

Kas. He was one of the first settlers, and was here all through the trouble of 1856. He and his son (our subject) were strong Union men, and backed their opinions very actively. They made several visits East to their old home, and later settled in Jefferson County, Kas. He was visiting a daughter in Parsons at the time of his death, which occurred in 1879. He was a member of the Free-Will Baptist Church, and in politics was for many years an Abolitionist, and then a Republican. He was in the saw-mill business when a young man, and was the son of Hugh Pettengill, who died in Maine, and who was a farmer. The mother was born in 1803, and died in 1889. She was the daughter of an Englishman, and was a woman of noted piety, belonging to the same church as her husband. Our subject, Hugh Pettengill, was the second of nine children—four sons and five daughters—five of whom are living at the present time. He spent his school days in Maine, and when nineteen years of age, began learning the shoemaker's trade, which he followed for ten years in Maine and Massachusetts. He then commenced to farm in the former State, near his father, and remained thus engaged until 1854, when he came to Douglas County, Kas. There he tilled the soil until 1863, when he returned to Maine, and there remained until 1877, farming and working at his trade. Returning then to Kansas, he settled in Jefferson County, remained there until 1881, and then engaged in the grocery business in Wyandotte County, until 1888, when he was elected justice of the peace and police judge. In 1850 he married Miss Zynthia H. Lapham, daughter of Latrop Lapham, of Maine, who is still living. To Mr. and Mrs. Pettengill were born six children: Clara, Ellen, Frederick B., Nathan F., Kittie and Mary. Mr. Pettengill is a member of the K. of P., and was a member of the K. of H. In 1861 he enlisted in Company B, Ninth Kansas Volunteer Cavalry, and served until September, 1862, when he was honorably discharged. He was a staunch Republican, and took a great interest in that party until the second election of Gen. Grant. Since then he has been voting independently. He voted for Peter Cooper and Horace Greeley.

James Phillips, an old citizen, and a man eminently respected for his many good qualities, was elected to the office of councilman of the First Ward of the old city of Kansas, and served one term. In 1885 he was elected mayor of the same on the Republican ticket, with a majority of 752, in a vote of 1,100, over his opponent. While filling this position the James Street viaduct was built, the elevated railway franchised, and that of the Missouri Pacific Railroad switch track on

Ewing Street granted. After the consolidation in 1886 Mr. Phillips was elected at large twice, as a member of the city council, and served three years. He was chairman of the Ordinance and Franchise Committees, serving the entire length of office, three years. He was also a member of the printing committee and other minor committees. During his first term he assisted in the construction of the new list of ordinances by which the city was governed. Among some of the important franchises granted was the Metropolitan Street Car, Seventh Street Viaduct, electric road in South Side, a branch of the Metropolitan system and the Riverview branch of the elevated road, North-Western Railroad, also to the Chicago & Rock Island Railroad in South Side, the electric light system, the rebuilding of the fire department, purchasing hose reels, one for South Side and one for old Wyandotte City. Mr. Phillips was also prominent in securing a great many street improvements, chiefly in the North, West and South Sides, also some large sewer contracts let, in all footing up to \$1,500,000. Mr. Phillips was born near Lexington, Ky., April 13, 1846, and is the eldest of eleven children born to Asa M. and Margaret (Pennington) Phillips, natives also of the Blue-Grass State. After growing up, the father engaged in merchandising and farming, and continued this until the breaking out of the Rebellion, when he enlisted in the Thirty-second Kentucky Infantry, as captain. Among the battles engaged in were Richmond, Harrodsburg, Ky., and here he had a very narrow escape from death at the hands of the enemy. After the war he removed to Illinois, and engaged in tilling the soil, which he followed up to the present time. While growing up in his native county, James Phillips learned the trade of carpenter, which he has followed ever since he left Douglas County, Ill. He came to this city in 1879, and the following year became connected with the Fowler Packing Company, and is now superintendent of the wood and construction department. Mr. Phillips was married September 13, 1868, to Miss Hannah J. Carr, a native of Ohio, born May 19, 1847, and the daughter of T. J. and May (Beaty) Carr. To this union three children were born: Jesse B., Lena and Floy. Mr. Phillips is a Republican in politics, and was elected to the above office on that ticket. He is a member of the A. F. & A. M., the A. O. U. W., and himself and family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He assists in all enterprises of a public nature that will benefit his city and county, and is charitable to the needy, a man who is honest and upright in all his dealings, and true to his friends.

James W. Phillips (deceased), late a prominent grocer and a worthy citizen of Kansas City, Kas., was born in England, September 7, 1843, being a son of George and Esther Phillips, with whom he came to the United States when he was seven years of age. Upon reaching this country the family settled at Geneva, N. Y., where the subject of this sketch was reared to manhood. About 1865 he removed to Illinois, and two years later graduated from the commercial college at Jacksonville. On April 20, 1869, he was married to Miss Evelyn Van Schoick, a native of Dayton, Ohio, her birth occurring there on September 14, 1854, she being a daughter of Henry and Emma (Randall) Van Schoick, both natives of New Jersey. For about four years after his marriage Mr. Phillips resided in Bloomington, but in 1873 he removed to Wichita and here made his home until 1885. During all this time he followed the calling of a traveling salesman, but in 1885 he came to Kansas City, Kas., and embarked in the grocery business, a calling he followed until his death, which occurred April 7, 1889. His widow has since managed the business alone, and this establishment has become one of the largest and best patronized of the kind in the city. It is well located at No. 444 Minnesota Avenue, and the annual business which is done amounts to about \$30,000, a fact that speaks louder than words can do, as to her executive ability and fair dealing. She is a lady possessing many Christian virtues, and her kindness of heart, liberality and honesty, are proverbial throughout the county.

Gabriel Philiburt first came to this county in 1860, but after remaining one year he pushed farther westward, and until 1866 was engaged in prospecting for gold in the Rocky Mountains, also doing general labor. He then returned to Wyandotte County, Kas., and settled on his present farm of forty-four acres, usually devoting from ten to twenty-five acres to potatoes, which will average about 150 bushels to the acre, two to five acres to sweet potatoes, raising the Yellow Jersey and Red Bermudas as most profitable, and from one to six acres in watermelons and cantaloupes. His potatoes and melons were planted together and did well. He also put in corn in the same way and thus raised two crops on the same piece of ground, in one season. His cabbage crop usually amounts to one acre, his varieties being Early York, Flat Dutch and Drum Head, having the best luck with the last mentioned. He also raises other vegetables in large quantities, and small fruits in abundance, but considers that twelve acres of land devoted to this industry are all that a man can successfully manage. He considers gardening at its infancy in this township and has great

hopes for the future. He was born on January 11, 1842, in Jackson County, Mo., being a son of Gabriel Philiburt, and during his minority became thoroughly familiar with the duties of farm life, his father being a successful tiller of the soil. He was given the advantages of the common schools, acquiring a good practical education, and until 1860 he remained at home, then came to Kansas, and in 1861 went to the Rocky Mountains, as above stated. He purchased his present farm at the rate of \$36 per acre, but it is now valued at \$1,000 per acre. On this is erected a large, substantial and comfortable dwelling-house, besides a good barn and other outbuildings. In 1870 he was married to Miss Elnora Paul, a daughter of George Paul, a native of England, but who was reared in this country, living at the time of his marriage in this country. She was a kind and loving wife and mother, and her death, which occurred June 20, 1889, was deeply mourned by not only her immediate and sorrowing household, but by all who knew her. The children she bore Mr. Philiburt are as follows: Clara, John, Cora, Eleanor, William and Louis A. Mr. Philiburt is a Democrat, and for the past twelve years has been a school director in his district. He and his wife were members of the Catholic Church of Argentine and he is one of the public-spirited and law-abiding citizens of this section.

Oliver W. Pierce, horticulturist, Bethel, Kas. Mr. Pierce's parents, Elijah and Elizabeth (Whitwell) Pierce, were both natives of the Bay State, and his grandfather, Elijah Pierce, Sr., was a native of Middleborough, Plymouth County, Mass., and a soldier in the War of 1812. The father was a sea captain, and followed that calling most of his life, dying there when our subject was young. He left a family of three children—two sons and a daughter: George D. W. was thirty-eight years of age, when his death occurred in 1871, and he left two children (his wife had died previously); the sister, Lucretia W., became the wife of Charles E. Pierce, who is a carpenter in New Bedford, Mass. Oliver W. Pierce was born in Fall River, Mass., January 11, 1842, receiving a good common-school education. When sixteen years of age, he went into a meat-market with his brother, and remained there until nineteen years of age. He then enlisted in Company B, Seventh Massachusetts Infantry (June 16, 1861), and served three years, being mustered out at Taunton, Mass. He was in the Second and Third Divisions in the Sixth Army Corps, was in the first battle of Bull Run, and from that on was in every fight of the Army of the Potomac up to Petersburg, Cold Harbor being the last battle. He then returned to his old business, which he continued for a few years, working

for the South Boston Iron Works several years. He then left his trade, and engaged in the butcher's business at Fall River, Mass., working at that until he came to Kansas City, Mo., in April, 1880. In March, 1890, he bought twenty-five acres, where he now lives, and intends to devote this entirely to fruit growing, having at the present time 300 apple trees, seventy-five peach and fifty cherry trees. The remainder of the land he devoted to small fruit. Mr. Pierce was married April 1, 1866, in Fall River, Mass., to Miss Caroline Fiske, and they have one son, George D. F., now twenty-one years of age. He has been traveling salesman for Ridenor, Baker & Co., for two years, but is now at home. Mr. and Mrs. Pierce are of the old Quaker stock and hold to their early training. Mr. Pierce is a member of the Masonic fraternity, having joined that organization at Fall River, and he also belongs to the K. of H. He is independent in so far as his political predilections are concerned. While he still longs for the salt breeze, he has determined to make his home here, and with that end in view has set about improving his farm and building it up. The maternal ancestors of Mr. Pierce run back through the Whitwells and Winslows to the "Mayflower," three brothers of the Whitwells' coming over in the "Mayflower."

Nicholas Polfer, one of the earliest settlers of Prairie Township Wyandotte County, Kas., was born in Luxemburg County, Redang, Calmus, April 11, 1829, but has been a resident of this region since 1866, although he first came to the United States in 1857. He is the eldest of seven children born to Frank Polfer, who was also born in Luxemburg County, Redang, Calmus. At the age of eighteen years he entered the French army and followed Napoleon Bonaparte, until the memorable battle of Waterloo, when he was taken prisoner of war. After his return home he settled on a farm where he remained until his thirty-fifth year, when he was chosen what is there called "Country Police," a position he filled with ability for twenty-nine years. He passed to his long home in 1863, having, prior to that time, been presented with a medal by the French Government, he being a veteran of their army. Nicholas Polfer was reared to manhood in his native land, and in his youth learned the trade of a wagon-maker, a calling which he followed successfully for ten years. He came to America with his brother John in 1857, and after a short stay in the city of Chicago removed farther westward to Leavenworth, Kas., but soon tired of this place also. He next went to Weston, Mo., and after following his trade there for three years he spent a short time in St. Louis, next

spent a few months in St. Joseph, but throughout the Rebellion was a resident of Iatan, where he experienced some trying times, as this was one of the hotbeds of secession. In 1866 he came to Wyandotte County, Kas., purchased 160 acres of land (and this land improved with good buildings), all of which are capable of being tilled and in a good state of cultivation. He has a large lake on his property which is fed by a spring, and this lake he has stocked with German carp. In 1864 he was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Argo, a daughter of James and Sarah Argo, native Kentuckians. Mrs. Polfer was born in Mason County of the same State, March 22, 1840, and has borne her husband seven children: Mary (wife of Bill Renick, residing near Kansas City, Mo.), Sarah (wife of John Renick), Mitchell, Frank, Susan, Benjamin and Nicholas. The three youngest members of the family remain at home and assist their parents in tilling the farm. Mr. Polfer supports the principles of Democracy and is a member of the school board of his district. He also belongs to the Farmers' Mutual Benefit Aid Association, Rock Lodge No. 4189, of which he is treasurer, and he is also a member of the I. O. O. F., holding his membership in Iatan, Mo.

Eli Potter, the subject of the present sketch, is general agent of the Pennsylvania Mutual Life Insurance for the West, having his office in Kansas City. He has under his control the management of Kansas and Missouri, and is generally recognized as one of the most popular and successful insurance men in the United States. The old saying that "practice makes perfect" is fully verified in this case, since he commenced to work with insurance, as early as 1868 with the North Western Insurance, and was soon given the general agency for Illinois, and at a later date he moved to Chicago, taking charge of the Mutual Benefit, and The New England of Boston. After eight years he moved to St. Louis, and in 1878 came to Kansas City to take charge of his lucrative position with the Massachusetts Mutual, and The Mutual of New York, having control of Missouri, Kansas and Nebraska, and also opening the State of Dakota. In 1885 he accepted his present position, and there are few men in this State so well and favorably known as he. Mr. Potter's birth occurred in Hocking County, Ohio, September 6, 1847, being the youngest child born to Edward and Sarah (Morris) Potter, natives of Connecticut and Pennsylvania, respectively. The father was of English descent, while the mother came of an Irish-Welsh family. The former was a physician, and a graduate of Yale College. The subject of this sketch remained at home until he

had reached his seventeenth year, at which time he went to Springfield to study medicine with a brother for three years, and afterward attended a medical college in Chicago, but upon the death of his brother, left school and began working in the insurance business. His business averages \$750,000 per year, and his success is undoubtedly great. He married Miss Anna Bates, daughter of Judge Truman Bates, of Nashville, Tenn., on January 29, 1868. She was born March 20, 1844, and received an excellent education in Jacksonville College, Ill. Mr. Potter displays much talent as an architect, making the plans for the famous Potter House that cost \$300,000, and is one of the most elegant houses in the West. It was commenced in 1881, and finished after the newest and most improved designs, and is besides elegantly furnished. One of the specially attractive features of this house is an office with silver and gold trimmings that cost \$5,000. Mr. Potter is a member of the Democratic party, and very willing at all times to act in public matters of importance for the good of the community in which he resides. Both Mr. and Mrs. Potter are members of the Baptist Church.

Edward D. Pratt is manager of B. F. Pratt's Consolidated Coal and Cooperage Company, Armourdale, Kas., one of the largest manufacturing establishments of barrels in the State of Kansas. This company employs seventy-five men, has some of the latest improved machinery, and do an annual business of \$150,000. The capacity is 500 barrels per day, and the business is ably managed by Edward D. Pratt. This gentleman was born in Greenup, Ky., on November 29, 1862, and is the son of F. L. and Hannah J. (Meyers) Pratt, natives also of the Blue-Grass State. F. L. Pratt, when a young man, engaged in the general mercantile business at Greenup, where he continued until the bankrupt law took effect, after the panic of 1872, which caused him to lose probably \$50,000. At that time he was appointed agent of the coopers along the Ohio River, it being his duty to receive the best prices for their product, and made his home in Cincinnati, Ohio, for a short time. Afterward he and family moved to Covington, Ky., where they still make their home, although at present Mr. Pratt is at St. Francis, Ark., where he is connected with timber in an extensive way. There he makes staves, and his business serves as an impetus to the extensive cooperage business, of which our subject is manager. Edward D. Pratt secured his education in the schools of Kentucky, and was early taught the duties of the business, of which he is now the efficient manager. He remained with his

father until 1885, and the following year came to Armourdale, where he took charge of the Pratt Consolidated Coal and Cooperage Company. In May, 1884, he married Miss Flora Alfreds, of Covington, Ky., and the result of this union is two children: Ben and Roena. In politics Mr. Pratt is a Republican.

Theodore Praun, farmer and horticulturist, Kansas City, Kas. Of the many prominent citizens of foreign birth now residing in Wyandotte County none have made more progress or been more interested in the welfare of the county than the German element. Mr. Praun was born in Bavaria in November, 1835, and his early education was commenced in the private schools of his native country. Later he entered the gymnasium, remained there eight years, and then entered the University of Wurzburg, in Bavaria, where he remained for a year and a half. Mr. Praun is a thorough scholar, having taken a full scientific and a partial classical course, is a friend to education, and upholds all educational principles. He emigrated from Munich in 1858, locating in Johnson County, on 320 acres of land, where he remained until the breaking out of the war. He then enlisted in Company H, Second Kansas Volunteers, was assigned to the Western Department, and was in service for four years and a half. He was mustered into service on January 2, 1862, for three years' service, and his regiment was actively engaged in the following battles: Prairie Grove, Fort Wayne, Honey Springs, Van Buren, Fort Smith and Saline River. He was honorably discharged at Little Rock, Ark., in May, 1865. Mr. Praun was married to Miss Mary Niever, a native of Germany, who bore him six children: Anna (resides in Missouri, and was married to John Kreis, who is a baker by trade), Theresa (resides with her parents), Josephine (also resides at home, and is quite a musician), Mary, and Theodore and Eddie (twins, twelve years of age, and very bright boys, especially in music). Mr. and Mrs. Praun are intelligent and ardent supporters of all the Christian principles which sustain humanity, and have always contributed to all benevolent interests which have been presented for their worthy consideration. In days gone by Mr. Praun had been an upholder of Republican principles, but since the temperance movement has taken such a despotic turn, he has upheld the principles of Democracy. He cast his first presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln, while he was in the ranks. He has been a member of the school board in his home district for almost five years. Socially, he is a member of the I. O. O. F., at Kansas City, Kas. Just at the breaking out of the war Mr. Praun and his brother came to Wyand-

dotte County, bought sixty-two acres of land, and engaged as practical agriculturists. They remained in this business until 1864, then sold out, repurchased, and are now engaged in horticulture and fruit-growing. Mr. Praun can truthfully state that when he came to this part of the country he could have purchased the land where Kansas City now stands for \$50 per acre. He has witnessed the rapid development of this section of the country, and is interested in all enterprises for the further development and growth of the same. He now resides in an elegant frame residence of two stories, built in octagonal style, and costing in all about \$3,500. He raises a great deal of fruit, principally small, and is not only a prominent citizen of Wyandotte County, but is a prosperous business man and a German gentleman noted for his sociability and hospitality. He is thoroughly posted on all the important topics of current news, and is a man who can with intelligence portray to his friends the principles on which he stands to uphold a country of liberty. Mr. Praun was the ninth of fourteen children, five of whom are now living, born to his parents.

John B. Prentis, druggist, Armourdale, Kas. The profession of the druggist is one which operates effectively in time of need, in arresting and alleviating the most acute pains and ailments to which the human body is heir, and therefore deserves the most thankful and appreciative consideration on the part of the public. Among the representative drug stores of the city is that conducted by John B. Prentis. Strict attention is paid to the compounding of physicians' or family prescriptions, all orders being executed with great care and immediate dispatch. Mr. Prentis was born in Charlottesville, Va., on February 26, 1859, and is the son of Robert R. and Margaret A. (Whitehead) Prentis, natives of Suffolk, Va. The father was a lawyer by profession, was county and circuit clerk of Albemarle County, Va., at the time of his death in 1871, and was Grand Master of the State of Virginia, in Odd Fellowship. He was also a Mason. He was made colonel of the State Militia. The mother is now living at Suffolk, Va. They had a family of twelve children, of whom J. B. is the seventh son. He was educated at Charlottesville, Va., first in the common schools and then in the academy, and remained at home until twenty-one years of age. He then left home for the West, located at Warrenburg, Mo., and embarked in the drug business for a time. Later he went to Colorado, but returned subsequently and located in Kansas City, where he again embarked in the drug business. In 1885 he came to Armourdale and has since continued his former

business, carrying a general assortment of pure, fresh drugs and chemicals, all the standard proprietary medicines, fancy and toilet articles, perfumes and all those articles required by physicians in their practice. He is a man of sound judgment, good practical common sense, and has the grit and determination to succeed in whatever he undertakes. He is a stanch Democrat in politics, and was born and reared in the birthplace of President Jefferson. While he is inclined to be a natural leader among men, he never swerves from party principles. He is pleasant and agreeable in his social relations, is generous to a fault, and in fact is a man in whom the county and State may well be proud. He is a first-class pharmacist and his efficiency in his profession is the result of long experience and practice. Mr. Prentis was married in March, 1888, to Miss Ida M. Koepsel, a charming and highly accomplished lady, a native of Nebraska, daughter of Rev. Herman Koepsel, of Smithton, Mo. He is a member of the K. of P., Uniform Rank, Select Knights, in the A. O. U. W., and Foresters.

William Priestley. Many years ago James Priestley and Miss Priscilla Mitchell were born in England, and in that country were married. They continued to make that their home until 1844, at which date they emigrated to the United States, to find new scenes and different customs. Mr. Priestley was a weaver, and upon reaching the new country, settled first in Wisconsin, but at a later date moved to Kansas City. Of this union was born the subject of this sketch, William Priestley, whose birth occurred at Kenosha, Wis., October 31, 1844, and in that State continued to live up to the time of his manhood, receiving a good common-school education. He enlisted in Company G, Second Wisconsin Cavalry, on November 14, 1861, serving under Capt. Dale and Capt. C. C. Washburn. He was engaged in the battle of Prairie Grove, Ark., and did scouting duty through the South, and followed Gen. Custer to Texas, where he took part in numerous battles. He was sufficiently fortunate to escape injury, and was mustered out at Austin, Texas, and discharged at Madison, Wis., in December, 1865. When peace was once more restored throughout the country, Mr. Priestley came to Kansas City, but owing to illness, was compelled to return to Wisconsin, where he remained three years, returning to Wyandotte County in 1869, where he has made his home up to the present date. On March 8, 1874, he married Miss Martha Barnett, who died in two years after their marriage, and November 14, 1877, he married Mrs. Henrietta (Blum) Zick, a native of Illinois. To this union were born five children, four of whom are living, viz.: Priscilla, Wil-

himaine B., Charlotte M., and Mary E. Mr. Priestley is a member of the Republican party. He was brought up in the Episcopal Church, and takes a great interest in religious matters. He is a member of the Wyandotte Lodge No. 3, A. F. & A. M., of which he is past master, Wyandotte Chapter No. 6, Knight Templar, and Ivanhoe Commandery No. 21, Summounduwott Lodge No. 3, I. O. O. F., going through the chair, and was representative to the Grand Lodge of the State in 1873 and 1878, Wyandotte Encampment No. 9, of which he was representative. He also belongs to the Fellowship Lodge No. 2, K. of P., and was one of the charter members of the Franklin Lodge No. 293, A. O. U. W., and also of Burnside Post No. 28, G. A. R., being senior vice-commander at the present time. Mr. Priestley is numbered among the prominent brick contractors of Kansas City, and has been unusually successful in his business ventures. Among the well-known business and dwelling houses that he has erected, is the I. O. O. F. building, two large additions to the Blind Institute, the residence of John B. Scroggs, and the George Bishop Block, and many others of equal size and cost.

