a railroad, and spent one season in Nebraska, part of the time chopping wood near old Ft. Cottonwood, past which wild Indians frequently roamed and displayed feelings which were anything but friendly. After removing to Sedgwick County, this State, the Tracy family, who were among the earliest pioneers, occupied a dug-out for some time, and Rudolph J. subsequently was employed in freighting between Wichita and Emporia.

At the age of twenty-two years, Mr. Tracy was united in marriage, on the 9th of January, 1872, at Wichita, with Miss Euphemia L. Lane, the ceremony being performed by the first probate judge at Wichita. Mrs. Tracy was a daughter of Reuben C. and Susannah (Mood) Lane, who were natives of Ohio, where they were reared and married. The father was a farmer by occupation, and, leaving the Buckeye State in 1854, settled in Illinois. Two years later, with his family, he pushed on further

Westward into Iowa, locating on a farm in Madison County, where they sojourned until 1870. That year they moved to Sedgwick County, this State, of which they were residents until 1877. Their next removal was to this county, where they remained until 1884. They then removed to Edwards County, where the father now lives, the mother having died, in 1874, near Wichita. Mr. Lane is living with his third wife. During the Civil War he enlisted in Company H, Twenty-third Iowa Infantry, and served gallantly until the close. By his first wife he became the father of thirteen children, six of whom are living, and of whom Mrs. Tracy was the eldest. She was born January 9, 1852, in Ohio.

The seven children born to Mr. and Mrs. Tracy were named respectively: Harmon F., Emma L., George C., Henry M., Vernon R., Luella A. and Benjamin Levi. They form a bright and intelligent group, acquiring their education in the district school, and all living at home with their parents. Mr. and Mrs. Tracy were in former years members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. They now perform the office of guardian to Elmer R. Tracy, a nephew, who is the only surviving member of his family. Mr. Tracy takes an active interest in politics, and uniformly votes the Republican ticket. He is liberal and progressive in his ideas, a member of the Grange and also of the Farmers' Alliance. He has little ambition for office, and aside from serving as Road Overseer, has held himself aloof from responsibility in this line.

The estate of Mr. Tracy embraces three hundred and twenty acres of prime land, all improved, and upon which he has built four and one-half miles of fencing. The greater part of his land is under the plow, and twenty-five acres are devoted to an apple orchard and nearly all other kinds of fruit. Several thousand evergreens add beauty to the premises, including five red cedars, which Mr. Tracy brought with him from the battlefield of Pea Ridge. These also are in a flourishing condition. The present residence was completed in 1888.

When Mr. Tracy came to Sedgwick County, this State, he brought with him a capital of thirty cents and seven bushels of feed for his team. After

completing his house in this county, he had nothing left and was \$50 in debt. In 1878, his dwelling, with all its contents, was destroyed by fire. He has thus met with reverses, but he never allowed himself to give way to discouragements, simply following the rule of always doing the best he could under all circumstances.



DAWSON W. COOLEY. The Oxford Bank is one of the flourishing institutions of Sumner County, and is now operating under a State charter, obtained May 15, 1885. It was organized by J. H. Allen and D. W. Cooley as a private enterprise, opening its doors for business in November, 1883. These two gentlemen were President and Cashier respectively, and the capital was \$10,000, which has been increased to a stock of \$25,000, while a few wealthy farmers are added to the stockholders, and the some officers retain the positions which they assumed at the opening of the institution.

Our subject is a son of John B. Cooley, who was born in the Empire State, February 7, 1817, and reared on a farm, but who became a steamboat captain. On October 18, 1838, John Cooley was united in marriage with Miss Wealthy A. Winchester, who was born in Wyoming County, September 30, 1820. The home of the family was in New York State until the fall of 1866, when they removed to Brookfield, Mo., and thence to Rogers, Ark., in the spring of 1883. In the latter place the father departed this life, May 21, 1888, and the widow is still living. John Cooley was quite prominent in local politics, though not an aspirant for office. He belonged to the Democratic party. The parental family comprised five children, of whom our subject was the first born—George W. is now living in New York City; Marion L. lives in Las Vegas, N. M.; Frank P. died in 1878; Donna died March 27, 1862.

The subject of this sketch opened his eyes to the light in Wyoming County, N. Y., August 11, 1839, and remained in his native place until sixteen

years of age. He then went to Wisconsin, where he sojourned until the fall of 1860, when he returned to his native State, and the following spring offered his services to uphold the Union, being one of the first volunteers in the State or country. Three days after Ft. Sumter was fired upon he enlisted in Company C, Hawkins' Zouaves, which was mustered into service on the 3d of May, and is said to have been the first organized regiment of volunteers in the war. It was attached to the Ninth Army Corps, and for some time formed a part of the Army of the Potomac. The command was first sent to Fortress Monroe, and took part in the capture of Hatteras, Roanoke Island and Elizabethtown; in engagements at Winton and Camden Court-House; and in the terrible conflicts at Antietam and Fredericksburg. The regiment was one of those that suffered the greatest loss in battle, Hawkins' Zouaves being ever in the thick of the fight or in the most exposed position, and the gallantry of the members of that band is unquestioned. Mr. Cooley was discharged at Suffolk, and returned to New York, and until the close of the war was in the employ of the Government in the Quartermaster's Department.

After peace was declared Mr. Cooley went to Brookfield, Mo., and there remained until 1869, when he changed his place of abode to Baxter Springs, Kan. In the spring of 1871 he came to this county, and took up a claim which now forms a part of the town of Wellington, being one of the few settlers in the vicinity, and building the first frame house on the prairie where Wellington now stands. The dwelling is still standing in what is now the Rose Hill Addition, and our subject continued to occupy it until the population of the town was about twelve hundred, and in place of the buffaloes which covered the plains when he came here, herds of cattle were to be seen over its broad expanse.

Mr. Cooley removed from Wellington to Missouri, and spent two years as a traveling salesman, afterward going into the mercantile and banking business at Golden City, Mo., where he remained about two years. He then came to Oxford, and organized the bank of which he has since had sole charge and which is in a very prosperous condition,

owing to his business tact and good management. He was married in Oneida County, N. Y., October 26, 1870, to Miss Estella M. Temple, who was removed from him by death October 17, 1885. Mr. Cooley contracted a second matrimonial alliance October 26, 1886, the bride being Miss Anna Milner, who was born in Ohio, January 10, 1855.

Mr. Cooley is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and his good character, as well as his ability and uprightness in business life, command the respect of his fellow-citizens, and insure his popularity among them.

Mr. Cooley takes great pleasure in the preservation of some family relics which have been handed down to him. Among them is a deed given to his grandfather, Grove Cooley, by the Holland Land Company in November, 1733. There is also a demit from the Dryden (N. Y.) Lodge of Master Masons to Grove Cooley, dated February 6, 1820. The commission of John B. Cooley as Captain in the Ninety-ninth Infantry (New York State Militia) dated October 3, 1839, and signed by W. H. Seward, is a valued relic of the Black Hawk War, to which our subject's father had started, although he did not get to the front until the Indian troubles were settled.



JOHN S. EPPERSON. In the person of the subject of this notice we have one of the most liberal-minded and public-spirited men of Sumner County. This fact is duly recognized by his fellow-citizens, who, in November, 1888, elected him County Commissioner, the duties of which office he is discharging in a manner creditable to himself and satisfactory to his constituents. He is a lifelong agriculturist by occupation, although he is now retired from active labor and is living at his ease, having accumulated a competence. A Republican of the first water, he takes a warm interest in political affairs, and has been the Treasurer of Avon Township in the past, and a member of the School Board. He and his estimable wife are members in good standing of the Chris-

tian Church, and have taken a prominent part in its prosperity and welfare, Mr. Epperson holding its various offices, and in fact being one of the chief pillars. For forty years both Mr. and Mrs. Epperson have labored conscientiously to further the Master's cause.

Madison County, Ky., was the native place of Mr. Epperson, and the date of his birth June 27, 1827. His father, Charles Epperson, likewise a native of the Blue Grass State, emigrated to Indiana where he sojourned a few years, then pushed on further Westward into Benton County, Iowa, where he spent his last years. The maiden name of the mother was Martha Woollery, and she is now with our subject. Mr. Epperson was a young man of twenty years when he accompanied his father's family from Indiana to Iowa, in which State he continued to reside until 1870. In the meantime he was married, in Benton County, November 27, 1848, to Miss Nancy E. Forsyth. In August, 1870, he removed with his family to Independence, this State, and November 7, 1872, came to this county. Soon afterward he entered one hundred and sixty acres of land on section 3, Avon Township, and in November following removed to it, and there has since continued to reside. His sound sense and the spirit of enterprise which has signalized his operations have had the effect, not only to place him in a good position, financially, but also to establish him in the esteem and confidence of his fellow-citizens. He has built up one of the best homesteads in this part of Sumner County, his well-tilled fields yielding him a handsome income.

In his labors and struggles Mr. Epperson has found a most efficient assistant in his amiable and estimable wife. Mrs. Nancy E. (Forsyth) Epperson was born in Decatur County, Ind., July 5, 1831, and is the daughter of Judge J. S. Forsyth, who was formerly the County Judge of Benton County, Iowa, for a period of four years, and for the same length of time was the Sheriff of Boone County, Ind. He came with his family to Kansas in 1872, and made his home with our subject, in Avon Township, where his decease occurred in 1877. His wife died in 1850.

Prior to their removal to this State Mr. and Mrs. Epperson had charge of the Benton County

(Iowa) Poor Farm for three years, and the institution under the management of Mr. Epperson underwent many improvements and reforms. There have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Epperson six children, the eldest of whom, a daughter, Martha J., became the wife of W. G. Hollingsworth, and died in Harmon Township, this county, April 28, 1887; Harry married Miss Susie Nottingham, and is farming in Scott County; Julius married Miss Ella Seeger, and is farming in Harmon Township; Alma is the wife of W. H. C. Bowers, of Wellington; Mary and Florence remain at home with their parents.



JACOB SMITH, one of the leading farmers in Walton Township, was born in Prussia, September 8, 1841, to Anthony and Elizabeth (Keiser) Smith. They emigrated to America in 1857, and settled in St. Clair County, Ill., where the father lives, and where the mother died on the 24th of August, 1889. The father had been a manufacturer of woolen goods in Germany, but adopted a farmer's life after becoming a resident of the United States. He was in easy financial circumstances, and was a devout member of the Catholic Church. He was the father of five children—Mary, Catherine, Jacob, John and Christina, all living but the first born.

The gentleman whose name initiates this sketch, was but a boy when his parents came to America, and he was brought up on the farm in St. Clair County, Ill. In 1869 he took up his residence in Montgomery County, Kan., lived there until 1872, and then removed to Cowley County, and pre-empted one hundred and twenty acres of land. He subsequently bought six hundred acres in Cedar Township, of that county, and lived on the same until 1885, when he removed into Arkansas City, continuing to reside in that town until the spring of 1888, when he moved to his present home. His home farm comprises one hundred and sixty acres on sections 12 and 13, Walton Township, which bears marked improvements, the whole estate evinc-

ing careful management and skillful oversight. He is now devoting his entire attention to farming and stock-raising, and is adding to his prosperity, and placing his affairs on a still more substantial financial basis. In addition to his farm in this county, he owns one hundred and sixty acres in Cedar Township, Cowley County, and some valuable real estate in Arkansas City. All his property has been acquired since he became a resident of this State, and is a proof of his unflagging industry and business ability. He is a devout member of the Catholic Church, a reliable citizen, and his social, kindly nature are manifested in his associations with his neighbors and in his domestic relations.

An important step in the life of Mr. Smith was taken in 1874, when he became the husband of Miss Katie Gallagher, of Cowley County, whose capable and tasteful conduct of the household economy makes his home pleasant, and his heart happy. Mrs. Smith was born in Canada. She has borne her husband two children, Mary and Anthony, who are yet under the parental roof.



MAKE HACKNEY, a pioneer of 1871, came to this county in the fall of that year from Adams County, Ill., and purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land on section 27, Harmon Township. Of this township he has since been a resident, making good improvements on his farm, eighty acres of which, however, he has disposed of, having the remaining eighty in a fine state of cultivation.

The subject of this notice was born in Chatham County, N. C., November 7, 1846, and when a small boy removed with his parents to Adams County, Ill., where he grew to manhood. He spent his time after the manner of most farmer's sons, attending the district school in winter and making himself useful about the homestead in summer until after the outbreak of the Civil War. On the 24th of February, 1864, when a young man of eighteen years, he enlisted in Company B, Fiftieth Illinois Infantry and served eighteen months, operating

with his regiment mostly with Gen. Sherman. He saw active fighting, and after being mustered out at Springfield returned to Adams County, Ill., and occupied himself at farming until his removal to Kansas.

On the 14th of March, 1867, Mr. Hackney was married, at the bride's home in Schuyler County, Ill., to Miss Maggie Baxter. This lady was born in Carroll County, Ohio, December 9, 1847, and is the daughter of John and Ellen Baxter, who are natives of Ohio and spending their last years in Brown County, Kan. There have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Hackney six children, two of whom, John and Etta, died in infancy. The survivors are Ella, Emma, Myrtle and Jessie. Mr. Hackney votes the straight Republican ticket, and has held some of the school offices of this district. He belongs to the Ancient Order of United Workmen and Belle Plaine Post, G. A. R.

The parents of our subject were John and Milly (Dorsett) Hackney, natives of North Carolina and now residents of Schuyler County, Ill. The parental household included six children.



RALPH A. BROWN, M. D. This promising young physician of South Haven established himself here in the spring of 1886, and bids fair in the near future to take a leading position among the practitioners of this county. His native place was Ashtabula County, Ohio, his birth occurring April 6, 1858, and in 1861 his parents, George P. and Mary (Seymour) Brown, removed to Richmond, Ind., where the early school days of the boy were spent. Ten years later they changed their residence to Indianapolis, and in that city Ralph A. developed into manhood. The family consisted of four sons—Charles C., Ralph, George A. and Walter S.

In 1877 the Brown family removed to Ann Arbor, Mich., in order that the boys might receive the advantages of a thorough education. The four were all graduated from the Michigan

State University. During this time the mother kept house for her sons, while the father was engaged as a traveling salesman. Later, the parents removed to Bloomington, Ill., where they now reside, the father being publisher of the *Illinois School Journal*. He is a well-educated man, and in former years served as Superintendent of the Richmond Public Schools. Later, he was Principal and Superintendent of the High Schools of Indianapolis. The elder Brown identified himself some years ago with the Ancient Free & Accepted Masons, of which he still remains an honored member.

The paternal grandfather of our subject was William Brown, a native of England, who crossed the Atlantic when a young man, locating in the Dominion of Canada. Later, he emigrated to New York State, where he was married to Miss Mary Piper, a lady of Irish ancestry. Finally leaving New York State, they removed to Ohio, where they reared a large family and died. Ralph A., our subject, was graduated from the schools of Indianapolis in 1875, and in due time entered the medical department of the University of Michigan, from which he emerged in 1880, well equipped for the duties of his chosen profession. He, however, spent one year in the hospital at Ann Arbor, and then established himself in Boone County, Ind., where he remained until the fall of 1885. Then, on account of failing health, he spent several months traveling.

Returning to Indianapolis, in January, 1886, Dr. Brown was married to Miss Cora J., daughter of James M. and Mary (Council) Smith. This lady was born December 28, 1864, in Boone County, Ind., and was the daughter of an early pioneer of that region. Her mother died when she was a small child. Her father, an attorney-at-law, is still a resident of Tipton. Mrs. Brown received a careful home training and a good education, and at an early age developed a rare taste for music, in which she became quite proficient and is now an experienced and skillful pianist.

Dr. Brown, by his strict attention to the duties of his profession, is rapidly gaining a foothold in his community, no less as a physician and surgeon than as a business man and a member of the com-

munity. He is a regular attendant at the Christian Church, of which Mrs. Brown is a devoted member, and he served one year as Superintendent of the Sunday-school. While a resident of Boone County, Ind., he became a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He votes the Independent ticket, and was the first City Clerk of South Haven. There has been born to the Doctor and his estimable lady one child, a son, Ralph S., August 25, 1889.



FREDERICK W. BAUM. The farming community of Falls Township recognizes in Mr. Baum one of its most enterprising and successful men. He was born in the Kingdom of Prussia, December 10, 1838, and is the son of Frederick C. and Johanna F. Augusta (Finke) Baum, who were likewise natives of that kingdom, and who emigrated to America in 1853. They settled in Calhoun County, Ill., and there spent the remainder of their lives, the father engaged in farming pursuits. In former years, in his native land, he had been a weaver. He was a highly-educated man, and possessed of more than ordinary intelligence. There were born to him and his excellent partner two children only—Johanna F. Augusta and Frederick W. The former died in Illinois. Frederick W. is consequently the only surviving member of his family.

Mr. Baum was a lad of fifteen years when leaving his native land, and he sojourned with his parents in Calhoun County, Ill., until the outbreak of the Civil War. In 1861, at an early stage in the conflict, he joined the Union army as a private in Company C, Tenth Missouri Infantry, and served with that command until November, 25, 1863. He participated in many of the important battles which followed, and at Missionary Ridge received a wound which necessitated the amputation of his left leg, between the ankle and the knee. Consequently he received his honorable discharge, in the spring of 1864, at St. Louis, Mo.

Upon leaving the army, Mr. Baum returned to

Illinois, where he spent one year, then repaired to St. Louis, Mo., and for a time officiated as City Weigher. He followed various pursuits until May, 1868, when he came to Kansas, locating in Johnson County, and sojourning there until 1871. In December, that year, he came to this county, and the following January purchased a claim on sections 7 and 18, Falls Township, upon which he located and where he has since resided. His industry and perseverance brought him ample returns, and he added to his possessions in due time by the purchase of additional land, until he is now the owner of two hundred acres, which have become the source of a fine income. At the time of his settlement here, the country was wild and new, infested with Indians and highwaymen, who frequently made life a burden to settlers on the frontier. His first dwelling, constructed very imperfectly with the aid of limited tools and material, offered very little protection against the elements, and for awhile the only door was a blanket. Mr. Baum had no property worthy of mention when coming to this county, and naturally feels warmly attached to the Sunflower State, which has made of him a comparatively wealthy man. He is a strong defender of the principles of the Republican party, and belongs to Upton Post, No. 27, G. A. R., of Caldwell.

On the 25th of September, 1864, Mr. Baum was married to Miss Fredericka D. Wernecke. Mrs. Baum is a native of the same country as her husband, and was born November 13, 1841. Her parents were Andrew and Dorothy (Franke) Wernecke, who were likewise natives of Prussia. The mother died there when Mrs. Baum was a child of eight years. Mr. Wernecke came to this country in 1857, and settled in Warren County, Mo., where he was severely dealt with during the war on account of his Union sentiments. He became well-to-do, and died there in 1880, aged sixty-seven years. To Mr. and Mrs. Wernecke were born five children, named Fredericka D., Theresa, Wilhelmina F., Gustaf and F. Herman. Mr. Wernecke was married a second time, his wife being Louisa Sontag, and unto them were born two children—Louisa B. and Anna.

To Mr. and Mrs. Baum there has been born a family of six children, namely: Edward, Benjamin,



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Walter, Lydia, Ada and Arthur. Edward, Benjamin and Arthur are deceased; the other three are at home with their parents. We direct the attention of the reader to a lithographic view of the residence of our subject, found elsewhere in this volume.



CAPT. LEWIS K. MYERS is one of the original Town Site Company of Wellington, which place has been his home since the spring of 1871, although he has been absent temporarily at various times. During his early years he learned considerable of the privations, toils and needs of the pioneer, and was well qualified to take a position among the frontiersmen in this State. During the Civil War he was a gallant soldier, and his title is an honorable testimony to his faithfulness and courage.

The paternal grandfather of our subject was George Myers, who was probably born in Pennsylvania, and was the son of German parents. He moved from the Keystone State to Jefferson County, Ohio, where the latter part of his life was spent. He reared eight sons and four daughters, all of whom married and also reared families. One of his sons, Abraham Myers, was born in Washington County, Pa., and was nearly grown when his parents moved to Ohio. In Jefferson County he married Miss Margaret Spiller, a native of Washington County, Pa. Her parents are presumed to have been natives also of the Keystone State, and her maternal grandfather, Jackson, was made a captive by a small band of Indians. Two brothers, John and Andrew Poe, attacked the savages and enabled Mr. Jackson to make his escape.

Abraham Myers purchased a tract of one hundred and sixty acres in Knox Township, Jefferson County, on which there was an improved water power and grist mill. There he resided, carrying on the occupations of a miller and a farmer, until 1843, when he sold and purchased land in Carroll County, on which he resided over a decade. Selling that he went to Iowa, and settled in Union County, where he took Government land and built

a log house. The removal from Ohio was made by teams and they camped by the way. There were no railroads west of the Mississippi until two years after his settlement in the Hawkeye State, in which he had lived but a few months when his demise took place, the date of the event being October, 1854. His widow survived until January, 1860, when she too passed away.

The subject of this biography was born in Jefferson County, Ohio, May 15, 1832, and was reared in his native State, his youth being spent in study and in assisting his father upon the farm. Before the family moved to Iowa, whither he accompanied them, he had taught one term of winter school. The family was among the earliest settlers of Union County, Iowa, where Indians still lingered and where deer and other kinds of wild game were abundant. Soon after their arrival there young Myers began surveying and he also entered several tracts of land under the Government land laws. After his father's death he and his older brother improved the land which his father had taken. He had not long been a resident of the State ere he received the appointment of Deputy County Surveyor, and in 1859 he was elected County Surveyor and two years later was elected to the office of Sheriff.

The breaking out of the Civil War found Mr. Myers filling the two positions last named which he resigned to take his place among the defenders of the Union. In August, 1862, he enlisted in Company H., Twenty-ninth Iowa Infantry, and was mustered into the service as First Lieutenant and not long after promoted to the Captaincy, retaining the command of the company until his discharge. The most important battles in which he participated were at Helena, Ark., Little Rock, Saline River, and Spanish Fort. At the latter place he was severely wounded and was transferred to the hospital at New Orleans, and as soon as he was able to travel was granted a furlough and returned home. He rejoined his command at Mobile, whence they went to the mouth of the Rio Grande, where the order for his discharge reached him.

Returning to his former home in Iowa, Capt. Myers remained there until 1871, and in February of that year came to Kansas, traveling by rail to

Emporia, which was then the western terminus of the railroad, and thence by stage to Wichita. Thence he started with a team and accompanied by others for a point two and a half miles southeast of the present site of Wellington, which was designated as Meridian and had been named by the Governor as the temporary county seat of the newly organized county of Sumner. A village had been staked out there but no buildings had been erected, a tent in the timber near by being the residence of one of the proprietors of the town site. The Government survey of the county was not yet completed and there was not a building where Wellington now stands, the land, like that in other parts of the county, being still held by the Government.

Capt. Myers made no claim here, but returned to Wichita, bought a pony and set out to explore the country northwest of that town. Late in March, however, he returned to Sumner County, and with seven other gentlemen formed a Town Site Company and made claim to the land now occupied by the city of Wellington. On the 4th of April, 1871, he made the first survey and at once platted the town. On the same day he got a man to remove his log cabin to this place and at once erected it here. Other buildings went up about the same time and soon quite a little village was started. In September an election was held to determine the location of the county seat, and Wellington was one of the five towns which competed for that honor. None of them had a majority of the votes cast and W. P. Hackney, the representative, secured the passage of the present law that governs county seat elections in Kansas, and at the fifth election Wellington was victorious. The township built a stone court house that was leased to the county, rent free, for ten years, and which was occupied as the Seat of Justice until 1881, when the present handsome and commodious structure was erected.

The wife of Capt. Myers bore the maiden name of Mary Guthridge and their marriage was celebrated October 30, 1860. The bride was born in Champaign County, Ohio, April 24, 1840, and her father, Darius J. Guthridge, was a native of the same county. In 1854 he removed to Iowa, his

first settlement in that State being on the line of Union and Clarke Counties, where he was one of the pioneers. He opened a general store there and when the town of Afton was started the following year, he moved his stock of goods and opened the first store in the new town. There he continued to reside until 1880, when he was gathered to his fathers. He was a successful business man, a natural orator, and possessed an eminently social nature. His wife, whose maiden name was Mary J. Owens, died in Ohio while quite young. Mrs. Myers received the best training and education which her father's means could compass in the circumstances which surrounded them during her youth, and grew to a worthy womanhood. She has borne her husband three children—William A., Edith and May; the elder of the girls is now a teacher in the schools in the county.

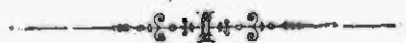
Capt. Myers is the only member of the original Town Site Company who now resides in Wellington. His social and benevolent nature has led him to take a decided interest in the social orders and he belongs to several lodges. He is a member of James Shield Post No. 57, G. A. R., Wellington Lodge No. 150, A. F. & A. M.; Sumner Chapter No. 37, R. A. M., and St. John Commandery No. 24, K. T. It is needless to state that he is well respected, not only in the city in whose welfare he has ever been interested, but wherever his character and works are known.

FRANKLIN E. KNOWLES is the owner and occupant of an improved and cultivated farm in Osborn Township, which was taken by him as a pre-emption claim in 1876, since which time he has become well-known as a business man of Wellington, where he was for some years engaged in carrying on a meat market. He is a son of Henry and Sarah (Waters) Knowles, who became residents of this county in 1877. His father was born in New York State, and after living there many years, became a resident of McHenry County, Ill. After coming to this State, he engaged in the

cattle business, and is still so occupied. Mrs. Henry Knowles is a native of Michigan, and is the mother of seven children—Ellen, Wesley, Frank E., Eva, Alice, Flora, and Charles.

The gentleman whose name initiates this sketch, first opened his eyes to the light in McHenry County, Ill., April 5, 1853, and was reared in Marengo, receiving a common-school education, and supplementing it by a commercial course of study. When, in the Centennial year, he determined to become a citizen of Kansas, he took up one hundred and sixty acres on section 8, Osborn Township, and made such improvements as were necessary, coupled with his residence thereon, to enable him to prove up. He then engaged in business in Wellington, continuing it until 1886, when he sold out, and in February, 1889, owing to ill health, he abandoned it and returned to his farm.

The lady whose housewifely skill and amiable disposition makes a happy home for Mr. Knowles, was in her maidenhood Miss Maggie E. Culley, and the rites of wedlock were celebrated between them May 30, 1883. Mrs. Knowles was born in Logan County, Ill., February 28, 1861, and is the daughter of James and Margaret (Jackson) Culley, who are also natives of the Prairie State. She has borne two children, Harley and Edna, both of whom have been removed from their loving parents by the hand of death.



FRANK K. ROBBINS, President of the First National Bank of Wellington, came to Sumner County, in May, 1887, and succeeding Reuben H. Harpham in the position which he now holds, has since retained that place, to which he was elected in January, 1888-89-90, and re-elected the following year. He was also incumbent of the office of cashier for two years, but in January, 1890, Mr. R. L. Beattie was elected cashier. Though so short a time a resident of this city, Mr. Robbins is a prominent and popular citizen, his excellent moral character and business tact winning respect, and his affable and social nature gaining warm friends.

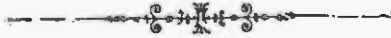
His father, Daniel Robbins, was born in Kentucky about the year 1795, and went to Illinois at an early day, becoming one of the first settlers of Dewitt County, and laying out the town of Dewitt, then called Marion. About the year 1837, Daniel Robbins married Miss Rebecca Day, and being elected County Judge in 1850, removed to Clinton, the county seat, where he continued to reside until his death in 1869. He was Postmaster of that city for a number of years, and was a prominent politician, being a life-long Whig and Republican. His widow married R. Rollins, and is now living in McLean County.

The subject of our sketch was born in Dewitt County, Ill., November 17, 1847, and grew to maturity in Clinton, where he learned the profession of a druggist, and engaged in that business, following it for some eight years in that place, under the firm name of Day & Robbins. He then carried on the same business in Kenney for nine years, and until the date of his removal to this State. While in Kenney, he was united in marriage with Miss Lura Randolph, the ceremony taking place on December 28, 1876, at the home of the bride's father, J. H. Randolph, a prominent farmer of that county. Mrs. Robbins was born there May 22, 1859, was well-educated, and possessed many fine traits of character. While en route to San Antonio, Tex., for her health, in December, 1881, she was called from earth, her decease taking place in New Orleans. She had borne two children, of whom one, a daughter, Edna, is still living.

Though only a boy in his teens, Mr. Robbins enlisted October 5, 1864, in Company K, of Gov. Oglesby's old Regiment, the Eighth Illinois Infantry. They were sent to Memphis, Tenn., and on to the Mississippi River, taking part in the charge at Spanish Fort, and also charging Ft. Blakeley, and going into Mobile at the head of the troops, the colors of that regiment being the first planted on the fort by the Union soldiers. Mr. Robbins served until October, 5, 1865, when he was honorably discharged, and returned from Texas to his home, having fortunately escaped wounds or capture.

During his residence at Kenney, Ill., Mr. Robbins was appointed Postmaster by President Hayes, and served eight years, until the change of admin-

istration. He was an active Republican worker in that county, but not an aspirant for office, being content to serve his party in the ranks. He belongs to the Masonic fraternity, the Knights of Pythias, and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and for two years represented the Odd Fellows Lodge in the Grand Lodge of the State, at Springfield. Ill.



ALBERT R. QUICK, Assistant Cashier of the Stock Exchange Bank at Caldwell, may be classed as a self-made man, as he began life for himself with only what nature had bestowed upon him in the way of capital, if we except a common-school education. He began a business career early in his teens, and young as he is has an enviable reputation in Sumner County for his business ability and good character.