Joseph Folliard Perdue, attorney at law, Kansas City, is one of those men, too few in number, who fully recognize the truth so often urged by the sages of the law, that, of all men, the reading and thought of a lawyer should be the most extended. Systematic reading gives a more comprehensive grasp to the mind, variety and richness to thought, and a clearer perception of the motive of men and the principles of things, indeed, of the very spirit of laws. This he has found most essential in the prosecution of his professional practice. Mr. Perdue was born in Chester County, Penn., on November 2, 1846, and is a son of William Folliard and Emily (Pyle) Perdue. The Perdue family were originally French Huguenots, and intermarried with Hoopers and Pines of England. On both the father's and mother's side the ancestors came to America with William Penn, and settled in Chester County, Penn. The first of the name (as far back as can be traced), was one Dr. William Perdue, a French Huguenot, who, being obliged to leave France, went to the North of Ireland, and there joined the Friends or Quakers. He emigrated to America about 1735, and brought his certificate of membership to Chester Valley, where that branch of the family still reside. He was the great-great-grandfather of our subject. The Great-grandfather Perdue was born in Chester Valley, Penn., and during the Revolution was engaged in ship-building for the colonists. A letter from him at Cape May is still

in the family. He had two children, one of whom (William Perdue), was our subject's grandfather, and was a farmer of Chester County, the greater part of his life. He was born in 1774 and died in 1856, and his wife was born in 1772 and died in 1858. The grandmother remembered the battle of Brandywine and saw the British soldiers pick up the geese from the ponds with swords as they passed through the town. The maternal grandmother lived to be ninety-nine years of age. Our subject saw both his great-grandfather and grandmothers. William Polliard Perdue, father of subject, was born September 7, 1811, and was the third in order of birth of seven children, all but one of whom lived to mature years. He was engaged in manufacturing iron the early part of his life, and in the latter part was a stock-dealer and farmer. He was a Quaker, and died on September 29, 1880. The mother was born in Chester County, Penn., on July 15, 1834, and is still residing in Chester County with her daughter, Anna Perdue, who, with our subject, are the only children. Joseph F. Perdue secured his education in the public schools and in the academy at Coatesville, Penn., was in the latter three years, and then entered a bank at that place as book-keeper. While holding that position he continued his studies under a private tutor, and remained in the bank until over twenty-one years of age. On April 25, 1868, he entered the office of Wayne McVeagh, attorney-general in President Garfield's Cabinet, and was admitted to the bar in West Chester, where Mr. McVeagh then lived, and later was admitted to the Chester County bar on motion of Mr. McVeagh, on February 18, 1870. The latter then offered Mr. Perdue a partnership with him, and it was accepted. But on June 15 of the same year Mr. McVeagh's health failed, and he accepted the appointment of United States minister to Constantinople. Mr. Perdue practiced his profession in West Chester until October 2, 1886, and then came to Kansas City, Mo., where he has since practiced. He purchased his present property where he lives in Kansas City, Kas., in 1880, and moved to it in August of the same year. On January 2 of the following year he purchased a newspaper, Coatesville Times, and edited this for two years in connection with his law practice. He took the paper when it was all run down and succeeded well with it. In politics he is a Republican, and when the Republican Club was organized in Kansas City, Mo., held the position of president, this club being the most important west of Chicago. In his practice Mr. Perdue does chiefly corporation and real estate practice, and makes a special study of corporation law. He occupies

Rooms 45 and 46 Bunker Building, and besides his law library has a large private library. He was married in Roger's Ford, Montgomery County, Penn., on April 11, 1883, to Miss J. L. Buckwater, a native of Chester County, Penn., and the daughter of H. L. Buckwater, a native of the same county, Pennsylvania. They have the following children: Joseph Folliard (born October 19, 1885), Henry Buckwater (born November 2, 1886), and Emily Mary (born December 24, 1888). Mr. Perdue is a K. T. in the Masonic fraternity, and is a member of the Episcopal Church. He has practiced his profession in all the courts of the State and otherwise in Kansas and Missouri, he has been counsel for the Inter-State Trust Company, Lombard Trust Company, Midland Investment Company, West Side Land & Park Company, Boulevard, Land & Park Company, and a large number of others, including the Inter-State Water & Electric Power Company.

E. R. Purdy, foreman of the lard and oil house of Armour's Packing Company, Kansas City, Kas., is a wide-awake and thoroughly reliable man of business. He first saw the light of day in New York City in 1845, and is the son of Robert and Sarah (Hobby) Purdy, both natives of the Empire State also, the father born in the village of Chappaqua. From the age of seventeen, except the time he spent in learning, and the three years he followed the trade of machinist, E. R. Purdy has been engaged in the lard business. He worked in the lard refineries in New York City for about twenty years, and had charge of A. W. McFarland's Lard Refinery in that city for three years. After this he was with Rhoe Bros., of that city, two years; Chamberlain, Roe & Co., for two years; John Sackett & Co., two years; George C. Naphey, of Philadelphia, Penn., for two years, and was with Fowler Bros., Chicago, for two years and a half. He then worked for Fowler for one year in Kansas City, and has now been with Armour two and a half years. He also was with A. G. Knapp of New York City in 1864 and 1865. He is thoroughly experienced, having been in the lard refining business for twenty-eight years, and is a valuable man for the position. He is non-partisan in politics, and is a man who attends strictly to his business affairs. He resides in Kansas City.

W. A. Pyle, dry goods and clothing, Armourdale, Kas. A strong and representative house in this line in Armourdale is that of Mr. Pyle, who for several years has been carrying a live business as a dealer in general dry goods, etc. He was born in Adair County, Ky.,

on April 5, 1844, and is a son of Oliver A. and Frances (Turner) Pyle, natives also of Adair County, Ky. The parents emigrated to Platte County, Mo., in 1852, and the father died in Cass County, of that State. The mother is yet living. The father was a carpenter and joiner. They had two children, of whom our subject is the only survivor. He passed his youth and boyhood in Parkville, Mo., where he was educated in the common schools, and later entered a store as clerk. He has followed merchandising ever since. In December, 1861, he enlisted in Company C, Eighteenth Missouri Infantry, and served three months. He was in the battle of Shiloh, where he was taken sick and sent home on account of disability. He remained at Parkville until 1867, and then came to Cottonwood Falls, Kas., where he was in the dry goods business for some time. From there he went to Cass County, Mo., thence to the Joplin Lead Mines, where he carried on business until 1883, and then came to Kansas City, Kas., where he is yet engaged in merchandising, carrying a large stock of dry-goods, etc. He is vice-president of the Board of Trade and a member of the council for the Sixth Ward. He is also vice-president of the Wyandotte County Coal & Mining Company. Socially he is a member of the Masonic fraternity, having had bestowed upon him the thirty-second degree. He was married in 1873 to Miss Mollie Hughes.

Mr. W. B. Raymond, undertaker, Kansas City, Kas. The business of the undertaker is certainly not of pleasant association, yet it is a necessary one. There must be some one to perform the last sad offices, and it is necessary then that they should be men of sympathetic dispositions, with tact and deep knowledge of human nature, and with a perfect knowledge of their important calling. Mr. Raymond has been in this business for many years, and is thoroughly familiar with it in all its different bearings. He was born in Kentucky in 1848, and when thirteen years of age was obliged to make his own way in life. He first commenced working in a brick-yard at Cairo, Ill., and later went to Chicago with Prof. Hamilton, the celebrated horse-trainer. Later yet he was with Dan Rice, the great clown and showman, and then was with Van Amburg's celebrated show. He went to Baltimore, Md., New York City, and then shipped on the United States war vessel "Brooklyn," with which he remained two years and eight months. During that time he was on one of the war ships that escorted the remains of Admiral Farragut from Fortress Monroe to New York, at which place he was buried. Later Mr. Raymond went to Europe and visited many of the ports bordering on the Baltic, Medit-

erranean and North Seas, and visited Northern Africa. After this he visited Germany, was at Copenhagen, Denmark, and then returned to New York. He and a companion signed articles agreeing to go to Egypt, but on account of cruel treatment, quit the ship at South Hampton, England. They went to and remained in London two months without employment or money, visited Bristol, Gloucester, and other cities, and then shipped out of Wales on a sailing vessel, the Idaho, of Bath, Me., to New Orleans, and was fifty-five days in making the trip. Our subject was then employed in a sugar camp in Louisiana, was afterward in Tennessee, and then went to St. Louis, where he worked on the street railroad for three and one half years. From there he went to Detroit, Mich., and engaged in the undertaking business with George W. Latimer, continuing at this business four years. From there he came to Kansas City, worked for J. N. Ball, and in 1881 succeeded that gentleman in business, first with H. H. Sawyer as a partner, and was then with C. L. Freeman, but later was by himself in business. He has been very successful in this, and has the leading trade in the city. His stock is complete in every detail, and he has buried 2,700 people since 1885. Mr. Raymond was married in Kansas City, Kas., to Miss Bertha Crafke, who was born in Hanover, Germany. She is a member of the German Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Raymond is a member of the I. O. O. F., K. of P., Foresters, Iron Hall, A. O. U. W., and he has been an officer in these various lodges.

George M. Rehm, grocer. Well-directed energy always tells, and no better proof of it can be found than in the case of Mr. Rehm, who in July, 1881, opened a meat market in Kansas City, Kas., on North Third Street. His early life was spent in the city of Louisville, Ky., where he was born June 8, 1853, and in the public schools of his native city he received his knowledge of the ordinary branches of learning, and later completed his studies in a business college. When not in school he assisted his father, and thus became familiar with the butcher's trade. February 11, 1880, he was married in Fort Wayne, Ind., to Miss Bertha D. Taylor, of that city, and on the eve of their marriage they proceeded to Louisville, and there made their home until the following year, coming in February to Kansas City, Mo., and a month later to Kansas City, Kas. April 16, 1881, he entered the employ of Henry Hafner of this city, for whom he started a meat-market on North Third Street, but at the end of about three months he bought the establishment, and embarked in business for himself. A month

later he took in as a partner a young man by the name of John L. Franck, an old friend and chum of his from Louisville. Shortly after this connection the firm began gradually to embark in the grocery business, and being successful in this venture, with their profits they gradually increased their stock until they became possessed of a first-class grocery establishment, which they conducted jointly with their meat market. Finally, in 1884, Mr. Rehm purchased Mr. Franck's interest and has owned and conducted both establishments up to the present time. He possesses a genial nature, and this, together with his courteous manner, has enabled him to build up a good patronage. Aside from his regular pursuits, Mr. Rehm has also been identified with some other business ventures. In 1883 he and his partner, Mr. Franck, established a canning factory, which they operated one year. In 1887 he established the Wyandotte Commission Store, which he conducted successfully alone two years, and in which he still has a half interest. He is a young man of excellent habits and his circle of friends is large. He and his wife are among the city's best citizens, and while he is a member of the German Lutheran Church, she belongs to the Presbyterian Church. His marriage has resulted in the birth of six children, the first being a daughter that died unnamed. Those living are Roy Stewart, Ella Fern, Louis Paul, Harry Newton and Robert Ray. Mr. Rehm's parents, Louis and Teresa (Yeager) Rehm, were both born in Germany, but were married in Louisville, Ky., about 1840, the father having come to America some four years earlier. Of a family of ten children born to them, five are now living. Four of the children died in infancy, and a daughter, named Louisa, died at the age of eight years. Those living are Louis, Ulrich, Mary, Elizabeth, George Matthias, Anna Augusta Frederica and Clara Fanny. The father, who was a butcher by trade, resided in Louisville from the time of his marriage until his death, in 1888. He carried on an extensive meat business in that city for about fifty years, and was one of that city's most substantial citizens. His wife still resides there.

Wilson S. Reitz, grocer. Some of the most enterprising and energetic merchants of the go-ahead town of Kansas City, Kas., are identified with the grocery trade, and prominent among those engaged in this calling is Mr. Reitz. This gentleman was born in Northumberland County, Penn., July 9, 1859, to the union of Joseph Reitz and Catherine Siders, both of whom were also born in Northumberland County, the former's birth occurring about 1823. He and his wife had a family of eleven children, of whom the subject of this sketch

was the tenth. Mr. Reitz spent his entire life in his native county and although his attention in early years was devoted to farming, he spent his last sixteen years in Treverton, where he was engaged in business. He owned an excellent farm of 109 acres and was a very successful farmer, but he was also a successful general merchant, and was the owner of the largest and most valuable business blocks in the town. He was an influential man in that community and a worthy citizen. He died in May, 1870, after which his wife returned to the home farm but still later removed to Shamokin, Penn., where she now makes her home. Wilson S. Reitz was nine years of age when his parents removed from their farm to town, and was, therefore, only eleven years of age when his father died. He then accompanied his mother back to the farm and finally to Shamokin and there made his home with her until he attained his nineteenth year. He was married there at that age April 25, 1878, to Miss Lenora Newberry, a native of Perry County, Penn., born May 11, 1860. For two years after his marriage Mr. Reitz was engaged in the cattle business at Shamokin, but becoming dissatisfied with his location, he, in September, 1880, came to Kansas City, Kas., and here opened a meat-market, continuing successfully until January, 1881, when, on account of the ill health of his wife, he returned to Shamokin, Penn., and resumed the cattle business. He once more returned to this city in May, 1883, and this has since been his home. From May until November, 1883, he devoted his attention to buying and shipping of cattle, but at the last-named date he became the proprietor of a meat-market and has successfully conducted an establishment of that kind nearly ever since. He had only been in the meat business a few months when he added a stock of groceries, and barring a few intervals necessitated by business changes, he has conducted a grocery store and meat-market jointly ever since. He now occupies the three business rooms at Nos. 909, 911 and 913 Minnesota Avenue, one of which contains a fine stock of groceries, another a well-kept meat-market, and in the third is carried a stock of hardware. The marriage of Mr. Reitz has resulted in the birth of eight children: Sarah C., Harvey S., Bertha M., Ella, Ida and Walter (twins), Pearl, and an infant daughter, Cora. Mr. and Mrs. Reitz are members of the Evangelical Methodist Church, and since opening up at his present stand he has built up a large and flourishing trade, a credit alike to his energy and ability, and to the town. His entire stock is of a superior quality and being purchased on the most favorable terms, the advantages derived therefrom by Mr. Reitz

are extended to the consumer, hence the large and flourishing trade carried on. Although a young man he has been eminently successful, and he is considered one of the substantial business men of the place. He owns nine residence lots, three of which are improved with good houses, and besides his real estate he has a large amount of capital invested in other ways, all of which is well secured, and from which he realizes a good income. He is full of push and energy, and possesses to a marked degree all the attributes which are necessary to success.

N. B. Richards, M. D. In giving a sketch of the life of this gentleman it will be well to give a brief review of the lives of his ancestors who have taken a prominent part in the history of the country. John and Lydia (Haver) Richards were the paternal grandparents and John and Jane (Ingle) Victor were the maternal grandparents of the subject of this sketch. They came to the colonies at an early period, the former from England and the latter from Germany, and in New Jersey they settled with their parents, where they were reared among the sorrows and sufferings of the colonial and Revolutionary times, the men being active participants in those sanguinary scenes illustrated by the red man, the tomahawk and scalping knife, of hopes deferred, of marches and counter-marches, gloomy defeats and brilliant victories, culminating at length in the independence of the colonies. In course of time, after peace had been declared, these two families, in company with other parties, struck out upon the old military trail of Gen. Braddock, leading from Fort Cumberland to Fort Du Quesne, and which passed through the eastern part of Fayette County, Penn. When they came to this section, which embraced a large portion of the beautiful valley of the Monongahela, they there pitched their tents and rested, the families growing up together and engaging in the limited avocations afforded by a new country. Here, near the close of the eighteenth century, were born the parents of the subject of this sketch, George Richards and Jane Victor, who were eventually married in the year 1811. A few months after their marriage the War of 1812 opened, and at the call of his country Richards and many of his neighbors enlisted, marched gallantly to the front and stood in the deadly breach, until at New Orleans the gallant Jackson defeated the British general, Packenham, and thus brought peace to the country and the war worn veterans to their homes and kindred once more. In 1821 and 1822 two sons were born to bless Mr. Richards' union, John V. and N. B., the former being now a resident of Illinois and the latter, the subject of this biography. At the

early ages of six and five years, the death of their father left them orphans and their mother a widow. She seems to have been a mother of Spartan vigor of will and strength of convictions, for she immediately set about the sacred duty of rearing her two boys in the habits of honesty, frugality, sobriety, diligence and a worthy ambition. In 1829 she was again united in matrimony to John Gadd, of Fayette County, Penn., who proved a loving husband to her and a kind step-father to her sons. This marriage was blessed by the birth of five children—two sons and three daughters—four of whom are still living: Joe H. (of Kansas City, Kas.), Jinnie W. (wife of Dr. J. C. Martin), Emma (of Kansas City, Kas.), and Mariamna (wife of Dr. M. Dunn, of Minneapolis, Kas.). When the subject of this sketch arrived at the age of sixteen years, at his own solicitation, he was apprenticed out to hard toil for five years in learning a useful trade, but long before he had reached his majority the aspirations of a restless mind prompted him to higher aims upon the theater of human action. Resolving to prepare himself for a higher field of usefulness, as well as responsibility, he laid his plans accordingly and promptly set to work to carry them out. He selected the profession of school-teaching as a financial stepping-stone to a medical education, and for years toiled on, hoping against hope, teaching for \$18 per month, from six to nine months in the year, and by dint of hard labor and unremitting assiduity he finally reached the highest salary paid in the country, \$35 per month. Alternately teaching and attending, as a student, the academies of Belle Vernon, Monongahela City and Uniontown, Penn., all of which were within the precincts of his native county, he toiled on till he reached the coveted goal, spending eight years of his life in this manner. Having mastered the prescribed course of medical reading, under his preceptor, Dr. R. M. Walker, of Uniontown, Penn., in the fall and winter sessions of 1852-53, he entered as a matriculant the Western Reserve Medical College of Cleveland, Ohio. He was always a close student, whether in or out of college, and at the close of the session he began the practice of medicine at Wilmore, Cambria County, Penn., where he at once took a prominent position as a successful practitioner among the medical fraternity of that county. In 1856 he moved West and located in Bethalto, Madison County, Ill. Into this new field he brought his untiring energy and matured judgment, where he labored for years, winning success and a competence as a reward for his toils and sleepless vigils among the afflicted. In the fall and winter of 1864-65 he completed the prescribed course

of lectures at Bellevue Hospital Medical College, New York, and received the degree of M. D., with diploma conferring the same, in March, 1865. Returning to his old field he renewed the practice of medicine, and on December 8, 1868, he entered the marriage relation with Mrs. Beff C. Stewart, formerly of Uniontown, Penn., but at the date of the nuptials a resident of Syracuse, Mo., and the relict of O. Stewart. She is still living, a devoted companion of her husband and a kind and loving mother of three children, the sacred pledges of this union: George R., Blanche S. and Millie May, all living and grown to manhood and womanhood. December 10, 1879, Dr. Richards' mother passed to her long home, having been an earnest Christian for many years. She was almost a centenarian in age, and more than that in the varied experiences of this fitful life. She had been a firm disciplinarian, tempered with prudential mercy and justice, and through all her life never relinquished her authority to admonish and command her children, even though men and women grown, and they never once thought of challenging her right so to do. To her lifelong counsels and pious admonitions her children acknowledge, in a great measure, whatever of life's successes and honors they have attained to. In 1885, while following his profession in Illinois, the Doctor received a call from Dr. J. C. Martin, of Kansas City, Kas., to associate himself with him in the practice of medicine and surgery. He moved out with his family and entered into the copartnership in October of the same year, which relation still exists between them mutually and pleasantly. The Doctor and family are members of the First Presbyterian Church, and whatever influence he may have is always cast (so far as he has opportunity) upon the side of religion, sobriety and obedience to law and order. He has had a long and eventful life, has lived under the administration of nineteen out of the twenty-three presidents of the Republic. He claims to be living in the golden age of the world's history; and when the events of the nineteenth century pass in review before him, the achievements in letters, in the sciences, in the arts (ornamental and useful), in the spread of intelligence, of missions, the new life infused into the noble and heaven-born profession of the healing art, the annihilation of time and space in the transmission of thought, with thousands of other inventions and devices for the ennobling and ameliorating the environments of the souls and bodies of the human family, he thinks that one year of the nineteenth century is of far greater value as an educator than the same period of time taken from any one of all the past centuries.

Through the shadow of the globe we sweep into the younger day;
Better fifty years of Europe than a cycle of Cathay.

Thomas B. Roberts, car builder, of Armour Packing Company, Kansas City. When natural ability and energy are united in the same person, they can accomplish almost any given object, and these traits have raised the subject of this sketch to a high position in commercial circles, and enabled him to command first-class positions with the leading firms in the United States. He is by birth and education an Englishman, having made his first appearance into this world at Bromley, December 18, 1828. He was the fourth in number of the seven children born to Robert and Mary (Brooks) Roberts. Of these children only Thomas and W. W. are living at the present writing, the latter making his home at Spokane Falls, Idaho. The father and mother were both residents of England, though the former was of Welsh descent. He followed agricultural pursuits until the year 1831, at which date he moved to Toronto, Canada. In the War of 1812 he fought on the British side, and upon going to British America, took up a land grant as an old soldier. His birth occurred in Shropshire County, Wales, the mother's in Sussex County, England. His death occurred in St. Catherine's, Ontario, when he had attained his ninety-seventh year, the wife died in the same place, at the age of eighty-seven. The subject of this sketch, at the age of fifteen, commenced learning the carpenter and joiner's trade, and this continued to occupy his attention for a period of six years. His special talent was for building mills, but after a time he began his career as a builder of bridges, and worked for the great North-Western Railroad, building elevators for them. In 1860 Mr. Roberts moved to Detroit, where he served as foreman in the car-building department of the Detroit & Milwaukee Railroad, now known as the Michigan Central Railroad, but in 1865, resigned that position, to accept that of general foreman of the Crogan Street Car shops, for H. H. Leroy. He continued to hold that position until July 18, 1867, at that time being called by Superintendent J. B. Sutherland of the Michigan Southern, to take charge of the shops of that company at Detroit. On August 15, 1871, he accepted his present position with Armour Packing Company. He is exceedingly ingenious, getting up the drawings and blue prints of the Arnold Refrigerator Company. Mr. Roberts was married in Richmondhill, Canada West, on December 27, 1851, to Miss Nancy Dunlap. She was a native of Edinburg, Scotland, her birth occurring June 24, 1835, and being the daughter of James Dunlap. To Mr. and Mrs. Roberts have been born eleven

children: Thomas G., David, Joseph, John, James, Emily, Sue, Nellie, Mollie, Minnie and Queen. Mr. Roberts' political sympathies are decidedly with the Republican party. He was elected, under Mayor Haines, as councilman of the Fourth Ward, and under Mayor Cable, to the Second Ward. He is a member of the Asher Lodge No. 91, Detroit, Mich., A. F. & A. M. He also belongs to the Chapter No. 6, Ivanhoe Commandery No. 21, and Fellowship Lodge No. 3, K. of P. A long and highly successful career has given Mr. Roberts an eminent place in business circles, and has won for him the esteem and confidence of all who know him.

Wilhelm F. Rohrbach is a resident of Section 6, Wyandotte Township, Wyandotte County, Kas., where he is the owner of a valuable little farm, comprising thirty and one-half acres, lying within a mile and a half of the city limits of Kansas City. He was born in Heilbronn, Wirtemberg, Germany, March 21, 1835, being the third in a family of five children, his brothers and sisters being named as follows: Frederick (deceased, who was a wine gardener and died at the age of sixty-two years), Conrad (who is following the same occupation at his home in Wirtemberg), Bernhardt (who died in infancy), and Henrietta, who resides in Heilbronn, her husband being a designer in moldings). Mr. Rohrbach has a half brother and sister, Henrich (a farmer in Wirtemberg), and Christina (who died at the age of fifty years, her husband being engaged in the transportation of passengers by private conveyance. Mr. Rohrbach's parents were native Germans, and the father was a wine grower and died in 1842 at the age of fifty-six years, his wife dying in 1848 at the age of forty-eight years. Mr. Rohrbach's first educational training was obtained under a private tutor, after which he attended the common normal school for eight years, where he received rigid discipline and training which admirably fitted him for practical life, which he has led. When fourteen years of age he began life as an agriculturist, but followed several callings in his varied life. He emigrated to America in 1853, and after a very stormy voyage reached New York City and secured employment on Long Island, and from there going to Pittsburgh, Penn., thence to Cincinnati, Ohio, to Louisville, Ky., and to St. Louis, going from the latter place to New Orleans, after which he went to Boonville, Mo., and from there to Rock Island, Ill., where he remained two years, and since the fall of 1866 has been a resident of Wyandotte County, Kas., having first purchased eighteen acres of land. He can truthfully say that on coming to this section, the country was a wilderness, for little or

no improvement had been made. He set to work to clear his land, erecting thereon some good buildings, and has since added enough to his original purchase to make thirty and one-half acres, on which he raises large quantities of fruit. His farm is one of the finest in this section, owing to the admirable manner in which it has been tilled, and although he has been offered large sums for it, \$1,000 per acre would not tempt him to sell. He was married to Miss Margaret Fischer, who was born and received her early education in Germany, her subsequent education being obtained in the schools of Illinois and in the Sisters' Seminary of St. Louis, Mo. Their union took place in Booneville, Mo., on December 17, 1861, and has resulted in the birth of the following children: Wilhelm F. (who resides with his father and is engaged in farming and fruit-growing, and was married to Miss Lena Myers, a native of Missouri. Besides receiving the advantages of the common schools, he attended Palmer College, of Kansas City, Kas.), Heinrich J. (single and a farmer by calling), Margaretta (an intelligent young lady), Joseph (died at the age of four years), George (died in infancy), George Conrad (died in infancy), Franz Karl (aged fifteen years), Christina Henrietta (aged fourteen), Theodore Gustave (died at the age of twelve years), and Adolph Johann (who is the youngest of the family). Mr. as well as Mrs. Rohrbach were warm friends and patrons of education, and have given their children good advantages. Mr. Rohrbach lost his wife after they had lived together for eighteen years, and she now sleeps in Quindaro Cemetery, Wyandotte County, Kas., where a handsome monument marks her last resting place. He is a Democrat in politics, but not a partisan, voting for men of integrity, irrespective of party. His first presidential vote was cast for Abraham Lincoln. During the late war he served for three months in the Home Guards of Booneville, Mo., during which time he was on scout duty and while thus employed was wounded in the right hand and left arm. He was brought up in the Lutheran faith and taught to respect all religious institutions or institutions tending to develop the good in mankind, and has always been a very generous contributor to all such enterprises. He expects to make his present place his permanent home, where he is surrounded by his dutiful and affectionate children.