The paternal ancestors of our subject were from Holland, and the Keystone State was the family abiding place for many years. In that State Emanuel B., the father of our subject, was born about 1814, and he breathed his last in Milford, in 1881. He was a shoemaker and worked at his trade all his life, securing a comfortable support and being in easy financial circumstance at the time of his death. He served as one of the Commissioners of Pike County several years, and had good standing in the Methodist Episcopal Church. His wife, whose maiden name was Catherine Ennis, was also born in the Keystone State, still survives and is in good health although she is now about seventy-three years old. The parental family was made up of two sons and a daughter, who were christened Edgar, Bella and Albert R.

In Milford, Pike County, Pa., October 1, 1852, the eyes of our subject first opened to the light, and his early years were passed amid the usual surroundings of boyhood in the family of a tradesman. Having acquired a good understanding of the common-school branches, at the age of fifteen years he began clerking in a general store, subsequently engaging in general merchandising for

himself and enjoying a very successful business career in that line until 1881, when he sold out and moved West. He located in Emporia, Kan., and for a time was engaged in the stock business, after which he entered the employ of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad as agent. In 1885 he was located at Caldwell and served in the capacity of agent at that place until the following year, when he was tendered the position which he is now filling in the Stock Exchange Bank. He is well qualified for the post which he occupies and is regarded by business men as a very careful and accurate cashier. He is a stockholder in the bank and also owns valuable real estate in Caldwell. In politics he is a Democrat and is a Master Mason in one of the social orders.

In 1873 Mr. Quick was united in marriage with Miss Mae E. Chapman, of Readfield, Me., a daughter of Ira S. and Elizabeth (Taylor) Chapman. Two sons and one daughter have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Quick, and they bear the names of Harry C., J. Wallace and Bell H.

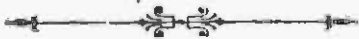


THOMAS V. OGDEN. This gentleman is one of the oldest settlers of Sumner County, and one of the most substantial and highly respected citizens of Wellington, where he is engaged in the livery business and horse dealing. His establishment is situated on Lincoln Avenue, and is well patronized, and is well supplied with vehicles and steeds, thirty to forty head of equines being usually kept. Mr. Ogden was born in Fulton County, Ill., August 11, 1854, and in the spring prior to his eighteenth birthday accompanied his parents to this county. They settled six miles east of Wellington, which was then but a small village, the father taking up a raw quarter section in Avon Township, erecting a frame house upon it and beginning its further improvement. Our subject can well remember when buffaloes roamed over these prairies, and when deer and smaller game abounded.

Mr. Ogden remained with his parents until about nineteen years of age, when he took a quarter sec-

tion of land in the same township, three miles east of this place, and began reclaiming the raw prairie and putting upon it such improvements as are usually made by enterprising agriculturalists. He broke one hundred and twenty acres of the sod, and put the balance under good fences for use as pasture, set out an orchard and grove, erected good buildings, and made one of the fine farms of the county. For the past five years he has rented his estate, and has been carrying on the livery business here, proving his business ability in its management, and winning esteem by his honorable conduct and good character. He votes with the Democratic party, but has no political aspirations, and has little to do with party affairs except in exercising the right of suffrage.

The father of our subject, T. V. Ogden, Sr., was born in Ohio, and married Miss Sarah Boardwine, of Fulton County, Ill., where he settled as a farmer. His wife is a native of Virginia, but lived in Illinois some time previous to her marriage. Their family comprises eight children, all still living. The senior Mr. Ogden is well-known as one of the early settlers of this county, and as a successful farmer, now owning three hundred acres in Falls Township, twenty miles southwest of this place. He and his wife are worthy parents of the son who is taking a high stand among the young men of the county, and who bids fair to become still more prominent and influential in the years to come.



EDMUND ROCKHOLD. This gentleman, in the spring of 1889, established himself as a farmer in Downs Township, purchasing eighty acres of land on section 13, where he still lives and carries on general farming. He has attained to considerable prominence in the community, being a staunch supporter of the Republican party, and is an Elder of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. He is now approaching the sixty-fifth year of his age, having been born March 19, 1825, and is a native of Baltimore County, Md., where for many years his father, the Rev. Edmund

Rockhold, a native of the same county, officiated as a minister of the Methodist Protestant Church. The latter was born in 1770, and departed this life in Baltimore County, Md., at the age of seventy-six years.

The paternal grandfather of the subject of this notice was Jacob Rockhold, a native of England, who emigrated to America in 1760, locating in Baltimore County, Md., where he carried on farming and died at the age of seventy-six years, six months and twenty days. The mother of our subject was in her girlhood Miss Susan Miller, she was a native of the same county as her husband and son, and spent her last days in Butler County, Ohio, passing away at the age of sixty-three years. Her parents were Jacob and Elizabeth (Marshall) Miller. Grandfather Miller was born in Germany, whence he emigrated to the United States at an early day, settling in Pennsylvania, where he married his wife, who was a native of that State. Subsequently they removed to Maryland, where Grandfather Miller died when eighty-seven years old. He was a miller by occupation, a steady-going, prudent and industrious man who enjoyed the esteem and confidence of his fellow-citizens. Grandmother Miller died at the age of seventy-eight years in Stark County, Ohio.

To Edmund Jr., and Susan (Miller) Rockhold there was born a family of five children, namely: Edmund, Susan, Hannah, William and John. The subject of this notice was the first-born and is the only living member of the family. He was reared on a farm in his native county, and received the educational advantages afforded by the common schools. When a man of twenty-seven years, he, in 1852, removed to Butler County, Ohio, and after the outbreak of the Civil War, enlisted as a Union soldier in September, 1863, in Company B, One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Ohio Infantry. He only served until the following year, being mustered out and returning to his old haunts in Butler County. He remained there until the spring of 1880, then turned his face to the country west of the Mississippi.

Mr. Rockhold was married in his native State October 20, 1846, to Miss Eliza Elderdice. Mrs. Rockhold was born in Frederick County, Md.,

June 20, 1820, and is the daughter of Hugh and Catherine (Meyers) Elderdice, who were natives of Ireland and Pennsylvania, respectively. The grandmother on the mother's side was a Barbara Martin, and on the father's side, was Mary Stewart, who was Scotch-Irish, and was of royal blood. Mr. Elderdice was a farmer by occupation, and removed from his native State to Maryland, where he and his excellent wife spent their last days. To Mr. and Mrs. Rockhold there have been born seven children, viz.: Kate, James, Abbie, Mary, Tillie, Ella and John C. Mary was taken from the home circle when a young woman of twenty-seven years; James died when a promising youth of sixteen; Abbie died at the age of three years. John C. married Miss Rose DeFreese and lives in Spivey, and is Roadmaster of the Mulvane extension of the Santa Fe Railroad; Mary married J. W. Hoover, who is County Superintendent of Schools; Kate is married to B. F. Grove, of York, Pa.



JOHAN R. SIMONS is the owner and occupant of a pleasant home in Wellington Township, where he has been living since 1884. Early in life he began agricultural labors and the management of a farm, proving very successful in his occupation and ever manifesting an industry and good judgment highly creditable to his natural qualities and his training. He is a man of probity and intelligence, a reliable citizen, and stands well in the regard of his associates and fellow-citizens.

Wales claims the honor of being the birthplace of our subject and of the ancestral line for generations. His grandfather, Edward Simons, spent his entire life in that land. Edward Simons, Jr., the father of our subject, was born in Denbighshire, was there reared and educated and lived until 1843, when accompanied by his wife and four children he came to America. His first settlement was made in Keudall County, Ill., and among the frontiersmen of Oswego Township he began the development of a tract of wild land which he had

purchased. At that date and for some years after, there were no railroads in the Prairie State, and Chicago, then a city of about seven thousand inhabitants, was the nearest market and a drive of forty miles was necessary to reach it. The parents of our subject resided in Illinois until 1886 when they came to Kansas to spend their last days with our subject. Both are still living at an advanced age, the father will be ninety in June and the mother eighty-eight years of age. The maiden name of the mother was Margaret Roberts and she also is a native of Wales. She has borne nine children, two of whom, Hannah, and our subject, still survive.

He whose name initiates this sketch was born in Hope, Wales, about two and a half years before the family moved to America and he therefore has no recollection of the land of his nativity. He, however, well remembers the pioneer life in Illinois, where as soon as he was large enough he began to assist his father on the farm and being the only son, while yet in his teens had its management placed upon his shoulders. After his marriage he purchased two hundred and forty acres in the same township, and in addition to his farming operated a threshing machine twenty seasons. He sold his Illinois property in 1884 and coming to Wellington bought one hundred and sixty acres of land adjoining the town and at once began farming here. Two years later he took advantage of the boom and sold the greater part of his land at a good advance on its original price, but still occupies the house into which he first moved on becoming a resident of this State.

In 1864 Mr. Simons was united in marriage with Miss Susannah R. Minkler, an estimable lady possessed of many womanly qualities. She had borne five children: Burton R., Louisa E., Minkler E., Ivah A., and Kansas. The oldest daughter is the wife of Samuel J. Lumbard, attorney-at-law, of Chicago, Ill.


The father of Mrs. Simons is Smith G. Minkler, who was born in Albany County, N. Y., and whose father, Peter Minkler, is presumably a native of the same State. In 1833, Peter Minkler and his family joined a colony and journeyed to Illinois, traveling with teams. A graphic description of their

journey, as told by Smith Minkler, appears in the history of Kendall County, Ill., which was published a few years since. In that county the elder Mr. Minkler located, being one of the first settlers in what is now Kendall Township, where he secured a tract of Government land upon which he resided until his death.

Smith G. Minkler was a young man when the family moved from New York and he reached man's estate in Kendall County, where he was married and where he also secured a tract of Government land, building upon it a log house in which Mrs. Simons was born. At the time of his settlement, deer, wolves and other kinds of game were plentiful in the vicinity, Indians still lingered there, and the surrounding country was very sparsely settled. The greater part of the land was prairie and was the last to be settled, as the first comers thought it would not produce crops and therefore cleared the groves. When the land Smith Minkler took came into market he was short \$16 of the requisite amount of money to pay for it and he started out to hire the money. He traveled a long distance on horseback before he could find any one possessing that amount, but he finally obtained the loan, giving a mortgage on the farm to secure it. He has been a continuous resident of that place since he first located upon it. He very early developed an interest in fruit culture and started a nursery, and for many years past has been an influential member of the Northern Illinois Horticultural Society, and has served both as its President and its Treasurer. He has served as Steward and Trustee of the Methodist Episcopal Church and has been a Class-Leader for many years, his wife also being a member of that denomination. To him and his wife five children were born, of whom four reached years of maturity. They are: Betsey, Mrs. Simons, Ellis T., and Florence.

The mother of Mrs. Simons, and wife of Smith Minkler, was in her maidenhood Miss Sarah A. Burton. She was born near Yarmouth, England, and is a daughter of Nathaniel and Susannah (Ransom) Burton, both of whom were natives of the Mother Country, whence they came to America about 1836, locating in Kendall County, Ill. as

pioneer residents. Mr. Burton improved a farm there upon which he and his wife resided many years and whence they went to Ottawa to live with a daughter, dying in that city when quite advanced in years.



THOMAS RICHARDSON, Sr. The subject of this biography stands prominent among the mercantile interests of Wellington and deals chiefly in dry-goods, having a fine large store, occupying No. 114 Washington Avenue, at Wellington. Engaging in business here in May, 1879, he is therefore one of the oldest established merchants of the place and carries a complete stock of everything in his line. He has built up a large patronage and his business ability and integrity are unquestioned.

Mr. Richardson was born near Frankfort, Ky., April 2, 1814, and lived there until a young man of twenty-one years. After completing his education he established himself in business at La Grange, Mo., and carried on general merchandising in that State for the long period of thirty-six years and about seven years at Lancaster, Schuyler County, Mo. He has been continuously behind the dry-goods counter for fifty-five years, having begun August 20, 1835, and all this time has been in business for himself. With the exception of having been burned out at La Grange he has been uniformly successful. While a resident of Missouri he served in the various city offices and was President of the Board of Trustees of the La Grange Baptist College for fourteen years. In the early days he was an Old Clay Whig, but later identified himself with the Democratic party. For thirty-five years he has been a member in good standing of the Baptist Church and for probably twenty-five years has been connected with the Masonic fraternity.

In March, 1846, Mr. Richardson was united in marriage with Miss America C. Muldrow at Philadelphia, Mo., where Mrs. Richardson had been attending a Presbyterian institution of learning.

This union resulted in the birth of eight children, of whom only three are living, viz.: Lizzie, Thomas, a resident of Pueblo, Col., and John, who married Miss Belle Patton, of Wellington, and is engaged in merchandising in business with his father. Mr. Richardson is a man highly respected in his community and bears an unblemished reputation. His parents are Allen and Elizabeth (Payne) Richardson, who were residents of Kentucky and are now deceased.



CHARLES L. CROOKHAM, business manager of the *New Era* at South Haven, also holds the office of City Clerk, to which he was elected in May, 1888. He is still a young man, having been born September 13, 1863, but has already entered upon a promising career. His native place was Circleville, Ohio, from which his parents, Oliver and Mary J. (Walden) Crookham, came to Kansas in 1871. They located at Eureka, where the mother is still living. Oliver Crookham only survived his removal to the West three short years, being murdered in October, 1874, by one Alexander Herman, who is now serving a life sentence for the crime which was premeditated and unprovoked. Herman was the first criminal given a life sentence in Greenwood County. He had been hired by Mr. Crookham to break prairie, and when only half the job was completed, was requested by Mr. Crookham to discontinue his labors as his work was not satisfactory, which conclusion on the part of Mr. Crookham was upheld by arbitrators. Mr. Crookham paid the man his full price, and two years later, one day Herman went up to him and shot him without any words passing between them. Mr. Crookham was at the time husking corn on his farm.

Oliver Crookham was a man of excellent character, a Swedenborgian in his religious views, a consistent Christian, and an honest man. He was born, reared and married in Jackson County, Ohio, of which the mother of our subject was also a native, and they lived in Circleville sixteen years be-

fore coming to this State. After leaving Ohio they resided four years at Springfield, Mo. The paternal grandfather of our subject was George L. Crookham, a native of England, who emigrated to the United States when a young man, and located in Jackson County, Ohio. He was of studious habits, and through his own efforts obtained a good education, and spent much of his time as a naturalist. When employed he manufactured sugar from beets, and established some of the salt works in the Buckeye State. He was in the Government employ as a naturalist and a mathematician, and belonged to the National Mathematical Association. A man of broad and liberal ideas, he identified himself with the early abolitionists, and assisted fugitive slaves in making their escape to Canada. He was born in England, and spent his last days in Jackson County, Ohio, dying at the age of sixty-six years.

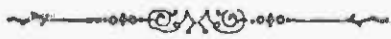
The maternal grandfather of our subject was Jonathan Walden, a native of Greenbriar County, in what is now West Virginia. He emigrated to Jackson County, Ohio, when a mere boy, was there married, reared a family, and died there about 1856. He traced his ancestry to the pilgrims who landed in the *Mayflower*, and who were of Scottish birth and antecedents. To Oliver and Mary Crookham there was born a family of six children, of whom Charles L., our subject, was the youngest. The days of his boyhood and youth were spent uneventfully on a farm, and in attendance at the district school. Later he entered the Kansas Normal College at Ft. Scott, from which he was graduated in June, 1886. In the fall of that year he made his first advent in South Haven, and established himself as a general merchant. Afterward he served as clerk in the bank six months. He is now engaged as a loan agent and in the insurance business. The *New Era* with which he is at present connected as business manager, was first established as a private enterprise, and purchased later by a stock company. It has a circulation of about four hundred, and is a newsy local paper, devoted chiefly to the interests of Sumner County.

Mr. Crookham, on the 27th of July, 1887, was joined in wedlock, at Eureka, Kan., with Miss Constance E., daughter of Robert and Elizabeth J.



F. M. Mills

(Bryson) Wiggins. The ancestors of Mrs. Crookham were of Irish origin, and first represented in the United States at a very early day. She was born August 27, 1865, in Canada. Of her union with our subject there is one child, a son, Arthur L. Mr. Crookham, politically, affiliates with the Republican party, and socially, belongs to South Haven Lodge, No. 114, I. O. O. F. In addition to his other interests, he is a member and Secretary of the South Haven Building and Loan Association, and Vice-President of the State Immigration Bureau of Sumner County.



FRANCIS M. MILLS is one of the oldest settlers of Oxford Township, to which he came in 1871, sticking a stake on the claim which he still occupies, about the 23d of April, and beginning the labor of preparing a home at once. The land occupies the northeastern part of section 20, and was the outside claim from the village in that direction when Mr. Mills filed on it. Oxford then consisted of four buildings in process of construction, only the frames being up. Mr. Mills drew the lumber for his home from Newton, sixty miles distant, and was ten days in making the trip, during which he experienced some very cold weather. He saw some antelopes and prairie wolves when he first set up housekeeping here, and was a witness to all the development in this section, assisting in the organization of the school district (No. 33) and in the building of the schoolhouse.

Mr. Mills is a son of John and Dorcas (Allison) Mills, both of whom were born in Augusta County, Va., where their marriage also took place. They removed to Ohio, where the father cleared up a farm, upon which the family resided until his death, in 1839. The eldest son in the family—William Mills—was born in 1812, and he of whom we write, December 19, 1831. When our subject was fourteen years old the family removed to Sangamon County, Ill. where he grew to maturity, leaving the parental roof when of age, and going to Logan County, where he engaged in farm-

ing for some time. The mother also went to that county, where she died in 1864. During that year our subject went to Montana and engaged in mining, remaining in that Territory about five years, when he returned to his home in Logan County. The following spring he came to Montgomery County, in the eastern part of this State, and a year later to this county, and after having filed his claim and erected a dwelling, began his permanent residence here in May.

The lady who nobly shared in Mr. Mills' pioneer work here bore the maiden name of Harriet C. Shaw, and the rites of wedlock were celebrated between them in DeWitt County, Ill., January 21, 1863. The union has resulted in the birth of three children—Abbie L. died at the age of six years and twenty days; Fannie, at the age of nine months; the surviving daughter, Mary E., is now nine years of age and a bright and interesting young girl. Mrs. Mills was born in Orange County, N. Y., July 7, 1840, and is a daughter of Alexander W. Shaw, who was born in Westchester County, November 2, 1806, and after his marriage to Miss Adeline Welch, made his home in Orange County until his death, which took place in December, 1852. His entire life in that county had been spent on the same farm. After the death of her mother, in December, 1858, the daughter went to Illinois, where she resided until some time after her marriage.

Mr. Mills never fails to cast his vote with the Republican party, feeling a deep interest in the welfare of the country, though he has no personal political aspirations. He is a highly-respected citizen, and a man whose life has been usefully and quietly spent.

We invite the reader's attention to a lithographic portrait of Mr. Mills, presented in connection with his biographical sketch.



CHARLES RANDALL, a peaceable and law-abiding citizen of Avon Township, owns and occupies a snug homestead on section 12, of which he became the owner in 1871. He

lives quietly and unostentatiously, making the record of an honest man and a good citizen, and reaping from his well-developed fields a comfortable income.

A native of Rensselaer County, N. Y., Mr. Randall was born October 17, 1848, but spent the most of his time until twenty-one years old in Warren County, that State, being reared upon a farm. Later he visited Pennsylvania and Illinois, and in the spring of 1870, crossing the Father of Waters, established himself as a resident of Wilson County, this State.

After a sojourn of two years in the above-mentioned county, Mr. Randall, in the spring of 1871, arrived within the borders of Sumner County and pre-empted one hundred and sixty acres of land, which has since remained in his possession. He settled upon it in February, 1872, and commenced at first principles in the construction of a homestead. No small amount of labor was required in the cultivation of the primitive soil, the building of fences and the erection of his farm buildings, which, without making any pretensions to elegance, are reasonably convenient and comfortable. Mr. Randall prospered as a tiller of the soil, and invested his capital in additional land, until he is now the owner of two hundred acres, all of which has been brought to a good state of cultivation, and the taxes upon which assist in augmenting the contents of the county treasury to no small extent.

After coming to this county Mr. Randall was married at the home of the bride in Avon Township, April 20, 1875, to Miss Sarah A. Batt. This lady was born in Somersetshire, England, June 10, 1858, and is the daughter of William J. and Sarah A. (Brice) Batt, who were both likewise natives of that shire. The mother spent her last years in Sumner County, Kan., and the father is in New Zealand.

Nine children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Randall, whom they named respectively: William C., who died at the age of six months; Havy, Henrietta I., Grace M., Francis R., Louis, Charles, Lena and Irving W. Mr. Randall, politically, is a sound Republican. He was elected Township Treasurer in the fall of 1887, and re-elected the

two following years, serving now his third term. He is the friend of education and all the enterprises set on foot for the progress and welfare of the people, socially, morally and financially.

The father of our subject was Elisha Randall, who married Miss Melvina Prouty, and both were natives of New York State. Both died in Warren County, N. Y.



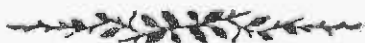
ALPHONSO B. RICE. One of the most attractive rural residences of Oxford Township is that owned and occupied by the above named gentleman, and which was erected in August, 1884, and was the first fine house built in the neighborhood. It is a two-story structure, the main part having a dimension of 16x28 feet, and with an addition 18x22 feet in the form of an L. The estate which surrounds it comprises one hundred and sixty acres on section 21, and is supplied with a fine orchard, grove, and other shrubbery, hedges, barn, wind-mill, and such farm buildings as are necessary to one engaged in general farming and stock-raising, all being well constructed, commodious and adequate. Mr. Rice raises excellent grades of stock, and his crops are among the best in quality and quantity.

Our subject is a native of Ohio, and a son of Alfred Rice, whose history may be found in the biography of Albert Rice, which occupies another place in this volume. His natal day was November 6, 1847, and when but a child he went with the other members of the family to Noble County, Ind., where he grew to maturity, completing his education at Kendallville. He then engaged in farming, leaving his mother's home at the age of twenty years to spend some time in the northern part of Michigan. In the fall of 1870, he came to Cowley County, Kan., and took up a quarter-section of land, and after proving up on it sold and purchased in the valley of the Arkansas, where he liked the country better. He is the second member of the family who settled in this county, and when he bought his farm it was nearly un-

broken, and his first dwelling was a little cotton-wood house. His industry and energy have been displayed in his management of the estate, and the success he has met with in bringing it to its present state of perfection.

The marriage of our subject took place near Moline, Allegan County, Mich., June 13, 1869, the bride being Miss Sophronia M. Montague, an intelligent and worthy lady, who has borne him three children, two of whom—Laura Ellen and Maud M.—still survive. Mrs. Rice was born in Ohio, October 18, 1853, and was two years old when her parents removed to Michigan, where she grew to womanhood. Her father, Sanford Montague, is a native of Vermont, where he married Miss Jerusha Washburn. He was thirty years old when he removed to Ohio, whence he afterward went to Allegan County, Mich., and there he and his wife are still living, their present home being near Bradley.

Mr. Rice is a believer in and supporter of the principles of the Republican party. He is highly respected as an honest, honorable and upright man, and a citizen of reliability.



WILLIAM G. WHEALY. The industry and enterprise exercised by this honored pioneer of Sumner County has resulted in the accumulation of four hundred broad acres of land, finely located on sections 15 and 22, Avon Township. To the cultivation and improvement of this he has given his undivided time and attention since first settling upon it, bringing the soil to a productive condition and erecting thereon substantial buildings. In addition to general agriculture he is considerably interested in stock-raising. In his labors and struggles Mr. Whealy has been aided and encouraged by the industry and counsel of a sensible and excellent wife who has performed her part in building up the home and providing something to defend them from want in their declining years.

A native of the Dominion of Canada, Mr. Whealy

was born in Perth County, Province of Ontario, March 21, 1843, and there attained to man's estate. When twenty-three years old, he in the winter of 1866 repaired to the lumber regions of Michigan, and the following spring returned Eastward as far as Starke County, Ill. He sojourned there until the fall of 1870, occupying himself in farming pursuits. Next he crossed the Mississippi and coming into Woodson County, this State, resided there until the spring of 1871, then coming to this county, pre-empted one hundred and sixty acres of land on section 22, Avon Township.

Upon his arrival in this region Mr. Whealy put up a small frame house, transporting the lumber from Chenute, one hundred and thirty miles away. This was the first dwelling erected between Wellington and Oxford. The country around was thinly settled and for a number of years it was a struggle with Mr. Whealy to carry on properly the cultivation of his land and effect the needed improvements. Patience and perseverance, however, finally gained the day and he found himself upon a solid footing, financially. In the meantime, as the country settled up and the necessity arose for trusty men to take charge of public affairs, Mr. Whealy was selected as a fitting man for the various offices, officiating as Township Clerk and Trustee and holding the latter office for seven consecutive terms. The cause of education found in him a staunch friend and the Republican party a faithful supporter. He has been active in the ranks of the latter and has exercised no small influence in party politics in this region.

The marriage of William G. Whealy with Miss Mary Magwood, was celebrated at the bride's home in Kewanee, Ill., September 1, 1866. This lady was born in County Monaghan, Ireland, January 17, 1845, and was the daughter of Thomas and Ann (Gillis) Magwood, who were natives of County Monaghan, Ireland. They are now deceased. Eleven children came to bless the union of Mr. and Mrs. Whealy, all of whom are living and form a most intelligent and interesting family group. They bear the names respectively of Thomas W., George K., Arthur C., Edward, Lizzie, Annie, Rebecca, Minnie, Julia, Cyrus H. and Benjamin H. Mr. and Mrs. Whealy have for many years been

prominently connected with the Congregational Church. The parents of Mr. Whealy were Joseph and Elizabeth (Bradley) Whealy, natives of County Tyrone, Ireland, and who spent their last years in Ontario, Canada, and Dakota. Arthur C. was the second boy born in Sumner County and Miss Jennie Whealy, a sister of our subject, taught the first school in the county, at Oxford.



JOHN R. JOHNSTON. This volume would be incomplete were not mention made within its pages of the above-named gentleman, who is a prominent business man at Oxford. He is a dealer in furniture and an undertaker, and has the exclusive trade at this point in both lines of his business. He is well-known throughout this section as an old resident of the county to which he came in the spring of 1876, and where for a time he was engaged in agricultural pursuits, opening up a fine farm. His natal day was December 1, 1830, and his birthplace Shelby County, Ky., where he lived till the Centennial year engaged in farming.

During the Civil War, Mr. Johnston was so fortunate as not even to lose a horse, though living in a country which was somewhat unsettled, and overrun in turns by the Union and the Confederate armies. He fed the soldiers of both troops, and so succeeded in avoiding their ill will.

On leaving the Blue Grass State, Mr. Johnston moved to Logan County, Ill., and after a short sojourn near Atlantic came on to this State and settled four miles west of the town in Oxford Township. He paid \$800 for a tract of raw land, which he so improved that he was able to sell it a few years later for \$6,500. He had broken the sod and thoroughly cultivated it, fenced the estate, erected an excellent house, barn, etc., set out numerous trees, and made of it, all in all, one of the best farms in the vicinity. After having lived on the estate six years, Mr. Johnston sold and moved to town, buying out an old establishment and en-

gaging in his present business, which he has built up to a fine trade.

Mrs. Johnston bore the maiden name of Anna E. Young, and the ceremony which united her to our subject took place February 24, 1856, in Shelby County, Ky. She was born in the Blue Grass State, July 25, 1836, is a daughter of Catesby Young, and remained with her parents till her marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Johnston have reared a family of four children: Lucy Ellen is now the wife of A. M. Rees, of this city; Willie P., is the wife of C. F. Reed, of Edwards County; Shelby Thomas married Miss Maggie Bartlett, of this county; Farris Lee is the remaining member of the family circle.

While in Kentucky Mr. Johnston served as Constable, and since making his home in Oxford has been a member of the city council two terms. He has no desire for office, finding sufficient occupation in conduct of his business affairs, in the social circle and in his home. He votes the Democratic ticket. He is a member of the Christian Church, is regarded as of strict integrity in all business transactions, and is highly esteemed by his fellow citizens.

The parents of our subject were Permenus and Lucy (Reed) Johnston, the former of whom was a native of Virginia and the latter of Kentucky. Their marriage took place in the Blue Grass State where they lived until called from time to eternity. The occupation of the father was that of tilling the soil.



JOHN T. STEWART. The career of this gentleman affords an example of persevering industry, unflagging zeal, and a sturdy integrity which has met with its reward and secured to its exhibitor a very comfortable home and pleasant surroundings. It is seldom indeed that a Scotchman is found who does not display these traits of character and the subject of this biography is a worthy son of the race from which he sprang.

Mr. Stewart was a child of about three years

when his parents, John and Elizabeth (Bremmer) Stewart, both of whom were natives of Scotland, emigrated to the New World and settled in Wellington County, Province of Ontario, Canada. They are still living upon the farm where they first located and which has been operated by the father, although in his own land he had followed the trade of a shoemaker. Both are members of the Presbyterian Church. Their family comprised ten children, named Eliza, Alexander, Jessie, John T., Ellen, Robert, Flora, David, Betsey J., and Collin.

The gentleman whose life we will briefly outline was born January 1, 1842, and leaving his native land in early childhood was reared on a farm in Canada, receiving a common-school education and acquiring the trade of a carriage-maker ere he grew to manhood. After having served an apprenticeship of three years, in 1864, he went to a place near Rochester, N. Y., and there worked at his trade a year. He then removed to Davenport, Iowa, and combined farming with work at his trade for several months, after which he again changed his location and did carriage work in Memphis, Tenn.