Dr. J. P. Root (deceased) was born in Greenwich, Mass., April 23, 1826, and his early training was received from parents whose Puritan lineage had made them thoroughly conversant with the best and purest Christian traits. At an early day he chose the medical profession as

his calling through life, and he devoted his unbending energies in that direction, his studies being pursued in New York City, where he afterward graduated from Berkshire Medical College. He soon after located at New Hartford, Conn., and was afterward elected on the Whig ticket to the State Legislature, serving out his term of office with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of all concerned. About this time the excitement over Kansas, then a Territory, stirred up the people of that locality to a wonderful degree, and when a colony was formed to emigrate to this Territory Dr. Root joined it, and came thither also, and located at Wabaunsee in the spring of 1856. He immediately identified himself with the Free Soil party, and soon won the reputation of being one of the ablest exponents of the cause. In 1857 he came to Wyandotte, and was almost immediately chosen a member of the Territorial Senate, for his fame as a man of brilliant intellect and unswerving honesty had preceded him, and he was elected president of that body. On the adoption of the Wyandotte Constitution he was made lieutenant-governor of the State, a position he continued to fill until 1861. Upon the bursting of the war cloud, which had so long menaced the country, Dr. Root volunteered his services in defense of the old flag, and served throughout the war, as surgeon of the Second Kansas Cavalry. After the close of hostilities he resumed the practice of his profession at Wyandotte, and upon the election of Gen. Grant to the presidency he received the appointment of minister plenipotentiary to Chili, South America, a position he filled for three years, with credit to himself and country, and signally distinguished himself during the small-pox epidemic in that country by his untiring efforts to mitigate the evil. His devotion was appreciated by the Chilians, and an honorary degree from the Medical University at Santiago was conferred upon him and he was presented with a gold medal. In 1873 he once more resumed his practice in Wyandotte, Kas., but in 1877 removed to Clifton Springs, N. Y., and entered the Sanitarium at that place as one of the physicians, but this work proving too confining and desiring to end his days in Kansas, led him to move back to Wyandotte in 1879, where he resided until death called him home July 20, 1885. The last time that he appeared in politics was as a delegate to the National Republican Convention, held in Chicago in 1884. In his profession he took a high position, and for three years he was surgeon-general of the State, and was the first president of the State Medical Society, and at the time of his death was president of the Eastern Kansas Medical Society and health officer of Wy-

andotte County. During his long years of practice he was known to be generous in the extreme, and not only did he lavish his skill and talent on the poor who applied to him for medical aid, but he often supplied them with the necessities of life, his purse being ever at the disposal of the needy and distressed. These kindly and generous actions alone would cause his name to be held in grateful remembrance by all, had not his active life connected his name with nearly every public movement since Kansas became a Territory. He was a member of the G. A. R., a Royal Arch Mason, and had been a life-long member of the Congregational Church. He was married at Greenwich, Mass., in 1855, to Miss Frances E. Alden, and by her became the father of five children.

Dr. J. P. Root, a leading dentist of Kansas City, Kas., was the fourth child in his parents' family, reference to whom is made in the sketch immediately preceding this. He was born in this city March 21, 1862, and with the exception of three years spent at Santiago, Chili, while his father was minister to that place, and three years spent in the State of New York later on, he has resided in this city all his life. He graduated from the high school of Geneva, N. Y., in 1879, and shortly afterward began the study of dentistry at Watertown, N. Y., his dental education being finished in the Kansas City Dental College, from which institution he was graduated in March, 1882. Ever since that time he has been practicing his profession in Kansas City, and has already become well and favorably known. He possesses many of his worthy father's characteristics, and gives every promise of becoming eminent in his profession. He is a member of the A. F. & A. M., the A. O. U. W., and in connection with his profession belongs to the Missouri State Dental Society, the Kansas State Dental Society and the Kansas City Dental Club. Like his father, he is a staunch Republican in his political views, and for three years he was clerk of the Board of Education. His marriage, which took place in 1884, was to Miss Kate N. Wait, of this city, by whom he has two children: Burr and Paul, aged respectively four and two years.

Herrmann Rotert is a prominent and honored citizen of Kansas City, Kas., and is a native German, his birth occurring in Hanover on April 14, 1825, coming in 1837 with his parents, Frederick and Mary (Miller) Rotert, to America, settling first in St. Louis, Mo., moving some three or four years later to Franklin County, of the same State, and there resided on a farm until 1857. The family then went to La Sueur, La Sueur County, Minn., but while on the way to that place the mother

sickened, and three days after reaching that town she passed away, her husband surviving her only about three months, their deaths, therefore, occurring in 1857. The mother had been married twice, bearing her first husband two children—a son and daughter—the former of whom now resides in Allegheny, Penn., and the latter in Indiana. Her union with Mr. Rotert resulted in the birth of three sons: John Henry (deceased), Herrmann and Frederick William. The youngest son is now in St. Paul, Minn. Herrmann Rotert was given the advantages of the common schools in his youth, and in connection with this he followed the occupation of farming. He was married in Franklin County, Mo., in the fall of 1850 to Miss Amelia Myer, a daughter of Frederick W. Myer, a native German. When two or three years of age she was brought to this country by her parents. A year or two after their marriage Mr. Rotert went back to Minnesota, and purchased a farm near La Sueur, and though he resided in the town, he gave his attention to the cultivation of his land. In 1871 he sold his farm and town property there and came to Kansas City, Kas., where he has resided ever since. During the first eight years of his residence here he was employed as a car repairer, first for the Kansas Pacific, and later for the Union Pacific Railroad. In 1880 he purchased from Henry Horstman a grocery store on the corner of Everett and Fifth Streets, and this establishment has received the major part of his attention ever since. In 1883 he erected a good two-story brick block on the corner of Fifth Street and Washington Avenue, which is 50x70 feet, and comprises two good store rooms, in the rear of which, fronting on Fifth Street, he erected at the same time a first-class feed store, it being built of brick and stone, the dimensions being 20x40 feet. In one of the store rooms, which is rented out, is conducted a meat-market, and in the other Mr. Rotert has his groceries. It is one of the most complete establishments of the kind in the city, and has a very large and paying patronage. His union resulted in the birth of five children: Mary Ann (born March 14, 1855, and died November 3, 1872), Henry Phillips (born January 5, 1859), Frederick William (born November 29, 1860), John Amos (born September 23, 1864), and Ida Charlotte (born April 5, 1868). The eldest son is married. The mother of these children died on December 6, 1872, and on March 19, 1873, Mr. Rotert was married to Mrs. Frieda Potthast, who has borne him three children, as follows: Emma Matilda (born July 29, 1876), Lillie (born May 30, 1880), and Hattie (born August 28, 1881). Mrs. Rotert was born

in Prussia July 28, 1838, daughter of Frederick Korstrup, her mother dying when she was four years old. She came to America with her father and step-mother at the age of fourteen, and grew to womanhood in St. Louis, Mo. She was married, May 18, 1864, to Christian Potthast, by whom she had two children: Amelia (born June 28, 1865, and died September 7, 1866), and Christian (born December 7, 1866). Mr. Potthast was drowned in Dickinson County, Kas., June 13, 1866. Ever since embarking in the grocery business, Mr. Rotert has had as partners his three sons—Henry P., Frederick W. and John Amos, also his step-son, Christian Potthast. He occupies a handsome residence at No. 548 Washington Avenue, which has been erected since 1886, and besides this he owns other valuable residence property in the city, and the greater part of his attention is given to the management of his real estate, his store being left to the management of his sons. He and his family belong to the Methodist Episcopal Church, and would be valuable additions to any city.

T. C. Russell, whose sketch now claims attention, was born on December 23, 1850, being the youngest son of the twelve children born to his parents, William and Hannah (Wilson) Russell, natives of Pennsylvania. The father dying while Thomas was quite young, he naturally had much to contend with in trying to make for himself a career in the busy mercantile world. He spent the years intervening between childhood and manhood in his native place, receiving a good education in the common schools, and afterward graduated from the Commercial College, at Pittsburgh. Mr. Russell's first choice in selecting a profession was the life insurance business, but when he had mastered the same, and was beginning to succeed, he was forced to give it up, owing to throat trouble that rendered so much talking painful to him. He next turned his attention to learning the carpenter trade in Pittsburgh, continuing to work in that line through the past twenty years, and in the meantime meeting with marked success. At the present writing he numbers among the prominent contractors and builders in Kansas City, Kas., and has also worked considerable in the adjoining city—Kansas City, Mo. Among the buildings that bespeak his praise, and that he has built since coming here from Pittsburgh, in the year 1878, are the Swedish Baptist, German Methodist Episcopal Churches in this city, and the handsome business block on the Southwest Boulevard in Kansas City, Mo. He has also built many handsome private residences in both cities, accumulating thus a comfortable fortune, and winning the confidence of all who know him.

Mr. Russell was, on January 4, united in matrimonial bonds with Miss Teresa Johnson, daughter of Robert and Isabella Johnson, natives of Pennsylvania, and to this union have been born three children, viz.: Twila May, Nellie Blanch and Lillian Irene. The subject of the sketch is in sympathy with the Republican party in politics, though too much occupied to give a great amount of attention to political matters. He is a charter member of the A. O. U. W., and belongs to the Wide Awake Lodge No. 153, K. of P., also of U. R., Wyandotte Division No. 10. Thus, as the world grows older, and more and more progressive, we see on every side proof of the fact that the "self-made" men are often the most prosperous and highly esteemed, and from this class the leading men of our country have been taken.

H. H. Ryus is a man whose present substantial position in life has been attained entirely through his own perseverance, and the facts connected with his operations and their results show what a person with courage and enlightened views can accomplish. His reputation for honesty and integrity have been tried and not found wanting; his financial ability has been more than once tested, but never without credit to himself; his social qualities are well known and appreciated, and he has hosts of friends whose confidence and esteem are his highest eulogium. He was born in Schuylar County, N. Y., in 1840, and after receiving a common-school education in that State, he came with his parents to Kansas, and settled in Osage County, where he farmed for a short period, abandoning that occupation on account of drought shortly after. He then began building houses on the Sac and Fox Indian lands for Indians, after which he became connected with the Santa Fe Stage Company, and for two years drove stage between Fort Larned, Kas., and Fort Reno, Indian Ter., a distance of twenty-four miles, after which he was promoted to the position of conductor, and made one trip per month from Kansas City, Mo., to Santa Fe, and during this time had many hard fights with the Indians. At the end of this time he accepted a position with Moon, Mitchell & Co., in a settler's store at Fort Union, but at the end of one year he gave up this position to take a herd of sheep from Mexico 1,150 miles north into the mountains, and this distance was covered in two months and nineteen days. He remained in the mountains until the fall, then went to Salt Lake, and in 1866 returned to Wyandotte County, Kas. From that time until 1871 he was engaged in saw-milling seven miles west of Wyandotte, and during this time made considerable money, after which he began building houses in Wyandotte, and was chosen to the

position of constable and deputy sheriff, after some time, a position he held for four years. At the end of this time he was elected sheriff of the county, serving two terms with satisfaction to all, then built a large corn and feed mill, and also engaged in the brick business with O. K. Serviss. He was also one of the chief organizers of the Kansas City & Wyandotte Dry Pressed Brick Company, and for a considerable period he and his partner, Maj. Drought, did nearly all the contracting and building done in this city, furnishing all the brick and lime for the Armourdale Packing Company, and selling in all over a million pressed brick. They also built the Desiccating & Refining Works, the entire time spent by them in contracting being four years. In 1882 Mr. Ryus built the Ryus Hotel, and in 1879 erected the Ryus Planing Mills, which he operated until June, 1890, when the establishment caught fire and burned down, the loss being \$24,000. He managed the Ryus Hotel for four years in connection with his planing-mill and the real estate business, and as a man of enterprise and industry he has become well known throughout this section of the country. His experience has been quite varied, and during the sixty-five times that he crossed the plains, he met with numerous thrilling experiences, and tells many amusing and interesting stories connected therewith. He was married in Kansas City, Kas., in 1867, to Miss Sarah E. Seward, who was born in Clark County, Ohio, in 1836, and to them have been born two children: Ida and M. Charles. Mr. Ryus' parents, David and Mohaebel (Stanton) Ryus, were born in New York, the mother being a relative of Secretary Stanton. The father was a cooper and painter by trade, and made his home in his native State until 1860, when he came to Kansas, and here passed from life in 1884. The mother is still living and is seventy-four years old. The paternal grandfather was born in Europe, and came to America, taking part in the War of 1812. The mother's mother lived to be ninety-two years old. Mr. Ryus is a Republican in his political views, and being a man of enterprise, he is now erecting a planing-mill to take the place of the one burned down. His daughter is a highly accomplished young lady, and is now a teacher in the Kirkwood School.

Herman H. Schaberg is a gentleman who is well known to all closely associated with the great plant of The Keystone Iron Works, and is the shipper of all the supplies and manufactured products of this large plant. He is a native of The Hague, Holland, the residence of the royal family of Holland. His birth occurred on March 11, 1855, and he was the seventh in order of birth of eight children, only three

of whom he has any history of: Cato (is a resident of The Hague, makes her home with her parents, and is a teacher of note; she is quite wealthy), Henrietta (resides also in The Hague, and is the wife of Prof. John De Visser Smits, who was also a teacher of high grade), John (was a graduate from The Gymnasium, was thoroughly educated, and died at the age of eighteen years). The father of these children is still living. He is a high-grade teacher, and has been principal of a high school for forty-seven years. He is at present principal of the same school, and is seventy-three years of age. The mother is a native of Holland, and is still living. They will hold their golden wedding the same time as their golden jubilee of his school—May 15, 1894. Herman H. Schaberg obtained his excellent training in his father's school, and was tutor in the same for one year. He is a well-posted gentleman, has noble aspirations, and is a friend of all good educational training. He started out for himself as a cabin-boy on a voyage to the East Indies, and during this long and tempestuous voyage he experienced many thrilling incidents which would fill a volume. He landed at Batavia, and set sail for home from the port of Soerabaja. On the home voyage around Cape Good Hope the vessel encountered some terrible sea storms, but safely weathered them all. Mr. Schaberg remained upon the ocean until twenty-one years of age and made nine voyages, visiting the distant countries of Australia, China, India, Japan, South Sea Islands and West Indies, visited the important ports of Buenos Ayres, Valparaiso, and was also along the coast of Venezuela. He also visited St. Helena, the grave of the exiled Napoleon, and visited the Mediterranean coasts of France, Spain, Italy, North Africa, through the Strait of Dardanelles, Sea of Marmora, Bosphorus Strait, and the Black Sea to Odessa, Russia. Mr. Schaberg has graduated in the high school of navigation, and has many remarkable experiences. Besides his own language he speaks the Flemish or Belgian tongue, French, German, English, Malay, Scandinavian, Spanish and Italian languages, and is one of the greatest linguists to be found. He emigrated to America in 1877, located first in the city of Chicago, and remained there until 1884 as book keeper most of the time. He came to Kansas City, Kas., in the last-named year, engaged with the Keystone Iron Works, and after the death of Mr. Jarboe was promoted to the important and trusted position of shipping agent or clerk. He was married on September 5, 1881, to Miss Elizabeth Farrell, a native of Canada, and a teacher in the Canadian schools. They are the parents of five children—two sons and three daughters—John H. (is now

eight years of age), William, and Margaret (twins, aged seven years), Margaret died at the age of five weeks), Henrietta (died at the age of nine months), and Elizabeth (died in infancy). Mr. and Mrs. Schaberg have been residents of Kansas City, Kas., ever since Mr. Schaberg entered the Keystone Iron Works, and expect to make that city their home. There Mr. Schaberg can always secure a lucrative position on account of his excellent business ability.

John Schlagenhauf is one of the well-to-do farmers of Wyandotte County, Kas., and since 1868 has resided on the farm of sixty-two and one half acres near Kansas City. He was born in Wirtemberg, Germany, on September 4, 1834, being the eldest of a family of five children born to his parents, his brothers and sisters being as follows: Martin (who still resides in his native land), Christian (a miller by trade), Mary and Rosina, all residents of Germany. The father of these children was a German, and was a fairly prosperous tiller of the soil. John Schlagenhauf attended the schools of his native land for eight years, and at the age of twenty years commenced life for himself, his capital at that time being very meager indeed. In the spring of 1854 he determined to seek his fortune in America, and after reaching New York City, went direct to Ohio, where he followed the occupation of farming until 1868, since which time he has been a worthy resident of Wyandotte County, and one of the first farmers of this section, a calling to which he was reared. He was married on March 2, 1862, to Miss Adaline Reimel, a native of Alsace, Germany, her education being received in the schools of "Der Faterland," and in the State of Ohio. To them two daughters were born: Rosa T. (the wife of J. A. Wetherla), and Mary (who is an intelligent and aimable young lady and resides with her parents). Since coming to this country Mr. Schlagenhauf has affiliated with the Democrat party, and his first vote was cast for Stephen A. Douglas for the presidency. He possesses a benevolent and kindly disposition, and although he is prudent in the expenditure of money, he is not at all niggardly. Upon coming to this county he purchased land on which some slight improvement had been made, and by industry and intelligence he now has one of the finest farms in this section of the country, exceptionally well improved by buildings, fences, etc., and situated within three miles of Kansas City. He and his wife are exceptionally intelligent and refined people, and are perfectly satisfied to spend the remainder of their days on their present farm.

Jacob B. Schmidt is one of the substantial men of Wyandotte

County, Kas., and is interested in farming and horticulture. He was born in Wirtzburg, Germany, September 21, 1827, and was the sixth of ten children, seven of whom are living: Barbara (who is married, and residing on a farm in Ohio), John (who is married, and is following shoemaking in Germany), Christ (who is a weaver in Germany), Martin (a resident of Germany), Jacob B., and George (who is a gardener of Wyandotte County, Kas). Both parents were native Germans, and are now deceased, the father having been a miller by trade. Jacob B. Schmidt was given a good early education, as are all German lads, and at the age of twenty-two years he left his native land to seek a home in America, and on August 4, 1851, reached the city of New York. He went soon after to Pennsylvania, where he farmed for four years, then went to Ohio, and followed the same occupation there for nine years, after which, in 1869, he came to Kansas, the country at that time being heavily covered with timber and thickly inhabited by Indians, the Wyandotte tribe being very numerous at that time. He was married to Miss Elizabeth Kleiber, who was reared and educated in Germany, and to them three children have been born: Sarah (wife of John Studt, a butcher of Wyandotte County), Jacob (married to Miss Pearl Reams, and is business manager of a general mercantile store in Kansas City, Mo.), and Mary (wife of Martin Seemann, who is a grocer). Since reaching mature years, or since his arrival in this country, Mr. Schmidt has upheld the principles of Democracy, but is not an active partisan. He and his wife are members of the German Lutheran Church at Wyandotte, Kas., and have been liberal with their means in the support of worthy enterprises. Mr. Schmidt has an exceptionally valuable little fruit and vegetable farm of twenty-five acres, on which he raises apples, peaches, cherries, apricots, mulberries, plums, grapes and the small fruits, his income from the sale of which amounts to a handsome annual sum. His farm is in the best possible condition, and he was at one time offered \$800 per acre for the tract (but the party afterward failed to keep his agreement), as it lies within two miles of the city limits, and is constantly increasing in value. Their residence is commodious and substantial, and Mr. Schmidt and his wife have the satisfaction of knowing that it has been earned by their own efforts.

Benjamin Schnierle is the present clerk of Kansas City, Kas., and his long and extensive experience in public affairs have rendered his services especially useful to the city, and his ability and fitness for his present position are generally recognized. He was born in Louisville, Ky.,

October 10, 1854, but spent the greater part of his early life in the Western States, his parents, Rev. M. and C. M. Schnierle, being residents of Edwardsville, Ill. His early education was acquired in the public schools and Central Wesleyan College, and from this latter institution was graduated, at the early age of eighteen years, after which he devoted his attention to pedagogic work and to the study of law. He has resided in Wyandotte County, more or less, ever since 1867, and has been permanently located here since 1880. In that year he was appointed deputy county treasurer, a position he ably filled, until 1884, and the following four years served in the capacity of county treasurer. Since the month of April, 1889, he has held his present position, his term closing in April, 1891. His marriage took place May 29, 1883, his wife being Miss Sadie E. McCormick, who died February 5, 1887, leaving two children—a son and daughter. Mr. Schnierle is an enthusiastic supporter of Republican principles, and in discharging the duties of the offices to which he has been appointed he has proved capable, popular and courteous. He has always been found willing to aid an enterprise which tends to the interests of his adopted county, and is universally esteemed by his fellow citizens.

Christian Schoeller, Jr., wholesale and retail butcher and retail dealer in country produce, owes his nativity to Kansas City, Mo., where his birth occurred, January 4, 1863. He is the son of Christian and Anna (Windisch) Schoeller, Sr., natives of Germany. The father came to the United States in 1856, and to Kansas City, Mo., in 1858, when single, and was married to Anna Windisch August 27, 1859. They lived, up to 1889, in Kansas City, Mo., since which time their home has been in Rosedale, Kas., with our subject. The senior Schoeller is a butcher by trade, and a member of the German Druids Lodge, and G. A. R., Sheild's Post No. 15. In politics he is a Republican. During the late war he served in the Union army, enlisting, June 28, 1861, in the Thirteenth Regiment Missouri Cavalry, and was mustered out, as corporal, February 2, 1862. He re-enlisted in the Seventy-seventh Regiment Missouri Militia, as second lieutenant of Company B, and served until the end of the war, in 1865. Christian Schoeller, Jr., received his education in Kansas City, Mo., there learning the butcher's business, and came to Rosedale July 28, 1886. He was engaged in running a wholesale wagon, in Kansas City, Mo., and doing his butchering in Rosedale, Kas., where he lived, and in March, 1888, he also engaged in the retail meat and vegetable market busi-

ness. By his energy and ability he has established a permanent trade, and has the patronage of the best people, handling nothing but superior articles. On July 28, 1886, he was married to Miss Alvena Boersch, daughter of Edwin and Maria Boersch. Miss Boersch was born August 28, 1866, in Davenport, Iowa, and came to Kansas City, Mo., in 1882, and was there married. They have since been living in Rosedale, Kas., where to them were born two children: Laura and Bertha. Laura was born July 16, 1887, and Bertha March 7, 1889. Mr. Schoeller is a member of the A. O. U. W., and secretary of Rosedale Protective Association. He is also treasurer of the German Benevolent Lodge of Rosedale and Argentine. In politics he is a Democrat. He was elected a councilman last election, and fills that position creditably. He is one of the town's most enterprising and substantial citizens. He has two fine properties in town, and has made it all by his own industry, in the last four years.

Richard H. Scott is a dealer in general merchandise in Wyandotte County, Kas., but was born in Windom County, Vt., April 20, 1845, the eldest of a family of four children born to the union of Harris Scott and Julia M. Cushman, who were also born in that State. The father was at first engaged in general trading, but gave particular attention to trading in horses, mules cattle and hogs. In 1854 reports reached him of the rapidly growing West, and so fired his imagination that he determined to seek his fortune there, and for some time he resided on a farm in Cook County, Ill., near the present city of Chicago. He was not permitted to enjoy his new home long, and one year after leaving Vermont, he died of consumption, leaving, besides his widow, four small children to mourn their loss. His widow survived him until 1861, when she, too, passed from life, and was laid to rest by the side of her husband. Richard H. Scott was ambitious, even in his earliest youth, to become a well-educated man, and to this end he applied himself diligently to his studies while in school, and was one of a class of thirteen that graduated from the first Cook County Normal Institute, it being held in Blue Island. After leaving this institution he entered the service of his brother, Lyman E., who was engaged in the mercantile business in Waldron, Mo., and after remaining with him two years he began learning telegraphy, and after becoming familiar with this calling he was given charge of the office at Waldron, a position he retained and successfully filled for eight years. He removed to Kansas City, in 1881, but not liking that place, he removed to Wyandotte County, Kas., and settled in

what is now known as Old Maywood, where he remained, his attention being given to the general mercantile business, until the Kansas City, Missouri & North-Western Railroad was completed, and the town of Piper organized, when he moved his store and residence thither, and here has since made his home. He is doing an excellent business, and is handling a line of general merchandise valued at \$1,500, and his residence is one of the handsomest in the place. In 1881, he was appointed postmaster of Maywood, which office he filled until Cleveland's administration, when he resigned, but in 1888 he was again appointed to the position, and is now discharging his duties to the satisfaction of all concerned. September 3, 1860, he married Miss Sarah R., a native of Missouri, and a daughter of William and Elizabeth (Tomm) Compston. She was born August 12, 1854, and during the trying times of their early settlement in this State, she proved a loving wife, and a true helpmate. To them a family of four children was born: William H. (born July 27, 1872), Wilson A. (born October 21, 1875), Estella M. (born in 1879), and Chester A. (born in March, 1881). Mr. Scott has been a life-long Republican, and has held a number of local offices such as township treasurer, clerk, etc. He is a member of the A. F. & A. M., and himself and wife belong to the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. During the war he was a member of the Union army, and served in the commissary department, enlisting at Chicago, being sworn in at St. Louis. He joined his regiment at Devall's Bluff, Ark., and while on duty at that place had the misfortune to lose his right eye.

John Schuetz, farmer and fruit grower, Turner, Kas. Mr. Schuetz was born in Wyandot County, Ohio, on October 17, 1834, and is the son of John Garhardt Schuetz, a native of Germany. The father was reared to manhood in his native country, and there learned the carpenter and joiner's trade, which he followed in Virginia after coming to this country. He was married in the Old Dominion, and left his wife with her relatives while he went to Ohio, settling in Wyandot County. There his wife joined him, and they entered a good farm, and there reared their family. The father received his final summons in that county. John Schuetz was reared in Wyandot County, remaining there until 1861, and then removed to Putnam County, Ohio, where he remained two years. Later he returned to his native county, but only remained a short time, when he moved to Maryville, Mo., where he tarried eighteen months. From there he moved to Wyandotte County, Kas., in 1870, and here purchased 100 acres of timber,

which he has since improved with an elegant house, barn, good orchards, etc. He is turning his attention to fruit-growing, and has a fine prospect before him. Mr. Shuetz's marriage was consummated on October 16, 1859, with Miss Catherine Wildemood, a native of Seneca County, Ohio, born on November 20, 1839, and the daughter of John and Littie (Gilbert) Wildemood, natives of Germany and Maryland, respectively. To Mr. and Mrs. Schuetz were born five children, four now living. Mr. Schuetz is a Democrat in politics, and has held different local positions of trust. He is a member of Veridus Lodge No. 247, I. O. O. F., and a man universally respected. His son, William has a steam-thresher, which he has worked for several years.

Joseph M. Schuetz is a well-known farmer and small-fruit-grower of Wyandotte County, Kas., and has been a resident of this section since 1868, being the owner of seventy-seven and one-half acres of fine land, cultivating it as follows: Five to ten acres of potatoes, two acres in blackberries, two in raspberries and two in strawberries, 150 apple, 100 cherry, 900 peach and fifty plum trees. He has devoted his time and attention to this business, and his place indicates to a noticeable extent what years of industry, good management and superior knowledge, will do toward accumulating a competency. He is progressive in his views, and has met with substantial success, which all concede is well merited. He was born in the State of Ohio November 17, 1846, was reared there, and in 1868 came to Wyandotte County, Kas., which place has since been his home. He was married February 4, 1868, his wife, Anna, being the daughter of Gottlieb Everhart. She was also born in Ohio, January 31, 1861, and of three children born to them, two are now living: Milton Elroy, and Eva M. May died in early childhood. Mr. Schuetz has always supported the men and measures of the Democrat party, and socially is a member of the Farmers' Alliance, holding the position of treasurer of his lodge. Although his early educational opportunities were somewhat limited he has become a well-informed man by contact with the world, and by reading the current items of the day, and is one of the public-spirited citizens of this section of the country.

Judge L. L. Seville, attorney and justice of the peace of Armourdale, Kas. Judge Seville was originally from Tama County, Iowa, where his birth occurred on August 10, 1862, and is the son of A. and Pauline (Jacquot) Seville, natives of France. The parents came to America in about 1850, settled in Connecticut, and there the father

followed his trade that of collier, burning charcoal, etc., for some time. He made a trip through several States working at his trade, but finally settled down in Tama county, Iowa, where he was engaged in farming for a number of years. He is now engaged in merchandising in Armourdale, having moved there in 1886. To his marriage were born seven children—four now living: Joseph, Mary and Emily. Judge L. L. Seville was principally reared in Iowa, and supplemented a good college education by attending Drake University, at Des Moines, Iowa, where he graduated on June 17, 1886. In 1888 he came to Osborn, Kas., was admitted to the bar, and there practiced his profession for a short time. From there he moved to Armourdale and was elected justice of the peace in April, 1889. He drafted the bill that created an additional justice in 1889, in Kansas City, Kas., and was appointed by the governor for a period of about one month, being elected to the office at the regular election. He was appointed city attorney for Downs, Kas., but served only a short time on account of removal. He practices in the courts of Kansas and Missouri, is a practical thinker, and a young man well versed in the usages and intricacies of law. Politically he is a Republican, and socially he is a member of the K. of P., having joined that society in 1885.

John Seemann is a practical farmer and horticulturist of Wyandotte County, Kas., but was born in Wirtemberg, Germany, December 17, 1828, his brothers and sisters being as follows: Martin (a resident of Ohio), Christina (who resides in her native land), and Agnes (who also resides in Germany). The parents of these children were natives of Wirtemberg, the father being a farmer, but both are now deceased. John Seemann obtained his early educational training in the common schools of Germany, after which he became an apprentice at the tailor's trade, after which he served as a soldier in the German army for seven years, and in 1854 emigrated to America, landing at New York City, in the month of March, of that year. From this place he went to Warren County, Ohio, where he engaged in tailoring for fifteen years, and was married in Montgomery County, of that State on March, 17, 1870, to Miss Barbara Voegele, a native of Germany, who received her education in the German language in her native land and in Maryland, in the English. Soon after their marriage they came to Wyandotte County, Kas., where they purchased thirty acres of land at \$45 per acre, from an Indian by the name of "White Crow," the land at that time being heavily covered with timber. He has a fine fruit farm comprising twenty-seven and a half

acres, and raises on the same, apples, peaches, cherries, pears, quinces, Siberian crabs, strawberries, raspberries, blackberries, currants and grapes. This land is situated within two miles of Kansas City, and as it is admirably kept, it is very valuable, and although he considers it worth \$800 per acre, it gives every promise of rapidly increasing in value. His house and barns are neat and comfortable, and here they wish to spend the rest of their days with their children whose names are as follows: John A. (an intelligent young man of nineteen), George C. (aged sixteen), and William M. (aged thirteen). Mr. Seemann is a Democrat, casting his first presidential vote for Stephen A. Douglas, and he and his wife are members of the German Lutheran Church.

Martin Seemann, a leading retail grocer, and a worthy resident of Kansas City, Kas., was born in Warren County, Ohio, December 3, 1855, he being a son of Martin and Anna Catherine (Ruoff) Seemann, who were born in Wirtemberg, Germany, but who came to America while still single, and were married in Warren County, Ohio, there becoming the parents of eight children, seven of whom are now living: Martin, John (who died in childhood), Mary, Anna B., George J., Anna Catherine, Christina and Jacob. The parents of these children are both living, their home now being in Butler County, Ohio, where the father is following farming. When the subject of this sketch was ten years old his parents removed to Butler County, Ohio, and during his early life he labored upon his father's farm, in summer, and attended the district school in winter, thereby receiving a fair education. Upon reaching manhood, he took up the duties of life for himself, and after working by the month on a farm in Montgomery County, Ohio, for one season, he began farming for himself, and one year was devoted to the raising of tobacco. He was then engaged in the same pursuit for three seasons, in Warren County, Ohio, after which he again worked two seasons as a farm hand, in Butler County. In the fall of 1885 he emigrated to Wyandotte County, Kas., for the purpose of visiting his uncle, John Seemann, a well-to-do farmer residing some miles west of this city, and returned home at the end of a few weeks. However, he had been much pleased with the country here, and he returned in March, 1886, with the intention of making this his future abiding place. Upon locating in Kansas City he entered the employ of Theodore Teepen, a successful grocer of this place, and remained with him for about one year and eight months, being his principal clerk. The winter of 1887-88 he spent at the home of his uncle, mentioned above, and in the spring of the latter year he began clerking for Albert Schmitz, with

whom he remained for eight months. He then made his parents in Ohio a visit, returning to Kansas in October, 1888, and the following December he opened a grocery establishment of his own, at No. 845½ Minnesota Avenue, and has conducted a first-class grocery at that point ever since. By his courteous and accommodating manner, and his desire to satisfy the public, he has built up a good patronage, and has acquired a large circle of friends. His marriage to Miss Mary Schmidt was consummated September 19, 1889, she being a daughter of Jacob Schmidt. Mr. Seemann is a self-made man, and the property he now owns, has been made by his own exertions. He and his wife are members of the German Lutheran Church, and rank among that class of citizens that go to make Kansas City the desirable place of residence that it is. Mr. Seemann's store is well stocked with fresh groceries, and he commands a large patronage, as he is recognized as an honorable man of business. He also deals in flour and feed.

O. K. Serviss, postmaster of Kansas City, Kas., the subject of this sketch, needs no introduction to the people of Kansas City and vicinity. He was born in New Carlisle, Clark County, Ohio, December 9, 1836, and was educated in his native town. He came West in 1856, and settled in Mount Pleasant, Iowa, where he became engaged in mercantile pursuits, and afterward served two years as undersheriff of the county. On the breaking out of the War of the Rebellion he took an active part in organizing the boys in blue, and was second lieutenant of the Mount Pleasant Mounted Infantry, organized for the protection of the State border. In 1864 and 1865 he was with the First Iowa Cavalry during many of their trying engagements in Missouri and Arkansas. In 1866 he removed to Kansas City, Mo., where he engaged in business in a two-story frame building, which formerly stood where the Times Building now stands, and in April, 1867, came across the line to Kansas City (then Wyandotte), Kas., where he has since taken an active part in the building up of the metropolis of Kansas. He was many years in the dry goods and grocery trade, was two years in the city council, three terms as city treasurer, and two terms in the sheriff's office as undersheriff, and served five years as chief of police. He assumed the duties of postmaster April 22, 1889, and by constant attendance to the duties and responsibilities of the office has given the best of satisfaction to its patrons and the department. Mr. Serviss has been twice married, his first wife, Maria V. Forgy, to whom he was married at New Waverly, Ind., in the year 1857, died in 1871, leaving two children, Edgar F. (now assistant

postmaster), and Clara A. (wife of G. N. Curtis, agent of the Union Pacific Railway Company, Kansas City, Mo.). He was married to his present wife, Ella A. Haskell, in 1873, at Streator, Ill., who bore him one child, William H.

S. S. Sharpe, commissioner, Kansas City, Kas. Mr. Sharpe, one of the leading and enterprising citizens of Kansas City, Kas., was reared and educated in the State of New York. For about ten years he was a workman on the bridges of the New York & Erie Railroad, and in 1863 he came to Kansas City, Kas., to work on the Union Pacific Railroad, and the first work on this road was accomplished by him. He was superintendent of construction of the road from Kansas City to Lawrence, and finished it all up ready for use. After this he engaged in contracting, under Shumaker, Miller & Co., and later he was a member of Sharpe, Shaw & Co., contractors on the grade out to Fort Wallace, and all along the line. They finished up that road about 1868, and built sixty miles of the Missouri, Kansas & Topeka road, from Junction City to Emporia. Sharpe & Shaw built the Council Bluffs road from Kansas City to Parkville, and then built forty-five miles of the Arkansas Central road out from Helena, Ark. After this they did a great deal of grading, and laid the track from Ozark to Fort Smith. Later they went to Arkansas City, and built about nine miles of road across the overflow; then went to Colorado, where they worked on the road from Canon City to Leadville. Mr. Sharpe returned then to Kansas City, and, with his partner, organized the Kansas City Paving & Constructing Company. They have done much work in Kansas City, Mo., and Kansas City, Kas. Mr. Sharpe spent four years in the San Juan mining country. He made considerable investments, which are not developed. Brick-paving, macadamizing and all general constructing are in his line of business. He was in the United States' employ, in the railroad department, and was at Norfolk region in the spring of 1862-63. He was elected county commissioner in the fall of 1887, and still holds that position. In his political principles he is Democratic. He was married in Elmira, N. Y., to Miss Mariah L. Falls, and they have three children: Nellie, Stephen B. and Louisa. Mr. Sharpe is a son of Liberty and Mary (Gray) Sharpe, both natives of Connecticut. Sharpe is a Scotch name, and the grandfather came from Scotland. The father was a carpenter and builder. Socially, our subject is a member of the A. F. & A. M. and A. O. U. W.

Dr. E. Sheldon, physician and surgeon, Armourdale, Kas. The

name of Sheldon is one of the most influential in Armourdale, and one of the most respected by this community. Dr. Sheldon was born in the town of Northfield, Washington County, Vt., on January 31, 1844, and is a son of Samuel R. and Malintha M. (Churchill) Sheldon, natives also of the Green Mountain State. The ancestry of this family dates back to England and France, and they were among the first settlers of Vermont. The paternal grandfather was a Methodist minister, and he and his wife died in Vermont. The great-grandfather on this side was a major-general in the Revolutionary War. The maternal grandfather, Isaac Churchill, was first lieutenant in the War of 1812, of Company D, First Vermont Militia. He was a farmer by profession. Samuel R. Sheldon was a sturdy son of the soil, and during the Mexican War he was captain of the First Vermont Battery, Field Artillery. He emigrated to Illinois in 1848, located in Kane County, and there his death occurred in 1887. The mother is yet living. Dr. E. Sheldon, the eldest of seven children, five of whom are living, was early initiated into the duties of the farm, and received his education in Kane County, Ill. At the breaking out of the war, and when only seventeen years of age, he enlisted in Company A, Fifty-second Illinois Volunteers, and served over four years. He received a gunshot wound at Pittsburg Landing, second battle of Corinth, and was in all the principal engagements of the Western army, having a very rough experience, which he dislikes to talk about. After the close of service the Doctor returned home and began the study of medicine, working in the meantime to make money enough to carry him through. He was successful and graduated at Bennett Medical College, Chicago, in 1878. He first put out his shingle at Norton, Kas., but in 1881 he came to Armourdale, where he is now the oldest practitioner in the city. He has built up a fine practice, and is cut out for his chosen profession, which has been amply shown by his flattering success, since residing in this city. When he first came here there were but seventeen houses in Armourdale, now Kansas City, and he has been a witness to the rapid growth. He was married in 1876 to Miss Ellen A. Sabin. The Doctor is a representative citizen and a public-spirited man. He was a member of the first school board, and made a hard fight to get their school house.

Morris Sherman, deceased. This gentleman, who was one of the county's most enterprising men, and much esteemed citizens, was born in Rockland, Me., and died in this county March 9, 1881, being at that time fifty-four years of age. His boyhood days, until he was about

eighteen years of age, were spent in his native State, where he learned the carriage-maker's trade. He then left Maine and went to New York City, where he followed contracting and building, and where he was a member of the "Bloody Six" fire company. His many experiences while a member of this company, he was wont to relate to his children. Upon leaving New York, he went to Chicago, where he remained but a short time, and then came up the Missouri River to Quindaro, on the "Polar Star." He here followed his trade for ten years, and then sold out his business, bought land, and turned his attention to agricultural pursuits. He located about a mile and a half north and west of Quindaro, in May, 1857, on land that he had purchased from the Indians, and which is now owned by his widow and children, and was here during the latter part of the Border War. He enlisted in the State Militia, and was on guard duty at the ferry across the Missouri River at Parkville. During the early days of Quindaro, he was township constable, and in politics he was a Democrat of the Jacksonian type. While a resident of New York City he was married to Miss Christina Forbes, and they reared a family of five children—two sons and three daughters: Charles J. (who died August 10, 1888, at the age of thirty-three years), Roger E., Helen (wife of Henry Grafke, who is a farmer of this township), Susan (wife of Charles Geib, agent for the Missouri Pacific Railroad, at Springfield, Neb.), and Blanche, who died in 1878, at the age of seven years). Roger E., the second son, is living with his mother on a farm adjoining the old homestead. He was born on October 1, 1855, on Staten Island, N. Y., and when not quite two years of age, came with his father to Wyandotte County. He justly claims the title of one of the oldest citizens of the county, and his early life was spent on the farm, where he became thoroughly familiar with the duties of the same. After the death of the father, Roger assumed control of the home place, and has remained on it ever since, with the exception of about one year spent in Colorado. He is the owner of about eighty-five acres in cultivation, exclusive of the grounds about the house, and he devotes his attention to the raising of grain and stock. He is a Master Mason, White Church Lodge, and in politics a Democrat, always voting that way.

Dr. S. S. Shively, physician and surgeon, Armourdale, Kas. The parents of this popular and very successful physician, John and Margaret (Myers) Shively, were natives of Pennsylvania, and of German descent. The great grandfather was born in Germany, and was an

early emigrant to the Keystone State. The paternal grandfather was born in Pennsylvania. John Shively, father of our subject, followed agricultural pursuits all his life, and died in Indiana in 1866. The mother had died the year previous. To their marriage were born thirteen children. Dr. S. S. Shively owes his nativity to Stark County, Ohio, where he was born on February 28, 1839, and remained in his native State, where he received a common-school education, until fourteen years of age. From there he went to Indiana, settled in St. Joseph County, where he remained for some time. He early evinced a strong liking for the medical profession, and began the study of medicine in 1861, attending lectures in 1864 at the Homœopathic College of Chicago, and practiced until 1880, when he attended Eclectic Medical Institute of Cincinnati, Ohio, and received his diploma in 1881. After having practiced near Kirksville, Adair County, Mo., for seven years, in 1882 he came to Kansas City, Kas., where he has since resided. He has a large and constantly increasing practice, and his presence is ever welcome at the bedside of the sick or afflicted. He is called upon from far and near, and his advice is sought for by thousands of people. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity. He was married in 1862 to Miss Josephine Coriell, a native of Ohio, who bore him two children: Lloyd A. and Delbert M., who is a reporter for The Kansas City, Mo., Star. Dr. and Mrs. Shively are members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

John M. Shore needs no special introduction to the citizens of Wyandotte Township, Wyandotte County, Kans., having figured very conspicuously in the local history of this County and State. He makes his home in Section 19, this Township, and is by occupation, an agriculturist and stock-raiser. He was born in Surry County, N. C., on February 2, 1832, and in 1834 his parents emigrated to Missouri. He being the fifth in number of the nine children born to his parents. These children are Elizabeth, wife of Lemual Hobson, a wealthy brick-mason of Odessa, Mo.; Samuel E., who was a captain in Border Warfare, and lived for a long time in Indiana; Robert A., who resides in Ray Co., Mo.; William C., who lives in Cal., going west in 1849, to seek his fortune in the gold mines of that State; John M., being the next. Mr. Shore's father was a native of N. C., and is dead; his mother is from the same State, and now, at the age of ninety, resides in Kansas City, Mo. He received his education in an old log school-house, and at a later date attended the High Schools. In 1869 he married Miss Ella Haynes, who was born in East

Tenn., on Sept. 25, 1848, and received her education at her native place, and was a practical teacher in the select schools of Mo., prior to her marriage, and still take special interest in educational matters. She has held several offices of trust in public schools, and as lecturer in the Grange, in her county. To their marriage have been born seven children, viz., Florence M.; Edward H.; Lauren Josephus; Lillian Maud; Oscar M.; Landon Haynes, and Benjamin Harrison. Mr. Shore had a prominent part in the Border Warfare, enlisted in Prairie City, Kan., in the Ottawa Company, which in company with John Brown's company engaged in the battle of "Black Jack," on June 2, 1856. Mr. Shore was offered a commission in this company, but modestly declined. He was always true to his purpose, and a man highly respected by friend and foe alike. His company figured in many encounters, and in them all Mr. Shore evinced great bravery. He was personally acquainted with "John Brown," and relates most interesting stories of this well-known man, and also of other interesting matters. He enlisted in the late war in the year 1862, and was in three years' hard service through the plains. In fact, his experiences have been numerous and varied, and it would be hard to find a more entertaining narrator of "war romance" than the subject of this sketch. He and his wife are Republicans and Woman Suffragists, and take great pride in supporting their party principles. He has been Township Trustee, and School Director for many years, and is a citizen in whom the utmost confidence is placed. Both Mr. and Mrs. Shore are faithful Christians, and contribute liberally to the support of all religious causes. They came to this Township in the year 1869, and are familiar with each feature of the progress made in this section of the country. They own, at the present writing, a valuable estate that is in an excellent state of cultivation, and have besides several lots in the city, that yield a handsome income.

Prof. F. M. Slosson, one of the most popular and successful educators of Wyandotte County, was born in Clarence, Erie County, N. Y., January 18, 1854. His earlier education was obtained at Clarence Academy, after which, he taught three years and then supplemented his previous studies with a business course at St. Joseph's College, of Buffalo, N. Y. He next studied law in the office of Humphrey & Lockwood, of that city, and in 1880 came to Kansas, intending to follow the legal profession. Finding that avocation overcrowded, he turned his attention to educational work, in which his scholarship, industry and broad views on all popular questions soon

marked him for prominence. In 1883 he filled the position of city clerk of Armourdale, then a city of the third class. In 1886 he became the nominee of the Democratic party for county superintendent of public instruction, to which office he was elected and served one term in a creditable and efficient manner. In 1889 he was chosen superintendent of the Argentine public schools, and to his management is due much of their present prosperity. As a Democrat he has always been steadfast and loyal in support of his chosen party. He was married in Leavenworth, Kas., September 16, 1882, to Miss Elinor Jones, and the union has been blessed with four sons, two of whom, Cyril and Eugene, are now living. His parents, Helon and Matilda (Mosher) Slosson, were born in the Empire State, and are of Welsh and English origin, respectively. The father was a tiller of the soil and a respected and honored man.