A few months later Mr. Stewart was to be found in Covington, Tenn., first working at his trade for an employer and conducting a business of his own for two years. His next removal was to Mountain Lake, Giles County, Va., where he remained until 1871, at which time he became a citizen of Kansas. His first location in this State was at Arkansas City, Cowley County, where he conducted a shop for a year and a half, after which he secured land in Sumner County, and turned his attention to farming and the stock business. He pre-empted one hundred and sixty acres of land and purchased an equal amount on section 21, Walton Township, which makes up a valuable tract of land and upon which Mr. Stewart has made all necessary improvements. His wife also owns one hundred and sixty acres on section 28, of the same township.

In 1870 Mr. Stewart became the husband of Jemima Q. Jackson, of Canada, who bore him one daughter, Maud M., who is now deceased. Mrs. Jemima Stewart departed this life in 1881, and after having remained a widower until 1886, Mr. Stewart contracted a second matrimonial alliance.

His bride on this occasion was Mrs. Margaret A. Mountjoy, of this county, widow of Henry C. Mountjoy, by whom she had three children: Henry L., Iona M., and Nettie I.

Mr. Stewart belongs to the Farmers' Alliance, and casts his vote and influence with the Republican party. He has been a member of the Presbyterian Church for twenty years and all who know the Scotch character will understand that he is a reliable and steadfast member, and that he deserves the hearty respect of his fellow men on account of his private character as well as for the ability displayed in his worldly affairs.

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HIRAM H. SHULL. There is probably not a finer home within the limits of Dixon Township than that which has been planned and built up by him with whose name we introduce this sketch. A man of more than ordinary intelligence and enterprise, he stands second to none in his township, and by his own efforts has acquired a competence, climbing up slowly from a modest position in life, and surrounding himself and his family with all of its comforts and many of its luxuries. Well informed, of correct habits and cultured tastes, he keeps himself posted upon the general topics of the day and is a lover of the fine arts, especially music, to which he has given much attention during his life, and is possessed of no mean talents as a singer and performer on musical instruments. In his youth he took a thorough course of voice culture and theory in the Miami Conservatory of Music at Xenia, Ohio, and for three successive years taught music in the High School at Fulton, that State. Later he was graduated from the Central Conservatory of Music at Columbus, Ind., and for six years was professor of Harmony and Musical Theory. Since that time he has kept up his interest and practice, and has now a number of private pupils.

The subject of this sketch was born May 5, 1844, in Stark County, Ohio, and is the son of David and Elizabeth (Herman) Shull, who were born, reared

and married in Pennsylvania. They emigrated to Ohio in 1832, settling in Stark County during its pioneer days. The father took up land, became well-to-do, and was a prominent man in his community. He departed this life at the old homestead in 1870. The mother survived her husband ten years, dying February 10, 1880. Of the six children born to them, three only are living, the two besides Hiram H., being residents of Indiana.

Until a youth of eighteen years, Mr. Shull spent his time upon the old farm in Stark County, Ohio. He attended the schools of his native township, and became familiar with the arts of plowing, sowing and reaping. In 1862, during the progress of the Civil War, he enlisted as a Union soldier, in Company A, One Hundred and Fourth Ohio Infantry, and served three years. He participated in the battles of Covington and Danville, Ky., and while on picket duty at the latter place, was captured by the enemy. He was taken only a short distance, however, when he was paroled, and soon afterward, at Camp Chase, was exchanged. He then rejoined his regiment at Stanford, Ky., and under command of Gen. Burnside, was present at the siege of Knoxville, from the beginning until the close. He then went with his regiment after Longstreet to Strawberry Plain, and during the holiday season of 1863, suffered much hardship from cold and exposure, also from ague. He was subsequently with Gen. Sherman at Red Clay, Ga., and then, under the same General, went to Atlanta. He fought at Nashville and in the series of battles against the rebel Gen. Hood.

While at Pumpkin Vine River, Ga., Mr. Shull suffered a sunstroke which for a long time rendered him unfit for active duty. He, however, in due time, was on the field again, and fought at the battle of Columbia, near the Duck River, Tenn., where a shell was thrown by the enemy, killing a man on each side of Mr. Shull, and wounding one in front of him. The concussion so affected Mr. Shull that he fell unconscious and knew nothing until waking up in the hospital at Nashville, sixty miles from the spot where he fell.

Mr. Shull, however, soon returned to active duty again, in time to participate in the chase after Hood's army from Nashville. He was then transferred to Stoneman Barracks at Washington, D. C.,

and next his regiment was ordered to Ft. Fisher, N. C., being the first to enter the city of Wilmington. Here Mr. Shull was assigned to provost duty, and in due time rejoined Sherman's army in time to witness the surrender of the rebel Gen. Johnston, near Raleigh. The war now being ended, the regiment was sent to Cleveland, Ohio, where the boys received their honorable discharge.

When leaving the service, Mr. Shull sought his old haunts in his native county, and resumed his musical studies, remaining there until 1883. Then, resolving upon a change of location, he came to this State and purchased his present farm. He put up his residence that same year, an elegant dwelling not exceeded in point of finish and furnishing by anything in the township. Adjacent are the usual farm buildings, neat and convenient, and agriculture is here carried on after the most approved methods, and by the aid of modern machinery. The estate embraces four hundred and ten broad acres, all in one body, half of it being under cultivation, and one hundred and fifty acres, during the season of 1889, was planted to corn alone.

Mr. Shull assumed matrimonial ties December 9, 1869, being wedded at Dalton, to Miss Martha R. Dodd. Mrs. Shull was born November 21, 1844, in Stark County, Ohio, and is the daughter of John and Hannah (Gunn) Dodd, who were natives of England, and who settled in the Buckeye State over fifty years ago. The father carried on farming successfully, and died in Stark County in 1850. The mother survived her husband thirty-seven years, remaining a widow, spending the closing years of her life in Ohio, and passing away in 1887. The parental household included six children, three of whom are living.

Mrs. Shull acquired her education in the common school, and remained under the home roof until her marriage, receiving careful parental training and becoming familiar with all useful household duties. Only two of the three children born to Mr. and Mrs. Shull are living, viz: Clara E. and Sherman H. Mr. Shull, politically, takes a lively interest in the prosperity of the Republican party, and advocates the cause of temperance at every opportunity. He was at one time Clerk of the school board in his district, and at present officiates as Director. He

also belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic, in which he has held some of the offices. For twenty-eight years he was chorister in the Presbyterian Church and is now an Elder. He has always taken an active interest in the Sunday School, and for over thirty-five years has rarely ever missed attendance, laboring actively in the instruction of the young. Mrs. Shull in religious matters, is in full sympathy with her husband, belonging to the same church. It will thus be seen that they occupy no secondary position among the social, moral and religious elements of their community.



GEORGE E. ROBINSON. Within the limits of this county no subject can be found better worthy of representation than the gentleman above named. His long life has been spent in useful labors, and while he has not occupied a prominent place in the public view he has exhibited, in his own quiet way, the traits of character most worthy of admiration, and such as have a wide influence over all by whom he is surrounded. He is now retired from active pursuits, and with his aged companion, enjoying the fruits of his former industry and the comforts which the competence they have secured ensures them.

The paternal ancestry of our subject were English, and in the maternal line he is descended from German stock. A number of his relatives were soldiers in the Revolutionary War, in which struggle his grandfather, Thomas Robinson, was a Colonel. Three of his uncles took part in the War of 1812. His father, Thomas Robinson, Jr., was a native of New Hampshire and, with his wife, Betsey McDonell, abode in Maine for years. In Somerset County, of the latter State, our subject was born June 20, 1819. The house in which that event took place was erected one year before, is still standing and is yet a substantial structure.

Mr. Robinson was reared to man's estate amid the scenes of his boyhood, became well acquainted with farming and lumbering, and after he was of

age left the parental home and engaged in the latter occupation. The winters were spent in the woods and the summers in the mills during a period of some thirteen years. In 1852 he went to California, taking ship at New York City, crossing the Isthmus and continuing his journey by vessel on the Pacific, landing in San Francisco twenty-nine days after leaving New York. He followed gold mining in California about fifteen months, meeting with varied success, and then returning to New York City in the same manner as he had come.

Several years were spent by our subject in the Pine Tree State whence, in 1856, he journeyed West, and taking up his abode in Bureau County, Ill., resided there many years engaged in farming and stock-raising, among the beasts of his fields being Short-horn cattle. While there he served two terms as Supervisor of the township in which he lived. In 1881 he again turned his footsteps toward the setting sun, going to Nebraska and sojourning for a time in Beatrice, thence removing to Junction City, Kan., for a short period of time, thence to St. Joseph, Mo., making the latter place also his home for a short time only. In 1884 he came to Belle Plaine, where he has since made his permanent home. He owns one hundred and sixty acres of land in Harmon Township and his village residence with its plot of five acres.

The lady who for more than forty years has shared in the joys and sorrows of Mr. Robinson, was born November 28, 1823, and bore the maiden name of Nancy H. Malbon. Her parents were Nathaniel and Polly (Robinson) Malbon, her father a native of Maine and the son of a Frenchman who came to America when about eight years old. The rites of wedlock were celebrated between Mr. and Mrs. Robinson September 24, 1847, and they have been blessed by the birth of four children: George A., the first born, is deceased; Thomas R. lives in Kansas City, Mo.; Sade H. is the wife of F. C. Parker, Secretary of the School Board and Inspector of the school buildings at St. Joseph, Mo., and Burton S. is an express agent on the Denver, Memphis & Atlantic Railroad from Nevada, Mo., to Larned, Kan.

The gentleman of whom we write had not the early school advantages offered young men of this day and age, but being possessed of native intelli-

gence and a desire to be well informed he has, by reading and observation, become conversant with general topics and the current events of the day, and his wife, whose early surroundings were similar to his own, is also well informed. In the accumulation of his property he has been ably assisted by his devoted companion, who has been his helpmate and counselor in all the chief events of his life from the time of their union. Both are members of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Robinson is a member of the Masonic fraternity and of the Republican party.



IRA M. LEWIS is the owner and occupant of a half-section of land in Ryan Township, of which he took possession when there were but three houses in sight from his claim. Although he obtained a good insight into the trade of a carpenter when he was a young man, he has made farming his life work, and has shown ability and judgment in tilling the soil and in every department of labor connected with a successful farmer's career. His land is improved, intelligently cultivated, and makes an estate which any man might be well pleased to own.

The Buckeye State claims Mr. Lewis as one of her sons, his birth having taken place in Harrisville, November 7, 1837. He is the first-born in a family of twelve children, whose parents, Insley and Amy (Grissell) Lewis, were natives of Ohio. They were married in Columbiana County, and two years afterward removed to Jay County, Ind., where they made their permanent home. The father was a mechanic and the owner of a farm. The devoted husband and wife, and loving parents, "in death were not divided," both contracting typhoid fever, which occasioned their decease at the same time, in 1864.

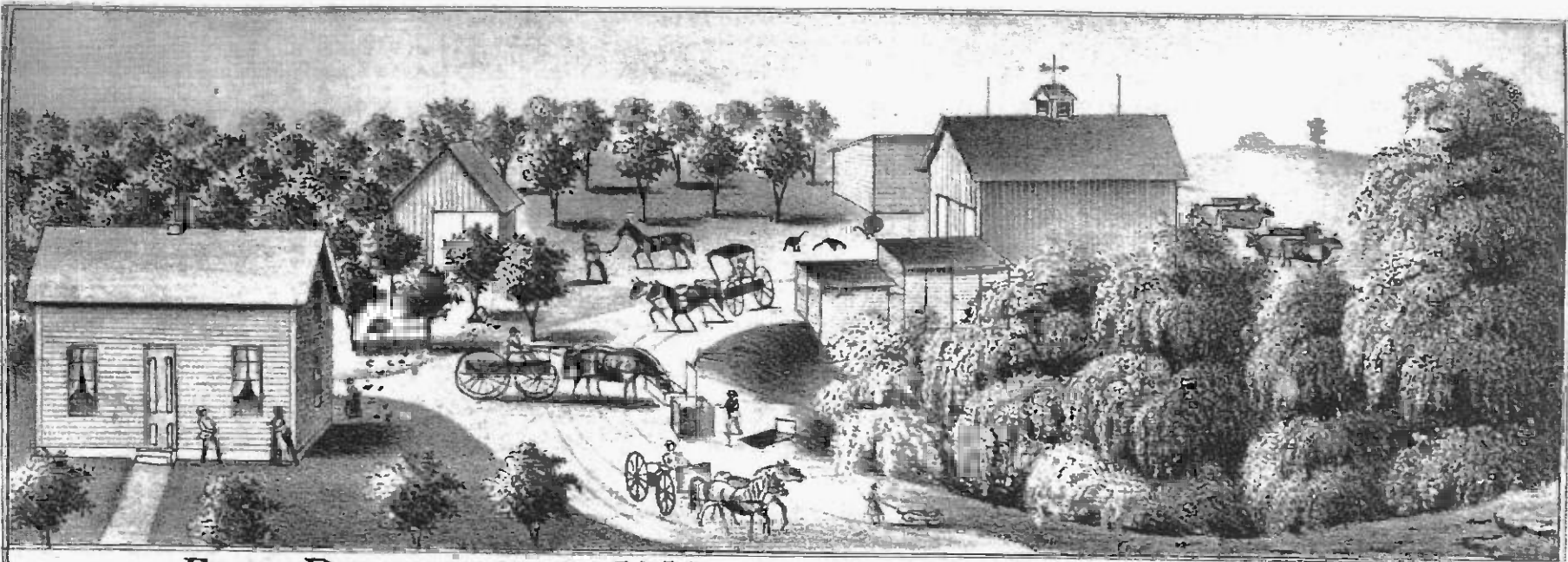
The subject of this biography grew to manhood in Indiana, and began his life work by superintending his father's farm until he was twenty-three years of age. He had acquired a good common-

school education, to which his native intelligence and his keen observation have added much practical knowledge since he left the schoolroom. In 1863 he started for the pineries of Michigan and tarried at a place six miles from Battle Creek, that State. There he was drafted, but not being able to pass the required physical examination, he did not enter the service. In 1872 he removed with his family to Carroll County, Iowa, building the second house in the township in which he located. The Hawkeye State was the home of the family until 1877, at which time they were numbered among the inhabitants of Kansas, the first two years of their sojourn in this State being spent in Sedgwick County. At the expiration of that time a removal was made to the place which is now their home, and where Mr. Lewis is successfully giving his attention to the raising of crops and stock.

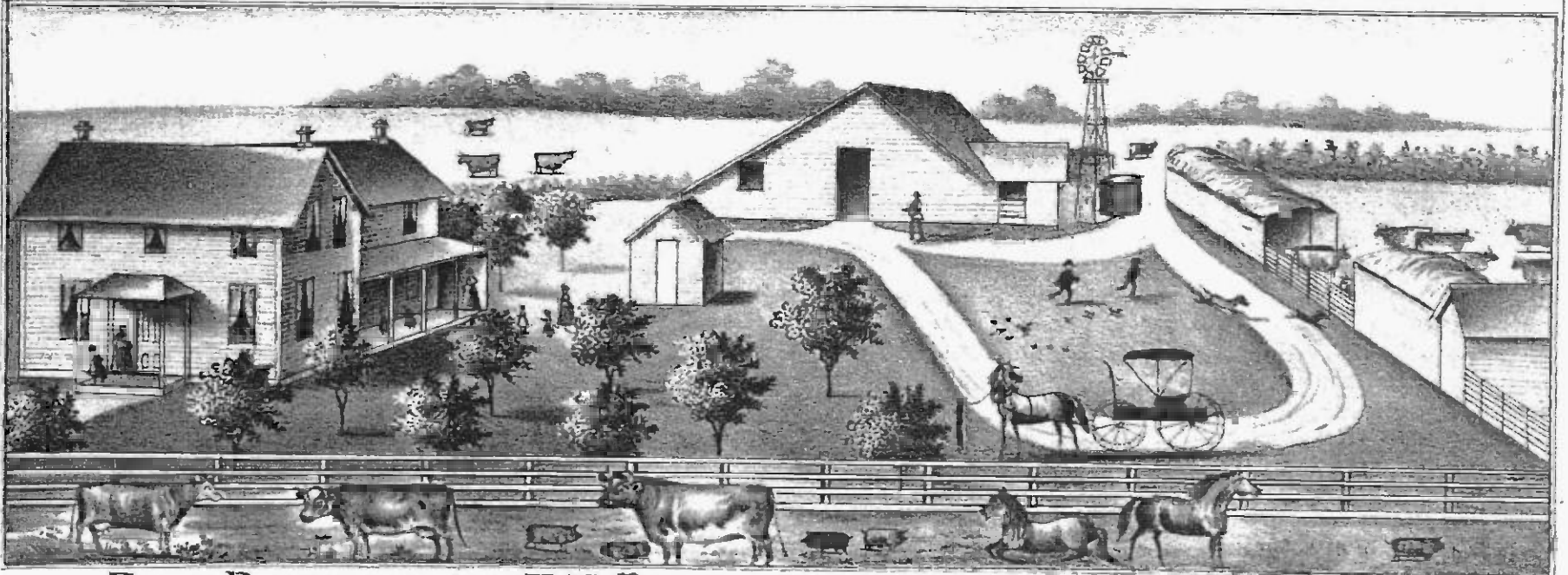
On August 11, 1861, Ira M. Lewis and Sarah J. Spayd were united in marriage at the home of the bride. She is a daughter of Reuben and Mary (Hart) Spayd, and was born in Darke County, Ohio, on Christmas Day, 1840. She acquired a good common-school education, and before her marriage was engaged in school teaching, a work for which her tact, excellent education and pleasant disposition admirably qualified her. Her father, a cabinetmaker by trade, was born in Dauphin County, Pa., October 24, 1814, and died in 1886. Her mother was born in Wayne County, Ohio, August 10, 1824, and her death took place July 12, 1882. Mr. and Mrs. Spayd were the parents of ten children, seven of whom now survive.

To our subject and his worthy wife five children have been born, two of whom are married and living in homes of their own. Estella J. is the wife of William A. Adams and the mother of three children; she occupies a pleasant dwelling two miles north of the parental home. Annie M., the fourth born, married John Miller, who lives on the northeast quarter of section 11, Ryan Township; they have one child; Linley I., Insley M. and John W. remain with their parents. All the children are well educated, and Estella has been a teacher.

Mr. Lewis belongs to the Farmer's Alliance, and is now a member of the Committee on Inquiry. He



FARM RESIDENCE OF I.M. LEWIS, SEC. II, RYAN TR. SUMNER CO., KANS.



FARM RESIDENCE OF Z.H. PATTON, SEC. 28, FALLS TR., SUMNER CO., KANS.

is Treasurer of the School District, has been a member of the Board for several years, and takes a deep interest in the progress of the schools. He is also serving as Road Overseer. The Republican ticket is that which he always votes, and he is much interested in political movements. While in Indiana, prior to the Civil War, he lived in a settlement through which the underground railroad passed, and became somewhat acquainted with the workings of that road and quite interested in the abolition of slavery. Among his neighbors and fellow-citizens he is spoken of as a reliable citizen and an honorable man.

In this connection we present a lithographic view of the residence wherein Mr. and Mrs. Lewis are so pleasantly domiciled.



ZACHARIAH H. PATTON. The subject of this notice came to this county with a capital of forty-five cents, but is now numbered among its most thrifty and successful farmers. He is proprietor of one of the finest estates in Falls Township, embracing three hundred and sixty acres of as valuable land as is to be found on the Chikaskia River. A beautiful two-story residence embellishes the place and is represented by a lithographic view on another page; together with its surroundings it presents one of the most attractive pictures in the landscape of this region. The passing traveler invariably turns to take a second look at the homestead which has been built up only by the most unflagging industry and the exercise of good judgment and fine taste.

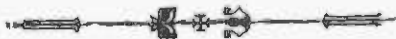
A native of what is now West Virginia, Mr. Patton was born in Gilmer County, November 28, 1843, and is the son of William and Mary (Smith) Patton, the former of whom was a native of Maryland and born in 1799. William Patton left his native State with his parents when a child, the family removing to Gilmer County, W. Va., where they all spent the remainder of their lives, William dying about 1868. He followed the vocation of a

farmer and accumulated a good property. Both he and his estimable wife were for many years prominently connected with the Baptist Church. The paternal grandfather, likewise named William, was also a native of Maryland. The mother of our subject was born in the State of West Virginia, and died in Gilmer County that State, in 1885, after the death of her husband. Her father was John Smith, who traced his ancestry to Germany. To William and Mary Patton there was born a family of eight children, viz: John S., Zachariah H., Hannah E., Mary L., Phebe J., Susan K., Nathan L. and Anna C. Four of these are living.

The subject of this sketch was the second child of his parents and spent his boyhood and youth on the farm in his native county acquiring his education in the common school. After the outbreak of the Civil War, he, in 1862, joined the Confederate Army as a private in Company B, Twentieth West Virginia Cavalry and served until in November, 1863. Then, being wounded by a ball at Droop Mountain, he was rendered unfit for further service and receiving his honorable discharge returned home. He sojourned there until 1868, then started for the far West and locating in Kansas City, Mo., worked at anything he could find to do in order to make an honest living. In 1870 he came to Kansas and prosecuted farming in Neosha County until 1874. That year he came to this county and pre-empted sixty acres of land on section 28, Falls Township, of which he has since been a resident. He was prospered in his labors and later added two hundred acres to his real estate, this lying on sections 21 and 28. After a few years engaged in tilling the soil he gradually became interested in live stock, from which he has realized handsome returns. He knows all about the hardships and difficulties of beginning in a new country without capital, and has maintained a warm interest in the material welfare of his adopted home. He belongs to the Farmers' Alliance, and is a staunch supporter of the Democratic party.

Mr. Patton was married November 6, 1867, to Miss Phebe P. Spurgeon of Doddridge County, W. Va. This lady was born November 17, 1848, and is the daughter of John and Phebe (Smith) Spurgeon, who were natives of West Virginia and are

now living in Kansas. The result of this union was a family of eleven children who were named respectively—William E., Charles, Laura D., Samantha J., Jessie, John, James L., Lenna, Nettie B., Luther and Joseph.



GEORGE W. ELLIS. In making note of the public-spirited citizens of Avon Township, the name of Mr. Ellis should occupy a leading position. He is a farmer in good circumstances, owning and operating a fine body of land, one hundred and sixty acres in extent, and located on section 29. He has erected good buildings, and provided himself with modern farm machinery, together with all the other appliances necessary for the successful prosecution of agriculture. He is one of the older settlers of this county, having pitched his tent here in 1870.

Mr. Ellis was born in Adams County, Ohio, November 7, 1835, and was there reared to manhood on his father's farm, learning the arts of plowing, sowing and reaping, and acquiring his education in the district school. His life passed in a comparatively uneventful manner until the outbreak of the Civil War, when he enlisted in the Union army, November 15, 1862, becoming a member of Company G, Seventieth Ohio Infantry. He served for three years, or until nearly the close of the war, experiencing all the vicissitudes of a soldier's life, but escaped comparatively unharmed, receiving his honorable discharge, and afterward returned to his native county, sojourning there until setting out for the West.

Upon coming to Kansas Mr. Ellis pre-empted one hundred and sixty acres of land on section 29, Avon Township, where he made his home until 1873. He then returned to his native State, and for twelve years thereafter engaged in farming in Adams County. Finally, in 1885, he returned to Kansas, taking up his residence once more in Avon Township, and again became owner of a quarter section of land, in the cultivation and improvement of which he has since been engaged.

Mr. Ellis was married, in Mason County, Ky., October 7, 1878, to Miss Josephine Burtle. Mrs. Ellis was born twenty miles from Paris, in France, and was brought to America by her parents, in 1852, when a child of three years. The family settled in Ohio, where she was reared to womanhood. Of her union with our subject there have been born two children—Landis and Andrew. Mr. Ellis, politically, is a decided Republican, while he and his estimable wife are prominently connected with the Methodist Episcopal Church, attending services at Wellington.

The regiment with which Mr. Ellis was connected was assigned to the Army of the Tennessee, and he participated in the battles of Shiloh, and the sieges of Corinth and Vicksburg; he was also engaged in the Mississippi campaign, and was with the troops of Gen. Hazen at the storming of Ft. McAllister, in 1864. He met the enemy at Mission Ridge, and marched with Sherman to the sea. He also participated all through the Atlanta campaign, and never once turned his back to the enemy, was never wounded or taken prisoner. He was mustered out at Savannah, Ga., receiving an honorable discharge in January, 1865.



GEORGE W. DURHAM. Second only to the influence of the home, is that exerted by the school, and the character and example of the teacher are even more potent than his precepts and mental instruction in molding the lives of the young, and preparing them for their future as citizens of this great republic. The position of a teacher is, therefore, one of great responsibility, and those who have charge of educational affairs should allow it to be filled only by persons possessed of upright characters and correct lives, as well as the tact which from a store of information can instill instruction into the receptive minds. It is a pleasure to all who are interested in the true growth and advancement of our country to find this principle carried out in the selection of in-


structors, and to feel assured that not only the mental but moral training of the youth is undertaken by competent teachers.

The subject of this biography is a young man of high mental attainments, cultured manners and fine moral character, and Sumner County is fortunate in having for several years enjoyed his services as an instructor. He was born in Warren County, Ky., July 5, 1861, and was reared and educated under favorable auspices, completing his studies at Smith Grove College, in his native county. He became a resident of this county in 1884, and has since been numbered among Kansas teachers, gaining a reputation and a popularity highly creditable.

At the home of the bride, on September 12, 1889, Mr. Durham was united in marriage with Miss Linnie K. Frable, a young lady who was well-fitted to become his companion, being cultured and refined, and like her husband, a worthy member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mrs. Durham was born in Pennsylvania, October 25, 1869, and is a daughter of Solomon and Mary (Schall) Frable, who were also natives of the Keystone State. The family moved to Sumner County in 1878, and Mr. Frable is now engaged in farming here. Mr. Durham is a Democrat in his political views, and never fails to support with his vote the principles in which he believes.

The Rev. Willis W. Durham, the father of our subject, was born in Barren County, Ky., fifty-four years ago. He is a Baptist minister, and is now employed by the Philadelphia Bible Association, as a traveling missionary in Southwestern Kansas, having taken up his residence in this county in 1884. He married Miss Susan J. Renfro, who was born in the same county in which he first saw the light, and who is now fifty-five years old. She is a daughter of Jesse J. and Pollic (Mitchell) Renfro, who were natives of the Old Dominion. At the age of twenty-one years Mr. Renfro went to Kentucky, and took charge of a plantation which he carried on for five years. He then purchased a farm, where, after having lived thereon sixty-eight years, he died at the advanced age of ninety-six. He had served as a soldier in the Mexican War. In politics he was a Democrat. Mrs. Renfro died when about seventy years of age. The parents of

our subject reared six children, all still living, and named respectively: Alice E., George W., Dora W., Nathael T., Jesse J. and Amanda A.


HUGH PAISLEY. The family of which this gentleman is a lineal descendant, is an old and honored one in Scotland, and to this fact the city of Paisley owes its name, and is a standing monument. His maternal ancestry were Irish, and the family of his mother is also a well-known one. Our subject is a man of honor, intelligence and geniality, and is accorded his just measure of respect by his fellowmen.

Mr. Paisley is the ninth of twelve children born to Robert and Mary (McCullough) Paisley, and his natal day was September 14, 1846. His parents were natives of Pennsylvania, were married in Ohio, and resided in the latter State until the death of the mother in 1863. Eight members of the parental family are now living. The father departed this life in 1882. He was a son of Hugh Paisley, who was an American soldier during the War of 1812.

During his youth our subject was afflicted with phthisis, but he was able to obtain an excellent common school education, and remaining with his father until twenty-five years of age, worked for twelve years in his grist and saw mill. In 1870, he came to Kansas, located in Sedgwick County, where he sojourned two years, after which he spent an equal length of time in Iowa. Returning to Sedgwick County, he was a resident therein for six years, and then, in 1880, came to Sumner County, and settled on a farm in Ryan Township, which he has since made his home. His farm comprises one hundred and sixty acres of land, all improved, and changed from the raw and primitive condition in which he took possession of it, to that of a well-cultivated and well-improved acreage. Mr. Paisley devotes his attention to general farming and stock-raising, and is winning a competence in his chosen field of labor.

The marriage of Mr. Hugh Paisley and Miss Ma-

tilda Neighburg, was celebrated in December, 1874, in Burlington, Iowa. Mrs. Paisley was born in Calmerlain, Sweden, April 13, 1847, to Adolf and Christina Neighburg, who were prominent people in their section of Scandinavia. The mother died in 1884, and the father in 1889. Their family comprised nine children, of whom three are now living. Mrs. Paisley is the second child, and came to America in 1872. She has borne her husband six children, of whom Adolphus A., Benjamin O., Merton H., Matilda, and Shaenie are now living. She has been a member of the Lutheran Church, and has many womanly and domestic virtues. Mr. Paisley belongs to the Farmers' Alliance. He has been Road Overseer, and is now Constable of Ryan Township.



WILLIAM T. BOATRIGHT, a warm-hearted Southerner, with Northern proclivities, especially in politics, is one for whom nature has done much, and who has made the most of his opportunities, at times under adverse circumstances. He may be properly classed as among the most enterprising and public-spirited citizens of Creek Township, a man who keeps his eyes open to what is going on around him, and never intends to be left at the rear, where there is any worthy project in view, or any commendable enterprise to be encouraged. His native place was Graves County, Ky., and the date of his birth January 5, 1847. He was the tenth in a family of eleven children, the offspring of William V. and Sally W. (Gates) Boatright, who were natives of Virginia.

The father of our subject operated as a farmer and miller combined, and as early as 1821 left the Old Dominion, settling among the pioneers of Graves County, Ky., where he was married. In 1851, leaving Kentucky, he emigrated with his family, across the Mississippi into Platte County, Mo. They only lived there, however, about eighteen months, removing then to Gentry County, Mo. Mr. Boatright departed hence in 1867; his wife, Sally, survived him for a period of eighteen years,

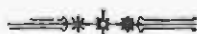
remaining a widow, and died in Gentry County, Mo., in 1885. Eight of their children are still living.

William T. in the meantime, acquired such education as he could obtain in the common school, and worked with his father on the farm until after the outbreak of the Civil War. Then, a youth of seventeen years, he enlisted in Company D, Forty-third Missouri Infantry, which operated mostly in that State. During the Price raid, young Boatright was captured, October 15, 1864, at Glasgow, Mo., but was soon paroled and sent to Benton Barracks, near St. Louis. Later he returned to St. Joseph, and subsequently assisted in chasing bushwhackers, being in several skirmishes, and thus occupying his time until after the close of the war. He was mustered out June 30, 1865, and returning to the farm, remained with his father until his marriage.

The above-mentioned interesting event in the life of our subject occurred January 3, 1869, the bride being Miss Sarah E., daughter of Jackson and Mary (Compton) Burger, all natives of Kentucky. The Burger family emigrated to Missouri about 1855, settling in Platte County. In 1878 they came to Southern Kansas, and are still residents of this county. Their family consisted of eleven children. Mrs. Boatright was the eldest, and was born February 27, 1851, in Russell County, Ky. Of her union with our subject there have been born eight children, seven of whom are living, viz: Levi J., Laura A., James F., Orilla J., Jesse O., Charles W. and Viola M.

Mr. Boatright has always taken a warm interest in politics, and uniformly votes the straight Republican ticket. He is serving his second term as a director in school district No. 140, and for four years in Missouri served in a similar capacity. He is a member in good standing of the John Goldy Post, No. 90, G. A. R., of Milan, occupying the office of Junior Vice, and has also served as Sergeant Major. He began life for himself with a capital of \$375, this comprising his portion of his father's estate. He came to Kansas in 1884, arriving in Creek Township, March 11, and that day he purchased his present farm, which was then but a tract of unimproved land. He now has ninety

acres under the plow, with an orchard of sixty-five apple trees, and one hundred and fifty peach trees, besides pears and cherry trees. He has enclosed and divided his fields with substantial fencing, and in 1887, put up his present residence at a cost of over \$600 besides his own labor. It is fair to suppose that in the course of a few years he will be able to retire upon a competence.



CHARLES G. EPPERSON, traveling correspondent of *Kansas City Daily Journal*, is a resident of Wellington, having an attractive home at No. 709, N. A. Street. He is the possessor of a bright intellect, being a forcible and vigorous writer, and has made himself an enviable reputation in the newspaper world. He was born in Lebanon, Boone County, Ind., February 17, 1840, and is the son of Charles and Martha (Woolery) Epperson, who are natives respectively of Virginia and Kentucky.

The Epperson family is of English extraction, and the first representatives here settled in Virginia prior to the Revolutionary War. Several members of it served in this great struggle, and the paternal great-grandfather of our subject, David Epperson, had a number of sons in the war; one, Thompson, was a Major. Charles Epperson, later, removed from Virginia to Kentucky, about 1810, sojourning there until probably 1839. We next find him in Montgomery County, Ind., where he lived until 1842. That year he pushed on further westward into Illinois, settling at Rio, in the northern part of Knox County. He spent his last days in Oxford, Henry County, dying about 1849. His wife survived him only three months. They had lived together harmoniously for the long period of over fifty years. They reared a family of seven sons and four daughters, among them being Charles, the father of our subject, who was born in Virginia, August 14, 1802.

The father of our subject removed with his parents to Kentucky in his youth and there made the acquaintance of Miss Martha Woolery, to whom he

was married in Richmond, Madison County, and they lived in the Blue Grass State until about 1827. Thence they emigrated to Putnam County, Ind., and from there removed to Boone County, that State, about 1838. We next find them on the other side of the Mississippi, in Benton County, Iowa, taking up their abode at Marysville in October, 1847. This was during the early settlement of that region, and Charles Epperson improved a large farm from the wilderness. He became well-to-do, but in 1863 sold out and improved another farm in Harrison Township. He departed this life October 14, 1864. He was first a Whig and then a Republican, and a man warmly interested in the success of his party. For many years he was a member of the Christian Church. He was widely and favorably known, and stood high in his community, his word being considered as good as his bond. He left a valuable estate. The mother of Mr. Epperson is still living, making her home with her son, John, in Avon Township, this county, and has arrived at the advanced age of eighty-two years.

To the parents of our subject there was born a family of thirteen children, nine of whom are still living. John S., one of the Commissioners of this county, is a farmer by occupation, and makes his home in Avon Township; Hiram T. is farming near Vinton, Iowa; Mary, Mrs. Steffy resides in Boone, Iowa; Martha J. married J. P. Wood, and lives in Pulaski, Ind.; Minerva A. is the wife of E. G. Stowe, of McPherson County, this State; Charles G., our subject, was the next in order of birth; William W. is a commercial salesman, and makes his home in Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Kittie E. is the wife of P. D. Stout, of Jacksonville, Ill.; Albert G., a speculator, resides in Boone, Iowa.

The subject of this sketch was a lad of seven years when the family settled in Iowa, and he resided there until a man of twenty-five. He first attended school in Boone County, Ind., having for his teacher William Carey, he being then a little lad of five years. His teacher was little more than a boy. After an absence of forty-two years, Mr. Epperson visited his old home and found his former preceptor owner of the old Epperson homestead and worth \$100,000. Pupil and teacher enjoyed a

very pleasant visit. At Marysville young Epperson completed his education, and afterward assisted his father in carrying on the farm until his marriage.

In 1862 Mr. Epperson offered his services to the Government to aid in putting down the Rebellion, and was accepted and made a member of Company A, Twenty-eighth Iowa Infantry, and was assigned to the Army of the Mississippi. Soon after entering camp he was taken to the hospital sick, where he remained a short time, and was discharged.

In October, 1864, Mr. Epperson was wedded to Mrs. Mary C. (Van Cleef) Martin, whose husband had yielded up his life on the battlefield of Shiloh during the Civil War. Mrs. Epperson was a daughter of Richard N. and Susan Van Cleef, who were natives of Indiana. The father is now living in Guthrie, Iowa; the wife died in 1882. The young couple spent their first year upon the homestead, then removed to Cedar Rapids, and Mr. Epperson embarked in the lumber business as manager of the firm of J. S. Alexander & Co. On the 27th of March, 1867, he met with a severe affliction in the death of his wife, who passed away, leaving one son, Judson Elmore, who was born June 10, 1866, and who was a babe of nine months at the time of his mother's death. He is still living and makes his home with his father, being likewise a newspaper man.

After the death of his wife Mr. Epperson continued in business in Cedar Rapids until 1869, and then removed to St. Joseph, Mo. There he associated himself in partnership with J. B. Johnson, and engaged in the marble business. He began his newspaper career in February, 1873, as correspondent for the *Daily Herald*, of St. Joseph, and in May of that year accepted a position with the Wilcox & Gibbs Sewing Machine Company, which necessitated his removal to Louisville, Ky. In January, 1874, he was transferred to the office at St. Louis, Mo.

For a number of years Mr. Epperson had given his attention to the study of medicine, and while in St. Joseph took a course of lectures in the Eclectic Medical College, of St. Louis. In the fall of 1874 he repaired to Evansville, Ind., where he

commenced practice, and later, in order to receive further instruction in the profession, returned to St. Joseph, and while pursuing his studies in this direction, accepted a position on the *Herald* in order to earn money to meet his necessities. He found that the newspaper business was more congenial to his tastes than the medical profession, and, accordingly, abandoned the latter, giving to the former his entire attention.

Mr. Epperson continued his connection with the *Herald* until 1882, in the meantime traveling through New Mexico, accompanied by his wife and baby, Oscar, in 1880-81, and employing his facile pen in writing up something of the early history of the country as compared with its condition of to day, and treating of its antiquities. He was accompanied on part of this trip by Capt. Jack Crawford, the scout—a man who had a large experience among the wild western regions. In 1882 Mr. Epperson resigned his position on the *Herald*, and coming to this county, began the improvement of a farm which he had previously purchased. In the meantime, in 1876, while on a visit to his brother in this county, he made the acquaintance of Mrs. Alice J. (Eggleston) Chamberlain, which resulted in a mutual attachment, and on the 28th of April, 1878, they were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents, in Belle Plaine, Sumner County, Judge Elijah Evans officiating.

Mrs. Epperson was born in Springfield, Ill., November 25, 1856, and is the only child of Henry N. and Elizabeth (Artman) Eggleston, who are now residents of Wellington. The family came to this county in 1872, and Miss Alice officiated as one of the first teachers within its limits, a profession which she followed for seven years, beginning at the age of fifteen years. She was first married in August, 1874, to William R. Chamberlain, who died January 5, 1875. Mrs. Epperson attended the funeral services of President Lincoln at Springfield, Ill., and frequently saw the martyred President during his lifetime.

Residing on his farm from January 1, 1883, until January 1, 1884, Mr. Epperson then bought an interest in the *Wellingtonian*, a weekly paper, the official organ of this county, and then moved to Wellington. He associated himself in partnership with the Rev.

Samuel L. Hamilton, a Presbyterian clergyman of Wichita, and J. C. O. Morse, the Sheriff of this county, but in October following Mr. Epperson retired from the firm and again became the traveling correspondent of the *St. Joseph Herald*. In January, 1886, he again resigned this position to accept a similar one with the *Kansas City Daily Journal*, which he still holds.

Republican in politics, Mr. Epperson is a staunch supporter of the principles of his party through the columns of his paper, and is prominent in its councils. While a resident of Sumner County he was a member of the Central Committee representing Palestine Township, where he and his wife own two farms, the best in the State. Mr. and Mrs. Epperson are members of the Christian Church, and Mr. Epperson belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Ancient Order of United Workmen. Of the present marriage there have been born two children—Oscar Eggleston, July 7, 1880, and Charles Henry, October 17, 1883. In 1884 Mr. Epperson was a delegate from Sumner County to the State Republican Convention at Topeka, which was called to select delegates to the National Convention, which nominated James G. Blaine for President. In 1879 he accompanied the Hayes Presidential party on their trip through Kansas and to Springfield, Ill. The Eppersons have a very pleasant home in Wellington, and move in its highest social circles.



ALBERT RICE is one of the early settlers of Oxford Township, and is the owner and occupant of a productive farm comprising two hundred and forty acres on section 22. This land was purchased by Mr. Rice in 1875 and was entirely raw and unbroken, and its present owner has made all the improvements upon it, which include a fine house, barn, wind-mill and such other buildings as are usually erected by a man of enterprise and industry, together with adequate fences and fruit and shade trees. The estate is devoted to the purposes of stock-raising

and farming, in both of which the owner is proving very successful.

The paternal grandfather of our subject was Samuel Rice, who, being left an orphan, went on board a man-of-war, where he served until years of maturity. He then left the navy and married, and with his family soon removed to Ohio, from the eastern part of our country. His son Alfred was but a boy when the removal took place, and after reaching man's estate, he married Miss Elizabeth Furman, daughter of John Furman, of New York State, who, with his family, had removed to Ohio at an early day. Alfred Rice and his wife remained in Ohio until 1841, when they removed to Noble County, Ind., and there continued to reside until death. Mr. Rice cleared up a farm and made a home upon it, also working at the carpenter's trade in Kendallville. He reared a family of ten children, of whom our subject is one. The father died in 1848, and the mother lived to be eighty years of age, dying about the year 1886. Of the members of the parental family who lived to mature years, we note the following: Samuel married Miss Elizabeth Godwin, and now lives in Oklahoma; Amos is now deceased, leaving one child—Harriet; Elizabeth was the wife of Jerome Trowbridge, and died in Michigan; Isaac married Miss Edna Godwin and lives in Western Kansas; Alvin married Miss Maria Herrick and lives in Val Verde; Alphonso married Miss Sophronia Montague and lives in this township; William married Miss Emeline Miller, and they also live in this township.

The gentleman whose name initiates this notice was born February 6, 1844, in Noble County, Ind., and grew to maturity at Kendallville, first leaving his home to engage in the service of his country during the Civil War. Fired with the enthusiasm which swept like wild fire over the Hoosier State, when hostilities were declared, he enlisted in 1862, as a member of Company G, Forty-fourth Indiana Infantry, and was first sent to the Western army, but after a time was discharged on account of illness. When able to travel, he went to Iowa, and after regaining his health, again entered the service, his second enrollment being in Company I, Fourth Iowa Cavalry. He was sent to Tennessee, Mississippi and Georgia, the command being engaged in

scouting and skirmishing mostly, and seeing much hard service. Mr. Rice was wounded in the left leg at Ripley, Miss., and after recruiting from this injury, continued his gallant work until the close of the war.

Receiving an honorable discharge, and returning once more to civil life, Mr. Rice made his home in his native State for several years, and then resided in Eaton County, Mich., three years, after which, in 1874, he came to this county, and the following year bought the farm upon which he is now living. Since that time he has been a continuous resident here, and has earned a high reputation among the citizens for intelligence, integrity and ability. He is a member of the Masonic order, and is now filling the office of Treasurer of School District No. 33. He has no desire for political preferment, but never fails to cast his vote in the interest of good government, his judgment leading him to take his place in the ranks of the Republican party.

The marriage of Mr. Rice took place in the Hoosier State, June 12, 1871, his bride being Miss Olive A. Thew, whose parental history will be found in a sketch of Joseph Thew, on another page in this work. This worthy and highly respected lady has borne her husband one son—Frank J., who is now seventeen years old, his birth having taken place May 13, 1872.



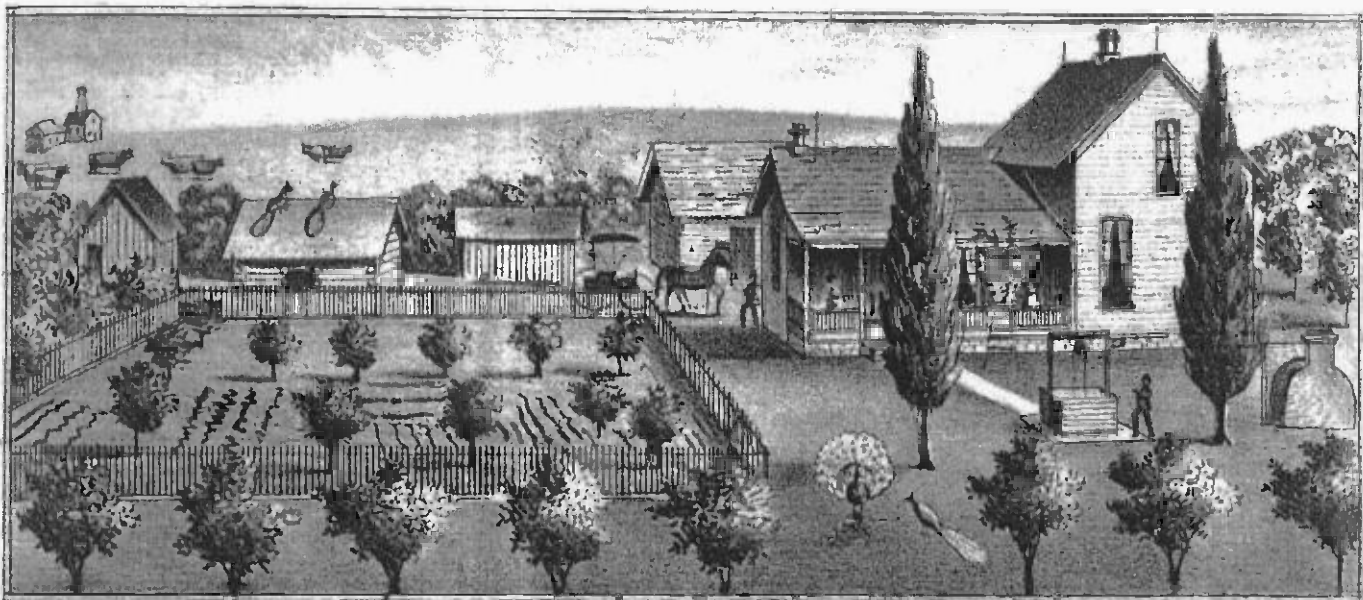
WILLIAM H. ALDRICH. This gentleman owns and occupies one of the finest homes in Sumner County. It embraces a highly-cultivated and valuable farm, embellished with an elegant residence and the outbuildings required for the shelter of stock and the storage of grain. The farm operations are conducted by the aid of improved, modern machinery, and in all its operations indicates the intelligence and enterprise of the proprietor. Mr. Aldrich is the owner of two hundred and sixty acres of land, and has dealt largely in real estate since coming to Kansas, buying and selling farm lands extensively. He came to this county in 1877, pre-empting first one hundred and sixty

acres on section 29, Falls Township, of which he has since been a resident. He started in life at the foot of the ladder and has made every dollar of his property by hard work and honest dealing. He has found live stock very profitable, and accordingly has given to this industry a large share of his attention.

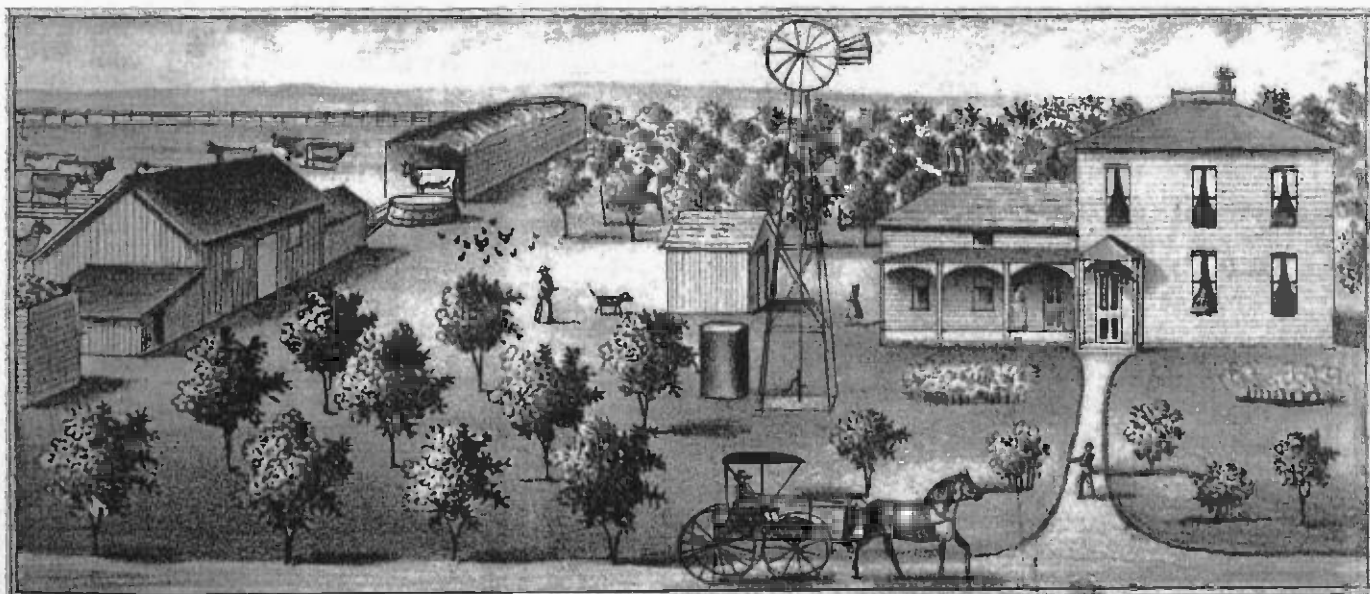
Kalamazoo County, Mich., was the early tramping ground of our subject, and where his birth took place November 17, 1842. He is the offspring of an excellent family, being the son of Amos N. and Margaret (Heath) Aldrich, the former of whom was a native of Clyde, Wayne County, N. Y. Amos Aldrich when quite young removed with his parents to Jackson County, but later obtained work in Kalamazoo County, Mich., where he spent the remainder of his life. He learned the trade of a stone cutter in early manhood, but only followed it a comparatively short time, being more inclined to farming pursuits. He was a man looked up to and respected in his community, being for many years prior to his death a Class-Leader in the Methodist Episcopal Church, and was otherwise instrumental in furthering the interests of religion and morality. The paternal grandfather of our subject was Edward Aldrich, a native of New York State, and a farmer by occupation. He spent his last years in Kalamazoo County, Mich.

Mrs. Margaret (Heath) Aldrich, the mother of our subject, was born in Niagara County, N. Y., and removed with her parents in her youth to Kalamazoo County, Mich., where she made the acquaintance of her future husband. Their union was blest by the birth of nine children, all of whom are living, and who were named, respectively: William H., our subject; Nelson E., Joseph H., Margaret A., Arcena E., Martha D., Herbert S., Frank B. and John.

William H. remained a resident of his native county until a man of twenty-five years, acquiring such education as the district schools afforded, and becoming familiar with the various pursuits of farm life. He left Michigan in 1867, removing to Taylor County, Iowa, where he sojourned for a period of ten years. Then, in 1877, he cast his lot with the people of this county. While a resident of Iowa, he served as a Justice of the Peace, and since com-



RESIDENCE OF FRANK KUBIK, SEC. 3. CALDWELL T^r. SUMNER CO., KANS.



FARM RESIDENCE OF W. H. ALDRICH, SEC. 29. FALLS T^r. SUMNER CO., KANS.

ing to Kansas has for one term been a Trustee of Falls Township. Both he and his estimable wife are active members of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Falls Center. Politically, Mr. Aldrich is independent, but favors prohibition.

While a resident of Taylor County, Iowa, Mr. Aldrich was married, September 17, 1868, to Miss Annie M. Warriner. This lady was born in Calhoun County, Mich., June 13, 1844, and is the daughter of Lemuel C. and Jane (Beedle) Warriner, who were natives of New York, and are now deceased. Four children have been born of this union, viz: Cassel, Lenna, Maggie and Nelson. Mrs. Aldrich owns a quarter-section of valuable land in Caldwell Township, from which she derives a good income.

Elsewhere in this volume will be found a lithographic view of the residence of our subject.



FRANK KUBIK. Kansas is the home of many foreign born citizens, whose industry, thrift and energy have been effective in developing the natural resources of the Sunflower State, and in advancing every good work within its borders. The department of farm labor has been fortunate in including so large a number of individuals who represent the best elements of their various nationalities, and who demonstrate by their lives that "man is the architect of his own fortune." The subject of this biography has proved himself to be a successful farmer and stock-raiser, and has built up a fine estate from a small capital. While doing so he has maintained a large family in comfort, and nobly assisted by his wife, has reared them to an honorable manhood and womanhood, which fact is the brightest star in his crown of rejoicing.

In the Kingdom of Bohemia, the gentleman of whom we write was born April 9, 1831. His parents, Joseph and Mary Kubik, had a family of six children, bearing the names of Joseph, John, Ann, Frank, Mary and Kate. With the exception of the latter, now the wife of Oscar Lender, of Racine,

Wis., our subject is the only survivor of the parental band. He was reared on a farm in his native country, and, at the age of twenty-three years, accompanied his parents across the Atlantic, and with them located in Racine, Wis., where the father and mother subsequently died. Joseph Kubik not only followed farming but was also proficient at the trade of a stone cutter.

The Badger State was the home of our subject until March, 1878, when he came to Sumner County, Kan., and bought one hundred and sixty acres of land on section 3, Caldwell Township. He subsequently pre-empted eighty acres on section 33, of the same township, and has since added by purchase to his acreage until he now owns four hundred and eighty acres of well-improved land on sections 34 and 3. He is a man of more than ordinary intelligence, and his citizenship and private character reflect credit upon his nationality and the home of his adoption. In 1864 he joined the Union army as a private in Company B, Twenty-second Wisconsin Infantry, and served until the close of the war.

In 1855, Mr. Kubik was united in marriage with Miss Mary Jenesta, a native of Bohemia, but at the time of their marriage, a resident of Wisconsin. The union was blessed by the birth of one daughter—Anna—born November 3, 1857. The loving wife and mother was stricken by death March 3, 1858. Mr. Kubik contracted a second matrimonial alliance August 22, 1859, being then united with Miss Anna Danek, a lady of Bohemian nativity, whose eyes first opened to the light August 28, 1836. She is the daughter of Nicholas and Mary (Eelik) Danek, who emigrated to America in 1853, settling in Wisconsin. The father died in that State and the mother in Minnesota.

Mrs. Anna Kubik has borne her husband twelve children, the date of their births being as follows: Frank, born July 18, 1860; Mary, September 18, 1861; Charley, May 27, 1863; Lydia, September 9, 1864; Lewis, April 13, 1866; George, August 17, 1867; Joseph, February 6, 1869; John, November 16, 1870; Jerry, February 14, 1872; Daniel, September 7, 1874; Pauline, April 8, 1876; Henry, November 17, 1877. All of this interesting group are still living, although four have left the

parental roof for homes of their own. Frank, Jr., married Miss Mary Jeck, of Kansas, and after her death was united with Miss Catherine Renik, of Wisconsin, in which State they are now living; Mary married Anthony Ratt, a farmer of Sumner County; Lydia married Joseph Jenesta, a farmer in Racine County, Wis.; George became the husband of Miss Anna Bobek, of Sumner County, where he is engaged in farming.

Mr. and Mrs. Kubik are members of the Evangelical Church in Bohemia. A fine lithographic view of the residence of Mr. Kubik is shown elsewhere in this volume.



HENRY KNOWLES, of the firm of Knowles & Garland, is joint proprietor of one of the finest meat-markets in Southern Kansas. It was established in Wellington in 1882, by our subject and his son, F. E., and had not long been operated ere a fine trade had been acquired. On account of ill-health the son was obliged to abandon the business, and selling his interest to Mr. Garland, departed to California. Mr. Knowles does the buying for the establishment, having had quite an extended experience in the cattle trade, and being an excellent judge of flesh on foot.

The father of our subject was Daniel Knowles, son of Moses Knowles, and a native of New York State. He married Miss Sallie Spring, of Massachusetts, and his death occurred in February, 1823, a month prior to the birth of our subject, who therefore has but little knowledge of paternal history. The widow subsequently married a second time, her husband being Abner Goodrich, and after residing in New York State several years longer, went to Worcester, Mass., where she departed this life.

Henry Knowles was born in Livingston County, N. Y., March 18, 1823, and was reared there, attending school as opportunity offered during his early years. His step-father kept an hotel on Hemlock Lake, which was known as the "Half

Way House," and our subject made himself useful about the hotel, which was his home until twenty years of age, when he started in life for himself. He was industrious and willing, and found work at various kinds of employment during the following year. He was always inclined to make trades, and when twenty-one he went to Rochester, with a drove of cattle, which he sold, this being his first deal in that stock, and being accomplished in the interests of another man.

In 1847 Mr. Knowles went by lake to Chicago, and thence by team to McHenry County, Ill., where he bought a tract of land in what was known as the Burr Oak Openings, and on this wild acreage built a log house with a clay and stick chimney, and took up his pioneer work. Soon after he began dealing in stock, and as there were no railroads through that section cattle had to be driven to market. One of his first experiences in business was in driving a herd to Milwaukee, eighty miles distant, making the drive alone and on foot. The Cream City was then a small place, and it and Chicago were about of equal size. When the Chicago & Galena Union Railroad was completed to Marengo, Mr. Knowles shipped the first load of cattle ever sent from that place to Chicago. At that time cattle were unloaded at the freight depot and driven to the stock-yards at Madison Street, three-fourths of a mile west of the river.

After sojourning on his farm four years, Mr. Knowles moved into Marengo, and remained there engaged in the cattle and butcher business until 1878, when he came to this county and purchased one hundred and sixty acres of wild land seven miles north of town. He built a dwelling and at once began to improve land. He had been in ill-health for some time previous to his removal West, and was poor in purse, but his short-comings in that respect were balanced by a large fund of energy and thrift. After having operated his farm about two years he engaged in the cattle business in a small way, buying stock in the country and selling to the butcher in town. In 1881 he removed to this place and devoted his attention to buying and shipping cattle and hogs, and about a year later opened the market whose his-

tory has been before noted. He has been very prosperous and has accumulated a very nice property. He has erected a tasty and comfortable residence in town, and owns one hundred acres of land adjoining the city, and two outlying farms. He rents one of these estates, and supervises the work upon the other, where he feeds cattle for shipping.

The marriage of Mr. Knowles took place in 1845, his bride being Miss Sarah Waters, who was born near Johnsonsburg, Wyoming County, N. Y., on the 1st of March, 1826. She remained under the parental roof until her marriage, acquiring many household arts, those of spinning and knitting being included among them. Her father, Robert Waters, was born in New England, and was a soldier in the War of 1812, after which contest he settled in Wyoming County, N. Y. He was one of the pioneers of that section, and having purchased a tract of heavy timber land, cleared a large acreage and resided there until 1836, when he removed to the Territory of Michigan, and again took up pioneer labors as a citizen of Kalamazoo County. After spending five years on the frontier he returned to Wyoming County, N. Y., and purchased a farm, upon which he resided until his death. The mother of Mrs. Knowles was in her maidenhood Miss Amarila Knight, and was a native of the Empire State. She was a daughter of Simeon Knight, an early settler of Chautauqua County, whence he removed to Wyoming County, where he subsequently died. Miss Knight remained with her parents until her marriage to Mr. Waters, and became conversant with those household duties of carding, spinning and weaving, which are unknown to the present generation, and which she transmitted with good teaching of a more intellectual and moral nature, to her daughter. Her children were clothed in garments made from cloth which she had woven. Her decease took place in Wyoming County.