James Smith, president of the Keystone Iron Works of Kansas City, Kas., is a gentleman who needs no special introduction to the business circles of the two cities. He owes his nativity to New York, his birth occurring in May, 1832, and is the elder of two children, a sister named Betsey, who resides in New York State, and is the wife of a Mr. J. H. Davis, who is a farmer by occupation. The father was a native of New Hampshire, and was a manufacturer by occupation. He died in 1868. The mother was born in Massachusetts. James Smith received his early educational training in the old subscription schools, and then took a higher course in the St. Lawrence County (N. Y.) Academy. He has always followed the life of a mechanic, having occupied that position with the New York Central Railroad many years. Mr. Smith has been in charge of and president of the Keystone Iron Works for a period of twenty-five years. This plant and its excellent area of business influence is known throughout the Southwest. The present site covers about four acres, and there are four large buildings included in this large plant, machine shop, 300x50 feet; foundry, 175x75 feet, with a wing attached of 50x84 feet; blacksmith shop, 50x70 feet; pattern shop, 35x65 feet, and three stories high. This large machinery is driven by a 100 horse-power automatic engine, also a 40 horse-power engine in the foundry. The present plant was erected in 1888, at a total cost of \$160,000, and they employ from 200 to 350 men. The annual production is from about \$400,000 to \$500,000. James Smith is president of this immense business; T. B. Bullene, vice-president; L. B. Bullene, secretary and treasurer; C. E. Gabelman, general foreman; Thomas Cowie, foreman of the foundry; Andrew Stallberg, foreman of the pat-

tern shop; Whit Moran, foreman of the blacksmith shop, and E. J. Davis, foreman of the machine shops. Their manufactories extend over many of the principal States besides the Territories. Mr. Smith was identified with the Keystone Iron Works when located in Kansas City, Mo. Mr. Smith was married in New York on September 7, 1854, to Miss Martha Mitchell, a native of Connecticut, whose ancestors came over in the "Mayflower." To this union was born one child, Kate, who resides in Kansas City, and is the wife of A. M. Graff, who is in the insurance business. Mr. Smith has always affiliated with the Republican party, and cast his first presidential vote for James Buchanan. He is a member of the Elks, and he and wife are members and ardent supporters of the Unitarian Church. Mr. Smith emigrated direct from New York to Kansas City, Mo., in 1865, when this great rustling city was a mere infant, the population scarcely reaching 3,500. He has seen the most wonderful changes and developments since that time, and seen the population increase to 138,000, while the beautiful city of Kansas City, Kas., has a population of 40,000. Mr. and Mrs. Smith expect to make Kansas City, Kas., their future home.

James S. Smith. An enterprising grocery establishment in Kansas City, Kas., is that located at South Seventh Street, which was established in June, 1885. Mr. Smith was born in Alleghany County, Md., June 16, 1849, being a son of Alexander and Julia Ann (Johnson) Smith, the former of whom was born in Glasgow, Scotland, and came to America with his parents, Alexander and Margaret Smith, in early manhood. The grandfather was a contractor by occupation, and was engaged in construction of tunnels. Julia Ann Smith was born in Iowa, and was married to Mr. Smith in 1848, their marriage resulting in the birth of four children: James S., Margaret M., John C. and Alexander. Margaret lives in Maryland, and is the wife of William Conrad. John lives in Kansas City, Kas., and for the past six years has been in the employ of James S. Smith as a grocer's clerk. Alexander is a ferryman, and is a resident of Belmont County, Ohio. The father of these children, who was a coal miner, died in 1856 from the effects of a fall upon a coal car three month previous. Shortly after his death the mother removed with her children to Wheeling, W. Va., but died in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1859, while on a visit to that city. The four children thus left orphans, found a temporary home for one year among friends in the southern part of Belmont County, Ohio, at a place called Pike Creek. In 1860 their grandmother, Margaret Smith (then Margaret Ort), came to Belmont County, Ohio, for

the purpose of persuading the children to go to Maryland, and make their home with her and James S., and his sister Margaret did so. John and Alexander had previously secured good homes, and remained in Belmont County. James S. Smith continued to reside with his grandmother until he reached the age of sixteen years, or until her death, which occurred in 1865, but his sister, Margaret, made her home with an aunt, Mrs. Tennant, until her marriage to William Conrad, at the age of eighteen years. John C., the third child, left Belmont County, and removed to Maryland, in 1861, and during the rest of his early life had a home in the family of William Staples, remaining with him some seventeen years. Alexander remained in Belmont County, Ohio, and his home is still there as stated above. He is married. During his boyhood, the subject of this sketch attended school in winter, and in summer was employed as a driver in a coal mine. After his grandmother's death he went to Cumberland, Md., where he worked seven months at the jeweler's trade, under W. W. Wilkinson, after which he went to Frostburg, Md., where, during the following six summers, he was employed as a coal miner. During the winters of 1867, 1868 and 1869 he worked in a rolling-mill at Wheeling, W. Va. In the spring of 1872 he went to Georgetown, Colo., where he remained a year and a half, during which time he was engaged in prospecting, herding and freighting, but in 1873 he came to Kansas City, Kas., which place has been his home ever since, with the exception of one year spent at Frostburg, Md. Here for six months he was engaged in the ice-packing business, and for two and one-half years following this he was employed as a driver by Samuel Freeman. In the fall of 1876 he returned to Frostburg, Md., and after working in a coal mine at that place for one year, he returned to Kansas City, and spent a short time once more in Mr. Freeman's employ. For some three years following this he worked in different elevators and packing-houses of the city, after which, for eight months he clerked in a grocery store for A. Glassner, and while thus employed was married, June 12, 1879, to Miss Katie Campbell, a native of Platte County, Mo., and a daughter of Nathan and Margaret (Archer) Campbell. The eight months succeeding his marriage Mr. Smith was in the employ of the Missouri Pacific Railway, but in 1882 he opened a grocery store on the corner of Central Avenue and First Street, as a partner of his cousin, James S. Tennant, which connection lasted for about three years. In the spring of 1885 they purchased a lot at No. 48 South Seventh Street, and upon it in the same spring erected a business building, 22x60 feet,

but about the time this was completed the firm dissolved partnership, Mr. Tennant trading to Mr. Smith his interest in the above named lot and building, for the latter's interest in the grocery stock on the corner of First Street and Central Avenue. In June, 1885, Mr. Smith placed in his store on South Seventh Street, a new stock of groceries, and has conducted a first-class establishment at that point ever since. His trade is large and constantly increasing, and by the time he had been in business two years, his sales amounted to from \$2,500 to \$3,000 per month. Upon the same lot on which his store stands, he, in the fall of 1886, erected a good two-story, seven-roomed frame dwelling-house, at a cost of \$1,000, which he has since occupied. Besides his grocery establishment, he is also the owner of one of the principal grocery stands in the Central Market of Kansas City, Kas., which brings him in a good income. His marriage has resulted in the birth of three children: Minnie Agnes, Florence and Alexander Nathan, who are aged respectively ten, eight and five years. Mr. Smith has many warm friends here, and by reason of his long residence in the city his trade is very large.

William H. Smith, president and treasurer of the Whittaker Brick Company, was born in Troy, N. Y., in 1857, being the son of George B. and L. P. Smith. In his native city, Mr. Smith grew to manhood's estate, receiving in the meantime an academic education, and thus fitting himself to hold the positions of honor and trust since given to his charge. The company of which he is president is one of the wealthiest and most important in this section of the country, making at the present time a specialty of ornamental brick, and doing a lucrative business not only in this city, but in the surrounding cities. The plant was established in 1887, at a cost of \$40,000, and has a capacity of 50,000 brick daily. The general office is on the corner of Fifth and Jersey Avenue, and the works are at Vance, eight miles from the city. J. M. Smith is vice-president of the company, J. F. Getty, secretary, and George C. Little, manager. Mr. Smith's political ideas are in keeping with the Republican party, of which he is a member. He is a High Mason, belongs to King Solomon Lodge No. 91, A. F. & A. M., to the Commandery Knight Templar No. 15, Oriental Temple, of the Mystic Shrine, all of Troy, N. Y., and is also a member of the Old Guard of the Troy Citizens' Corps. The subject of this sketch was married February 11, 1878, to Miss Ida M. Quackenbush, native of Troy, and to this union has been born one child, viz.: George B. And thus, as the world moves on in her circled orb, the spirit of

progress seems more and more to assert itself, and every day brings to light wonderful exhibitions of the indomitable courage and unflinching energy that enables men to overcome every obstacle that bars their march toward fame and fortune.

Charles F. Smith is the competent proprietor of Edgerton Place Drug Store, an establishment which is one of the best equipped and conducted in the city. He was born in Floyd County, Iowa, November 3, 1864, to Joel W. and Susan (Wheat) Smith, both of whom were natives of York State. He was reared to manhood in his native town of Charles City, and his early educational training was received in the public schools of that place. Upon attaining his eighteenth year he began clerking in a drug store, and has given his whole attention to this calling ever since. He entered the Chicago College of Pharmacy in 1885, and after attending two terms graduated in 1887, his career as a student in this institution being characterized by close application and devotion to the work at hand. In November, 1888, he came to Kansas City, Kas., and in April, 1889, established a drug store on Third Street. The following October he moved his store to No. 423 Stewart Avenue, Edgerton Place, where he is now doing a very paying business. He has been familiar with the details of the business for the past seven years, and being a graduate of one of the leading pharmaceutical institutions in the country, he is, without doubt, one of the most competent pharmacists in the city. His store is well stocked with pure drugs and all other articles usually kept in an establishment of the kind. It has always been his end and aim to please his customers, and this, in connection with his close attention to business and his honesty, has contributed largely to his success. He has made many friends since locating here, and being a young man of good morals he is deservedly popular.

B. S. Smith (colored) is an attorney at law, of Kansas City, Kas., and is a well-posted, intelligent and enterprising man. His birth occurred at Fayetteville, in Washington County, Ark., in August, 1860, but he was reared to manhood in Springfield, Ill., and Springfield, Mo. His father and mother were slaves at the time of his birth, but after the war he was taken North, and as soon as he reached a proper age he was sent to the common schools. Being intelligent and possessing a retentive memory he made rapid progress in his studies, and in time was graduated from the high school of Springfield, Ill. Being determined to become still better educated, he entered the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor, in October, 1884, and was graduated from

the law department of this institution in 1886. He immediately located at Springfield, Greene County, Mo., where he opened an office and practiced for nine months. Imbued with the idea that he could better his financial condition in Kansas, he came thither and hung out his "shingle" in Kansas City, and here has been since the month of May, 1887, and doing well. He is thoroughly posted in legal lore, but much prefers civil to criminal practice. He possesses much genuine ability and deserves much credit for the position he now occupies, for notwithstanding the drawbacks of poverty, prejudice of race, etc., he has surmounted all these difficulties and has established himself firmly in business with a promising future before him. He labored hard in his early youth, saved his money and paid his way through school and is now enjoying the reward of his early industry and landable ambition, for he has won the respect of all who know him.

Michael L. Soden is a practical farmer and stock-raiser of Wyandotte County, Kas., and has proven himself to be one of the men essential to the success and prosperity of the community in which they reside. He was born in County Cavin, North of Ireland, in December, 1834, being one of four children born to his parents, their names in order of birth being as follows: Peter (who is married and resides in Kansas City, Mo., and is a wealthy man), Michael L. (the subject of this memoir), Patrick (who is also a wealthy, retired contractor and builder, of Kansas City, Mo., and is married), and Maggie (who died when she was about thirty-five years of age. She was the wife of Patrick Brady, a patrolman of Kansas City, Mo.). The parents of these children were born in Ireland, both of whom are now deceased, the father having been a linen draper while living. Mr. Soden's education was quite meager, as he was left a poor boy with his own living to earn, but, often feeling the need of an education, he is a staunch supporter and believer in free schools, and in fact, educational institutions of all kinds. He commenced to make his own way in the world at the age of sixteen years without a shilling in his pocket, but the position he now occupies should teach a lasting lesson to all, for it shows what indomitable energy and perseverance can do. He was married in Kansas City, Mo., on December 4, 1869, to Miss Mary J. Kelley who was born in the South of Ireland, her education being received in the national schools of that country. Her union with Mr. Soden has resulted in the birth of the following children: Maggie (who is a finely educated young lady residing with her parents), Martin, Peter, Mary, Willie and Joseph. Mr. Soden first enlisted in the

Home Militia during the Rebellion, after which he served as teamster for two years, his regiment taking part in the following engagements: Jefferson City, and holding Gen. Price in check at Westport near Kansas City, besides some other minor engagements. He was honorably discharged at Warrensburg, Mo., during the spring of 1865, and has since devoted his attention to farming, being now in comfortable circumstances. Since coming to this country he has supported the measures of Democracy, in national issues, but he has always upheld men of honor, integrity and truth rather than the shrewd politician. He and his wife are members of the Roman Catholic Church, and always contribute of their means to support all benevolent institutions. At the age of sixteen years he came to America from Ireland, taking passage on board a vessel at Liverpool, England, and landing at New York. After a short time he moved to New Jersey, and at the end of six months, to Independence, Mo., afterward to Clay County, of the same State, where he remained a number of years. Here Mr. Soden carried the hod in the erection of William Jules College, this being about thirty-eight years ago. From this place he came to Kansas City, Mo., at which time there was not a brick building in the place, and he can say with truth that he has seen the remarkable development of this place as well as Kansas City, Kas. When he first came to the former place, the surrounding country was a perfect wilderness, and did not promise much to the incoming settlers, and where now are the handsome streets of Delaware, Broadway and Wyandotte, and Grand Avenue, then was heavy timber and brush. Kansas City, Kas., was then unknown, and the present magnificent city of Kansas City, Mo., then comprised 500 inhabitants. Mr. Soden is one of the earliest settlers of this region, and can well remember the time when McGee's addition to Kansas City, Mo., was planted to corn, and was valued at only \$25 per acre. Although he spent two years in the Rocky Mountains there was not a railroad in the West, and the trip was made overland. He and his wife now own thirty-nine acres of land, lying within four and one-half miles of the city limits of Kansas City, Kas. He has a neat and commodious farm residence and outbuildings, and here he and his estimable wife expect to spend the rest of their days, surrounded by their children and numerous friends.

Elisha Sortor, another old settler of Wyandotte County, came here from Allegany County, N. Y., in 1857, prompted by an honest desire to better himself, and for the same amount of money acquire more territory. He settled in Quindaro, bought six town lots (real

estate being on a boom at that place), and expected to make his fortune in a short time. In about five years, he bought an acre and a half at sheriff's sale, and later bought thirty-five acres more for taxes. The Indians shortly afterward moved away, then the war came on, property depreciated, and when the Hannibal bridge was built below the mouth of the Kaw, the glories of Quindaro departed. As soon as he had purchased the thirty-five acres, Mr. Sortor began farming, and is now the owner of 175 acres, all the result of hard work and close application. During the time that Gen. Price made his raid, Mr. Sortor was second lieutenant in the State militia, and was in the fight at Blue and Westport. He has held a number of local positions, has been school director, and has been road overseer for twenty years. He is the son of William and Cynthia (Clark) Sortor, the former a native of New Jersey, and the latter of Vermont, but both were reared in New York. They reared a family of nine children—four sons and five daughters—three sons and all the daughters are now living, but only one, our subject, residing in this State. William Sortor was sixty-seven years of age when his death occurred, in 1865, and his widow lived until the winter of 1890, being eighty-six years of age at the time of her death. The paternal grandparents, Elisha and Margaret Sortor, came to New York State, and there reared their family. The father of Elisha was a Revolutionary soldier. Our subject was born in 1825, grew to manhood with a farm experience, received a limited education in the common schools, and when twenty-one years of age, started for himself by farming and lumbering, continuing at this until he came West. When twenty-two years of age, he married Miss Eva Brundage, the daughter of Matthew Brundage, who was a farmer of New York. To Mr. and Mrs. Sortor were born four children—three sons and a daughter: Henry (on the farm), Charles (a school teacher), Fred (at home), and Cynthia (wife of a conductor, residing at Kansas City, Mo.). Politically Mr. Sortor is a Republican and a Prohibitionist. He commenced life here as a day laborer, and is now in very comfortable circumstances indeed. He has always contributed liberally to all worthy enterprises, and is one of the representative citizens. He is one of the oldest of the white settlers in the county, but time has dealt gently with him.

John Spaeth, fruit-grower, Vance, Kas. Of the foreign born element now in Wyandotte County, none are more thrifty, prudent and economical than those who were originally from Germany. Mr. Spaeth was born in Wirtemberg, Germany, June 19, 1850, and his parents,

Joseph and Barbara (Hirning) Spaeth, are both natives of that country. They reared a family of six children—four sons and two daughters, of whom our subject is the eldest, Mary, George, Louis, Christian and Johanna, and all are now living, and Mary is married to John Herning, who resides near Rosedale. The parents are still living. John Spaeth was reared on his father's farm until fourteen years of age, and attended the common schools for nine years. He then started out by himself, with the intention of going to an uncle in Loveland, Ohio, but arriving in New York City, he concluded to learn the cabinet-maker's trade, serving an apprenticeship of two years. He then went to Cincinnati, Ohio, worked at his trade about a year, and then changed off to carpenter work, which he carried on for about four years. In 1871 he came to Wyandotte County, located near Wyandotte City, engaged in the nursery business, and carried this on very successfully for five years. Then he lost nearly all during the grasshopper season. Two years after he bought the place where he now resides, ten acres, and has it all devoted to fruit. He is also the owner of twenty acres of excellent land within a quarter of a mile of the town. Since coming to Vance he has been quite successful, and is one of the foremost fruit-growers. He was married in Greensburg, Ind., February 15, 1870, to Miss Carrie Horstman, a sister of Christ. Horstman, who is one of the trustees of this township. Six children are the result of this union, all daughters: Jessie, Lillie, Rose, Grace, Carrie and Addie. Mr. Spaeth has been school director for four years, and district clerk one term. Politically he is a Democrat and votes that ticket.

Bernard Speaker has been worthily identified with Wyandotte County since 1870, and no history of the county would be complete which failed to make proper mention of him and the business in which he is engaged. In 1876 he made a purchase of twenty acres of land, and although his farm is small he has utilized it to such good advantage that he is now the owner of a sufficient amount of worldly goods to make him independent for the rest of his days. He devotes from five to seven acres to the raising of sweet potatoes, the average yield per acre being from 200 to 225 bushels, and the varieties are Yellow Jersey, Early Golden and Red Bermuda. He furnishes Trumbell, Reynolds & Co. their seed for shipping. Of Irish potatoes he raises the Early Ohio, averaging from 125 to 150 bushels per acre, and also gives considerable attention to the culture of the late Mammoth Pearl. For several years he planted two crops of potatoes on the same ground, and he devoted from one to two acres to watermelons

each year, the principal varieties being Cuban Queen and Ice Rind. The remaining acres are given to cabbages and other kinds of vegetables. He is loud in his praise of Wyandotte County, for in his opinion it contains some of the richest land of the State, and its fruit, vegetables, etc., are unsurpassed. He makes the statement that 80,000 bushels of potatoes were raised and sold in his section this year, and the average profit per acre of vegetables is between \$50 and \$100. He is a native German, and like all his countrymen, thrifty, industrious and honest, and an enterprising and public-spirited citizen. He was born March 21, 1834, and until he attained manhood he was engaged in farming in his native land. In 1860 he came to the United States to seek a home, and until February, 1862, he was engaged in gardening in Louisville, Ky., then joining the Twenty-eighth Kentucky Infantry, Company I, under Capt. John Schmidt, and served in the Fourth Army Corps, taking part in the battle of Kenesaw Mountain, Peach Tree Creek, Jonesboro, Franklin and Nashville. He was captured at Green River in September, 1862, by Gen. Bragg, was kept a prisoner for three months, and was then exchanged. After the war he returned to Louisville, Ky., but at the end of one year he joined the Veteran Reserve Corps of the regular army, and during his three years' service he was promoted to drill-master. His services in this capacity were fully appreciated, and he was offered the position of orderly, but he preferred to retain the position of first duty sergeant, and this position filled successfully until he received his discharge in the fall of 1869. After going back to Louisville, Ky., and remaining there four months, he made a visit to his old home in Europe, after which he came back to Louisville, and in 1870, settled in Wyandotte County, Kas. After working at different callings until 1876, he bought the farm where he now lives, as above stated. He was married in 1876 to Miss Elizabeth Frohoff, a native German, their acquaintance being formed while Mr. Speaker was visiting in Der Faterland, and five years afterward she crossed the water to America. They are now the parents of five interesting and intelligent children: Louis, Joseph, John, Charley and Mary. Although formerly a Republican in his political views, Mr. Speaker has supported Democratic principles for some years past. He is serving his sixth year as school director in District 19, and he and his wife are members of the Catholic Church at Argentine. In the calling in which he is engaged, Mr. Speaker is well known to the people of this community, and he has, and fully deserves, the respect of all, for he is perfectly honorable in

every particular, and keeps fully pace with the times in all matters of public interest.

Dr. Frederick Speck, an old and honored physician of Kansas City, Kas., was born in Carlisle, Cumberland County, Penn., November 24, 1818, his parents, Dr. Joseph and Mary (Motter) Speck, being also born there. The paternal grandparents were Frederick and Barbara (Mus-sulman) Speck, their births occurring in Lancaster County, Penn. The first member of the family to settle in America was a Hollander, the mother's ancestor being a German. The parents of Dr. Speck had a family of three children, of whom he was the eldest, the only son and the only one now living. The mother died about 1838 and his father subsequently married Elizabeth Hollenback, by whom he reared a family of six children, only one of whom, a son, is now living. The father's death occurred April 3, 1875, in Kansas City, Kas., where he located in 1857, he having been a graduate of Dickinson College, of Carlisle, Penn., and also a graduate of a Baltimore Medical College. He practiced his profession for over forty years, and for two years was a surgeon in the Union army during the Rebellion. Dr. Frederick Speck spent his early life in his native town and received his literary education in Dickinson College, also. His first knowledge of medicine was acquired under his father, and in early manhood he completed a course in the Franklin Medical College of Philadelphia, graduating in 1847. He began practicing in Fremont, Schuylkill County, Penn., but after spending five years there, and a similar length of time in Selin's Grove, Snyder County, Penn., he came West and took up his location in Kansas City, Kas., where he has been in the active practice of his profession ever since. For the past forty-three years he has been a practitioner of the "healing art," and during thirty-three years of this time he has been located at Kansas City. He is now the pioneer physician of this place, and during the long term of years spent here he has become well known, both professionally and socially. He was married on June 8, 1848, to Miss Adelaide M. Dennis, who accompanied him to the West and died in Kansas City, March 8, 1882, leaving, besides her husband, four children to mourn her death. They are Annie M., Mary C., Joseph B. and Richard D. On December 31, 1885, the Doctor was married to Mrs. Frances L. Battles, a daughter of Hon. Marsh Giddings, late governor of New Mexico, and the widow of Augustus S. Battles, of Philadelphia, Penn. Dr. Speck and his wife are members of the Episcopal Church, and he is a prominent Odd Fellow, and has been honored with the position of Grand Master and

Grand Chief Patriarch of the State, and Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of the United States, which met at Baltimore in 1873 and at Atlanta in 1874. He is now one of the oldest Odd Fellows in the State, and has also long been a member of the Masonic fraternity and the K. of P. He is a devoted member of the Republican party, and has served two terms as mayor of the city and several terms as a member of the city council. He has held the position of pension examiner for a period of ten years, and is now a member of the board. He was also a member of the board that built the Blind Asylum, and served as one of its trustees for several years, and has served as a physician of that institution ever since it was erected. He was a member of the Kansas State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. Professionally, as in every other respect, Dr. Speck stands very high, and he possesses the universal respect and esteem of his medical brethren in this section. He has an extensive acquaintance and a large circle of friends, and is a man who will command respect in whatever locality he might settle.