To Mr. Knowles and his worthy wife seven children have been born—Ellen and Alice are now deceased; Wesley and Frank E. are living in this county; Eva married Miner Youmans, and lives in Mayfield; Charles and Flora are deceased. Both the parents are members in good standing of the

Methodist Episcopal Church, and Mr. Knowles has been a Class-Leader for many years. Both are thoroughly respected for their useful and upright lives, in a retrospect of which they find no cause for serious regret. Politically, he is a staunch Republican.



JAMES B. FOLKS. This gentleman is looked upon by his community as one of the best citizens of Chikaskia Township. In addition to developing a farm from a tract of wild land, he has reared a fine family of sons and daughters, who are now doing well in their various stations in life and reflecting credit upon their parental training. There is still spared to Mr. Folks his faithful life-partner, and the two are passing their declining years quietly together, enjoying the confidence and esteem of their neighbors, and justly feeling that they have not lived in vain. Mr. Folks is a man who does his own thinking, and still trains with the Republican party, although a radical prohibitionist. He, like many other sensible men, esteems it not wise yet to form a third party, believing that greater good can be accomplished by remaining in the solid ranks of Republicanism.

Born on the Atlantic coast, in the State of Maryland, September 19, 1826. Mr. Folks is thus a little past the sixty-fourth year of his age. He only remained a resident of his native State three years, going then with his parents to Ohio. His father, Jonathan Folks, was a native of Delaware, and a farmer by occupation. The mother, who bore the maiden name of Leah Folks, was not a relative of her husband, and was born in Maryland. To that State Jonathan Folks emigrated in early manhood, and there the young people were married. They removed to Ohio in 1829, and the father died there eleven years afterward, in 1840, when his son, James B., was a lad of fourteen years. The mother is still living, making her home with her son, John H., in San Diego, Cal., and is eighty-four years old. The parental household

included nine children, only two of whom are living—James B., and his brother, Capt. John H. Folks, a resident of San Diego, Cal.

Mr. Folks acquired an excellent education in Ohio, completing his studies at the South Salem Under College, in Ross County. He began teaching at the age of twenty-one, and followed this profession for twelve years thereafter, mostly during the winter season, while in the summer he made himself useful at whatever he could find to do. After his children were sufficiently advanced in their studies he removed to Champaign, Ill., in order that the elder two might enjoy the advantages of the State Agricultural College. In the meantime Mr. Folks engaged in the pump and windmill business, at which he was occupied five years, leaving it then to his son, Willis. Subsequently he was engaged in the marble business for two years. In 1877 he came to Kansas, and for one season lived in the vicinity of Wellington. We next find him at Ft. Reno, where he was connected with the sutler's department for sixteen months. Then returning to his farm in this county, he engaged in the live-stock business, raising cattle and swine, in which he has since been largely engaged. He put up his present residence in 1882, and has himself effected all the other improvements upon the place.

One of the most interesting and important events in the life of Mr. Folks was his marriage, February 7, 1850, to Miss Eleanor M. Lindsey, at the bride's home in Ohio. Mrs. Folks was born December 30, 1830, in Ross County, Ohio, and is a daughter of Robert and Sarah (Robertson) Lindsey, who were natives of Pennsylvania and the parents of six children. They spent their last years in Ohio, the father dying in 1856, and the mother in 1858.

The household circle of Mr. and Mrs. Folks was completed by the birth of six children, all of whom are living—Florence J. is the wife of J. T. Shultz, of San Diego, Cal.; they have no children; Ida L. is the wife of J. D. Downey, of Indianola, Ill., and they have four children; Willis K. married Miss Emma Jessee, and is engaged in the coal and grain trade at Wellington, this State; they have one child; Clara E. is the wife of W. E. Thralls, of

Reno City, in Oklahoma, and they have one child; Louie M. is the wife of H. Llewellyn Jones, of Anthony, this State, and they have two children; husband and wife are engaged as abstractors; Ralph N. is engaged as a printer at Seattle, Wash.

Since early youth Mr. and Mrs. Folks have been identified with the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which Mr. Folks officiates as Steward. Both have been active workers in the Sunday-school, and Mrs. Folks has held the office of Superintendent. Politically, Mr. Folks affiliates with the Republican party, and is in sentiment a strong prohibitionist, taking an active part in local politics. He has been a member of the School Board for many years, and in Ohio was for a number of years Township Clerk. He is a Master Mason, and has held various offices in his lodge. The Folks homestead embraces two hundred and forty acres of land, while Mr. Folks has one hundred and sixty acres in California.



CHARLES E. MURLIN, one of the leading business men of Jackson, is likewise regarded as one of the most valued members of his community, being enterprising, liberal and public-spirited, and the encourager of every commendable enterprise. His native place was Mendon, Mercer County, Ohio, and the date of his birth March 18, 1858. He comes of substantial stock, being the son of the Rev. Orlando Murlin, who was born in Kentucky, August 10, 1830.

The paternal grandfather of our subject was William Murlin, a native of Genesee County, N. Y., and born October 28, 1804. The latter was the son of John Murlin, who was born in Northumberland County, Pa., in 1770, and who was married in 1792, to Miss Sadie Danderer. They emigrated to Genesee County, N. Y., during its pioneer days, and resided there until 1817, then they removed to Kentucky, where they spent their last days. Their son William was reared in the Blue Grass State, and was married, December 25, 1824, to Miss Lydia Bigelow. The latter was born December 25, 1809,

and was thus made a bride at the age of sixteen years. In 1837 the pair with their little family removed to Ohio, settling among the pioneers of Mercer County, where Grandfather Murlin purchased a tract of heavily timbered land in Union Township. He first put up a log house, and cleared a farm from the wilderness, burning hundreds of large, blue logs, which, were they now in existence, would prove a fortune to any man. There he spent his last days, passing away June 10, 1886. When he took up his residence in the Buckeye State not a railroad had crossed its borders, and Pickaway, forty miles distant, was his nearest market until the completion of a canal. He lived to see the country settled up with an intelligent people.

The father of our subject was a lad of seven years when his parents removed to Ohio, where he was reared to man's estate. He was converted to religion in his youth, and at an early age officiated as an exhorter in the Methodist Episcopal Church, and finally became a circuit preacher. He is still living, making his home in Spencerville, Allen County, and is still laboring in the Master's vineyard.

Mrs. Esther (Hankins) Murlin, the mother of our subject, was the daughter of Timothy Hankins, who was born in Pennsylvania, and who settled in Mercer County, Ohio, about 1837. He likewise cleared a farm from the wilderness, being located on Eight Mile Creek, Union Township. There his death took place in 1887, after he had probably attained his fourscore years. To the parents of our subject there was born a family of nine children, viz.: Timothy W., Martin G., Matilda J., Charles E., Lydia, Lemuel H., Sarah E., Frank O. and Unity A. Charles E. attended the district school in his neighborhood, and by giving due attention to his books developed into a pedagogue at the age of twenty years, and was thereafter employed in this profession the greater part of the time for five years, in Allen and Mercer Counties. Afterward he employed himself as clerk in a dry-goods store in Cridersville, between three and four years. In 1884 he came to Kansas, landing in Wellington on the 15th of May. He secured a position as clerk in a store, but shortly afterward resigned, and going

to Rome assumed charge of the office of the Rock Island Lumber Company, entering upon the discharge of his duties January 1, 1885. This position he has since held with great credit to himself and satisfaction to those in whose interests he is operating. He also deals considerably in grain at times.

The 25th of December, 1879, was appropriately celebrated by Mr. Murlin by his marriage with Miss Arvilla Hall, which took place at the bride's home in West Cairo, Ohio. Mrs. Murlin was born in West Cairo, Allen County, Ohio, and is the daughter of Abram Hall, who was born in Huntington County, N. J., in 1826. Her paternal grandfather, William Hall, was a native of Sussex County, N. J., and born in 1799. He sojourned there until after his marriage. He then removed to Ohio, in May, 1835, settling in Carroll County, where he lived two years. Later he removed to Tuscarawas County, where he purchased land and prosecuted farming until 1853. Next he changed his residence to Allen County, purchasing also a farm there, in Bethel Grove District, where he died in 1876. His wife, Christina Smith, was born September 15, 1795, in Huntington County, N. J., and died in Allen County, Ohio. The father of Mrs. Murlin was nine years old when he removed with his parents to Ohio, where he was reared and married. He dealt in live stock, and finally took up his residence in West Cairo, where he now lives. He served in an Ohio regiment during the Civil War, from the beginning until its close, and has for some years been an invalid. The maiden name of his wife was Barbara Waltz. She was born in Ohio, and was the daughter of Samuel Waltz. Mr. L. Waltz, a resident of Wadsworth, Ohio, prepared and published some time since a history of the Waltz family in America. Much care was exercised in the preparation of the work, and it is highly valuable. There are several different branches of the family in America.

The first ancestor of Mrs. Murlin in this country was Frederick Reinhart Waltz, a native of Switzerland, who crossed the Atlantic in 1750, and settled in Pennsylvania. It is stated in the work above spoken of, that it is believed two of his brothers also came over. The line of descent from Freder-

ick Reinhart Waltz is as follows: His son John, and next his son, S. P. Waltz; then Samuel Waltz, the grandfather of Mrs. Murlin. The mother of the latter died in West Cairo, February 4, 1877. To our subject and his estimable wife there have been born four children—Arthur D., Henry H., Grace and Esther A. The latter, who was next to the youngest, died when two years old.



WILLIAM P. McELHINNY. This gentleman is the owner and occupant of a pleasantly located, improved and valuable farm in Greene Township, comprising two hundred and forty acres on section 36, upon which he located January 19, 1876. He is engaged in farming, and the air of thrift and prosperity which marks his estate indicates that he is desirous of maintaining a front rank among the tillers of the soil, and to enjoy the comforts with which he has been blessed.

The parents of our subject were Robert McElhinny and Mary Creaghead, who after their marriage settled in Allegheny County, Pa., where the mother died when their son William was about eight years old. Some three years after her death, the father removed with his family to Meigs County, Ohio, where he died in November, 1886. He was a carpenter, and by his marriage with Miss Creaghead he became the father of three sons and three daughters.

The gentleman whose name initiates this notice was born in Allegheny County, Pa., April 5, 1843, and during his boyhood in that county, attended the common schools, acquiring a good foundation for the knowledge which he obtained in later years. He grew to manhood in Meigs County, Ohio, where for several years he was employed as a clerk in the business establishment of his brother in Middleport. Thence he went to Scioto County, where he acted as superintendent of a stone quarry belonging to H. D. Stewart during a period of four years, after which, for some two years, he was engaged in selling fruit trees. He then took up his residence in this county, where his industry and

prudence are reaping a merited reward, and he is favorably regarded by his fellow-citizens.

In Clay County, Ill., April 25, 1876, our subject was united in marriage with Lucy Chaffin, a lady of Christian character and many domestic virtues. Mrs. McElhinny was born in Scioto County, Ohio, April 19, 1837. The union has been blessed by the birth of two daughters—Lizzie M., and Sarah E.—whose minds are being developed and cultivated, and into whose hearts the principles of right living are being instilled, and who promise to attain to useful womanhood.

In the spring of 1863 Mr. McElhinny enlisted in the Union army and served about six months as a member of Company A, One Hundred and Fortieth Ohio Infantry. In politics he is a Republican, firmly believing that the principles of that party will best insure the future prosperity and welfare of the nation. As a citizen he is reliable and public spirited, as a neighbor and business man just and honorable, and in domestic life, kindly and considerate. Mrs. McElhinny is a member of the Methodist Church, of which her husband and children are attendants.



WILLIAM H. CARNES. This gentleman was elected County Clerk in November, 1889, and during his term of office will make his home in Wellington. He is already well-known as one of the most energetic young men in the county, where he has not only carried on a farm, but during the winter seasons has been engaged in school teaching for several years, and is held in good repute on account of his intelligence, geniality and uprightiness. He is a native of the Buckeye State, was born in Union County, November 30, 1855, and is one of two children born to his parents, and the only survivor, his brother Joseph having died in infancy.

The parents of our subject, Cyrus N. and Eliza (Heminger) Carnes, were born in the Buckeye State, and the mother died when our subject was

but a lad. The father is now living in Stark County, Ind., is a farmer and stock dealer, and is quite wealthy. In 1863 he enlisted in the Union army and served until the close of the war. Politically he is a Republican, and is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is of Scotch-Irish extraction.

The gentleman of whom we write was reared principally in Indiana, and educated in that State, in which, after completing his course of study, he engaged in teaching. In 1877 he came to Kansas, took up a claim in Creek Township, Sumner County, and after proving up on it returned to the Hoosier State, where he remained until 1882. He then came back to this county, and since that time has been engaged in farming and teaching as before noted. Like his father, he is a believer in the principles of the Republican party, which he supports with voice and vote.

The lady who presides with housewifely skill over the home of Mr. Carnes, was born in White County, Ind., December 2, 1858, and is the daughter of George W. and Agnes (Thompson) Cornell, who were also natives of the Hoosier State. She became the wife of Mr. Carnes June 18, 1884, and is the mother of two children: Alta, was born June 24, 1885, and Everett C., December 22, 1887. The parents of Mrs. Carnes became residents of Sumner County in 1877. Mr. Cornell is a farmer, and in his political affiliations joins with the Republican party.



JAMES C. O. MORSE, Sheriff of Sumner County, is one of the younger men who are taking front ranks in business enterprises and in public stations in the West, where energy and "push" are necessary, and win their meed of success. He was born in Cambridge, Henry County, Ill., January 15, 1855, and attended school quite steadily in his native State until fifteen years old, when his parents removed to Kansas, and he finished his studies in Wichita. After his father's death in the spring of 1875, he managed the farm on which he had previously assisted, and

remained in London Township, Sumner County, until the fall of 1879, when he came to this place.

The following spring Mr. Morse went to Colorado, and after spending the summer there, went into New Mexico where he sojourned nearly a year, and then returning to this place he started a job printing establishment and a few weeks later purchased a half interest in the *Wellingtonian*, a weekly newspaper. He retained his interest in the journal and the printing establishment until October, 1884, when he sold out and became an assistant to Sheriff Henderson. It was not long before he was appointed Deputy Sheriff and he fulfilled the duties of that position until January, 1888, since which time he has served as Constable, and in the fall of 1889 was elected Sheriff of the county.

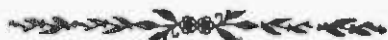
The Rev. John C. Morse, the father of our subject, was a native of Ashtabula County, Ohio, and a son of Elias Morse, who was born in Massachusetts, and who was a pioneer farmer in the Buckeye State. About the year 1850 the grandfather of our subject removed to Henry County, Ill., and purchased a farm one and one half miles from Cambridge, on which he spent his last years. His wife, whose maiden name was Sarah Dailey, also departed this life on the farm there.

The Rev. John Morse was reared in his native county, and removed to Illinois with his parents, their journey being made by the lakes to Chicago, and thence by team to their new home. During the first few years of their residence in the Prairie State there were no railroads in that section of the country, and Rock Island was the nearest market until the railroad was completed to Geneseo. When a lad of ten years of age young John was converted, and united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, and in his early manhood he began ministerial labors as a local preacher. He bought a farm west of Cambridge, on which his family resided until 1870, when he came to this State, making the removal with teams. Wichita was then but a small village and there was no railroad nearer than Emporia, one hundred miles distant. The Rev. Mr. Morse selected a location three miles north of Wichita, filed a claim on Government land and at once built a frame house, drawing the lumber from Emporia. The country around him

was very sparsely settled, large herds of Texas cattle fed there, deer were abundant, and buffalo in large numbers were to be found a few miles west. As emigrants were frequently passing, there was a good home market for produce.

The Rev. Mr. Morse resided on the claim he had taken on first coming to the State, from November, 1870, until December, 1873, when he sold and purchased a tract of land in what is now London Township, this county. The farm was situated on both sides of the Ninnescah River, a number of acres had been broken, and there were a log house and stable on the north side of the river. Taking possession of this farm, its new owner superintended the work thereon and also continued his labors in spreading the Gospel until the time of his death, which occurred at Cambridge, Ill., (where he had been summoned on account of his father's sickness,) May 31, 1875. His widow is now a resident of this city. She was born in Coshocton County, Ohio, and bore the maiden name of Rebecca Jane Westlake. To her and her husband four children were born.

At the home of the bride, in London Township, in 1876, Mr. James Morse was united in marriage with Miss Rachel E. Chenoweth, who was born in Fayette County, Ohio. Her parents, Lewis F. and Martha (Morgan) Chenoweth, were natives of Madison and Franklin Counties, Ohio, and came to Kansas in 1871, first settling in Doniphan County and in 1873 removed to this county, the father buying a tract of land in London Township, which he improved and on which they still live. To Mr. Morse and his estimable wife two children have been born—Emma E. and Lucretia L. Mrs. Morse belongs to the Methodist Episcopal Church, and has many warm friends in the community, where her husband also is highly regarded.



GEOERGE MORTON. This gentleman is one of the most prominent agriculturists of Oxford Township, and one of the largest land owners, and he also ranks among the early settlers,

as he came here in 1873. His home is situated on section 20, and bears marked improvements, including a fine orchard, neatly kept hedge, and a dwelling which is one of the finest farm houses in the vicinity. It is a two-story structure, 16x28 feet and 14x16 feet, and is well built and of a pleasing architectural design. The entire landed estate of Mr. Morton comprises seven hundred and twenty acres, and the most of his property has been accumulated by his own energy and able management since coming here.

The birth of Mr. Morton took place near Glasgow, Scotland, February 7, 1844, and he lived upon a farm in that country until 1866, obtaining a good education and a practical knowledge of agricultural pursuits. At the date mentioned he accompanied a Scottish colony to New Zealand, where he lived until about the close of the year 1871, when he came to the United States via California, and worked along for a place until he arrived in Wichita, Kan., where he sojourned two years. He then came to this county, bought out the claim to the quarter section upon which his home is, and proved upon it, receiving the only deed ever given to the place. He paid 36 per cent. for money to prove up with, made almost all the improvements, and as he was able, paid his indebtedness and purchased more land. The first addition to his acreage was purchased for the sum of \$550 and \$2,800 was paid for the next. Mr. Morton keeps both horses and cattle, has one quarter section mainly in pasture land, and carries on both grain and stock raising quite extensively.

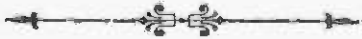
At the home of the bride in this county, March 17, 1881, Mr. Morton was united in marriage with Miss Stella Russell. She was a daughter of John Russell, who now lives in Avon Township, and was born in Canada in 1855. She is well educated and possesses many housewifely and womanly virtues. The happy union has been blessed by the birth of four children, of whom three are now living—Minnie, George and Thomas. The parents were bereaved of their daughter Mary, on February 8, 1889.

Mr. Morton has been School Director for two years, and manifests an intelligent interest in the welfare of the schools. He is a man of strict



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honor and probity, and of a companionable nature, and is highly regarded by his fellow-citizens. He is a member in good standing of the Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Morton is a member of the Church of God.



EDGAR D. EASTER, M. D., whose portrait is presented on the opposite page, is a practicing physician and dealer in drugs at Milan, and is rightly classed among the most prominent citizens of that flourishing town. He carries a full line of drugs, and has the exclusive trade in that branch of merchandise. He also has a fine practice in his profession, which he has thoroughly studied, not only in America but also in Europe. His beautiful residence is built on the same lot with his drug-store, and is as attractive and cozy a home as anyone could desire. He also owns residence property and lots in Anthony, Harper County, Kan., and considers that city the best for its size in the State. The prosperity which has attended his efforts in life is a proof of his natural ability and his unbounded energy, for, with the exception of his early education, his extended knowledge and worldly possessions are due entirely to his own efforts.

The father of our subject was J. J. Easter, a native of Virginia, who was educated for the ministry, and who moved to Pennsylvania during his early years. When he had grown to manhood he bought a farm in Fayette County, and gave his attention principally to raising cattle and horses. He married Miss Mary E. Ebert, a native of the Keystone State, who bore him fourteen children. Of this large family ten are now living. During the Civil War the two oldest sons served their country as members of a Pennsylvania regiment. The father died in 1887, and the mother still survives at the age of sixty-eight years, and lives on the home farm.

Dr. Easter was the sixth child born to his parents, and opened his eyes to the light in Fayette County, Pa., June 7, 1851. Until his thirteenth year he attended the district schools, pursuing the

elementary branches, and then became a pupil in the High School, after which he spent two years at work in a woolen factory. In 1869 he went to Iowa, and for a short time was employed in a woolen factory in Fairfield, next entering the office of Dr. P. N. Wood, now deceased, and spending a year in medical studies. Fully determined to acquire a thorough knowledge of his chosen profession, he engaged in the business of selling organs and sewing machines, as a temporary expedient by which to acquire means to prosecute his studies, and in this way saved enough to pay tuition for three and a half years.

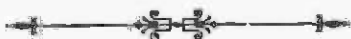
We next find the young student in attendance at the Keokuk Medical College during nearly two courses of lectures, following which he bought out the office and good will of a physician in Van Buren County, contracting to pay \$1,560, and going in debt for the entire amount. Four years and five months were spent in that county, whence, in 1878, Dr. Easter came to Kansas, and locating on a claim two miles south of Milan, built a sod-house and began life as a Kansas citizen, with a capital consisting of a team of horses and \$35 in money. Eighteen months later he returned to Keokuk, accompanied by his wife, and both took a six months' course of lectures. Dr. Easter was graduated in 1881, while Mrs. Easter returned to the institution the following year, and won her diploma also.

Two years after the Doctor's graduation he crossed the Atlantic, accompanied by his wife, and in London, England, took a surgical course at St. Thomas College of Physicians and Surgeons, and a course in obstetrics at the women's hospital. After this addition to the theoretical and practical understanding of medical science, which he had previously possessed, the cultured couple returned to their home in June, 1884, and there, in December, 1886, the wife breathed her last.

Dr. Easter contracted a second matrimonial alliance, April 5, 1888, his chosen companion being Miss Allie M., daughter of Dr. G. M. Walker, of Rosemond, Ill. She is the older of two children born to her parents, and her natal day was March 12, 1865. She is a cultured and refined lady, was the recipient of a collegiate education at Lincoln,

Ill., and is a worthy companion for a man of her husband's intellect and acquirements. Her mother died in 1873, and her father is still practicing medicine in Rosemond.

Dr. Easter belongs to the Ancient Order of United Workmen, and is now one of the Examining Surgeons of that organization in Milan. He has also been a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which he has held several offices. Interested, as all American citizens should be, in political affairs, he has decided in favor of the principles of the Democracy, and therefore casts his vote in their behalf. It is needless to state that he is not only respected by his fellow-citizens in Milan, but over a wide extent of country he is favorably known as a successful and learned physician and surgeon, and as a gentleman of integrity and honor.



DANIEL FEAGINS, a veteran of the late war, is well and favorably known to the people of Walton Township, where he owns a well-regulated farm of eighty acres on section 14. With the exception of the time spent in the army, he has been a life-long agriculturist and very successful. While in the service of his country he contracted a severe cold which resulted in the loss of his eyesight, and on account of which he draws a pension of \$72 per month. He has learned to bear his affliction with equanimity and succeeds in a remarkable degree in making the best of circumstances. His course in life has been such as to establish him in the esteem and confidence of his fellow-citizens.

Fayette County, Ohio, was the early tramping ground of our subject, and where his birth took place February 10, 1817. He was the first born of Willis and Elizabeth (Jones) Feagins, the former of whom was a native of Kentucky and born May 4, 1795. Willis Feagins, when a young man, emigrated to Fayette County, Ohio, with his parents, where he sojourned until 1844. That year he sought the Far West, removing across the Mississippi to Davis County, Iowa, where he prosecuted

farming successfully and departed this life in 1873. For many years prior to his death he was a prominent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and politically, voted the Democratic ticket. Daniel and Violet (Combs) Feagins, the paternal grandparents of our subject, were probably natives of Virginia and both died in Fayette County, Ohio. Grandmother Feagins at the advanced age of one hundred and seven years. Grandfather Feagins served all through the Revolutionary War, with the rank of Major. The mother of our subject was a daughter of Thomas Jones, likewise a Revolutionary soldier, and a native of the Blue Grass State.

There were born to the parents of our subject eight children besides himself, and who were named respectively, Violet, Thomas, Catherine, Ellen, Susan, James, William, and Sarah J. Six of these are living. Daniel remained a resident of his native county until 1840, and then, a young man of twenty-three years, went to Iowa in advance of the family, settling on a farm in Davis County. He sojourned in the Hawkeye State until 1877, then came to Kansas, settling first in Cowley County, and thence removing in 1878 to this county.

While a resident of Iowa Mr. Feagins, in 1863, enlisted as a Union soldier in Company D, Third Iowa Cavalry, and was subsequently promoted to be Sergeant. He was in the service until July, 1865, and then, the war being over, received his honorable discharge at Edgefield, Tenn. He participated in many of the important battles of the war, including Big Blue and Nashville. The hardships and privations which he endured were borne with the fortitude and heroism which almost uniformly distinguished the conduct of the Union soldiers. They have been cited too often to need repetition here. The memory of those brave boys will be cherished as long as the United States stands as a nation. Mr. Feagins cast his first Presidential vote for Van Buren and has since remained a staunch adherent of the Democratic party. He belongs to the G. A. R. Post at Arkansas City.

While a resident of Iowa Mr. Feagins was married, June 13, 1846, to Mrs. Elizabeth Sanderson, who was a native of his own county in Ohio, and who was born July 28, 1824. Mrs. Feagins is the

daughter of Jesse and Regina (Hinkle) Fisk, who were natives of Virginia and Pennsylvania. Her father spent his last years in Iowa; the mother is still living. She lived with her parents until her first marriage with Daniel Sanderson who died November 19, 1845. Mr. and Mrs. Feagins are the parents of eight children—James W., Daniel F., William T., Emily E., Elvira A., Mary E., Thomas J. and Jesse C.



WILLIAM C. GLAIZE, Cashier of the State National Bank at Wellington, came to Sumner County in April, 1884, and has held his present position since that time. This bank is located at the intersection of Lincoln and Washington Avenues and is one of the most reliable institutions of the kind in the county.

Mr. Glaize was born in Winchester, Frederick County, Va., September 21, 1852, and lived there until the spring of 1875. He attended the common school during his boyhood and youth and commenced his business career in the employ of his uncle, W. A. Rinker, with whom he remained three years. We next find him in Kirksville, Mo., as a member of the firm of Steer, Glaize & Co. Remaining in business there until the spring of 1881, he then sold out and located in Muscatine, Iowa, engaging in the same business. In the spring of 1882, he changed his field of operations to Washington, Iowa, associating himself with a Mr. Ball and continuing there until 1886. That year, coming to Wellington, he assisted in the organization of the State National Bank, which was organized on the 1st of August and opened its doors for business October 11, with A. H. Smith, President, William Myers, Vice President and Mr. Glaize, Cashier, the capital stock being \$50,000. With the exception of the Vice President the officers still remain the same. Mr. Myers was succeeded by George Hunter. Mr. Glaize in addition to his connection with the bank as a stockholder, also has an interest in the Southern Kansas Farm, Loan & Trust Company, and is a heavy stockholder in the gas plant at Wellington. The bank building is a fine three-story

structure with a basement and occupying an area of 25x50 feet. It is thoroughly equipped and an ornament to the city.

Mr. Glaize was married at Kirksville, Mo., January 29, 1886, to Miss Nellie T. Bagg. Mrs. Glaize was born in New York, January 1, 1862, and is the daughter of John Bagg who came West at an early date and operated as a railroad bridge contractor both in Missouri and Kansas. Mr. and Mrs. Glaize are members in good standing of the Baptist Church, and Mr. Glaize, politically, is a staunch Democrat. During the progress of the Civil War he visited the South and was at Winchester at the time of the famous battle there and had a view of the conflict.

The father of our subject was George Glaize, likewise a native of Frederick County, Va. He was born October 4, 1822, and has spent his entire life within five miles of his birthplace. Although quite aged, he is still hale and hearty. The mother, born March 28, 1821, bore the maiden name of Harriet S. Rinker, and the parental family consisted of nine children. The maternal grandfather of our subject was Casper Rinker, a native of Virginia and who spent the greater part of his life in Frederick County.



RUBEN A. ANDERSON. This gentleman is recognized as one of the largest land-owners of this county, holding the warrantee deed to one thousand and twelve acres, besides a large stock ranch in Barbour County. He gives considerable attention to the breeding of graded stock, while a part of his land is devoted to general agriculture. He is a man in the prime of life, having been born October 23, 1845, and his native place was Sullivan County, Ind. He came to Kansas in 1878, locating on section 31, London Township, of which he has since been a resident.

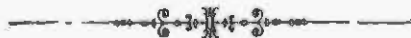
The subject of this notice was the eldest child of Absalom and Cynthia A. (Pierce) Anderson, the former of whom was born in Kentucky, in 1808. Six years later he was taken by his parents to Indiana, of which State he remained a resident

thereafter until his death, at the age of fifty years. He followed farming successfully and was a man intelligent and well-informed, keeping himself posted upon political events and uniformly voting the Democratic ticket. His father, Robert Anderson, was a native of Scotland, whence he emigrated to America at an early day, settling in Kentucky and finally removing to Indiana where he spent his last days.

Mrs. Cynthia (Pierce) Anderson, was born in Ohio and is still living, being about sixty-eight years old and making her home in Kansas. She is the daughter of John and Sophia Pierce, who were likewise natives of the Buckeye State, whence they subsequently removed to Indiana, where they spent their last days. Grandfather Pierce was a farmer by occupation and both he and his good wife were members of the Baptist Church. To Absalom and Cynthia Anderson there was born a family of nine children, viz: Reuben A., Commodore P., Jonathan M., John P., Sophia, James A., Elizabeth, Robert C. and Charles. Only four of these are living, viz: Reuben, Jonathan, Robert and Charles. Reuben was reared and educated in his native county, living there until coming to this State. He is quite prominent in local affairs and served one term as County Treasurer. During the progress of the Civil War he enlisted October 9, 1864, at Terre Haute, in Company B, Thirtieth Indiana Infantry, and participated in the battles of Franklin and Nashville, Tenn., besides many minor engagements. He served until the close of the war, being mustered out October 18, 1865. On the 12th of July, 1866, he was united in marriage with Miss Eliza J. Nelson. This lady was a native of Indiana and by her union with our subject became the mother of nine children, viz: Ellazan, Arminn A., William A., Joseph, Lemuel L., James W., Reuben H. and two who died in infancy. Mrs. Eliza J. (Nelson) Anderson departed this life at her home on May 6, 1883.

Mr. Anderson contracted a second matrimonial alliance January 28, 1885, with Miss Lucinda Bowdre. This lady was born March 19, 1849, in Union County, Ohio, and is the daughter of Samuel and Nancy (Green) Bowdre, who were likewise born in the Buckeye State. The mother died in Ohio at the

age of sixty-six years. Mr. Bowdre is still living, making his home in Ohio and being now seventy years old. He has been a lifelong farmer and served as Justice of the Peace. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Anderson—Ruth A., July 4, 1887, and Maude H., April 21, 1889.



TRUMAN TUCKER. The lives perhaps of the majority of men pass on apparently like the smooth current of a river and those who only observe the surface know little of what lies beneath or how has been brought about the apparently smooth current. Those who have perhaps struggled under the greatest difficulties, have been the most quiet under all circumstances; but still have achieved frequently greater results than their more noisy brethren. The subject of this notice has builded well as far as character and disposition goes and is a man held in the highest respect in his community. Upon his well-cultivated farm of one hundred and thirty acres he has lived for a period of seventeen years, developing a good homestead and at the same time establishing himself upon a firm basis as a man and a citizen. He lives unpretentiously, yet comfortably, his home lying on section 13, Avon Township.

A native of Meade County, Ky., Mr. Tucker was born August 19, 1854, and when quite young was taken by his parents to Missouri where his father died when he was a lad of eight years. The family sojourned five years in that State and at a time when the climate was very unhealthy, and after the death of her husband the widowed mother returned with her children to the Blue Grass State where Truman was reared to manhood. They lived upon a farm and young Tucker acquired his education in the common schools. Leaving his native State he repaired to Henderson County, Ill., where he prosecuted farming eight years, and in 1869, crossing the Mississippi, established himself in Labette County, this State.

In Labette County Mr. Tucker was married May 1, 1870, to Miss Calaina George, a native of

Madison County, Iowa, and born March 20, 1830. The young people commenced their wedded life together on a farm in that county, relinquishing there until 1872. Their next removal was to this county when they settled upon their present farm in Avon Township. In the meantime during the Civil War and while a resident of Hamilton County, Ill., Mr. Tucker enlisted as a Union soldier, in Company G, Eighteenth Illinois Infantry, and served six months during the last part of the war. He cast his first Presidential vote for Lincoln and is a staunch supporter of the principles of the Republican party. He and his estimable wife are active members of the Christian Church, endeavoring to carry out their professions in their daily lives.

They have made many friends during their long sojourn in this county and have welcomed under their hospitable roof its best citizens. Gentle and compassionate they are ever ready to extend a helping hand to those less fortunate than themselves and are possessed of that good breeding which is recognized at once in their intercourse not only with friends but with strangers. They are well worthy of respect and admiration among the better classes of people of this county. The mother of our subject died in Hamilton County, Ill. in May, 1886.



EMELINE MUCKLEY, the subject of this sketch, is the widow of Michael Muckley, a pioneer of Summit County, who was born in Stark County, Ohio, on the 7th of September, 1831. John Muckley, the father of Michael, was born near Baden, Germany, and came to America with his parents, who were among the first settlers of Stark County, and resided there during the rest of their lives. John M. was but a lad when he came to this country. He was reared in the home of his parents and was of such an education as the county afforded at that time. Upon reaching his majority he was united in marriage with a lady of the same family, and they spent their life in Pike Township, Stark County, Ohio, on a farm.

Michael Muckley was reared on the farm of his

parents and remained at home assisting his father to operate the place until the war broke out in 1861, when he rendered his services for the defense of his country and was assigned to duty with the Army of the Potomac. He enlisted in Company G, One Hundred and Seventh Ohio Infantry for a term of three years. He bore his part bravely in all the engagements that his regiment was called upon to take part in and was one of the gallant supporters of the old flag in the glorious and decisive battle of Gettysburg, when the hitherto proud hosts of the Confederacy were shattered and driven back to their native place soon to drift away and surrender to the brave boys in blue. When the term of service expired for which Mr. Muckley had enlisted, he returned to his father's farm and operated a sawmill for some two years. He then entered a general store and engaged as a clerk for about one year, but his health proving unequal to the task he returned once more to the farm.

Shortly after leaving the store Mr. Muckley formed a partnership with an uncle and bought a tract of land upon which there was a sawmill and also a flouring-mill. Mr. Muckley superintended the work of the farm and also operated the two mills with good success. He resided there until 1878, when he sold out his interests and removed to Kansas. He settled in Sumner County, a town when Wichita, forty miles away, was the nearest railroad point and the nearest market. This country had but few settlers and was very little improved. Mr. Muckley bought a tract of land embracing the southwest quarter of section 22 in Jackson Township, and at once set to work to improve it and convert it into a fine farm. He resided here until his death, May 6, 1887. He had in the meantime erected a comfortable set of frame buildings and planted fruit and shade trees.

January 1, 1856, Michael Muckley and Caroline Howenline were united in marriage. Mrs. Muckley is a native of Pike Township, Stark County, Ohio, where she was reared in the home of her parents. Her father, Jacob Howenline, was born in Hagerstown, Md., and his father, again, named Jacob Howenline, was born of German parents in Germany. The grand father of Mrs. Muckley removed from Maryland to Ohio, crossing the mountains to

the usual style of the times with teams, and settled in Stark County when there were few other residents in the neighborhood. He took up Government land and made a comfortable home for his family. His last days upon earth were spent in the place where he had been a pioneer so many years before. The father of Mrs. Muckley was reared in Maryland and accompanied his father to Ohio when the latter emigrated to that State. The family located in Pike Township, and after some time Jacob H., Jr., started out for himself. He bought a tract of heavy timbered land in Pike Township and set to work cutting down trees to make room for the log cabin which was to be his home until such time as he could make a better. The cot then built was the birthplace of Mrs. Muckley, and similar lowly dwellings have been the homes of thousands of the best citizens of which America can boast.

The trials and hardships of the pioneers are a constant source of supply to the story-tellers of the present age. The open fireplace where the cooking had to be done, the rolling of the logs together only to burn them, because in the stage of development which they were then in, that was the only use that could be made of what would be almost of priceless value at the present time, and the many other things curious and pitiful that are related, were all, or nearly all, the lot of the parents of Mrs. Muckley during the early years of their life. Energy and industry overcame all the trials to which they were subjected, and they succeeded in making a fine farm and erecting good buildings. The father of Mrs. Muckley is still living on the place which he improved during the years of his youth and manhood, although his years number eighty-two. The mother of Mrs. Muckley was Margaret Miller, a native of Pennsylvania and daughter of John and Rebecca Miller. Mrs. Howenstine died in 1887, having reached a good old age.

Mrs. Muckley is one of a family of six children, whose names are as follows: Emeline, the subject of this notice; William and Jacob, who are residents of Huntington County, Ind.; Cyrus and Emery, who are living in Stark County, Ohio, and Almira who is married to David Evans. Since the death of her husband Mrs. Muckley has resided on

the home farm, which she carries on with good success. She is a woman of much force of character and enjoys the esteem of her many friends; she is a devoted and worthy member of the Presbyterian Church, of which Mr. Muckley was also a consistent member during his life time.



ELI W. MORRIS. Although it has been but a few years since the above-named gentleman located in Harmon Township, he and his estimable wife have already established themselves among the most highly respected residents of the county, and have many warm friends therein who thoroughly appreciate their noble qualities of heart and mind. The father of Mr. Morris was christened Lorenzo D., and was born in West Virginia. His mother bore the maiden name of Mary Witt, and Tennessee was her native State. After the marriage of this couple they settled in Greene County, Ill., where four children were born to them, of whom our subject is the youngest. The death of the mother took place in March, 1842, and the father survived until June, 1887.

The natal day of our subject was March 15, 1841, and he grew to manhood in his native county, acquiring a good education in the common schools and a practical training from his worthy father. Upon reaching man's estate he engaged in farming in Macoupin County, and after tilling the soil there a year took his departure for the Pacific Coast, and in California carried on the dairy business three years. He then returned to the Mississippi Valley and again entered upon a farmer's life in Macoupin County, Ill., continuing so employed there until September, 1883, when he went to Arkansas and engaged in the cattle business. He prosecuted that business until May, 1887, and then settled in Harmon Township, where he now owns one hundred and sixty acres of land lying on section 28. The estate is thoroughly and intelligently cultivated and bears all needful buildings, which have been erected in a substantial manner and with due regard to their convenient location and attractive

appearance. The whole estate has an appearance of order and thrift which plainly indicates in a measure by that its owner is a thorough farmer and a man of good taste and good judgment. The internal arrangements of the dwelling, and the neatness and good cheer that abound within, as plainly mark the housewifely qualities and refinement of the lady who presides within its walls.

The wife of Mr. Morris is a lady of Muscogee County, Ill., where their marriage took place February 13, 1870. The bride bore the maiden name of Arabella T. Bates and her natal day was February 3, 1833. She is the eldest of two children born to E. M. and Tabitha M. (Davis) Bates, the latter of whom died in Kentucky and the former during the war, in which he was an officer of the Confederate army. Seven bright children make up the jewels of Mr. and Mrs. Morris, and they bear the names respectively of Leola L., Nevada R., Paul F., Daniel R., Mary M., Jennie L. and Mervel E.

Mr. Morris belongs to the Farmers' Alliance, and both he and Mrs. Morris are members of good standing of the Baptist Church. Mr. Morris possesses the pleasant and affable manner which combined with his intelligence and good principles would naturally win friends, and it is not strange that even in his short residence in this county he is so well and favorably known.



DR. DANIEL F. JANGWAY, M. D. In the person of the subject of this notice we have that of a leading physician and surgeon of Argonia, a gentleman well educated, intelligent and thoroughly understanding the duties of his profession. In the fall of 1888 he was elected on the Republican ticket as a Representative to the Kansas Legislature from the Eighth Hill District, holding until 1891. He is entirely in sympathy with the principles of his party and a liberal and public spirited citizen, serving as Secretary of the school board, and otherwise identifying himself with the best interests of his community.

In Masonic circles he belongs to Chikasha Lodge No. 285, in which he is Master, and he is also a member of Argonia Lodge, No. 272, I. O. O. F., in which he is Past Grand, and has been a Representative in the Grand Lodge. He is a member of the Southwestern Kansas Medical Association, and by virtue of his powers as Representative, served on the committee of Public Health in cities of third class, and Manufactures.

The Doctor was born January 6, 1851, in Jefferson County, Tenn., and was the ninth in a family of twelve children, the offspring of Charles and Susannah (Hammer) Jangway, also natives of that State. Nine of their children are still living. The parents were married in Tennessee, December 21, 1806, and emigrated to Iowa in 1858, settling in Jasper County, where they now reside. The father is seventy-five years old, and the mother seventy-four. They celebrated their golden wedding in 1886.

The early education of Dr. Jangway was conducted in the district schools of Iowa, and later he attended Hazel Dell Academy at Newton, where he prepared for college. He entered the Freshman class at Penn College, Okaloosa, from which he was graduated June, 1879, in the regular classical course, receiving the degree of A. B. For two years afterward he held the position of principal of public schools at Kellogg, and later was similarly occupied at Cottonwood Falls, this State. In the mean time he employed his leisure hours in the reading of medicine. In July, 1882, returning to Kansas City, he entered the medical college there, from which he was graduated March 4, 1884. He opened his first office in Argonia, Sumner County, where he has since resided and built up a fine practice.

Dr. Jangway contracted matrimony in July 28, 1881, with Miss Ada V. Moore. Mrs. Jangway is a native of Indiana, was the eldest child of her parents, Morris and Rebecca (Beals) Moore, and was born October 26, 1855. Her father was a native of North Carolina, and her mother of Tennessee. They came to this State at a very early date, settling in Chase County, where the father prosecuted farming successfully, and died in 1871. The mother was remarried to Z. W. Morgan, and is now living in Chase County. Of her first union there

was born six children, five of whom are now living. Mrs. Janeway acquired an excellent education, completing her studies in the Normal School at Emporia. Subsequently she was employed as a teacher, some of the time in the schools of Argonia. With one exception, all her brothers and sisters are occupied in the same manner. Her sister, Belle, is a primary teacher in the First Ward at Wellington, Kan.

To the Doctor and his estimable lady there have been born three children: George M., May 25, 1882; Susan Lucille, October 24, 1885, and Rosa Lenore, June 27, 1888. Doctor and Mrs. Janeway are members of the Friends' Church. They occupy a neat home in the northern part of the city, and number their friends and acquaintances among its most cultured people.



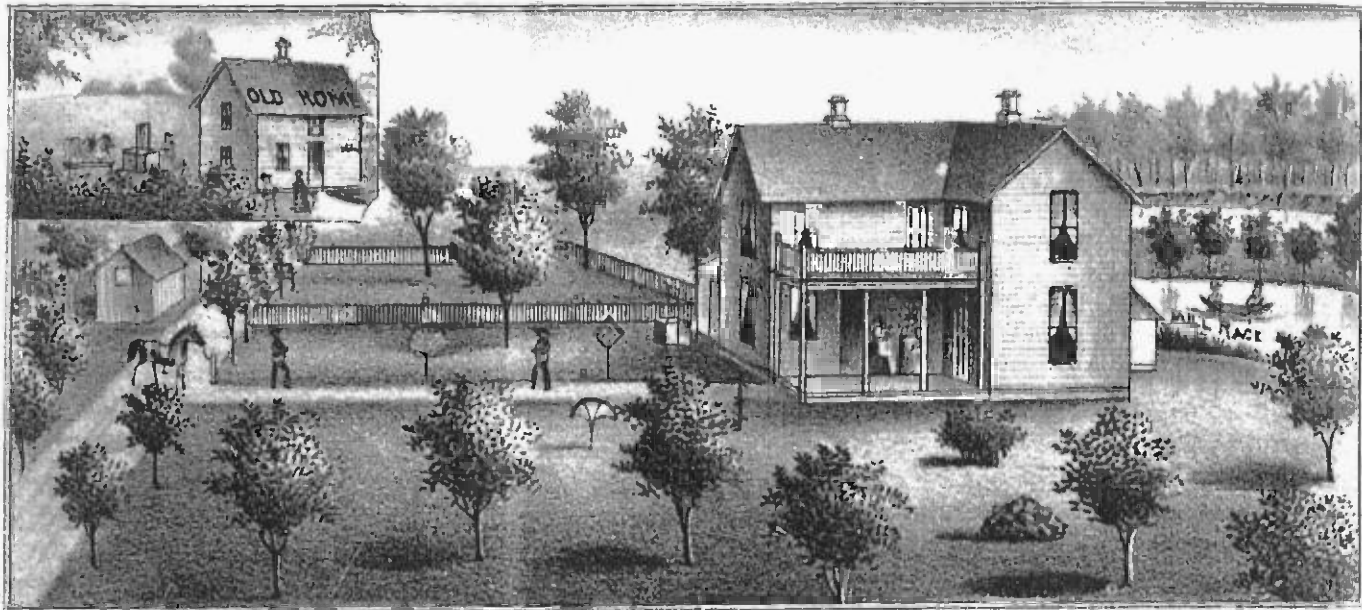
ABEL L. TILTON, one of the earliest settlers of Oxford Township, entered a claim on section 1, in 1870, then returned to his home in Vermilion County, Ill., for his family, removing them hither the following year. The story of his trials and triumphs thereafter is similar to those which have been detailed so often in the compilation of this volume. Suffice it to say that he labored industriously, practicing economy, and in due time met with his reward.

A native of the Island of Montreal, Canada, A. L. Tilton was born February 18, 1832, and made his home there until about 1835, when he accompanied his parents upon their removal to Ohio, and subsequently removed to Vermilion County, Ill. Settling at Danville, Grandfather Tilton established a brick kiln and also operated as a contractor and builder. Among other work he constructed a dam across the Vermilion River for Amos Williams, who was one of the most prominent millers in that part of the State. Abel and his brother Fred assisted their father in his labors, and in 1838 they were engaged in hauling stone for the abutments of the Wabash Railroad, which was being built by the State. They also

carried the mail from Danville to Joliet, a distance of one hundred and ten miles with about seven offices between. There was not a bridge between the two places, they having to ford the streams and the trip occupying two days. Many a time there was nothing in the mail bag, but they made it a point to fulfill their contract. Numbers of people in that region were then suffering from ague, and the mail-carrier, after his day's journey, frequently was obliged to cut the feed himself for his horse. The Tilton boys remained in the employ of Uncle Sam until the fall of 1840. Grandfather Tilton spent his last days in Illinois.

A very important event in the life of our subject was his marriage, February 21, 1860, with Miss Arminta Shepard, of Fairmont, Ill., after which event they settled on a farm in the vicinity of Rossville, Vermilion County, where he dwelt until coming to Sumner County, Kan. Upon his arrival here he selected a tract of land on the northeast part of section 1, Oxford Township, from which he constructed a comfortable homestead, putting up a frame house and other buildings and setting out quantities of fruit and shade trees. His children, later, after his decease, erected a modern dwelling, but covered in the old room which he had occupied, preserving it intact as he left it. He departed this life September 30, 1877. He was a staunch defender of Republican principles, and a regular supporter of the various churches which he attended, although not identifying himself in membership with them. Liberal and public-spirited, kind and charitable, he was a man bearing an irreproachable reputation, and was honored and respected by all who knew him.

Mrs. Arminta (Shepard) Tilton was born September 27, 1841, and was the daughter of Abraham Shepard, formerly of Ohio and now deceased. To her and her husband were born five children, all of whom are living with the exception of a son, Fred, who died three weeks prior to the decease of his father—Frank was born March 17, 1862, and is now a resident of Kansas City; John L. was born August 24, 1864, and is still living at the old homestead; he completed his studies in the school at Oxford, and then assumed charge of the farm; Grace was born September 11, 1866, and Charles



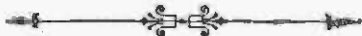
RESIDENCE OF ABEL L. TILTON (DECEASED) SEC. I. OXFORD TP. SUMNER CO. KAN



RESIDENCE OF CHARLES SHAFFER, SEC. 30. RYAN TP. SUMNER CO. KANS.

A., November 21, 1868. They are at home with their brother, John L. Frank belongs to the Ancient Order of United Workmen. After the decease of her husband Mrs. Tilton was married to J. J. Daniels, of Palestine Township, where they are now living.

A view of the homestead of the late Abel L. Tilton is shown elsewhere in this work.



CHARLES HENRY SHAFFER. The reliable German element of this county has played no unimportant part in its growth and prosperity. The sons of the fatherland have penetrated to every corner of Kansas, as well as other parts of the Great West, and are almost uniformly good citizens, well-to do, self-supporting, and useful members of the community. Among the foremost farmers of Ryan Township may be mentioned Mr. Shaffer, who, like the most of his neighbors, commenced at the foot of the ladder, and now occupies a leading position in the agricultural districts.

A native of what was then the Kingdom of Westphalia, the subject of this notice was born December 13, 1849, and was the fifth in a family of six children, the offspring of George and Elizabeth (Lenze) Shaffer, who were also natives of Westphalia, where they lived after their marriage until 1849. That year the father emigrated to America, and settled on a farm in Reading County, Pa., whither his wife also came in 1850. There they spent the remainder of their lives, the father departing hence in 1862, and the mother in 1870. Five of their children are now living, one in South America and one in Germauy, and the other three in the United States.

Mr. Shaffer was but a year old when brought to America, and his parents esteeming the school privileges of their native land superior to those of America, sent him back there when he was six years old, and he was thoroughly educated in the German tongue, remaining there six years. When leaving school he returned to this country, and at

Philadelphia, being determined to go as a sailor, shipped on a merchant vessel as cabin boy for three years. At the expiration of this time he went as a regular sailor, and was on the lakes for two years. Then settling down on *terra firma* he engaged in the mercantile business in Ohio. In 1868 he set out for the West, and located in Black Hawk County, Iowa, of which he was a resident for three years, removing thence to Sioux County, where he lived six years.

In the meantime Mr. Shaffer spent two years in Montana, in the interests of the American Fur Company. In 1877 we find him at Joplin, Mo., where he worked in the lead mines nearly one year. He first struck the soil of Kansas in January, 1878, taking possession of the land which constitutes his present farm. It was then an uncultivated tract, upon which no improvements whatever had been attempted. By great perseverance and industry, while at the same time experiencing all the hardships and difficulties of life in a new country, Mr. Shaffer succeeded in opening up a good farm, and added to his landed possessions until he is now the owner of two hundred and forty acres, thoroughly improved and valuable. He put up, in 1883, as fine a residence as the traveler will find in all Ryan Township. In addition to raising the crops common to this region, he has been quite successful as a breeder of horses, cattle and swine. When coming to this place he was empty-handed, having by a series of misfortunes lost all that he had earned hitherto. Looking upon his surroundings to day it must be admitted that he has labored to excellent advantage, and he forms a fine illustration of the results of unflagging industry and perseverance.

Mr. Shaffer was married, February 9, 1887, to Miss Carrie L., daughter of Leonard P. and Charlotte (Hines) Sayrs. The parents of Mrs. Shaffer were natives of New York State, whence they emigrated to Wisconsin in 1846, and from there came to Kansas thirty years later, settling first in Miami County. In 1883 they came to this county, and are now living in Argonia. There were born to them thirteen children, of whom Mrs. Shaffer was next to the youngest. Her birth occurred July 10, 1870, in Wisconsin. She applied herself to her books during her school days, and is an intelligent,

pleasant lady, respected by all who know her. Mr. and Mrs. Shaffer are the parents of two children, a son and daughter—George Leonard and Catharina. Mr. Shaffer, during important elections, supports the Democratic party, but at home casts his vote for the man whom he considers will best serve local interests. He has been five years on the School Board of his district, and officiated as Trustee of Ryan Township for two terms. The Anti-Horse-Thief Association claims him as one of its most efficient members.

An additional feature of interest is a lithographic view, on another page of this volume, of Mr. Shaffer's pleasant home and surroundings.



BERBERT BARRETT. A prominent place among the business men of Oxford, Sumner County, is that held by the above named gentleman, who is the proprietor of a general dry-goods store in that flourishing town, and is also the principal organizer of the Bank of Commerce of Oxford, which was opened in April, 1889, by the firm of Barrett & Hardy. Mr. Barrett has been engaged in the dry-goods business in this place since March, 1879, when he bought out an old firm, and his aim has ever been to carry the best line of goods possible and retain his customers. He has built up one of the finest trades in the city, and his honorable dealing and manly character have won for him the hearty respect of his town-people and those of the adjoining section of country.

Mr. Barrett was born in England, November 2, 1838, and is a son of M. and Ann (Evans) Barrett, who came to the United States when he was a lad of six years. They settled in Jo Daviess County, Ill., not far from Galena, where the mother subsequently died; the father is still living in that county. Our subject obtained a good High School education in his home town, Elizabeth, and finished his studies in Chicago, being graduated from Bryant & Stratton's Business College. He then engaged in clerking at his home, and after coming to

years of maturity began a general merchandise business there, which he continued until he came to this place. His was the fourth place of business in Oxford when he began dealing here, and he has not only succeeded in his mercantile pursuits, but has also accumulated other property, and filled positions of public importance.

For some time prior to the opening of his own banking institution, Mr. Barrett was Vice-President of the Oxford Bank. He has been Township Treasurer and Treasurer of the city schools, and served faithfully and ably. He owns some valuable farm lands near the city, and his finances are on a substantial basis enabling him to live in great comfort and bestow hospitality abundantly upon friends and acquaintances.

The marriage of our subject was celebrated in Elizabeth, Ill., October 29, 1869, his chosen companion being Miss Maria Weir, a young lady of intelligence and refinement who has ever been his most cherished friend. Mrs. Barrett was born in Pennsylvania, and is a daughter of Thompson Weir, one of the early settlers of Jo Daviess County, Ill. The union has resulted in the birth of two sons—G. M. and E. T.—both now in Winfield, Col.



WILKES E. BOZMAN. The mercantile interests of Argonia find a worthy representative in the person of the subject of this notice, who established himself in business at this place in 1886, and is enjoying a fair share of patronage. He has seen considerable of the great West, going when a young man of twenty years to California, by the way of the Isthmus of Panama, and was engaged at mining in the Golden State for a period of nine years, being fairly successful. He has been a keen observer, although quiet and self-contained, and possesses a good fund of general information, being a man with whom an hour may always be spent in a pleasant and profitable manner. He is held in high esteem in his community, both as a man and a citizen.

A native of Morgan County, Ohio, Mr. Bozman

was born August 8, 1831, and there grew to man's estate, acquiring such education as was to be obtained in the common school. After his sojourn on the Pacific Slope, he returned, in 1860, to his native State, and settling in Muskingum County, engaged in farming and stock-raising for about twenty-one years, coming then to Kansas. In the meantime, in 1864, he assumed domestic relations, being married in January, that year, to Miss Asenath, daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Hiatt, the latter being natives of Virginia. Mrs. Hiatt departed this life at her home in Ohio many years ago. The father of Mrs. Bozman came to Kansas, and is now residing on a farm in Reno County. Of his first marriage there were born five children, only three of whom are living. Mrs. Bozman was born in Ohio, in January, 1833, to which State the family had removed about 1828-29.

Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Bozman, the eldest of whom a daughter, Frances, is the wife of Dr. J. S. Baughman, of Argonia, and they have two children; Edward married Miss Bertha Hall, and they are living in Argonia; John Wilkes married Miss Nettie Hettrick; neither of these have children; William T. is unmarried, and makes his home with his parents, being a telegraph operator for the Santa Fe Railroad. Mrs. Bozman and her daughter are prominently connected with the Presbyterian Church.

While a resident of Ohio, Mr. Bozman served as a Justice of the Peace for the long period of eighteen years in succession. He was also a member of the School Board there for twenty-one years. A staunch Democrat and active in local politics, he was at one time made the candidate of his party for the legislature, but was defeated with the balance of the ticket. His people were the old-line Whigs, with southern proclivities, and later identified themselves with the Democratic party.

The father of our subject was John Bozman, a native of Ohio, who, during the years of his active life, was engaged as a stock dealer and grazier. He was first married in his native State to Miss Eliza Brady, a native of Virginia, and they settled in Morgan County, where the mother of our subject died in 1845, when Wilkes E. was a lad of fourteen. The elder Bozman was subsequently married to Jane

Glass, and is now deceased, aged eight-five years old. His wife is also deceased. Of the first marriage there were born four children, all of whom are living. The paternal grandfather was Wilkes Bozman, a native of Baltimore County, Md., and who removed to Ohio in 1808. He served during the War of 1812, and assisted at the bombardment of Ft. Henry. A prominent and successful man, he became an extensive farmer, leaving at his death two thousand acres of land in Morgan County, Ohio.



J EDGAR BISSELL, who is the owner and occupant of a most excellent farm in Ryan, Township, has passed through scenes which, if well described and furnished in detail would make up an account of the most interesting description. Amid the grand and rugged scenery of the Rocky Mountains he has spent much time, and that at a period when great bravery and courage were needed in those regions. His first visit to Kansas was made in 1855, and his permanent residence within the State dates from 1878. Although he can scarcely be classed among the pioneer settlers, there are few residents of the county who realize more fully the development of the section and the changes that have taken place since his first visit West.

The parents of our subject, Roderick and Fannie (Gaylord) Bissell, were born in Connecticut, were there married, and made that State their permanent home. The father was born in Litchfield County, was a manufacturer and lived until February 10, 1875. The mother, who has now reached the age of eighty-six years, is surrounded by all the comforts and luxuries of life in her elegant home in Winsted. The family of this worthy couple included six children, four of whom still survive.

The gentleman whose biography will be briefly sketched below, is the fourth in the parental family, and was born March 15, 1833, in Litchfield County, Conn. After having received a common school education, he attended the academy at Torrington, acquiring a more thorough and extended

knowledge of the higher English branches, and prior to his majority he had also served an apprenticeship at the carpenter's trade. He began life for himself upon reaching man's estate, and not many months thereafter paid his first visit to the West, spending several months in roaming about the northern part of this State, visiting Ft. Riley, Lawrence and Topeka. He next paid a visit to Pennsylvania, and then settled down in Ft. Dodge for a period of two years.