J. M. Squires, of Kansas City, Kas., is a native of New Jersey, where he was born in 1834, to William and Mary (Irvin) Squires, both of whom were also born in that State. The father was a farmer and lumberman by occupation, a very active and energetic man, and in his political views was a Whig. His father was born in Vermont, and was a stove-maker by trade. To William Squires and wife a family of five children were born, all of whom are living. J. M. Squires attended the common schools of New Jersey, and was in the lumber business with his father for some years, and also worked at carriage-making for some time before entering the army, and has always been of a mechanical turn of mind. August 5, 1862, he enlisted in the One Hundred and Thirtieth New York Infantry, United States army, but was soon afterward transferred to the First Dragoons of a New York cavalry regiment, and was with the Army of the Potomac, and served in the State of Virginia the most of the time. He was at Winchester, and saw Sheridan after the close of his famous ride. Gen. Wright was the senior officer in command, and upon seeing Gen. Sheridan, he cried, "Gen. Sheridan, we are whipped!" to which Sheridan replied, "You may be, but by G—d my men are not!" and true enough, he rallied his men and won the day. He was with Gen. Sherman in the Shenandoah Valley, and was in the battle of the Wilderness, and afterward crossed the Rapidan with Grant and took part in the engagements at Spottsylvania and Petersburg, seeing much hard service. At the battle of Winchester he

held the position of first duty sergeant under Gen. Merritt. Two of his brothers served in the Union army also. Mr. Squires was mustered out of service June 24, 1865, and returned to his old home, and for some time after was the proprietor of a meat-market. He afterward went to Fond du Lac, Wis., and after working in the Chicago & North-Western Railroad shops for quite a period, he removed to Michigan Iron Mines, near Green Bay, and there worked for the same road one winter, returning at the end of that time to Fond du Lac. August 3, 1870, he found himself in Kansas City, Kas., and continued his labors for the above-mentioned road until two years since. He is the owner of 168 acres of land near Cameron, Mo. He was the first president of the school board of consolidated Kansas City, in which capacity he served three years, retiring in August, 1889. There was a great amount of work done on the school buildings during this time, and for nearly two years he gave all his attention to superintending the erection of school buildings. He is a Republican, a member of Burnside Post of the G. A. R., and is a charter member of both the I. O. O. F. and the A. O. U. W. He was married just before going into the army, but his wife died during his service, and he was again married in Missouri, about 1872. He is well known in Kansas City, and commands the respect of all.

Andrew Stalberg, mechanic, Kansas City, Kas. Mr. Stalberg is foreman of the pattern shop of the great plant known as "The Keystone Iron Works," of Kansas City, Kas., and is a mechanic of no ordinary ability. He was originally from North Sweden, his birth occurring near Gothenburg, November 10, 1836, and was reared in that city. He was the elder of two brothers, the other being John, who is now a resident of New York City, where he is a professional pattern-maker. He married Miss Anna Ciza. The father of our subject was a native also of Sweden, and was a soldier. He is now deceased. The mother still lives, and is eighty-five years of age. Andrew Stalberg obtained his early educational training in the common schools of his native country, and later attended the high school at Gothenburg. He received his education in the evening schools, and finished his course as a draughtsman and designer. At the age of twenty-five years he worked as a pattern-maker in the following cities: First at the city of Tralhalan, Sweden, remained three years; from there went to Gothenburg, where he remained twelve years, and while in that city worked for a firm by the name of Killer, one of the largest of the kind in Sweden. A company of ten, Mr. Stalberg

among them, built a foundry at a total cost of \$35,000, and Mr. Stallberg and a partner called upon King Charles XV. for aid in the construction of this important enterprise. There they remained for seven weeks, were partially successful, and then returned home and erected the plant. This did not prove as successful as the company anticipated, and they failed as a result. The failure was caused by the enterprise proving an impetus for some members of the company to ascend too readily the hill of importance and style, and another cause was that some of the mechanics liked the social glass too well. All the company were first-class mechanics in detail. Afterward Mr. Stalberg went as foreman for James Robertson at Gothenburg, and remained there three years. From there he went back to the old firm, remained with the same for four years, and here he met with an accident that almost proved fatal. About a ton of wire fell on him, he was taken out as dead, but immediate medical aid saved him. After recovering he returned to work, remained one year, and emigrated to New York City in 1868. He remained there for nine years, working with a friend from his own city of Gottingen. The first four years he was a pattern-maker, and the remainder of the time he was foreman. He came to Kansas City in 1878, identified himself with the Keystone Iron Works, where he has been ever since. He has been a trusted and valuable man in this great plant for twelve years, nine years of which time he was foreman. This brief sketch shows that Mr. Stalberg is a man who, in his especial profession, is one of value to his employers in every position he has held. He was married in the old country, in 1855, to Miss Anna Christina, a native of Sweden, where she received her education, and the fruits of this union were five children—two sons and three daughters: Amanda (married Rev. Frederick Swamberg, a Lutheran clergyman, and they have six children. They reside in Nebraska), Augusta (deceased), Albin Isadore (deceased), Israel (deceased), Alma Josephine (resides with her parents, and is a musician and teacher of music). She is the youngest in the family. Mr. Stalberg is a Republican by principle and precept. He cast his first presidential vote for Gen. Grant. He has been an active politician, and his influence is felt in this locality. Mr. and Mrs. Stalberg and family are worthy members of the Lutheran Church in Kansas City, Kas., and Mr. Stalberg has had the charge of the Sunday-school for thirty-five years, having been superintendent of the same since first locating here. He is also a deacon in the same, and president of the building committee of the church, which he has partially superintended in

building, at a cost of \$45,000. All this is highly commendable to Mr. Stalberg, and he is one of the mainstays in his church. He is president of the Temperance & Benevolent Society, and this society is in a very flourishing condition, having \$2,000 in the treasury. Mr. and Mrs. Stalberg always contribute of their means to any enterprise worthy of their attention, and no worthy movement is allowed to fall through for want of assistance. They are the owners of a nice property at 1115 Holly Street, Kansas City, Mo., and it is valued at \$9,000. This much-esteemed couple expect to make their permanent home in Kansas City, where Mr. Stalberg's talents and skill will ever be in demand. Here they are surrounded by their children and many warm friends.

Charles E. Staub, assistant chief of the fire department, Kansas City, Kas. Mr. Staub was originally from Washington County, Md., his birth occurring on October 13, 1856, and was reared to manhood in his native county. He received a good practical education in the common schools, and remained in Washington County until 1878, when he went to Ohio and then to Illinois. He served three years as an apprentice to the blacksmith and machanic's trade. While in Southern Illinois he was married to Miss Ellen, daughter of Jacob Heilmand, and a native of Union County, Ill. They became the parents of two children, one now living, Harry. Mr. Staub came to this city in 1882, worked at his trade here for eighteen months and then started a shop on Third Street, which he carried on for three years, and in which business he was successful. He then sold out and entered the fire department as above stated. He has assisted in the manufacture of some of the patents that are used in the department at present, worked on the water-tower, and rebuilt the wagon used for carrying the hose out of the water limits, also improved the harness hangings, and the new halter hitches. He is a member of the K. of P., Fellowship Lodge No. 2, and Uniform Rank and has been worthy vice in the former. He is also a member of the Franklin Lodge A. O. U. W., No. 132, and is a Republican in his political views. Although he came here with limited means, Mr. Staub has accumulated a handsome property, and is a representative citizen of Kansas City, Kas.

John Steffens is a county commissioner of District No. 1, of Wyandotte County, and not only as a painstaking and zealous official, but socially and politically also, do we find him among the foremost men of the county. He was born in Germany, May 23, 1845, and like so many of his countrymen by industry and good management he has

obtained a substantial footing in this country. He was the eldest in a family of four children born to Henry and Betty Steffens, natives of the same country where their mother died in 1870, and the father is still living, following the occupation of contracting and building, of which he is the thorough master. John Steffens came to America to seek his fortune at the age of eighteen years, and after landing in New York City, immediately emigrated westward, and for two years worked at the carpenter's trade in Belleville, Ill. He then went to a town near Nashville, Ill., where he hired out to a farmer, and there made his home until 1868, when he came to Argentine, or what is now Argentine, there being no house on the present site at that time. He continued to till the soil here for a few years, and by the careful saving of his wages he soon accumulated a sufficient amount to enable him to purchase a farm of forty-one acres close to Argentine, of which he is still the owner. This farm he improved with a good house and other buildings, and now rents the same. In 1881 the town of Argentine was laid out, and he moved to the village and again began carpentering and building, which he continued to follow till his election in 1883 to the position of township treasurer, and the following year township trustee, a position he retained five years. At the organization of Argentine he was elected one of the first councilmen, and filled this position by re-election for six years, being elected in 1888 to the office of county commissioner, a position he was forced to resign. He has been associated with the management of the township, city and county during the greater part of his residence here, and has also been interested in the progress and development of the schools, and to this end acted as a member of the school board. While he was one of the county commissioners the county jail was built, and also Eighth Street. He has given universal satisfaction while representing his district, and his popularity with his fellow-men is shown when it is known that he was elected on the Republican ticket from a precinct largely Democratic. As an official he has not his superior, for he is methodical, faithful and highly efficient, one of the county's first-class citizens. In the month of August, 1874, he was united in marriage to Miss Emma Walker, a daughter of William and Louisa Walker, the former of whom died in 1868. The mother still survives, and makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. Steffens. The latter was born in Wyandotte in 1856, and her union with Mr. Steffens has resulted in the birth of four children: Mena, Henry, John and Lena. The family are members of the German Lutheran Church of this city.

Hon. B. L. Stine is the oil inspector for all of the Second Congressional District, and also part of the first and third districts. He was born in Juniata County, Penn., in 1846, and in that State grew to manhood. At the opening of the Rebellion, when only fourteen years of age, he enlisted in the Thirty-sixth Pennsylvania Infantry, but at the end of three months became a member of Company A, First Pennsylvania Cavalry as a private, and was with the same for three years and one month, taking part in the following engagements: Chancellorsville, Wilderness, Gettysburg, Petersburg, Bermuda Hundred, City Point, Five Forks, and Appomattox Court House, and saw Gen. Lee the day before the surrender. He took part in the grand review at Washington City, then returned to Pennsylvania, and was discharged at Harrisburg. He then secured employment on a railroad as fireman, finally became engineer and remained on Engine 67 until 1869, when he went to Ohio and located near Galion, where he began farming, a calling he followed until 1875, when he came to Kansas City, Mo., where he remained for three years prior to his removal to this city being an employe of the Kansas Rolling Mill Company during that time and until 1882. In 1880 he was elected to the State Legislature, from Wyandotte County, on the Republican ticket, the first one to be elected from this district, serving with ability from 1882 to 1884. He continued with the above named mill until it was closed down in 1882, after which he turned his attention to the real estate business, also insurance, and is still following this calling, it being his chief business. He received the appointment of coal inspector in December, 1889, and he is also connected with the South West Boulevard Land & Improvement Company, and is interested in Columbus Heights, Humboldt Addition and Potomac Heights, besides his own exclusive property. He is one of the public-spirited men of this section, is strictly honorable in all his business transactions, and commands the unbounded respect and esteem of his fellow-men. He is a member of the K. of P., the A. O. U. W., Royal Arcanum, and while a resident of Ohio was married, becoming the father of one child: Zelene A. Mr. Stine is of Dutch descent and is a son of Benjamin D. and May A. (Height) Stine, native Pennsylvanians.

Dr. Charles M. Stemen is a well-known young physician of Kansas City, Kas., and was born in Van Wert County, Ohio, September 11, 1865, being a son of Dr. C. B. Stemen, an eminent railway surgeon of Fort Wayne, Ind. Charles M. spent his early days in his native county, and received his literary education in the Fort Wayne

Methodist College. In the fall of 1881, having made up his mind to make the profession of a physician his calling through life, he began his medical studies under the preceptorship of his father, and in 1886 graduated as an M. D., from the Fort Wayne College of Medicine, and at once came West, locating in Kansas City, Kas., where he has since devoted himself earnestly to the successful practice of his calling, and has succeeded admirably in his endeavors. He is a member of the Wyandotte County Medical Society, the National Associations of Railway Surgeons, and for one year held the office of city physician of Kansas City, and for the past three years has been police surgeon. He makes a specialty of surgery, for the practice of which he is peculiarly well adapted, and he is acknowledged by his brother physicians to be possessed of much ability and skill. He has a lucrative practice, and promises to attain the front ranks in his profession. Socially he belongs to the A. F. & A. M., the K. of P., the A. O. U. W., the A. O. F., and the National Union. His marriage which occurred May 15, 1888, was to Miss Eva B. Kirtley, a daughter of W. J. Kirtley, of Warsaw, Ind.

Derrick Stone, manufacturer of carbonated drinks, soda water, orange cider and bock beer, seltzer water, champagne cider, etc., established his business here in 1887, and immediately entered on a brisk trade which has steadily increased since. His genial disposition has gained him a host of friends, and he practices those principles of fairness and liberality which are bound to hold and make more custom. He is doing business at 534 and 536 Reynolds Avenue, Kansas City, Kas., operates the year round and employs twelve men. He replaced the old machinery in the room by new, and everything is in first-class working order. Mr. Stone was born in Hocking County, Ohio, on December 21, 1826, and was the son of Horace and Betsy (Ramsey) Stone, the father a native of Connecticut, born in 1789, and the mother of Maryland, born about 1800. Both came to Ohio with their parents, grew to mature years in Ohio, and there their nuptials were celebrated. The father of our subject was an agriculturist and was very successful in this calling. He was colonel of the militia for many years. In politics he took an active part, was a Whig, and held a number of local offices. He was a leader in that section, and was active in his support of Harrison, Sr. Both he and wife were members of, the Presbyterian Church for many years, and he was an elder in the same. The Stone family was originally from Holland. The paternal grandfather, Derrick Stone emigrated from Connecticut to Marietta,

Ohio, when the Indians were the principal inhabitants of that county, and there passed the remainder of his days. Derrick Stone, Jr., attended the schools in his home district until he was better qualified to teach than his teacher, and then taught the home school for the munificent sum of \$12 per month, and boarded himself. He began teaching when seventeen years of age, followed this pursuit for two years, and then as his father opened a store at Nelsonville, Athens County, Ohio, he took charge of the same, conducting it for two years. After this he engaged as salesman in a mercantile establishment, and continued at this one year, and was then with Phillip Hanes & Sons at Fremont, Ohio, for one season. Later still he went to Maumee City, Ohio, took charge of a mercantile establishment doing an extensive business, P. W. Boyd & Co., and then went into partnership with the firm of Gregory & Moore, in patent medicines. Later his partner died and his (the partner's) interest was purchased by Mr. Boyd, the title being changed to Boyd, Stone & Co. Three years later Mr. Stone sold his interest, after which he went to Perrysburg, and formed a partnership with Gen. William Houston in general merchandising, carrying this on until the breaking out of the war. In September, 1862, Mr. Stone enlisted in Company A, One Hundredth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was made first deputy sergeant, holding the position for six months, after which he was detailed to commissary department as abstract clerk, and held that position until the close of the war. While in the ranks he was in the battle of Franklin, and he assisted in marching the prisoners to the rear who were taken at that time. He was discharged at Washington, and soon after came to Wyandotte County, where he commenced operating a saw-mill in connection with Frank H. Belton. Two years later he opened a store at Pomeroy, which town was then in the woods, named the place, and was the first ticket agent. Some time afterward he came to Wyandotte City, carried on a store for twelve years, and then embarked in the coal business with Mayor W. P. Overton, and continued at this until three years ago. In 1868 he married Mrs. Jennie E. Garrett, daughter of Dr. Ayers of Upper Sandusky, Ohio. Mrs. Stone is a member of the Congregational Church. Mr. Stone is a member of the I. O. O. F., of Kansas City, Kas., and has held most all the chairs of the K. of P. In politics he is Democratic, favoring free tariff.

John L. Sterrett, foreman of the loading gang for Swift & Co., of Kansas City, was born in Evansville, Ind., July 31, 1863, a son of Alexander and Anna M. E. (Lagow) Sterrett, the former of whom was

born in Wayne County, Ind., September 28, 1821, and the latter in Princeton, Ind., October 11, 1837. To their union a family of eight children was born: Robert M., Harry L., William P., Samuel W., John L., Margaret, Sallie, and Anna, the latter dying in infancy. When John E. Sterrett was three years of age, he was taken by his parents to Manhattan, Kas. They remained in this State only three years, returning at the end of that time to Indiana, locating in Washington, and two years later in Terre Haute. In 1880 they returned to Kansas, taking up their abode in Wyandotte County, and here the father, who was a minister of the Presbyterian Church, died September 25, 1885, his widow and their six youngest children still residing in Wyandotte. The early life of John L. Sterrett was spent in the places named above, but the greater part of his education was received at Terre Haute. After coming to Wyandotte he was a student for two months in Spaulding's Business College, at the end of which time he left that institution to enter the packing-house of George Fowler & Son, remaining with them for six years and a half, during the whole of which time he was employed as time-keeper. In September, 1887, he became an employe of the Kansas City Packing Company, but in November, 1887, he began working for the Armour Packing Company, his services being thus employed until March 11, 1888. On the following day he was hired by Swift & Co., and has been with this firm ever since, his first duties being as time-keeper. In the fall of 1889 he was given a foremanship, and in June, 1890, he was made foreman of the loading gang, a position he is now filling. Mr. Sterrett is a young man of excellent business qualifications, and good habits, and his prospects for a successful future are very promising. He is well known throughout the city and county, and has a large circle of warm friends, among whom he is very popular. He is a devoted member of the Republican party, and socially is a member of the A. O. U. W. His marriage, which occurred on May 20, 1884, was to Miss Belle Bowling, a daughter of George D. and Anna (White) Bowling. She was born in Wyandotte, Kas., March 20, 1865, and her union with Mr. Sterrett has resulted in the birth of two children: Sallie (born July 5, 1885), and Alexander (born August 18, 1886).

Martin Stewart, one of the oldest settlers of Kansas City, Kas., was born in Baden, Germany, in 1824, and when seven years of age he was brought by his parents to America, and landed in New Orleans. His father, the day after their arrival in New Orleans, unfortunately fell a victim to yellow fever and was taken from his family after an ill-

ness of six weeks. His widow and five children afterward moved to Cincinnati, Ohio, where Martin was reared to manhood. The family brought considerable means with them to this country, but these means were soon exhausted by the heavy expenses that sickness brought upon them, and the children, though at an early age, were compelled to seek labor in order to earn a livelihood, which was no great hardship, as they possessed all the energy and enterprise characteristic of the German people. Martin Stewart has worked hard ever since eight years old. This to him, at first, was quite a hard struggle, but after considerable experience he found himself better qualified to face hardships, and after he became twenty-one years of age, with the earnings of his only brother and sisters, his mother was enabled to live independently. She died in Cincinnati, Ohio, and Martin is the only one that now survives her. After Martin had attained the age of twenty one, he leased some land near Cincinnati, and began a career as a gardener, and when twenty-three he was married to Miss Catherine Minnenger, of that city, and who was born in Hesse, Germany. She was seven years of age when brought to America by her parents, who also made it their home in Cincinnati, and where Mr. and Mrs. Minnenger died, the former at sixty-three and the latter at forty years of age. Mr. Stewart made his home in Cincinnati until 1857, when he came to Wyandotte, Kas., and followed the occupation of teamster, but the following year rented the farm now owned by E. D. Brown, and at the end of that year he purchased his present farm, now known as the Stewart homestead. In 1887 he rented this farm, which comprises 101 acres, and built himself a suburban residence, with all the modern improvements, where he now resides with his wife and three unmarried children. Mr. and Mrs. Stewart have seven children, namely: Martin W. (treasurer of the county), Kate A. (wife of Henry Hafner), Lizzie E. (wife of Ed Daniels), Celia C. (wife of Theo F. Ismert), Rosa S., George A. (cashier Kansas City, Kas., Savings Bank), and Henry E. The Stewarts are all strict members of the Roman Catholic Church, and are one of the oldest Catholic families in the county. The second mass said in this county was celebrated in Mr. Stewart's house, by Bishop Miede, from Leavenworth, Kas. During the war he was lieutenant of the Twenty-third Cavalry of the State Militia. Politically Mr. Stewart is a Democrat, and as such served one term as county commissioner. He was also one of the investigators of public schools, and served as director for many years. At present he is a stockholder and one of the directors of the Wyandotte National Bank, and stock-

holder, director and vice-president of the Wyandotte Savings Bank. His father was a soldier in Napoleon's army, and assisted in the march to Russia, being in the hussars, and having six horses shot from under him. He was one of the six that returned alive.

M. W. Stewart, the present county treasurer of Wyandotte County, Kas., was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1848, but was reared and educated in Wyandotte County, Kas., supplementing the common-school course with a more complete training in a commercial college, and in this institution became admirably fitted for the practical duties of life. Having been reared on a farm, he turned his attention to that pursuit on starting out to make his own way in the world, but after some time gave up this occupation to open a meat and produce establishment, and conducted this successfully for a period of five consecutive years. At the expiration of this time he returned to his farm, where he was engaged in speculating in various ways, and his honesty in dealing with his fellow-men, and his upright and clean life, coupled with his business capacity, brought him into public notice, and he was nominated by the Democratic party for his present office, and was elected in the fall of 1887, notwithstanding the fact that the county has a Republican majority. In the fall of 1889 he was re-elected, and this, as well as his first election, proves that he is a popular and efficient official. He was married to Miss Josie A. Beckenhaus, who was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, their union taking place in Kansas City, Mo., September 26, 1888. [For a history of Mr. Stewart's parents see sketch of Martin Stewart.]

Samuel Stewart has been engaged in business in Kansas City, Kas., since the month of June, 1884, and since April, 1887, has conducted affairs on James Street, his spacious store-building being a landmark in this part of the city. He was born in County Antrim, Ireland, June 20, 1851, his parents, James and Sarah (McIlroy) Stewart being also born there about the year 1826. They were married in 1848, and became the parents of eleven children, their names being as follows: John, Samuel, Isabella, Thomas and James, living, and James, Robert H., Mary, William, Jennie and Sarah, deceased. The parents still reside in their native county. The subject of this sketch is the only member of the family that came to the United States, but his youth was spent in attending school and laboring on a farm. At the age of fifteen years he left home and went to Belfast, Ireland, where he served a five years' apprenticeship, learning the trade of a grocer, then opened an establishment of his own, and was a prosperous and suc-

cessful grocer of Belfast for twelve years. He was married while there, on July 13, 1875, to Miss Johanna May, whose birth occurred in County Antrim, Ireland, June 13, 1850, a daughter of John and Catherine (Walker) May. In 1884 Mr. Stewart emigrated with his family to America, embarking at Derry on March 14, and reaching New York after a stormy voyage of fourteen days. After staying two nights in this city they started for Kansas City via Chicago, remaining two nights in this place, and reached their destination on April 2, establishing the following June a grocery store at No. 1522 East Twelfth Street, but in April, 1887, purchased his present establishment which he has conducted very successfully ever since, being now one of the leading grocers in his portion of the city. He endeavors in every way to please his patrons, and that he has succeeded in doing so is clearly shown by the large patronage he now enjoys. He and wife, who are members of the Presbyterian Church, have three sons: James (born March 18, 1877), John (born April 5, 1879), and Samuel (born November 11, 1881.)

Frederick Stockhoff, whose sketch now claims attention, is a resident of Wyandotte Township, Wyandotte County, Kas. He was born in Hanover, Germany, about twelve miles from the old city of that name, on December 20, 1844, and was the second of the eight children born to his parents. The others are: Henry (who resides in Wyandotte County and married Miss Anna Winker, a native of Germany), Herman (who lives in Wyandotte County, is married, and devotes his attention to farming), Wilhelm, resident of Wyandotte County, and is a farmer), Joseph (who continues to make his home in Germany), August (who lives in Wyandotte County), and Louise (wife of Mr. Doodlestadt, of Kansas City, Mo.). Mr. Stockhoff's parents were both natives of Germany, and are both dead. He received his early education in the old country, and was thus fitted for the battle of life and to be a practical business man. He commenced a commercial career for himself at the age of twenty-three, without a dollar in his pocket and without a trade of any kind, and for many years naturally endured innumerable privations and often found it very difficult to provide himself with the necessaries of life. However, he was the fortunate possessor of a pair of willing hands and a vast amount of energy, and climbed slowly but surely to success. Upon his arrival in the United States he landed in New York City and from that point went to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he remained for a period of seven years, working in that city and also in Covington, Ky. He came to Wyandotte

County in the spring of 1873, and at once engaged in farming. At that time the country around here was very wild, and had few signs of cultivation. Kansas City, Kas., had only about 2,000 inhabitants, and land there was worth from \$20 to \$40 per acre. Now Mr. Stockhoff owns a very valuable farm that comprises 174 acres of land that is worth fully \$75 per acre, and is a highly respected man, alike in business and social circles. He has seen all the wonderful "booms" that have visited this section of the country in the past, and is well posted as to the desirability of real estate. His estate lies within five miles of the city limits of Kansas City, Kas., and he is comfortably fixed and has before him the promise of a successful future. In Cincinnati, Ohio, in April, 1873, Mr. Stockhoff was united in marriage with Miss Caroline Winkey, a native of Germany, and who was educated in her native place. To them have been born four children—three daughters and one son—viz.: Lizzie (aged sixteen), Henry (who is thirteen years old), Rosa (a pretty little maiden of eleven summers), and Lena (aged eight years, and the youngest child.) In politics he has always supported the Republican ticket, and cast his first presidential vote in the United States for the "soldier president," Gen. U. S. Grant. Both Mr. and Mrs. Stockhoff are members of the German Lutheran Church, and have by their strict integrity of purpose and natural kindness of heart won many friends during their residence in this township.