In the winter of 1858-59, Mr. Bissell joined the throng whose cry was "on to Pike's Peak," and during the following two years he had the varying fortunes of a miner. The mines at that period were not supplied, as many are at present, with good machinery for drilling and blasting, with hoisting works, and the conveniences for separating ores, but the work entailed upon the miner was all of the pick and shovel, and pack-horse description. The prospect holes were deepened and widened by slow degrees, and if the upper stratum of rocks was supported at all, it was by the rudest arrangement of timbers. The rock was cleared away by the hand which had so gallantly wielded the pick, or if the dirt was searched, it was panned by the same hands, the process of gaining "pay dirt" in either case being irksome and prolonged. The man who was so fortunate as to discover nuggets of value, or even a lead which promised well, was in constant danger, as the camps were filled with men who, in their thirst for gold, would stop at no deed which would secure it. Not only was it necessary for one who would win success in the gold fields to be keen of observation in his search for metal, but he must be equally shrewd in his judgment of character, quick-witted and courageous, and with a large amount of physical endurance.

In the spring of 1861, Mr. Bissell determined to visit a region farther to the northwest, which is now comprised within the bounds of Montana, and which, at that date, was an unexplored and almost trackless region. The party which he joined crossed the Snake River, fifteen miles above old Ft. Hall, ferrying the river in their wagon-beds, being guided by old Tim Goodell. They stopped where Bannock City now stands, and there Mr. Bissell again began prospecting and mining. He was for-

fortunate in his efforts, and the "output" of his two months' stay was very satisfactory. He was next to be found in Salt Lake City, Utah, where he saw and listened to the preaching of the notorious Brigham Young. Until 1866, Mr. Bissell remained among the mountains, mining and freighting. The latter occupation was one which required qualifications very similar to, one might say almost identical with those of a successful miner, together with a skill in managing horses, mules or oxen to which that of the ordinary four-in-hand driver bears but a slight resemblance.

The freighter's outfit comprises several yoke or span of animals, the number varying according to the route or the freight carried, the most frequent numbers being from five to thirteen span. These are attached to a wagon, behind which other wagons are trailed, the number of the "prairie schooners" also varying. The wagons, or at least a portion of them, are supplied with a strong brake, which the driver can operate by means of a rope when he is on foot. The long-handled skillet, the big coffee pot, the tin cups and a few other rude household utensils which the freighter uses at mealtime, generally form decorations to one of the wagons, which contains a supply of meal, coffee, bacon and blankets. In crossing the mountain passes and winding around the precipices, a skillful hand is needed to avoid accidents. Particularly is this the case upon meeting other outfits in the narrow gorges where there is scarcely room to pass; indeed, in many places, it is impossible to do so, and should some unlucky chance occasion a meeting here, one outfit must be backed out of the way, or lifted by bodily strength to one side. To avoid catastrophes, bells are used upon the animals which warn an approaching driver of danger.

After years spent amid such scenes and experiences, Mr. Bissell returned to his New England home for a visit with his family and friends, after which he again took up his residence in Iowa, remaining there about six years. During that time, in 1869, he was united in marriage with Miss Leah E. Byerley, a daughter of George and Leah Byerley of North Carolina, both of whom are now deceased. Mrs. Bissell was born in Indiana. She is a member of the Lutheran Church, and possesses many

domestic virtues and acquirements. She has borne her husband one son, Manney D., who has a good common-school education. In 1878, Mr. Bissell removed to Kansas, pre-empted one hundred and sixty acres of land upon which he still lives, and which he has placed in fine condition. The entire acreage is improved, perhaps its most notable feature being a fine orchard of two hundred bearing apple trees. It is the intention of Mr. Bissell to erect a new dwelling this year, which, when completed, will be an added attraction of the estate. He is engaged in farming, and also raises horses, cattle and hogs.

Mr. Bissell is now Junior Warden of the Masonic lodge in Milan. He has been Clerk of Ryan Township, and a member of the School Board of District No. 87. He takes an active interest in political issues, is a strong believer in the principles advocated by the Democratic party, in support of which he always casts his vote. Not only has he the respect of his fellow men, but he has the pleasure of knowing that other members of his family have been honored by those among whom they have lived. His brother, G. G. Bissell, who died in Iowa, was Judge of the Miners' Court in Montana in 1861-62. Another brother, Dr. C. R. Bissell, now living in New York, was Judge of the Miners' Court in Colorado in 1859.



SHARPE P. G. LEWIS, President of the First National Bank of Caldwell, and prominently connected with the growth and development of the city, was born in Bucks County, Pa., June 24, 1849, and is a son of Reading and Margaret (Shadinger) Lewis. The paternal ancestry are of English origin, the first settlements in this country having been made in Connecticut. Thomas Lewis, the grandfather of our subject, was a native of the same county in which he of whom we write first saw the light, and Reading Lewis was also born in that county. The latter was born about 1821, and lived in Pennsylvania until 1873 when he removed to Newton,

Kan., whence ten years later he removed to Caldwell, in which city his death took place in January, 1888. He was a graduate of Jefferson Medical College at Philadelphia and devoted most of his life to the practice of the medical profession. He was in easy financial circumstances. For many years before his death he was a member of the Friends' Church. His wife was born in Bucks County, Pa., about 1827 and departed this life in 1862. She was of German ancestry, her forefathers having been among the first settlers of the county in which she was born.

Our subject is the eldest in a family of four children, was reared in Bucks and Montgomery Counties, Pa., and was the recipient of excellent educational advantages, as well as the best of home training. He acquired an academic education and in quite early life taught school. In 1872 he went to Macon County, Ill., and was engaged in teaching, and in carrying on the mercantile business and buying grain at Argenta until 1878. He then followed his father to Newton, Kan., and the next year took up his abode in Caldwell where he has since resided. In Pennsylvania and at Newton he read law, and in the latter place was admitted to the bar and practiced his profession, and in connection therewith carried on a loaning business. In 1881 he, with others, organized and put into running order the Caldwell Savings Bank and was made Vice-President of the institution, but in the following year became President, continuing in that capacity until 1887, when the bank was re-organized as the First National Bank of Caldwell, Kan. He has since served as President of the new institution and he is also extensively engaged in the real-estate and money-loaning business. He started in life without a dollar, and has made all he now possesses since he came to Kansas.

The marriage of Mr. Lewis was celebrated at Argenta, Ill., in 1875, his bride being Miss Mary A., daughter of Nathaniel Griffin, and a native of Champaign County, Ill. The estimable and intelligent lady has borne her husband six children: Anna, Edna, Ralph, Eugene, Francis, and Ernest. Anna and Francis have been removed from their parents by death. Mr. Lewis belongs to the social orders of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons,

and the Knights of Pythias. He is a staunch supporter of the Republican party. A man of more than ordinary intelligence and fine business qualifications, honorable in his dealing with mankind and exerting all his influence for the advancement of the material and moral interests of the city and vicinity, Mr. Lewis is regarded with respect by the citizens of Caldwell and wherever he is known.



MOSSES GUM. Among the younger farmers of Morris Township, none are more deserving of special mention than he with whose name we initiate this sketch. He is well fixed, financially, being the owner of a fine body of land, thoroughly improved, with a neat modern residence, a good barn, substantial outbuildings and the other appliances of the model country estate. Socially and morally, as well as financially, Mr. Gum occupies an enviable position, being looked up to in his community as one of whom even better things may be expected in the future. His farming operations include the raising of the ordinary crops of Southern Kansas. He is also successful as a breeder of cattle, horses and swine. He takes an active interest in politics and is a Republican, "dyed in the wool" from his birth. His sentiments in regard to the temperance question are best illustrated in his own habits of total abstinence.

The fifth child in a family of seven born to Amos and Rebecca (Johnson) Gum, the subject of this sketch first opened his eyes to the light in Northampton County, Pa., September 2, 1854. Amos Gum, a native of Pennsylvania, was a miller by trade, but spent the latter years of his life in farming pursuits. His wife, Rebecca, was a native of his own State and after marriage they resided there until late in the year 1854 when they emigrated to Wisconsin. They were residents of the Badger State eleven years, removing thence, in 1865, to Iowa. In 1880 they went North to Dakota, settling in Hanson County, where they still remain. Amos Gum is now seventy-one years old and his wife,

Rebecca, seventy-three. There were born to them seven children, four of whom are living, the three besides our subject being residents of Nebraska and Kansas.

Mr. Gum received his schooling in Wisconsin and Iowa and when a young man of twenty years began farming on his own account. He came to Kansas from Iowa in 1878 and took up a claim on section 35, Morris Township, this county, where he has since made his headquarters. When ready to establish domestic ties he was married March 24, 1881 to Mrs. Mary H. (Pope) Manela. This lady is the daughter of T. J. Pope, of Kansas, and who was born May 7, 1850, in Indiana. Mr. and Mrs. Gum are the parents of two interesting children: Loyette, born July 24, 1882, and John Hoy, now three years old. Mrs. Gum is a member in good standing of the Missionary Baptist Church. Mr. Gum belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Milan and is a warm defender of the principles of the order. He is also connected with the Farmers' Alliance. For three years past he has been a member of the school board of District No. 146, and for two terms has served as Treasurer of Morris Township. He was also Road Overseer for the same length of time.

The farm of Mr. Gum with its fine improvements is the result of his own energy and industry. The homestead embraces three hundred and twenty acres while he has sixty acres on section 12. The whole is improved and in a highly productive condition. His residence was erected in 1884 at a cost of \$1,000. Mr. Gum has an orchard of two hundred and fifty apple trees and the same number of peach trees, together with the smaller fruits. It will thus be seen that he has aided largely in advancing the material interests of this township.



WILLIAM E. COX, Justice of the Peace at Wellington, is of Southern antecedents, possessing marked traits of character, transmitted to him from a very worthy ancestry. His

native place was in Frankfort, Franklin County, Ky., and the date of his birth March 17, 1842. His father, Austin P. Cox, was born in Shelby County, that State. His paternal grandfather removed from Virginia to the Blue Grass regions at an early day and carried on farming successfully in Shelby County where he spent his last years.

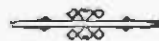
Austin P. Cox when a young man commenced the study of law, going for this purpose to Frankfort about 1806-07. Upon the present site of that city there was then only a fort with a few settlers around it. The young barrister attained success and built up quite an extensive practice in the Court of Claims. He was President of the Board of Internal Improvements and otherwise a prominent man in his community. About 1859 he was appointed by the Governor as one of the commission to establish the State line between Kentucky and Tennessee. While in the pursuance of his duties he was subjected to much exposure and contracted a violent cold from the effects of which he died at his home July 20, 1861.

Mrs. Rebecca L. (Phillips) Cox, the mother of our subject was likewise a native of Kentucky and the daughter of William J. Phillips who was born in Maryland. Grandfather Phillips left his native State during the pioneer days of Kentucky and there spent his last years. There were born to the parents of our subject twelve children, viz: Elizabeth F., Sarah M., Charlotte L., Rebecca A., Laura S., Mary P., William E., Wallace H., Josephine C., Philip M., John C. and Willis T.

William E. Cox was reared and educated in his native county completing his studies in Sayers Academy. His business experience began as a clerk in the State Auditor's office and later he was employed in the office of the Adjutant General. He was thus occupied until in February, 1868, when he started for the West. Coming to Kansas he took up his abode in Montgomery County where he sojourned until the fall of 1869. He then started out to explore the western part of the State, visiting Sumner County in his travels, in company with two others. This county was not then organized and it was principally peopled by wild animals and Indians. Buffaloes were still plentiful and frequently roamed over the ground upon which stands

the present flourishing city of Wellington. Mr. Cox spent three or four months traveling through this section and then returned to Montgomery County, where he remained until the spring of 1871. He then came back to this county and located in Sumner City in time to witness the contest for the county seat. When the question was decided in favor of Wellington he came to this point and here has invested his labor and his capital. When first coming to Sumner County the Government survey had not been made and every foot of land was owned by Uncle Sam. Later it was sold at \$1.25 per acre. Mr. Cox has viewed with warm interest the growth and development of his adopted State and as far as he could has assisted in advancing the prosperity of Sumner County.

The marriage of William E. Cox and Miss Mary D. Evans was celebrated at the bride's home in the city of Wellington in 1875. Mrs. Cox was born in Benton County, Iowa, June 10, 1849, and is the daughter of Judge Elijah and Amazetta H. (Forsythe) Evans. Her parents were natives of Indiana and spent their last years in Kansas. To Mr. and Mrs. Cox there have been born five children, viz: Helen, Nettie, Keith, Amazette and William E. Mr. and Mrs. Cox are members in good standing of the Methodist Episcopal Church and Mr. Cox votes the straight Republican ticket. He keeps himself posted upon the current events of the day—the political as well as the social questions—and is identified with Lodge No. 24, A. O. U. W. at Wellington.

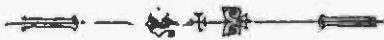


JOHAN H. WENDELL, proprietor of the Star Livery barns at Caldwell, is numbered among the leading men of the city—a man enterprising and successful, and a general favorite, both in social and business circles. His native place was Adams County, Ill., and the date of his birth October 18, 1857. His parents were John H. and Annie C. (Kruse) Wendell, who were natives respectively of Missouri and Germany.

The Wendell family came to Kansas about 1867. John H., Sr., operated the most of his life as a mer-

chant and hotel man and was successful in accumulating a comfortable property. In his religious belief he conformed to the doctrines of the Catholic Church. The seven children of the parental household included five sons and two daughters, of whom John H., Jr., was the fourth child. He was a lad of ten years when the family left Illinois and came to Kansas and lived with his parents at Neosha until 1868. That year he went into Butler County and in 1872 came to Caldwell, where he sojourned until 1880. He then went to Colorado, but in 1881, returned to Caldwell of which he has since been a continuous resident. He has been quite extensively engaged as a dealer in live stock, and as a trader is eminently a success. For several years he had the management of the stockyards in the interests of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad at Caldwell. He established himself in the livery business in 1886, which he has since successfully conducted. He is a sound Republican, politically, and holds an honorable membership with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Mr. Wendell was married October 18, 1883, in Caldwell, to Miss Lucy D., daughter of Jasper C. Manee. The mother of Mrs. Wendell bore the maiden name of Jessie E. Denton; her parents were natives of New York. The father is living in Falls Township and the mother is deceased. Two daughters, Bessie and Ethel, have been born of this union, the former April 10, 1884, and the latter October 8, 1885.



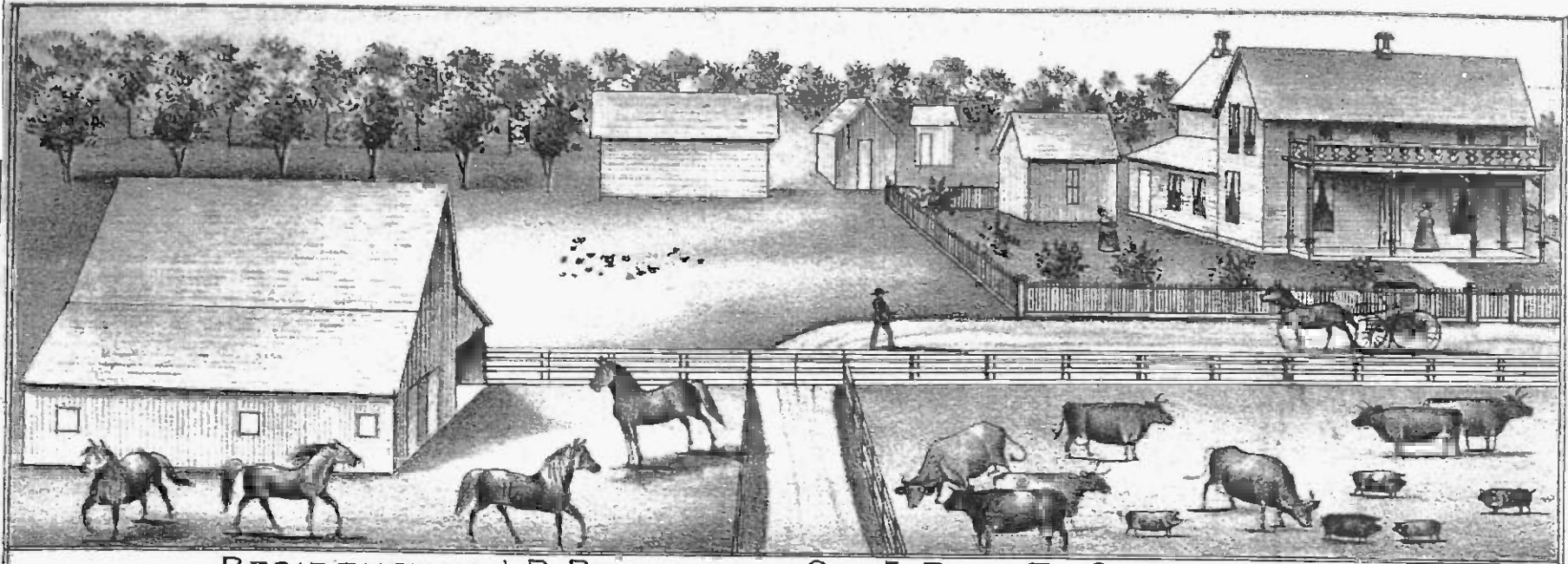
JOHAN B. BROWNBACK. Among the many prosperous farmers of Falls Township, none occupy a higher position, socially and financially, than he with whose name we initiate this sketch. He commenced the battle of life at an early age on his own account, and without receiving any financial assistance, has, by a course of unflagging industry, and the practice of a wise economy, become independent. He is still in the prime of life, having been born April 8, 1842, and

is a native of Pickaway County, Ohio, of which his parents, Henry and Rebecca (Niece) Brownback, were early pioneers.

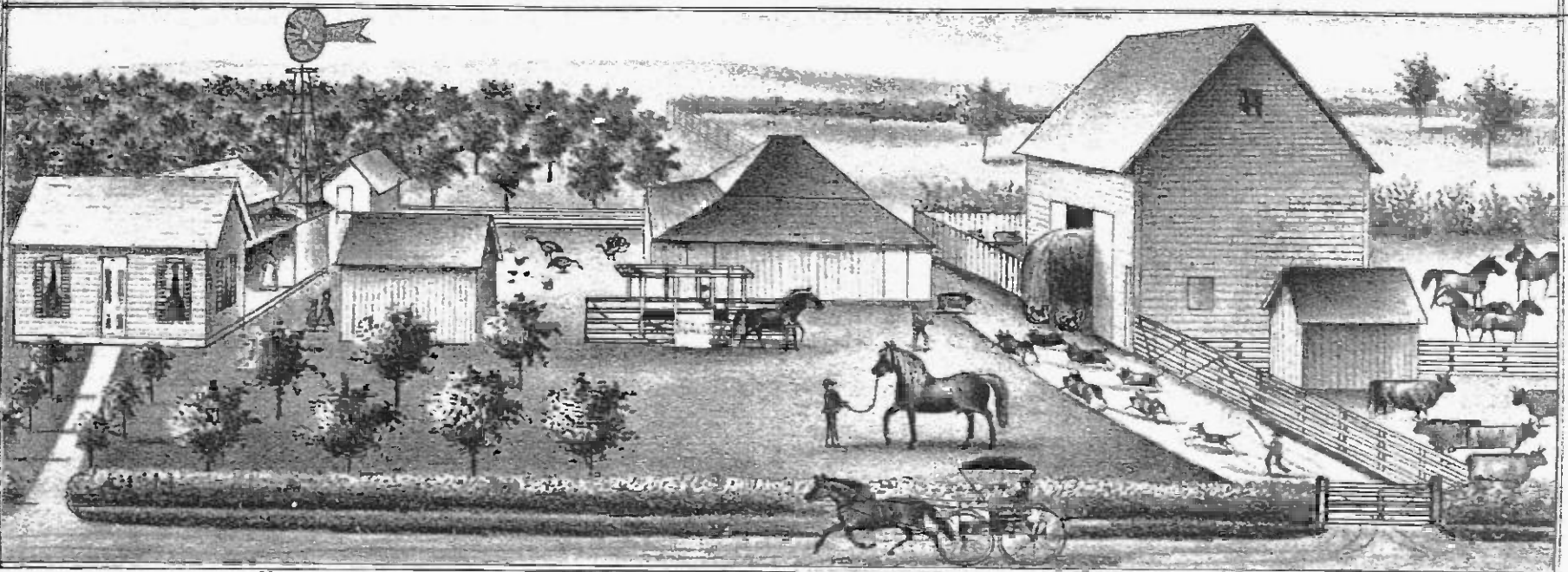
Henry Brownback was born in Pennsylvania, in 1810, and after emigrating to Ohio lived in Pickaway County until 1852. Then, pushing on further Westward to Illinois, he located in Shelby County, that State, where he still resides. He learned cabinet-making when a young man, but later abandoned it for the more congenial pursuits of farm life. He has been for many years an active member of the United Brethren Church, and is a citizen in good repute, greatly respected in his community. His father, Benjamin Brownback, was likewise a native of the Keystone State, and traced his ancestry to Germany. The mother of our subject was also a native of Pennsylvania, and born about 1814; she departed this life in Shelby County, Ill., in 1887.

To Henry and Rebecca Brownback there was born a family of eight children, whom they named respectively—Edward, Elizabeth, John B., William H. David, Jacob, Sophia and Joseph. Seven of these are living, making their homes in Illinois, excepting our subject, and Jacob, who lives in this State. John B., the third child, spent his early years on the farm in Shelby County, Ill., pursuing his studies in the district school. During the progress of the Civil War, he, early in 1862, enlisted as a Union soldier in Company C, Thirty-fifth Illinois Infantry, and served after the close of the war until September, 1865, receiving then his honorable discharge at Indianapolis, Ind. He experienced all the hardships and privations of life in the army, and participated in the following hard-fought battles: Perryville, Stone River, Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge, Lookout Mountain, Resaca, Kenesaw Mountain, and was at the siege of Atlanta, and in all the battles of the Georgia campaign. Subsequently his command operated in Tennessee under the leadership of Gen. Thomas, taking part in the battles of Franklin and Nashville.

After leaving the army Mr. Brownback continued a resident of Illinois until 1874. That year, crossing the Father of Waters, he came to Sedgwick County, this State, and took up a claim in what is now Downs Township, upon which he lived three years. Then selling out he, in 1878, purchased



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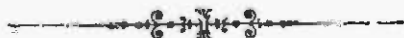
RESIDENCE OF S. C. BARTLETT, SEC. 8, JACKSON TR, SUMNER CO., KAN.

land on sections 17 and 18, Falls Township, this county, and prosecuted farming there until 1883. That year he removed to Corbin, where he purchased land, and he also owns a farm on section 5, Falls Township. His landed possessions altogether embrace three hundred and ninety broad acres, thoroughly improved and equipped with suitable buildings. Stock-raising enters largely into his operations, and he is also engaged quite extensively in buying grain at Corbin.

Since the organization of the First National Bank at Caldwell, Mr. Brownback has been one of its Directors. He uniformly votes the Republican ticket, and has held some of the minor offices. He has little ambition for political preferment, finding more satisfaction in the peaceful pursuits of farm life. He is a member in good standing of the G. A. R. Post, No. 470, at Corbin.

One of the most important and interesting events in the life of our subject was his marriage with Miss Nancy E. Liston, which was celebrated at the bride's home, at Tower Hill, Ill., October 12, 1866. This lady was born in Clay County, Ind., September 13, 1845, and is the daughter of Perry and Mary A. (Riley) Liston, natives of Indiana. The eight children born of this union are named respectively—Perry, William, Flora, Effie E., Charles, Bertha, Jessie and Ettie. They are all living, and form a very bright and interesting family group, making their home with their parents.

A lithographic view of Mr. Brownback's residence is presented in connection with this sketch.



SAMUEL C. BARTLETT. The solid element of the township of Jackson recognizes no more worthy citizen than Mr. Bartlett—a life-long farmer of more than ordinarily good judgment, and one who has been very successful. He comes of substantial New England stock and was born in Guilford, New Haven County, Conn., March 4, 1844.

The immediate progenitor of the subject of this sketch was John Bartlett, likewise a native of Guil-

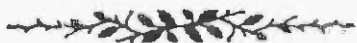
ford, Conn., and the son of Samuel Bartlett, who was born in the same town. The father of the latter was John Bartlett, who was a farmer by occupation, and as far as is known, spent his entire life in Guilford. Samuel Bartlett likewise followed in the footsteps of his father, spending his entire life in his native place. His son, John, the father of our subject, was reared in Guilford and was there married. He obtained a good education and taught school when a young man, but aside from this occupied himself as a farmer. His entire life was spent at the homestead of his birth.

Mrs. Lodoiska (Coan) Bartlett, the mother of our subject, was born in New Haven County, Conn., and was the daughter of Josiah Coan, a native of the same county, and a carpenter by trade, who also followed farming. Mrs. Bartlett died in 1851, when her son, Samuel C., was a lad of seven years. He was wholly orphaned by the death of his father, which took place in 1864. He remained a resident of his native county until the death of his father, then emigrated to Illinois and secured employment on a farm near Quincy. He sojourned there three years, then went into Pike County, Mo., where he secured land and prosecuted farming until 1875. Then selling out he started with a team for Texas, intending to settle there; he visited Denison, Sherman, Dallas, and various other counties in the northern part of the State. Not being suited with the country he turned his horses' heads northward, riding up through the Indian Territory into Sumner County, this State.

Upon his arrival in Kansas Mr. Bartlett entered a tract of Government land—that which constitutes his present farm, and comprising the northwest corner of section 8, Jackson Township. At that time the small village of Wichita—forty miles distant—was the nearest railroad depot, and the nearest market for grain and stock. Only a few miles west deer and buffalo were plentiful, roaming undisturbed over the prairies and through the woodlands. Mr. Bartlett possessed the elements most needed to battle with the difficulties and dangers of frontier life, and proceeded with the improvement of his property, being greatly prospered. He brought the soil to a good state of cultivation, erected a fine set of frame buildings, and added to

his landed possessions until he is now the owner of three hundred and sixty broad acres, all in one tract and well-improved. As a member of the community he stands second to none in Jackson Township. His estimable wife, to whom he was married in Pike County, Mo., October 8, 1865, was formerly Miss Mary C. Wheeler, a native of Cass County, Mo. The parents of Mrs. Bartlett were Edmund and Barbara A. (Robinson) Wheeler, natives of Kentucky, but now deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Bartlett there have been born seven children, five now living, namely: Walter Edward, Lavina, Pearl, Samuel and Ernest. Charles Sumner, the third in order of birth, and an infant unnamed, are deceased.

In connection with this sketch of Mr. Bartlett may be found on another page of this work a lithographic view of his homestead.



SAMUEL BAIN. They who looked upon Kansas during the days of its early settlement witnessed scenes which in all probability will never be repeated here. It required more than ordinary courage and persistence for a man to maintain his position during the years when this part of the West was visited by various calamities, and when those men who then settled here were by no means in affluent circumstances. Mr. Bain, like his brother pioneers, came here poor in purse, but nature had endowed him with a large amount of resolution and perseverance, and he held to his first purpose of building up a homestead, in which he finally succeeded. He has brought his land to a good state of cultivation and realizes therefrom a comfortable income. He cares little for parade or show, and is content to dwell amid modest surroundings, his chief ambition being to live at peace among his neighbors, keep clear of debt and do good as he has opportunity.

The farm of Mr. Bain is pleasantly located on section 8, Avon Township, to which he came in 1872, and where he has since lived with the exception of two years spent in California. He was born

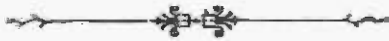
in Jefferson County, Ind., August 20, 1823, and removed with his parents to Miami County, Ind., when a lad of twelve years. There he developed into manhood, obtaining a practical education in the district school and becoming familiar with the various pursuits of farm life. He also learned the trade of a carpenter. He remained a resident of Miami County until 1856, and then, a young man of thirty-three years, started out for himself, and going into Monroe County, Iowa, purchased a farm and engaged in its cultivation and improvement until 1872.

In the fall of the year above mentioned, Mr. Bain came with his family to this county, and with his children pre-empted a section of land including the north half of section 8, and the south half of section 5. He gave to the former his chief attention, making of it his homestead. He has not been wholly absorbed in his own personal interests, but has taken time to look after the school of his district, officiating as Trustee, and giving his support and encouragement to the various other enterprises calculated for the advancement of the people. He served as County Commissioner three terms, and has held the office of Justice of the Peace, under appointments by Govs. Osborne and Glick, and one term by election. The Republican party has received his uniform support since he became a voting citizen. He takes an active part in politics, and keeps himself well posted upon current events.

In October, 1887, Mr. Bain went to California, where he spent nearly two years. After the outbreak of the Civil War, he felt called upon to proffer his assistance in the preservation of the Union, and in February, 1862, enlisted in Company A, Thirty-sixth Iowa Infantry, serving two years. In the meantime, he officiated as Quartermaster Sergeant about ten months. He was married in Miami County, Ind., August 30, 1849, to Miss Experience Busick. Mrs. Bain was born in Pickaway County, Ohio, February 9, 1829, and is the daughter of Hezekiah and Matilda (Hazel) Busick, who were natives respectively of Ohio and Kentucky, and are now deceased. Of this union there were born four children: William E., who chose the occupation of a farmer, married Miss Mattie Hickenlooper and died in Avon Township, Febru-

ary 5, 1884; Maggie is the wife of William H. Pierce of California; Sarah L. married James Jordan and they live on a farm in Caldwell Township; Nancy J. is the wife of Andrew H. Swan, a farmer of Wellington Township. Mr. and Mrs. Bain have been consistent members of the Presbyterian Church for the long period of thirty-five years.