R. F. Strain, foreman of the saw-mill and box department of Armour Packing House, is one of the progressive and thoroughgoing business men of Kansas City, Kas. He was born in the Empire State, Rochester, on May 5, 1850, and is of Scotch descent. His father and mother were born in New York State, and there passed their entire lives. The father's name was Duncan Strain. R. F. Strain learned the milling business in Saginaw, Mich., whither he had removed in about 1870, and seven years later he came to Armour and was employed as foreman, superintending the saw business. For four consecutive years he was with and in the employment of the Hoffman Lumber Company, and during this time was foreman of their business on the east bottoms. They sawed and shipped from this county all of 16,000,000 feet of black walnut lumber, which they shipped to Eastern States and to Europe. Mr. Strain returned to Armour at the end of the four years, and when he first commenced working for them they only made a few short and long clear Cumberland boxes. They are now averaging 5,000 boxes per day. Mr. Strain is a young man of excellent business ability, and acumen, and is bound to make his mark

in the world. He is single, and resides at 40 North First Street. In politics he is a staunch Republican.

James Sullivan, a member of the city council from the First Ward, is a successful coal dealer of Kansas City, Kas., his place of business being at No. 40 Central Avenue. He was born at Paris, Ontario, Canada, and came to the States with his parents when a child, being reared chiefly in Northern Michigan, receiving common-school advantages. Being possessed with a spirit of adventure, and thinking to better his financial condition, he came West in 1869, settling in the southern portion of the State, but about sixteen years since came to Kansas City, Kas., and up to 1874 resided in that city and Kansas City, Mo. He located here permanently in 1874, and for about six years worked for the Armourdale Packing Company, after which he embarked in the coal business, a calling that has since received the greater part of his attention. He is a man of excellent judgment, and his many excellent qualities have been recognized by the residents of Kansas City, for he was elected a member of the city council in 1881, 1882, 1883, 1885, 1887, 1888 and 1890, and is now discharging the duties of the same. He has always been a Democrat in his political views, and while running for the above-named office had no opposition in 1882, 1885 and 1890. He was married in Kansas City, Mo., to Miss Rose Gavin, a native of Ireland. His parents, James and Mary (Sullivan) Sullivan, being also natives of that country, but no relation. Mr. Sullivan is a member of the A. O. U. W., Twin City Lodge No. 187.

John W. Summers is a groceryman of Kansas City, Kas., but was born in Linn County, of this State, December 12, 1866, being a son of William H. and Ann R. (Harris) Summers, the former born in Pittsburgh, Penn., in 1840, and the latter in West Virginia in 1845. William H. Summers came to Kansas with a married sister when he was only ten or eleven years of age, and after reaching a proper age he pre-empted and improved a farm in Linn County, and throughout the remainder of his life his attention was given to its cultivation. He was married, in 1860, to Miss Ann R. Harris, who bore him four children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the third. He was a member of the State Militia during the Rebellion, and for a great many years he held the office of constable. He was a Republican politically, and was a man who had the confidence and respect of the community in which he resided, and his death, which occurred in February, 1871, was regretted by all. His wife survives him, and resides on the old home place in Linn County. John W. Summers has relied

upon his own exertions for his clothing and subsistence ever since he was ten years of age, and being desirous of obtaining a good education he would labor at some remunerative pursuit during the summer months and attend school in winter, continuing in this way until 1889, his last term of school being in the National Business College of Kansas City, Mo., in the spring of that year. He thus acquired an excellent knowledge of the ordinary branches of learning, and this schooling fitted him for any branch of business in which he might desire to engage. During the winter of 1884-85 he taught school in Sumner County, Kas., and during his vacations he was employed chiefly at the carpenter's trade, though he also at different times gave some attention to the printer's trade. He came to Kansas City, Kas., in 1883, and has considered this place his home ever since. In December, 1889, he opened a grocery establishment at No. 1720 Central Avenue as the partner of E. M. Dart, and the firm has since done a prosperous business. He is a young man of excellent habits, business as well as social, and possesses all the elements of a successful business man. He was married, December 24, 1888, to Miss Bessie M. Dart, a daughter of S. L. Dart of this city. Mr. Summers is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and he and his wife are highly respected and liked by all who know them.

Eli Swarts, M. D. Among the people of Kansas City, Kas., as well as the surrounding country, the name of Dr. Swarts has become well and favorably known, for he has been an active practitioner of this county since March 20, 1882, and has won an enviable reputation. He was born in Jeromeville, Wayne County, Ohio, July 24, 1835, the eldest of four sons born to Daniel and Hannah (Daniel) Swarts, the former of whom was also born in Wayne County, Ohio, his birth occurring November 26, 1810. He was reared to manhood in his native county, following the occupation of farming until after his removal to Indiana, in 1839, at which time he settled on a large tract of wild land in Warren County, which he began improving, erecting a dwelling-house and outbuildings. He was engaged in boat-building, and being the owner of a saw-mill, he prepared his own lumber, and in this way made considerable money. He owned a grist mill also, it being the only one in the county at that day, and this was also an excellent source of revenue to him. After remaining on this farm for some time he sold out and purchased 420 acres of land, of which he was the owner until 1851, when he sold out and moved to Williamsport, going from there to Attica, Ind., soon after, where he was residing at the time of

his death, which occurred on December 29, 1872, he being at that time in comfortable circumstances. His sons are Eli, Cyrus, Daniel and Winfield S. The eldest of this family, Eli, removed with his father to Williamsport, and in this town learned the trade of a baker and confectioner, which calling he followed up to the time of the opening of the war, at which time he enlisted in Company C, Eighty-sixth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, under Capt. Dick and Col. Hamilton, and served in the Army of the Cumberland, in Rosecrans's Division, taking an active part in the battle of Stone River, where he was quite severely wounded by a minie-ball. He was taken to Hospital No. 18, and at the end of three months was furloughed home, and was afterward transferred to the Second Battalion of Invalid Corps, with headquarters at Indianapolis, Ind. He was afterward discharged on account of his wounds, and returned to Attica, where he remained until 1867, when he went to Illinois, and opened a bakery and confectionery establishment in Paris, in which business he remained until 1873, when he began the study of medicine in Mattoon, Ill., under Dr. A. M. Henry, afterward entering and graduating from the Eclectic Medical College of Cincinnati, Ohio, receiving his diploma in 1878. He then practiced in Paris until the time of his removal to Kansas City, Kas, where he now is a well-known and successful practitioner. He is a member of the State Eclectic Medical Association, of Kansas, and was chosen its president in 1886. He has always been a Democrat, and in the I. O. O. F. he has attained to the Encampment, and has represented his lodge in the Grand Lodge of the United States. He was married on March 9, 1856, to Miss Hannah Randall, of Williamsport, Ind., she being the seventh daughter of Benjamin O. and Sybil (Weeks) Randall, natives of Vermont and New Hampshire, respectively. Mrs. Swarts was born in Danville, Vt., February 27, 1834, and in 1836 was taken by her parents to Ohio, and three years later to Franklin County, Ind., where she was reared to womanhood. She has borne Dr. Swarts one son — James A., who was born in Williamsport, Ind., December 30, 1856, and was married December 25, 1879, to Miss Ida Bridges, who afterward died, leaving him with a daughter, Helen. On January 29, 1882, he married Miss Mary L. Schaak, who was born in Lockport, N. Y., September 6, 1865, and by her has two children: James A. and John L.

John M. Sweeney, buyer for the Kansas City Packing Company, was born in Canada, twelve miles from the Falls of Niagara, May 29, 1849, his parents, Alexander and Bridget (Stanton) Sweeney, having been born in Ireland, a short history of their lives being given in the

sketch of Daniel J. Sweeney. Of a family of seventeen children born to this couple, the following are living: John M., Anthony J., Daniel J., James, Thomas, Alexander J., Mary, Katie, Hugh, Edward, Frank and Frederick W., the eldest three sons being members of the Kansas City Packing Company. The early boyhood of John M. Sweeney was spent in Canada, learning the beef business, but at the age of eighteen years, he was taken to Chicago by his parents, and there spent the rest of his youth, and his early manhood, his time being spent in the trade of a butcher, a calling he has been connected with all his life. He spent seven years as cattle-buyer at Chicago, for the firm of Sweeney & Sons, of which he was one, after which he acted as a salesman for the firm of Libby, McNeil & Libby, a packing firm of that city for seven years. In 1885 he went to Denver, Colo., but shortly after returned to Chicago, to accept a position with Philip D. Armour, and was manager of his interests in the city of Philadelphia, Penn., nearly three years. He then resigned the position, and came west to Kansas City, Kas., soon after securing a position with the firm of Jacob Dold & Son, and for that firm opened a refrigerator in Philadelphia, which he managed for a little over a year. He resigned, returned to Kansas City, and has since been acting as cattle-buyer for the Kansas City Packing Company, and has shown excellent judgment in this direction. His marriage to Miss Mary O'Connell, who was born in Jefferson City, Mo., May 6, 1858, took place in 1880, and has resulted in the birth of six sons: De Loss, Alexander, Emery John, George Anthony, Joseph Adelford, Frederick Allen, and Bartholomew Francis (twins). Mr. and Mrs. Sweeney are members of the Catholic Church.

Anthony J. Sweeney is the manager, and one of the directors and stockholders of the Kansas City (Kas.) Packing & Chase Refrigerating Company, and, like his brother, Daniel J., is a native of Canada, his birth occurring July 1, 1851. In 1867 he came with his parents to the United States, and was educated in Bryant & Stratton's Business College, of Chicago, Ill., in which city his parents had settled, and was graduated from the same in December of that year. The same month he entered the employ of Morris, Waixel & Co., with which firm he remained until the following spring, and then entered the employ of John O'Malley, a wholesale beef dealer, as book-keeper, but at the end of two years became an employe of O'Connor & Baynes in the same business, after which the firm changed to Sweeney & Baynes. Anthony J. remained with this firm for six months, and then, in company with his brother John, purchased the interest of

Baynes, and the firm became Sweeney & Sons, it being changed two years later to Sweeney & Co. The subject of this sketch then went to New York City and Boston, and opened branch commission houses for this firm. In the fall of 1873 the above firm commenced shipping dressed-beef to the Eastern markets, being one of the pioneers in the dressed-beef trade, which of late years has grown to be such an immense business. In 1875 he gave up business for himself, and for about six months was manager of a slaughter house at Bridgeport, Ill., after which he was in the employ of Libby, McNeil & Libby, of Chicago, for some time, but resigning his position, he went to Denver, and embarked in the cattle business which he still continues, being the owner of a cattle and horse ranch, thirty miles from that city. He came to Kansas City, Kas., in 1887, and the following year worked for the Jacob Dold Packing Company, as Eastern manager for the firm, with his office in Boston, and then for one year held the same position for the Kansas City Packing Company, being now manager of the beef department for the Kansas City Packing & Chase Refrigerating Company. In addition to filling this position, he is a member of the firm of Sweeney, Nathan & Co., of Boston, and is also Eastern manager for the Cold Blast Transportation Company Car Line. He is an excellent business man, and very popular with his fellows. He is a member of the Royal Arcanum and the A. O. U. W.

Daniel J. Sweeney is a stockholder of the Kansas City Packing & Refrigerating Company, and being a man who possesses many sterling business and social qualifications, he is an acquisition to the city in which he resides. He was born in Dundas, Canada, May 8, 1854, his parents, Alexander and Bridget (Stanton) Sweeney, being natives of the Emerald Isle, the former of whom is now a resident of Chicago, Ill., is in his sixty-seventh year, and for the past thirteen years has been one of the meat inspectors of what is now the second city in the Union. His wife died in this city May 6, 1888, at the age of sixty-three years. Daniel J. Sweeney came to the United States with his parents, some twenty-five years since, and settled with them in Chicago, where he was reared and educated, but in 1869 he began the battle of life for himself, being an employe of the firm of Sweeney & Baynes, when that firm was doing business on Kinzie Street. They were burned out during the great fire of 1871, and about thirty days later they resumed business on the West Side, near the old Haymarket. Here Daniel J. was head book-keeper for some time. In 1874, when he engaged in the wholesale beef business, under the firm name of

Sweeney & Co., their establishment was a first-class one, and continued so to be, until July, 1879, when Mr. Sweeney became a salesman for the firm of Britten & Guth, with whom he remained for some time. In 1887 he came to Kansas City, Kas., and for some two years was with Jacob Doll, since which time he has been with his present company. He was married in 1883 to Miss Katie Oakey, who was born in Chicago, in 1864, and they now have two bright and interesting little children: Lauretta M. and Edith. Mr. Sweeney is a supporter of Democratic principles, and is a member of the I. O. F.

Henry S. Swingley, the subject of this important sketch, in the business circles of Kansas City, Kas., is a gentleman who needs no especial introduction to the populace of the city, nor the surrounding country. Mr. Swingley is the senior member of the well-known firm of undertakers known as Swingley & Quarles. He is a native of Polo, Ogle County, Ill. His father, who was a native of Hagerstown, Md., born in 1817, and well remembers some of his boyhood days, and was a merchant by profession. He is living at present, at the advanced age of seventy-three, and resides in Turner, Wyandotte County, Kas. The mother of Henry S., Mrs. Anna Mary (Locher) Swingley, was also a native of Maryland. She was a lady of refined tastes, and also an accomplished musician, having been liberally educated in the select schools of Maryland. She died at the age of sixty-one years. Her remains are interred in Olathe Cemetery, Johnson County, Kas., where, at her head, rests a beautiful monument, sacred to her memory, erected by her loving sons. Mr. Swingley was the third in a family of twelve children: Elizabeth L. (a resident of Wyandotte County, and the widow of John M. Ainsworth, who was a farmer by avocation), Rosena E. (residing in Morris County, Kas., married to Thomas Barber, who is a stock-raiser), Michael S. (living in Wyandotte County, and married to Miss Lucy Swingley; he is a manager of the Kaw River Improvement Company), James J. (single, and in Wyandotte County, is a dealer in general merchandise), Samuel A. (unmarried, and in Old Mexico, is a dealer in stock, and also engaged in mining), Mollie A. (wife of Dr. C. L. Burke, a successful physician and surgeon of this county), Frank (died at the age of nineteen, while a college student), Charles E. (a partner with his brother James in this county), Edna E. (the youngest in the family, died at the age of five years). Mr. Swingley's early education was obtained in the common schools of Illinois, and completed in the grammar schools of Baltimore, Md., and naturally he is an enthusiast upon the subject of good educational prin-

ciples and schools. He commenced life for himself at the age of twenty years. He started out as an agriculturist, for two years, with his brother; then, after about one year's absence in St. Louis, he and his brother purchased a farm in Wyandotte County, Kas., which consisted of 200 acres of heavily timbered land. This was purchased as a speculation, and these enterprising and thrifty gentlemen furnished some of the principal railroads with ties, and also filled contracts for posts for the famous snow-sheds in the Rocky Mountains, besides furnishing wood and fuel for the Government at the frontier posts. Mr. Swingley has had a varied experience as a business man. He opened up a successful career as a real estate dealer in Kansas City, Mo., in the year 1884, and being a bustling and enterprising man, made this a signal success. His business transactions in the real estate circles were recognized among the leading members of the fraternity as solid and responsible in detail. He then disposed of his real estate interests in Kansas City, Mo., and immediately embarked in the livery and undertaking business in Kansas City, Kas. The well-known firm of Swingley & Quarles, of which he is a member, have an expert embalmer, who superintends in detail the undertaking department. Their place of business is located at the corner of Fourth Street and Minnesota Avenue, and their capital amounts to \$20,000. The firm is incorporated in the livery and undertaking business. Mr. Swingley has been successful in his chosen avocation above the average. He is a Democrat of the true Jeffersonian stripe, and a man recognized among his constituents as one who stands upon the true principles of Democracy. He cast his first presidential vote for Samuel J. Tilden. He has aimed to support men of principle and honor through life. Mr. Swingley commenced his official life on a school board of education, as clerk, holding the position for three years. He was a formidable candidate for sheriff of Wyandotte County, Kas., on the Democratic ticket in the year 1883, and though the race which he made was decidedly a commendable one, his opponent defeated him by only sixty four votes of the total vote polled. In 1885 he made another race, for the office of register of deeds, and was defeated by but nineteen votes. The county of Wyandotte being Republican by a majority of 1,300, and the principles which Mr. Swingley sustains being purely Democratic, his popularity as a man of integrity and honor will be at once clearly seen. He was a delegate from the Second Congressional District of Kansas to the National Democratic Convention, held in St. Louis, Mo., where Hon. Grover Cleveland was unanimously nominated for President of

the United States. He is at present secretary of the Second Congressional District of Kansas. He is a member of the Masonic lodge of Kansas City, Kas., and a member of the K. P. lodge; also a member of the A. O. U. W. He is a devoted member of the Reformed Church, of Kansas City, Mo. He is a gentleman who has been open-handed in the benevolences which have been presented him for his worthy consideration. Mr. Swingley is single in life, has an extensive business, and is also the owner and proprietor of two excellent farms, lying within five miles of the city limits of this place. He is honored and respected for his honesty of purpose, and considers his word as his bond. Here he will make his future abiding place, where his interests are, and here he will enjoy the esteem of a wide circle of acquaintances.

J. J. Swingley is the senior member of the well-known general mercantile firm of Swingley Bros., of Turner, Wyandotte County, Kas., and it may be truly remarked that no more honorable or upright business man exists in the county than he. He was born in Ogle County, Ill., January 23, 1852, being the fifth of eight children born to Samuel N. and Anna M. (Locher) Swingley, natives of Maryland, the former born October 22, 1817, in Washington County, and the latter in Baltimore, in July, 1824. Mr. Swingley resided in the State of his birth until he attained manhood, and received the advantages of a good common-school education, and also acquired a thorough knowledge of mercantile life. In 1843 he became associated in this business with George W. Shearwood & Swingley, the latter being a relative, but afterward headed a party from Maryland, and settled in Ogle County, Ill., the land at that time not being in the market. They were instrumental in starting the town of Mount Morris, and here Mr. Swingley remained until 1861. His father, Michael Swingley died here in 1848, his widow passing from life in 1853. While in Illinois, Mr. Swingley was engaged chiefly in farming, and this calling he continued to follow from 1861 to 1881, a farm of 127 acres, which he purchased in 1865, being the scene of his labors. On coming to Wyandotte County, in 1880, he purchased a small farm on a portion of which he founded the town of Turner. He was married in Maryland in 1842, to Anna Mary Locher, but he was called upon to mourn her death February 9, 1885, she having borne him the following family of children: Elizabeth (wife of John M. Ainsworth), Emma R. (wife of Thomas Barber), Henry S., Michael S., James J. (the subject of this sketch), Samuel, Mollie (wife of Dr. C. L. Burke), and Charles. J. J.

Swingley spent his youth in Johnson County, Kas., and besides being an attendant of the common schools of that county, he also took a commercial course in Olathe College, and at the age of twenty-five years became a school teacher, following this calling for two years. At the end of this time he began manufacturing cigars and dealing in domestic and imported tobaccos, but at the end of three years he moved to Turner, and in addition to keeping this class of goods added a general stock, the post-office of Turner also being held in their store. He is associated in business with a younger brother, Charles E., both of whom are unmarried. He was a member of Company D, of the National Guards, at Olathe, for five years, and was a member of the crack company, which, during his membership, took part each year in the State contest, and was successful in securing the first honors and prizes of the Encampment. Since his residence in Wyandotte County he has taken an active interest in such matters and assisted in drilling the young ladies in the recent Business Men's Carnival in Argentine. He, like his ancestors before him, has always been a Democrat, and has held a number of offices in his township. In 1884 he was appointed postmaster of Turner, a position he is still filling. He is a member of Cincinnati Lodge No. 91, of the K. of P., of Argentine, and has held different offices in this order, among which was chancellor commander. In February, 1887, he was commissioned notary public, and in 1888 filled the unexpired term of A. A. Lovelace, as county commissioner, and in the fall of that year made the race for the office against John Steffens, but was defeated by a majority of thirteen. He is an earnest member of the Congregational Church.

Albert G. Talbott, real estate broker. The magnitude of the real estate interests of Kansas City, Kas., and the incessant activity in the market, have enlisted the services of many of her most responsible, sagacious and honorable citizens, and among the number is Mr. Talbott, whose life, like that of all truly self-made men, has been very interesting, and a few facts connected therewith will not be out of place. When only twelve years of age, he left his home in Indiana, and embarked for the gold regions of California, via New York and the Isthmus of Panama, and upon reaching the "Eldorado of America" he at once began to look about him for something to do. He sometime afterward engaged in mining, and in a short time young Talbott had accumulated a handsome amount of money. He then went to San Francisco and engaged in the money broker business, his office being at 84 Montgomery Street, Brannan's Block, and here he remained until

he lost in mining stocks \$150,000. This was the needed impetus to cause him again to strike out for a more congenial and healthful climate, and this time he finally turned up in the gold-bearing regions of Idaho, where he soon after conceived the idea of building a good mountain wagon-road from Boise City, in the valley of Boise River, to Idaho City, in the mountains, and acting upon this idea, he at once set to work to secure a charter from Ada County, of which Idaho City was the county seat, for a toll road running twenty years, from Boise to Idaho Cities. On March 4, 1865, he hired his men and teams, and by May 1, 1865, he had completed and thrown open to the public as fine a wagon-road as could have been found in any mountainous country. By the 1st of November following, he had paid for the building of the road, and had \$20,000 left, to show the correctness of his judgment. In November, 1865, a fire swept the business portion of Idaho City, and Mr. Talbott, seeing that he had made the bulk of profit out of the road, sold it to Henry Greathouse, of the Oregon & Idaho Stage Company. Being then possessed of a desire to see once more an entirely civilized section of the United States, he started eastward, leaving Boise City for Fort Benton with twenty wagons and teams in April, 1866, and on May 12 arrived at the latter place. On May 14 he took passage on the first return boat of the season, steamer "St. John," of St. Louis, for Omaha, Neb., and here, following the advice of some old school friends, he made investments which resulted in the loss of nearly all his hard-earned money. He then decided to seek fresh fields, and immediately took passage on a steamer bound south, and visited nearly all the southern cities of any importance. In February, 1868, while in New Orleans, meditating whether to go back to California or return North, he decided to trust to chance, and taking a copper cent from his pocket he tossed it up, saying, "Heads up, I go to California; tails up, I go to Leavenworth, Kas." Tails came up, and on April 1 he took a steamer for the latter place, and in a short time had made many friends and acquaintances in Leavenworth. He was given a position on the old Leavenworth Bulletin, and was one of the men who rendered most valuable service on that paper when A. Caldwell was brought out and elected United States Senator, from Leavenworth, in 1872. When the Times and Bulletin were merged in the spring of 1872, he became its advertising man, and after the paper was purchased by Col. D. R. Anthony, he was retained and soon after promoted to the position of business manager of the paper. In this position he displayed much ability, but becoming

wearied of a constantly confining position, he, in October, 1878, resigned, and started for the southwest portion of Kansas, and for some time was engaged in the land and insurance business, in Edwards County. After a year of prosperity he lost all he had, and as the outlook for the future was not promising, he immediately pulled up stakes and started for Wyandotte, which place he reached on April 14, 1880. He at once took a position under L. H. Wood, and after remaining with him six months, he became a member of the firm of Wood & Talbott, and they conducted a general real estate and insurance business. In 1882 he sold his interest to his partner, and took a position as special agent for Kansas for the "Continental" Fire Insurance of New York, and after traveling over the State constantly for three years, he resigned his position on account of ill health, and again, in 1884, engaged in the real estate and insurance business, a calling which has since received his attention, and it may be truly said that he has sold more land adjacent to the city, and a greater number of lots and city property, than any other one man in the consolidated cities of Kansas City, Kas. Having grown up with the many great property changes, and having manipulated so many sales and purchases, his good judgment is said to be second to none on values, and he is daily asked to pass judgment on all classes of values. He is doing a substantial business, and has the entire confidence of all who know him. He pays every attention to the interests of non-residents, who both seek investments in the great metropolis of Kansas, and who desire some reliable person to take charge of and look after their already secured interests. Parties who wish to invest, or have invested, will receive the utmost attention from Mr. Talbott, and will learn that he is truly the right man in the right place. In 1884 he was elected a member of the Republican State Central Committee, and was chosen one of the five of the Executive Committee to plan and manage the State campaign which elected John Martin, of Atchison, governor. Since he attained his majority, he has at all times taken an active part in politics, and has wielded a great influence in city and county affairs. He is an enthusiastic admirer of the old Whig party, and believes that no party can maintain America's free and liberal Government but the Republican party of to-day.