The father of our subject was William Bain, a native of North Carolina, who married Miss Margaret Jameson, of Garrett County, Ky. They emigrated to Miami County, Ind., during its pioneer days, and there spent the remainder of their lives. Their family consisted of nine children.



WILLIAM MYERS. This gentleman is a prominent resident of Wellington and the fortunate possessor of sufficient of this world's goods to enable him to spend his years in comfort retired from active business pursuits. He was at one time the possessor of considerable land near this place, and good judgment was displayed by him in selling at an opportune time, so realizing a decided advance on the first cost of his property. He possesses fine business ability and ranks among the honorable and reliable citizens of this community.

George Myers, the grandfather of our subject, was of German ancestry and himself a native of Pennsylvania. He owned a large tract of land in York County, where he carried on farming operations extensively and where he departed this life. He was the father of three sons, one of whom died young, while another went West in an early day. His third son, Henry, was born in York, York County, Pa., and having acquired the trade of a carpenter at the age of twenty-one became a contractor and builder in Carlisle. After an active life of forty years from that date he retired from business and spent the remainder of his life enjoying the fruits of his labors. At the age of eighty-five years he was gathered to his fathers, the date of his decease being December 2, 1883. He had married Miss Anna McFadden, who was likewise a native of York

County, and who also died in Carlisle, the date of the sad event being March 4, 1863.

The parental family comprised ten children, all of whom reached years of maturity: Emline married William Skiles and after his death married Maj. A. A. Line, and now resides in Carlisle, Pa.; Susan married Joseph Gutshall, of Carlisle, and died in California, March 30, 1851; George W. went to California in 1849, and finally settled in Boise City, Idaho, where he died on the 19th of October, 1870; Henry was also a "49er" and his death took place at Soda Springs, Idaho, October 21, 1871; John died in Carlisle, November 24, 1875; Henrietta became the wife of Samuel H. Gould and lives in Carlisle; in that place Luther M. also resides. So also does Anna, who married Joseph W. Ogleby; Lonesia married Samuel A. Bruubagh, of Harriburg, Pa., and they live in Beloit, Wis.

William Myers, of whom we write, is a native of Pennsylvania, having been born in Carlisle, Cumberland County, April 20, 1842. He was reared and educated in the place of his nativity, and while in his teens began to learn the trade of a carpenter and worked at the same with his father until of age. He then engaged in the service of the United States as a clerk in the Quartermaster's department at Nashville, Tenn., and remained there for three years under Charles H. Irvine. After the close of the war he returned to his home and in March, 1866, went to Bloomington, Ill., where he accepted a position as clerk in the station of the Chicago & Alton Railroad. After serving in a clerical capacity five years, he was appointed station agent and occupied that position eight years.

In 1879, on account of the ill health of his wife, Mr. Myers resigned his position in Bloomington and came here, arriving on the first train that ever brought passengers to this city. He had previously visited this section and had bought one hundred and sixty acres of land adjoining the town. Immediately following his removal here he built a comfortable dwelling and began improving his land, which he operated until 1886. In the spring of 1880, he accepted the agency of the Southern Kansas Railroad, and opened the station for this line on the 30th of March, of that year. He retained the position of station agent during the suc-

ceeding seven years and then resigned, having reached that degree of financial prosperity which enabled him to retire from active pursuits. The previous year he had sold one hundred and fifty acres of land for nearly \$23,000, and now owns sixteen acres, upon which he resides and which forms a beautiful home.

The marriage of Mr. Myers took place July 3, 1867, his bride being Mrs. Martha B. Carpenter, a native of Rochester, N. Y. Her father, William Cook, was born in Plymouth, England, and was the son of another William, also a native of the Mother Country, who came to Canada with his family and settled in Kingston, where he died. William Cook, Jr., was reared and married in Halifax, Nova Scotia, and after his marriage resided in the Island of Cape Breton for some years. He then came to the United States and engaged in mercantile pursuits in Rochester, N. Y., for a time, whence he removed to Oberlin, Ohio, and there managed a college boarding house for a short period. His next removal was to Columbus, Ohio, in which place he was employed as a book-keeper by a hardware firm until his death, which occurred when he was forty-four years old, on the 30th of July, 1849. His widow continued to reside in that city until 1856, when she removed to Bloomington, Ill.

The maiden name of Mrs. Myers' mother was Mary M. Adams; she was born in Halifax, Nova Scotia, and was the only child of Thomas Adams, and a direct descendant of Henry Adams who emigrated from England about the year 1640 and was a pioneer of Braintree, Mass. Thomas Adams was a nephew of John Adams, the second President of the United States. He was a ship builder and followed his trade in Halifax and Cape Breton, and after her marriage made his home with his daughter, departing this life at her residence in Columbus, Ohio. His wife was of German ancestry and bore the name of Amelia Sophia Cobright. William and Mary Cook, parents of Mrs. Myers, reared a family of eleven children, named, respectively, William P., Mary, Amelia, Thomas, Richard, Walter, Alexander, Ellen, Martha, Charles and Samuel.

Mrs. Myers was first married in Bloomington, Ill., in 1859, being united to Erastus S. Carpenter.

who was born in Rochester, N. Y., and followed the printer's trade. Mr. Carpenter departed this life in January, 1865, in the city in which his marriage had taken place, leaving one son, Edwin L., who now enjoys a lucrative position with the Rio Grande Western Coal Company. To Mr. and Mrs. Myers one son has been born, William H., who is now a student in Spaulding's Commercial College, Kansas City, Mo.

Mr. Myers is a member of Wade Bonney Post, No. 512, and the A. F. & A. M., of Bloomington. He was one of the organizers of the State National Bank and was its first Vice President.



M OSES R. JACKSON, who is engaged in cornice manufacturing in Wellington, was born in Harrison, Hamilton County, Ohio, August 8, 1883. His father, John Jackson, was born in Pennsylvania, and so also was his grandfather, Eben Jackson. The traditional history of the family lineage, is that they are descended from five brothers who came to America at an early period in the settlement of the colonies. The grandfather of our subject removed from Eastern to Western Pennsylvania, at the time of the first settlement in that part of the State, and located in the wilderness thirty miles from any white family, taking up Government land. He built a saw-mill and engaged in the lumber business, and rafted the first lumber ever floated down the Monongahela River to Pittsburg. In 1808 he removed to Ohio, making the trip on a raft down the Monongahela and Ohio Rivers. He settled on the present site of Cincinnati, in what was then a wilderness, and subsequently took a tract of timber land twenty miles distant, where he remained. A part of this land is now owned and occupied by his son, Ethan Jackson, and the town of Harrison occupies another portion of it. Ethan Jackson and his sons established a pottery which they conducted for some years, and in that place the old gentleman and his wife departed this life. Mrs. Jackson was a native of Pennsylvania, and bore the maiden name

of Nancy McLean. Four children were reared to years of maturity—Neal, John, Daniel, and Ethan.

The father of our subject was a young lad when his father moved to Ohio. He learned the trade of a potter in Cincinnati, and was interested with his father and brothers in establishing the pottery, and prosecuted his trade nearly forty years. He resided in Harrison until 1868, when he removed to Livingston County, Ill., where he died late in the year 1872, his remains being taken back to Harrison for burial. His wife was born in Trenton, N. Y., and bore the maiden name of Ruth Ann Riggs. She died in Harrison in 1863, after having reared six children—our subject, Ethan, Isaac, Sarah J., John and Ruth Ann.

Moses Riggs, the father of Mrs. John Jackson, was a native of New Jersey, from which State he removed to Harrison, Ohio, and later to Pike County, Ill., where his death occurred. He was a millwright and miller. Besides his daughter Ruth, he had three other children. His only son, Cyrus, died in Franklin County, Ind.; Rhoda married John Durand, and is now living in Pittsfield, Pike County, Ill.; Emma married Alva Shaw, and they crossed the plains and settled in Oregon in 1846, being among the first whites to settle there; Mr. Shaw took the first sheep to the Territory.

The subject of this sketch was reared and educated in Harrison, and while a youth, in the intervals of study, assisted in the pottery. His father had a tin shop in connection with that establishment, and in 1849, young Jackson entered the shop and learned the tinner's trade, which he subsequently followed until July, 1862. He then took up arms in defense of the Union, becoming a member of Company B, Ninety-sixth Ohio Infantry, in which he served three years, when he was discharged on account of the expiration of his service. He next engaged in farming on the estate of his father-in-law, and continued thus employed until 1866, when he located in Fairbury, Ill., and there followed his trade for twelve months. At the expiration of that time he opened a shop in Chatsworth, in partnership with his brother Ethan, the connection continuing until 1873, when he sold, and a short time after located in Wichita, Kan., which was then a city of about two thousand inhabitants, and

the western terminus of the railroad. In that city he continued his trade as foreman of a shop until 1881, when he came to this place, where he filled a similar position for four and a half years, after which he established himself in the business which he is now conducting. He has a thorough knowledge of his trade, and turns out excellent work, and in every relation of life displays an honorable character.

In Miss Phoebe, daughter of Moses and Phoebe Marsh, Mr. Jackson discovered the qualities which he desired in a life companion, and with her he was united in marriage in 1857. The bride was born in Butler County, Ohio, and like her husband, is a worthy member of the Brethren Church. Their happy union has resulted in the birth of three children—E. Edwin, George J., and John.

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JEROME W. KENDRICK, an early pioneer of Sumner County, pre-empted in 1876, the northwest quarter of section 22, in what is now Jackson Township, and taking up his abode thereon, has continued to live there. He settled upon a tract of wild prairie at a time when the country around him presented a desolate appearance, inhabited principally by wild animals. There was not a railroad station nearer than Wichita, and the present flourishing city of Wellington was a hamlet containing only a few hundred people. The transformation which has taken place during the intervening years has been watched by Mr. Kendrick with the warmest interest, while he has contributed by his own labors to bring about the great change which, within a period of twenty-five years has passed over the face of the Sunflower State.

A native of Butler Grove Township, Montgomery County, Ill., the subject of this notice was born February 11, 1844, and is the son of the Rev. John C. and Rebecca (Ware) Kendrick, both natives of New Hampshire. The parents were reared and married in the old Granite State, and about 1830 emigrated to Illinois, locating in the wilds of Montgomery County. The removal was made overland

with teams before the days of stages or hotels, and the travelers carried with them their beds and provisions, camping and cooking, and sleeping by the wayside. The Kendrick family first settled in what is now Butler Township, but only remained there a short time, the father later entering a tract of Government land in what is now Fillmore Township. This land was all prairie, and no railroad was built through that region for many years thereafter. The nearest market was at St. Louis, sixty-five miles distant, and from three to five days were employed in making the round trip.

The elder Kendrick improved forty acres of land upon which he lived a number of years, then selling out, returned to Butler Grove Township, and purchased one hundred and twenty acres where he made his home until his death, which occurred about 1868. His wife, Rebecca, was the daughter of Benjamin Ware, who spent his last years in New Hampshire; she passed away in 1856, twelve years prior to the decease of her husband. Their family consisted of nine children. John C. Kendrick united with the Methodist Episcopal Church in his youth, and began preaching, becoming a member of the Conference. After his removal to Illinois he traveled the circuit as a local preacher, receiving little or no remuneration for his services.

The subject of this sketch attended the pioneer schools of Montgomery County, Ill., which were mostly conducted during the winter season, and as soon as old enough he was required to make himself useful about the farm. On account of the ill health of his father, he at the age of fifteen, assumed many of the cares and responsibilities of the head of the household. He remained with his parents until his marriage, and then purchasing a farm adjoining, lived there until 1876. Then selling out he started for the farther West, driving overland with a team to Booneville, Mo., and at that point chartered a car which conveyed him and his goods to Osage Mission, whence he came with a team to this county. The story of his later toils and struggles, is the common one of those who settled upon the frontier, and his prosperity has only been achieved by the most unflagging industry, and the exercise of a close economy. He was successful as a tiller of the soil, and in addition to the cultiva-

tion of his land, has erected a good set of frame buildings, and gathered around himself and his family the conveniences and comforts of modern life.

Miss Rebecca Livengood, a native of Hancock County, Ohio, became the wife of Mr. Kendrick on the 28th of November, 1866, the wedding taking place at Hillsboro, Ill. The household now numbers nine children, viz: Carrie C. J., George A., Ida May, Nellie G., Ella R., John J., Jennie F., Minnie E., and Pearl Ethel.

Mrs. Kendrick is the daughter of the Rev. John J. Livengood, a native of Pennsylvania, who removed to Ohio in his youth, and was there married to Miss Amanda Byers, a native of that State. They removed to Illinois about 1851, settling in Montgomery County. Mr. Livengood was reared in the doctrines of the Lutheran Church, and prior to this time had become a preacher. After the removal to Illinois, he was assigned to a charge in Hillsboro, having four appointments in that vicinity. He lived there until 1864, then removed to Butler Grove Township, and purchased the farm upon which he still resides. He labored faithfully in the Master's vineyard until 1871, then retired and spent his remaining years in quietness at Hillsboro, passing away March, 1886. His wife had died at the home farm in Butler Grove Township in February, 1879. Mr. Livengood was a Republican, politically, and Mr. Kendrick is a Democrat.

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WILLIAM CORZINE, Vice-President of the First National Bank at Caldwell, is also engaged extensively in the live stock business, being one of the largest land-owners of Sumner County. Of Southern antecedents, he was born in Tobias County, N. C., January 5, 1835, and is the son of John R. and Elizabeth (Madden) Corzine, the former of whom was a well-to-do planter during his residence in the South.

John R. Corzine, in 1838, emigrated to Jersey County, Ill., where he sojourned for a period of fourteen years, then changed his residence to

Montgomery County, that State. In the latter he spent his last days engaged in farming. He was a strict member of the Baptist Church from early manhood and possessed of the unquestioned integrity which gained him the confidence and esteem of all with whom he had dealings. His wife, Elizabeth, was born in Roan County, N. C., and was the descendant of an old and honored family of high respectability. She also like her husband died in Montgomery County, Ill. There were born to them six children, viz: William, Sarah J., Noah, Jefferson, Francis M. and Elizabeth A.

The subject of this sketch was the first-born of his parents and was reared on a farm in Jersey County, Ill. He attended the common school and in 1852 removed with his parents to Montgomery County, where he commenced farming for himself and was thus occupied there until 1873. In the meantime he was prospered, but decided to invest his capital in Kansas lands, and coming to this county purchased nine hundred and sixty acres on sections 16 and 21, Falls Township. He still maintains possession of this land, which is now valuable. He gave his attention strictly to farming until 1882, then removed with his family to Caldwell, of which he has since been a resident. He still has the general management of his farming interests and as a leading stockman of this county, holds membership in the Cherokee Strip Live Stock Association. He started out for himself unaided and his possessions are solely the result of his own industry and good management. For three years he served as County Commissioner, and is recognized everywhere as a liberal and public-spirited citizen, willing to aid in any project which will result in the advancement and welfare of the people around him. He is an uncompromising Democrat, politically, and has taken the third degree of the Ancient Free & Accepted Masons. The Caldwell First National Bank has become one of the leading institutions of its kind in this county, owing its prosperity largely to the standing of its Vice-President, who is also a leading director.

Mr. Corzine was first married in 1858 near Litchfield, to Miss Sarah Forehand, of Montgomery County, Ill. This lady was a native of Tennessee, and departed this life at her home in Falls Town-

ship in 1875. There were born to her and her husband six children, viz: James A., Emma J., Thomas J., Ida E., Mary and Albert. Mr. Corzine in 1877 contracted a second marriage with Miss Margaret S. Blackwelder, of this county, and who is still living. Of this union there are no children.



HENRY J. BEILET. This gentleman is not only one of the substantial citizens of the county, financially speaking, but is one of its educated citizens and a man of enterprise, morality and good citizenship. His natal day was March 9, 1843, and Texas claims him as one of her sons. His father, Joseph Beilet, was born in Germany and came to America when a young man, making his first settlement in Philadelphia, Pa. He became one of the early settlers of Texas, and being a man of more than ordinary intelligence became a prominent citizen, and was the incumbent of several minor official positions. He served as a private in the Mexican War. In politics he was a Democrat, and in religion was a member of the Lutheran Church. He was not only influential among his fellowmen, but displayed excellent business ability and at the time of his death was in good financial circumstances.

The gentleman whose name initiates this sketch was the fifth in a family of ten children, and was reared and educated in his native State, finishing his schooling as a student in St. Mary's College. In 1869, he went to Louisville, Ky., and learned the trade of a painter, which he followed but a few years ere he was compelled to abandon it, as he found it was injuring his health. Returning to Texas in 1872, he entered upon the business of stock-raising and has since kept up his interest in stock, his principal business at present consisting of buying and selling good grades. In 1880 he came to this county and purchased one hundred and sixty acres in Sumner Township, where he now lives; he also owns considerable real estate in Nebraska and altogether is in a condition of prosperity commendable to his prudence and industry and

highly satisfactory to any man whose ideas of comfort are not exorbitant.

The family of Mr. Beilet is made up of his wife and three charming daughters—Mary E., Annie L., and Birdie. Mrs. Beilet bore the maiden name of Laura J. Wright and was born in Iowa, April 19, 1858, to Henry and May (Heart) Wright, who were natives of Ohio. The Wrights came to Kansas in 1871, and settled in this county, where the father is still carrying on his occupation of a farmer. The rites of wedlock were celebrated between the daughter and our subject May 27, 1880.



P H. D. CLEVELAND. This gentleman is the proprietor of the Capital Livery, Feed & Sale Stable, in Wellington, and has one of the finest establishments of the kind in Sumner County. His stables are located on Lincoln Avenue, and there he usually keeps for work sixteen to twenty horses, and he also has a fine line of trade in boarding. He has been carrying on the establishment here since 1878, and is one of the oldest livery men now in the city. He has also been quite extensively engaged in buying and selling stock. He is quite an old settler of this State, having landed in Wichita in 1872, when that prosperous city was but a small village, and there engaged in the grocery business, in which he continued some three years. He then changed his employment to that in which he is now engaged, and a few years later removed his stock to this city, of which he is now a prominent business man.

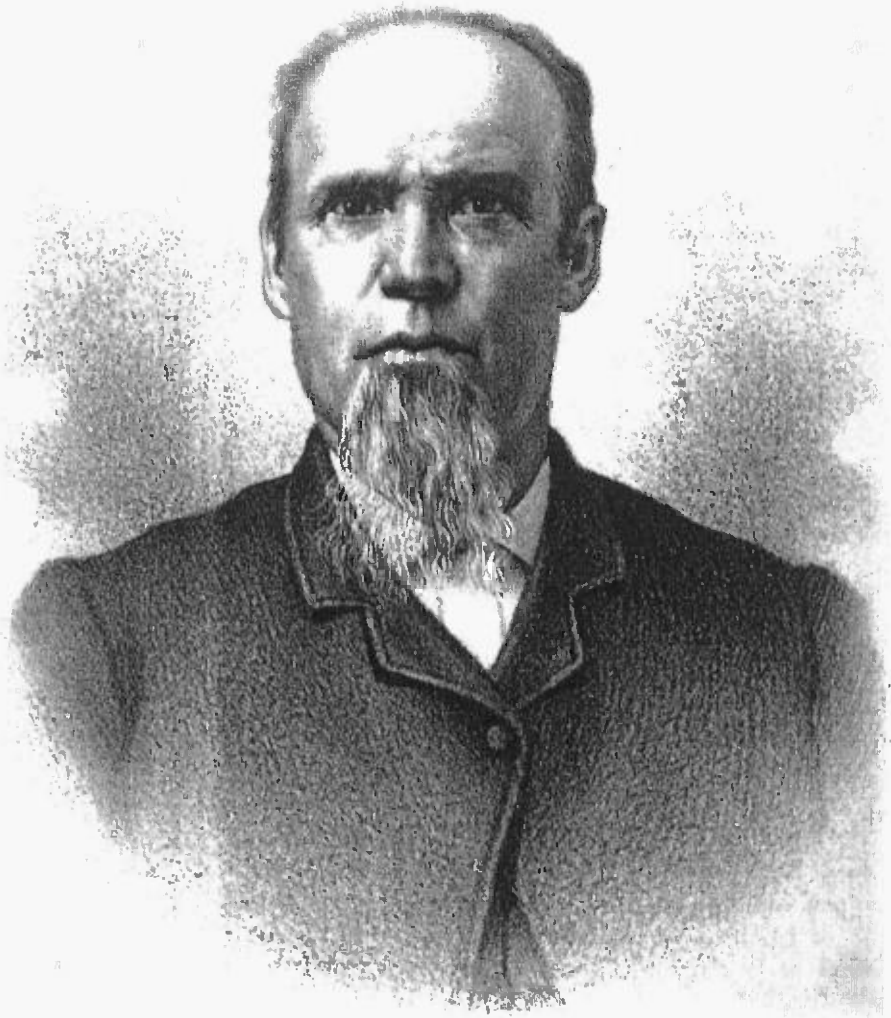
Mr. Cleveland is a son of Joseph and Sallie (Barrett) Cleveland, natives of Niagara County, N. Y., where they were married and where for many years the father was engaged in farming. In 1856, they removed to Stephenson County, Ill., about eight miles from Beloit, Wis., thence removing to Sheboygan County, Wis., where Mr. Cleveland continued his former occupation until elected Sheriff, which office he held four years. He also served as Supervisor six years. In 1869 he removed to Iowa, and in 1874 came to this State, and is now

living in Pawnee County. His wife died in Wisconsin in 1868.

The subject of this brief biography was born in Niagara County, N. Y., February 24, 1848, and remained in his native county until eight years old when he accompanied his parents farther West. Young as he was at the breaking out of the Rebellion, Mr. Cleveland was anxious to devote his youthful energy to the cause of the Union, and therefore placed his name on the muster-roll of Company F, Second Wisconsin, the date of his enlistment being March 22, 1861. He was first sent to Washington and then went to the front, being present at the first battle of Bull Run. After the expiration of his first term of enlistment he entered the Thirty-sixth Wisconsin, as Captain of Company F, which he had raised. This command was also sent to Washington and thence to the seat of conflict, and Mr. Cleveland participated in all their engagements, from the battle of the Wilderness through to Richmond. His services included participation in the battles of Spottsylvania Courthouse, Cold Harbor and Welton Railroad, and many smaller engagements, with the usual amount of hard marching and camp duties. At Spottsylvania Courthouse, he received a flesh wound in the leg, and was an inmate of the field hospital for a time. He attended the Grand Review at Washington and was mustered out at Chicago, June 18, 1865.

At the cessation of his soldier's life, Mr. Cleveland returned to Wisconsin and there engaged in buying horses for the Western markets until the fall of 1869, when he removed to Iowa and engaged in the livery business in Cedar Falls, also owning a farm in Grundy County. From Iowa he removed to Austin, Minn., where for three years he was engaged in the sale of agricultural implements, after which he became a resident of this State and employed as before noted.

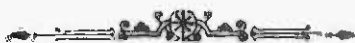
The lady in whom Mr. Cleveland found the companion he desired was Miss Anna Porter, who was born in Cumberland County, Ky., June 23, 1856, and there made her home until about six years of age, when her father, R. Porter, was killed, after which her home was in Bowling Green. In that city the rites of wedlock were celebrated be-



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tween herself and Mr. Cleveland June 5, 1883. Their happy union has been blessed by the birth of three children—Alida P., Grover and Chester.

Mr. Cleveland belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic and to the Ancient Order of United Workmen. He is a reliable citizen, an honest man, kindly in his domestic relations, and receives his due measure of respect from his associates.



CALVIN L. READ. No more popular man can be found in a "day's journey," nor one more worthy of the regard in which he is held, than he whose name stands at the head of this biography, and whose portrait appears on the opposite page. He settled on his present location in Dixon Township, in 1879, and during the decade of his residence here has been actively and officially interested in various social organizations, in political and educational matters, and has always manifested an intelligent interest in every movement which has for its object the welfare of the community. His farm is now rented to a tenant, and comprises one hundred and sixty acres, eighty of which are under the plow.

Truman Read, the father of our subject, was a native of Windsor, Mass., and the son of Joshua Read. He was a carpenter by trade as well as a farmer, and during the War of 1812, served in the American army. In the Empire State he married Miss Sallie Brown, who was also a native of Windsor, Mass., and they made their permanent abode in Yates County, N. Y., where Mrs. Read died in 1842. The father of our subject subsequently married Rebecca Hennebergh, who is still living on the old homestead, her husband having departed this life in 1877. The first marriage of Truman Read was blessed by the birth of eight children, four of whom are now living.

The subject of this sketch is the seventh in the parental family, and was born February 3, 1834. He received a good common-school education, and remained at home, helping his father until he was twenty-one years of age. He has always been en-

gaged in farm pursuits, except during the Civil War, and began life for himself by renting a farm which he carried on until his patriotism was roused to a pitch of enthusiasm by the efforts made to destroy the Union, and he abandoned his peaceful calling to take his place in the ranks of his country's defenders. In 1862 he became a member of Company A, One Hundred and Twenty-sixth New York Infantry, and until June, 1865, was far from home and friends, undergoing the hazards of army life.

About the 1st of September, 1862, Mr. Read was sent with his comrades to Harper's Ferry, Va., and on the 15th of the same month, they were taken prisoners by Stonewall Jackson's army. After having been kept on parole at Chicago for two months, they were exchanged and sent to Washington, and placed upon picket duty at Bull Run until 1863. They were then attached to the Second Army Corps at Gum Spring, Va., and took part in the trying scenes of Gettysburg. Returning to Virginia, they crossed the Shenandoah and Potomac Rivers to the banks of the Rappahannock, remained there for a time, and then moved over to Culpeper on the Rapidan River, where they remained until Lee undertook to flank the army, when they again returned to Bull Run. The command started South again, went into the Mine Run expedition, and then into winter quarters. In May, 1864, they broke camp and entered upon the Petersburg Campaign, and in April, 1865, they followed Gen. Lee's army to the surrender at Appomattox Court House. During these years Mr. Read had taken part in the battles at Harper's Ferry, Gettysburg, Auburn Run, Va., and Bristol Station.

Although this outline of the movements of the command to which Mr. Read belonged, does not include many of the most terrible and noted battle fields, those who are acquainted with a soldier's life know that it was not the less arduous or hazardous. Indeed what are commonly called minor engagements, and the minor duties of campaigning, require perhaps more true courage than that called for during a great battle, as in the latter there is an excitement, and even an exhilaration of spirit "when the fight is on," that leads men generally to forget their personal danger, and the very number

engaged lessens the individual chances of injury. It is therefore true that the greatest bravery is frequently displayed during the scenes which history does not record, or passes over with but a slight comment. Mr. Read was one of a special detail of one hundred men to act as Gen. Hancock's Provost Guard, and was serving in that capacity at the close of the war. He was on duty at Washington during the Grand Review in 1865.

When mustered out of the service, Mr. Read returned to his home in New York, and soon after settled in Oceana County, Mich., on a farm which he operated for twelve years. He then removed to Arkansas, and after sojourning in that State about eighteen months, came to Kansas in 1879, and took up his residence on the farm where he still lives. In 1856 he became the husband of Maria Gerould of New York. They have one child, Anson Revell Read, now living in New York, where he owns and operates a vineyard.

Mr. Read takes an active interest in politics, and always votes the Republican ticket. He is a member of the school board in District No. 160, and has been Road Overseer. He has been Tyler in Argonia Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of which he is a member; is now Master of the Grange; is Commander of Argonia Post, No. 342, G. A. R., in which he has formerly held other offices; and is President of the Farmers' Alliance.



JOHN F. RUGGLES. This gentleman is one of those prosperous farmers of the county, who settled within its limits at an early period in its history, and who have witnessed the development of its agricultural and business interests, and the change from wild land which was the haunt of buffalo, bear, deer, and other wild animals, to well-kept and productive farm lands dotted with peaceful herds.

Mr. Ruggles was born in Lewis County, Ky., on New Year's Day, 1850, and is a son of Moses and Eliza (Roberts) Ruggles, the former of whom was

of New England ancestry, and born in the same county in which his son, our subject, first saw the light. The mother was born in Fleming County, Ky., and was a daughter of one Samuel Roberts. The paternal grandparents of our subject were Thomas and Louisa (Bourse) Ruggles, both of whom were born in New England, the grandfather being of English ancestry. They were among the early settlers of Lewis County, Ky., where Thomas Ruggles took up a tract of timber land, upon which he cleared a considerable acreage, changing the wilderness to a fertile farm. There the father of our subject was born in April, 1816, and grew to maturity, his early life being passed before railroads were built in the Blue Grass State, and when Richmond, Va., was the market for hogs and cattle, to which the people drove them from farms far distant. Being reared to agricultural pursuits, Moses Ruggles, upon attaining to manhood, bought some improved land a mile distant from his father's homestead, and there took up his employment, and is still residing on the same place. He has lived to see that section develop into a well-settled and wealthy country, and now finds a much nearer market than Richmond for all that he desires to buy or sell. His wife, the mother of our subject, departed this life about the year 1854, when he of whom we write was scarcely more than a babe.

John F. Ruggles passed his boyhood and youth in his native county, leaving the parental roof at the age of eighteen years, and going to DeWitt County, Ill., where he began life for himself by working on a farm. He then rented land and carried on agricultural pursuits there until 1875. The previous year he had visited this section of country and purchased land in Wellington Township, to which, at the date mentioned, he came as a settler. Wichita was the nearest railroad station, whence he traveled to this county by stage. The only improvement upon the place which he had purchased was a small dwelling, and all the conveniences which now mark the place have been accomplished by him. He is the fortunate possessor of a half section of land which is all enclosed, and which is improved for general farming or used as pasture land. The industry and practical ability of Mr. Ruggles are plainly indicated by the appearance of everything