W. H. Taylor, of English birth and a man yet fairly in the prime of life, learned the machinist's trade in his native country, and was there married. Emigrating to America, he located at Evansville, Ind., where for a number of years he was employed as superintendent in the

shops of the first railroad at that point. During the fifties he and a partner brought a grist-mill to Quindaro, which they operated for a time, but which, owing to a lack of patronage, proved a losing venture. Mr. Taylor then went to Leavenworth, and was master mechanic in the shops of the railroad company there that at that time operated only two engines. For ten or twelve years he remained at that place, then engaged in agricultural pursuits, but later again resumed railroading, occupying the same position he formerly held. For the past number of years he has farmed, and throughout all his diversified career it can be said that he has made a success. Recently he sold thirteen acres from his farm to a pressed-brick company, and it now produces some of the finest brick manufactured. Mr. Taylor has four sons and a wife living, and the family are among the well-known and respected families of the county.

William B. Taylor is one of the influential residents of Kansas City, Kas., and is the present commissioner of elections in that place. He was born in Ellenville, Ulster County, N. Y., December 30, 1855, and like all native New Yorkers he is enterprising, industrious, intelligent and public spirited. His parents, Richard B. and Rachel A. (Brodhead) Taylor were born in Franklin County, Mass., March 29, 1822, and Ulster County, N. Y., March 1, 1829, respectively. The paternal grandfather, William Taylor, was born in the "Bay State," and his father, William Taylor, was a captain in the Revolutionary War. The maternal grandparents, William and Susan Brodhead were born in New York State, their ancestors having been residents of that State for several generations and among its leading families. Richard and Rachel Taylor were married March 22, 1851, and William B. Taylor, the subject of this sketch, is their only child. The father was a journalist by profession, and after locating in Kansas City, Kas., in July, 1858, he became connected with the Wyandotte Gazette, and in 1860 became its sole proprietor. He conducted it very successfully until his death, which occurred March 24, 1877, being still survived by his widow, her home being now with her son William B. The latter has resided in Kansas City ever since he was two years old, and his early educational training was received in the public schools of the city, and in the State Agricultural College at Manhattan, Kas. In 1877 he graduated from the Law Department of the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor. Upon the day he graduated, his father died, and instead of entering upon the practice of his profession as he had intended, he was obliged to take charge of the paper which his father had so long edited. He

edited and published the Gazette until October, 1879, when he sold the establishment to Messrs. Armstrong & Moyer, and he has since given his attention principally to mercantile pursuits and to the management of his real estate interests which are somewhat extensive. In March, 1889, he was appointed commissioner of elections for Kansas City, by Gov. Humphrey, and his term of office will expire in March, 1893. On November 17, 1879, he was married to Miss Flora Cook, the only child of the late Henry W. Cook of this city. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor have three children: Ethel C., Mabel B. and Rachel. Mr. Taylor is an enthusiastic Mason, especially in the higher degrees of the order, and was for several years eminent commander of Ivanhoe Commandery No. 21, K. T. He also belongs to the order of the Mystic Shrine. He has always been an ardent supporter of Republican principles, and is influential in the councils of his party. Although a young man he is one of the pioneer residents of the town, and is one of her wide-awake and public-spirited citizens. While the Wyandotte Gazette was in the hands of his father, the late Hon. R. B. Taylor, it was one of the leading journals of the State, and was one of the first papers to be printed in the same. Mr. Taylor, Sr., was the first president of the Kansas Editorial Association, and of the Kansas Historical Association. He was also a member of the State Legislature, and occupied other positions of trust and responsibility; and his name is indissolubly linked with the memory of the struggle of the earlier settlers of Kansas, the story of whose heroic achievements will ever adorn some of the brightest pages in the history of the Sunflower State.

Prof. Edward F. Taylor, superintendent of Wyandotte County Public Schools, Kansas City, Kas. In including in this work sketches of the lives of prominent young men, it would be an omission to be regretted not to include an outline, at least, of the life of Mr. Taylor, who has been a resident of Wyandotte County since 1869. He was born in Will County, Ill., in 1863, and is a son of David G. and Sarah F. (Franklin) Taylor, natives of New York and Iowa, respectively. The father is a farmer by occupation and is held in high esteem by all acquainted with him. Edward F. Taylor came with his parents to Wyandotte County, Kas., in 1869, and after attending the district schools for a number of terms, and the Wyandotte Academy a couple of years, taught school for two more years. After this he entered the State Normal at Emporia, Kas., and there remained one year. He has followed the teacher's profession ever since, and is one of the most

prominent and successful instructors in the county. He taught first in the ungraded schools and later became principal of the graded school at Edwardsville, where he remained for some time. He then came to Kansas City, Kas., and was first assistant in what is now Woodstreet School for one year. After this he was promoted to principal of Everett School, where he remained one year, being promoted to the charge of the commercial department of the high school of Kansas City, and by virtue of the position first assistant of the high school. He was selected school superintendent of Wyandotte County, in the fall of 1888, by the largest majority ever recorded in the county, and still holds the position. His career in this position has been so well known to the citizens of Wyandotte County that we feel it unnecessary to add any words of commendation; to say that he has filled the office in a capable and satisfactory manner expresses a truth all will support. His marriage with Miss Carrie H. Holbrook was consummated in Kansas City, Kas., in 1888. Mr. Taylor is a member of Wyandotte Lodge No. 3, A. F. & A. M.; of Myrtle Lodge No. 1, K. of P., and of Mendias Chapter, O. E. S.

G. A. Taylor. The Argentine Bank was organized and opened for business February 1, 1887, with Mr. G. A. Taylor as its cashier and manager, which position he still holds, the owners and proprietors being N. McAlpine, G. A. Taylor and J. F. Barker. The bank is now one of the best established in the county, and has an individual responsibility of \$1,500,000. Mr. G. A. Taylor was born in Geneva, Walworth County, Wis., August 9, 1864. He was reared on his father's farm, and in addition to a common-school education attended the Wyandotte Academy and the State Normal School, in this State. He came to Wyandotte County, Kas., with his parents, in 1870, and after finishing his education, taught school in Wyandotte County for four years. He holds one of the highest grade certificates ever issued by Kansas City, Kas. He then entered the Armourdale Bank, which was the first bank in Armourdale, and was controlled by N. McAlpine, A. W. Little and G. A. Taylor. The capital of said bank being paid to Mr. G. A. Taylor, as assistant cashier, as he was the best acquainted with the people of the community. His character and business ability, for a young man, have but few equals, and his reputation as an honest, conscientious young man is widely known and recognized. He resigned his connection and sold his interest in the Armourdale Bank in January, 1887, to organize the Argentine Bank, which he opened February 1, as has been stated. He occupies a most re-

sponsible position in his community, and has the unbounded confidence of all who know him. He was married, August 20, 1889, to Miss Edith B. Ainsworth, the only daughter of Mrs. E. L. Ainsworth, of Turner, Kas., who has been a resident of Wyandotte County for more than twenty years. Mr. Taylor is a Knight Templar Mason, and is also a member of the K. of P., and O. I. H. His parents, David G. and Sarah F. Taylor, were natives of New York and Iowa, respectively. His father is a successful agriculturist, and resides in Wyandotte Township, Wyandotte County, Kas.

Theodore Teepen, grocer. Among those prominently identified with the retail grocery trade at Kansas City, Kas., is Mr. Teepen, who opened his establishment some five years ago, and during the period that has since elapsed, a large trade has been built up which is constantly increasing. He was born in Lingen, Prussia, April 2, 1844, to Theodore and Sene Teepen who spent their entire lives in Prussia. The father was a blacksmith by trade and this calling he followed all his life with the exception of seven years which were spent in the German military service. The father of these children died in 1858 and the mother in 1875, their children being as follows: Jacob, Gerhard, Hermann, Barney, Sene and Theodore. Hermann, Barney and Theodore are the only ones now living, the first named being a resident of his native land, and the two latter of Kansas City, Kas. Theodore Teepen attended school in his native land until he was fourteen years of age, and as soon as he became old enough, when not in school, he assisted his father in the blacksmith shop. After the father's death, which occurred about the time Theodore left school, he began working as a journeyman at blacksmithing, and this occupation continued to follow until he reached the age of twenty-one. In 1866 he went to Holland, where he followed his trade for nearly a year, but in the spring of 1867 he started for America, crossing the English Channel to Hull, England, and there boarding a train for Liverpool, at which place he embarked for the United States. In due season he landed at New York City, and at once started for the West, but stopped when he reached Cincinnati, Ohio, where, for three years, he was employed as a car inspector. In the spring of 1870 he came to Kansas and located in Wyandotte, which place has been his home ever since. He continued in the capacity of car inspector for about fifteen years, being in the employ of the Kansas Pacific road seven years, and the Union Pacific eight years. In June, 1885, he established a grocery store and meat-market at Nos. 813 and 813½ Minnesota Avenue, and his entire atten-

tion has since been given to their management. By reason of his long residence and wide acquaintance here before he engaged in business, it took him only a short time to build up a good trade, and it has steadily increased until he now has a first-class patronage. His place of business embraces two departments, one of which contains a first-class stock of groceries and the other a clean and well conducted meat-market. Mr. Teepen's well established good citizenship, and his desire to satisfy the public have made his place of business a popular one. He is honorable in every worthy particular, a substantial citizen, and he, his wife and family are among the most highly respected of the German citizens of this place. Mary Puening who was born in Prussia, January 25, 1850, became his wife on February 2, 1871. She came to America in 1868, and her union with Mr. Teepen has resulted in the birth of six children: Henry, Josephine, Theodore, Mary, Aloysius and Anna. Josephine and Anna, only are living. Mr. and Mrs. Teepen and daughters are members of the Catholic Church. Mrs. Teepen's parents, William and Mary Elizabeth (Beckman) Puening, were native Germans, the former dying on February 1, 1863. The latter is still living, as are also five of the six children she bore her husband: Louisa, Mary, Caroline, Josephine and Anna. Frank died in his fourteenth year. The father of Mrs. Teepen was a tailor by trade, but during the early part of his life spent several years in the military service. Mrs. Teepen is the only one of her father's family that came to the United States, this being in 1868. After spending a year and a half in Cincinnati, Ohio, where she and Mr. Teepen became acquainted, they were married and came West. Josephine, their eldest daughter is a graduate of Mount St. Mary's Convent, near Leavenworth, Kas., her birth having occurred on October 25, 1873. Henry was born on December 17, 1872, and died December 18, 1872. Theodore was born December 4, 1875, and died of spinal meningitis, after an illness of twenty-four hours, September 12, 1886. Mary was born March 10, 1878, and died April 30, 1879. Aloysius was born April 2, 1880, and died April 3, 1880, Anna was born March 9, 1881.

William Telker, farmer, Bethel, Kas. Mr. Telker is only one of the many prominent citizens of foreign birth now residing in Wyandotte County, who by their industry and perseverance have become successful in their different callings. He was born in Hanover on July 13, 1850, and is the son of Henry Telker, who was a mechanic and farmer in the old country. The father reared four sons: George, Henry, Herman, and William, our subject, being the youngest of the

family, and of these Herman is living in Cincinnati, engaged in the commission business. The other two, George and Henry, still remain in the old country. The father died about eighteen years ago. William Telker grew to manhood in Germany, attended the schools of that country for about eight years, and after his school days were over he worked for two years for his father. At the age of nineteen years he came to America to escape the military duties imposed upon him, and landing in Baltimore, he went on to Cincinnati. Making his home there, he worked at the furniture business, working at one place five years, and at another six years. On February 27, 1878, he came to Wyandotte, bought a farm of forty-six acres, and afterward bought ten acres more. This he improved, then sold out and bought seventy acres, where he now resides, to which he added forty acres more, which makes him a nice little farm of 110 acres. He bought the farm owned by old man Ketchum and son, a Delaware Indian. Mr. Telker does a general farming business, but is gradually converting it into a fruit farm. He was married in Cincinnati on September 29, 1874, to Miss Minnie Striehtmann, a native of Cincinnati, and of the five children born to them three of them are sons and two daughters: Alma (fifteen), Herman (thirteen), Otto (eleven), John (nine), and Ida (five years of age). Mr. Telker and wife are members of the German Lutheran Church. In politics he leans toward the Republican party, but in local politics he votes for the man coming to this State a poor man. Mr. Telker has made all he has by industry and good management.

Dr. Asa Peaslee Tenney is one of the ablest physicians of Wyandotte County, Kas., and possesses a full share of the public patronage, having the full confidence of his patrons. He was born in Concord, N. H., September 21, 1833, and was a son of Rev. Asa Peaslee Tenney, a Congregational minister, who, for thirty-four years was pastor of a church at that place. He was a native of Newbury, Vt., a son of Jonathan Tenney, the first members of the family coming from England. Dr. Asa Peaslee Tenney was the second of six children—three sons and three daughters—one son and two daughters being now deceased. His advantages for acquiring a good education were excellent, and after reaching his twenty-third year he took up the study of medicine, and in the fall of that year went to Boston, where he studied two years under the preceptorship of Dr. John F. Jarvis, afterward taking three courses of lectures in the Harvard Medical College, graduating March 3, 1859. Meanwhile, in 1858, he was appointed assistant physician of the Boston Lunatic Hospital, which

position he held for about a year and a half, continuing his medical studies under the direction of Dr. Clement A. Walker, of Boston. In the fall of 1859 he was appointed assistant physician of the Illinois State Hospital for the insane of Jacksonville, Ill., but after filling this position very acceptably for five years, he returned to Concord, N. H., and there practiced his profession for three years, but at the end of that time returned to Illinois, and settled at Bloomington, where he eventually built up a large practice. In 1877 he was appointed superintendent of the Insane Hospital, at Osawatomie, Kas., but at the end of one year he settled in Atchison, remaining there until he received the appointment of superintendent of the Insane Hospital, at Topeka, and held this position two years. In 1885 he located in Kansas City, Kas., where he has become widely and favorably known. The Doctor was married on September 21, 1863, to Miss Minerva Tenney, of Binghamton, N. Y., by whom he has had four children: Only two of whom, Emily and Edwin Roy, are living. Edward, the first-born, died in infancy; Walter H., the second died in Atchison, Kas., aged twelve years. The Doctor and his wife are consistent members of the Congregational Church, and he is a Mason, and has attained to the Knight Templar's degree in that order, and has also reached the fourteenth degree in the Scottish Rite. He is also an Odd Fellow, and a K. of P. He belongs to the examining board for pensions, and is at present surgeon for the Missouri Pacific Railroad. He belongs to the Eastern District Medical Society and the Kansas State Medical Society.

Rev. Augustus H. Tevis, A. M., M. D., D. D. The scholarly subject of this sketch is a native of Rush County, Ind., born on his father's farm May 13, 1841, and was the ninth child of a family of three sons and seven daughters, five of whom are now dead. His parents were Dr. Daniel H. and Phœba (Scott) Tevis, the former having been a large and lucrative practice. He (Dr. Daniel H.) was born in Bracken County, Ky., and was quite a scholar as a linguist, being proficient in both Latin and Greek. The elder Dr. Tevis died in 1858, and his widow in 1862, both of whom are buried in Rush County, Ind. After his father's death, the management of the extensive farming operations, embracing several large farms, left by him, all devolved on Augustus H., then only seventeen years old. In 1860 he entered Asbury University, at Greencastle, Ind., then under the control of Bishop Bowman. Early in the beginning of the civil troubles, however, young Tevis left college, to volunteer like a true patriot, and

aid in suppressing the Rebellion. He enlisted in September, 1861, and became second lieutenant in Company H, Thirty-seventh Indiana Volunteers. He was in active service for over three years, participating in many hard battles, fights and skirmishes, including Stone River, New Hope Church, Resaca, before Atlanta, and numerous others. At Stone River he was slightly wounded, and soon after was promoted to a first lieutenancy. He was mustered out in November, 1864, and soon re-entered the same institution he had left to join the army. In the close of 1868 he was graduated therefrom, and in due course was honored with the degree of A. M. On August 6, following, he married Sallie A. Webster, daughter of Dr. E. Webster, of Connersville, Ind. Two daughters have been born to this union. Dr. Tevis' first charge as pastor was that of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Liberty, Union County, Ind., he having received the degree of D. D., it having been conferred upon him by the celebrated McKendree College at Lebanon, Ill. Following this he was stationed at Wooster and Taylorville, and was next elected as superintendent of city schools at Madison, Ind., where he served one year. His conference then sent him to Palestine; thence again to Peru, from which latter charge he was transferred, by Bishop Peck, to Carson City, Nev., where he remained two years, and was chaplain both of the Legislature and of the State prison. It was while there he went into print as an author, and wrote his "Jesuitism, the Bible and the Schools," and also his "Beyond the Sierras," published by Lippincott & Co., of Philadelphia. He also corresponded for various newspapers and literary journals. Santa Barbara, Cal., was his next charge, and from thence he went to San Diego. The ill health of his family necessitated his return to Indiana in 1879, and he having already read medicine studiously, entered the medical college at Indianapolis, from which he soon after graduated as M. D. He was then sent by Bishop Wiley to Springfield, Mo., where he was pastor of Grace Methodist Episcopal Church till the spring of 1883, when he retired therefrom. He was placed in charge of the Summit Street Methodist Episcopal Church at Kansas City, Mo., occupying the pulpit of this church one year, when, in 1886, he made a change from the St. Louis to the Kansas Conference, where he accepted the pastorate of the Kansas Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church at Atchison, Kas., remaining in charge of this church for three years, accepting, in October, 1889, the charge of the Washington Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church, Kansas City, Kas., where he is still pastor. Besides his more solid literary attainments, Dr. Tevis has

paid considerable attention to art, and is quite proficient in music and painting, and has his home decorated with a number of paintings, indicative of true art, produced by himself and wife. He has had many of his sermons published, which rank him high as a theologian. He has published a book of considerable merit on infidelity, considered in relation to its evil effects, as contrasted with Christianity. Had it not been for the assassination of President Garfield Dr. Tevis would doubtless have received the appointment to the Jerusalem consulate, for which he had received the recommendation of most public men of Washington. Zealous in his ministerial work, fully imbued with a love for mankind and a hearty desire for their spiritual and mental elevation, always a student, and given to habits of indefatigable research, Dr. Trevis is one of those rare men who constitute a valuable requisition to any community, while the high social qualities of himself and wife render their companionship in the keenest sense enjoyable, and win them hosts of friends wherever they are known. The Doctor is an active Prohibitionist in principle, and a Republican in politics.

John A. Textor, farmer and horticulturist, Kansas City, Kas. Of those of foreign birth now residing in Wyandotte County, Kas., none are more industrious and enterprising than those of German descent. Mr. Textor, one of the prominent, and much esteemed citizens of the county, owes his nativity to Bavaria, Germany, his birth occurring near the old city of Minchen, April 23, 1848, and needs but little introduction to the people of Wyandotte County. He emigrated from his fatherland when but five years of age, and landed with his parents in New York City, where he spent three years. After this he spent two years and a half in Philadelphia, from there he went to St. Louis, thence to Clinton County, Ill., where he remained six years, and then returned to St. Louis, where he made his home until 1876, when he emigrated to Wyandotte County, Kas. He was the eldest of twelve children—six sons and six daughters—six of whom are living at the present time, viz.: Johanna (resides in Wyandotte County, and is the wife of Albert Garnier, who is a successful horticulturist), Chriscentia (resides in St. Louis, and is the wife of Earnest Kearcher, who is a merchant there), Rosina (resides in Philadelphia, Penn., and is the wife of George Daenzer, who is a showcase manufacturer at that place), Frances (resides in Philadelphia, and is a dressmaker by occupation), and George (resides in St. Louis, married Miss Lena Trapp, and is a fine musician). The father of these children was also a native of Germany, and was a brewer by trade. He is now deceased, and his

remains are interred in St. Louis, Mo. The mother, who was also a native of Germany, is also deceased. Both were well educated. The father was a great student and reader, was unusually well educated, and was a fine conversationalist. He was a great traveler; had been all over Russia, Germany, Switzerland, France, Holland, and spent about eight years in going from one country to the other. John A. Textor received his early education in the public schools, and afterward took a full course in Jones' College in St. Louis. He was a rectifier of spirits by profession, and carried on this business for four years at a large salary. He started out for himself at the age of twenty-four years with limited means, but with a willing pair of hands, and a business tact and acumen which were his guiding stars to his signal success in life. He married Miss Anna Benz, a native of Baden, Germany, born September 1, 1849, in St. Louis, in September, 1873. She was educated in the German language in Baden, and is also well educated in the English language. To this union has been born one little son, Edward Frederick, who is now six years of age. Mr. Textor has always been identified with the Republican party, has been an active politician in his township, and his influence is perceptibly felt over the entire township. He is a gentleman who has always endeavored to exercise his franchise for men of principle and honor. Mr. Textor was deputy sheriff of Wyandotte County, for a term of two years, and he admirably filled this position to the satisfaction of all his friends and his party. He is chairman of the Wyandotte Township Central Committee, has held this important post for four years, and has been an active member of the Board of Education, in his district for nine years. When he first entered the office the district was in debt \$140, and besides this they were compelled to borrow \$160 for teacher's salary. Mr. Textor is at present clerk of the board, and the district has erected new outbuildings, put in new furniture, repaired the house, and have about \$1,100, in the treasurer's hands, thus showing the excellent ability Mr. Textor has as a man of business, and also shows that the utmost confidence has been placed in him throughout. Mr. Textor is a member of the I. O. O. F., and has been since he was twenty-two years of age. He is of the opinion that the Farmers' Alliance is a great move for the interests of the farmers, if they will only cling together. Mr. and Mrs. Textor are devout members of the German Catholic Church, in Wyandotte, Kas., and they have contributed to all benevolent and charitable callings which have been before their worthy consideration. When he first came here Mr. Textor pur-

chased twenty-eight acres of land at \$45 per acre, and this property lies at the present time within a distance of two miles of the city limits of Kansas City, Kas. When he first came here his present beautiful and valuable farm was a perfect wilderness and thicket, the only habitation to be seen being an old Indian hut. Wyandotte City contained a population of scarcely 700. Mr. Textor is a very industrious citizen, and has beautified his fine property to such an extent, that it is one of the most valuable on Minnesota Avenue. He values his land at \$1,000 per acre, but does not care to sell. His place of residence is near or will be in the limits of the city at no distant day. His residence is neat and comfortable, and his outbuildings are commodious and substantial. He is a model farmer and horticulturist, and among the leading varieties of fruit raised on his place are the following: Apples, cherries, peaches, pears, plums, crab-apples, etc., and in small fruit he has strawberries, blackberries, raspberries, currants and standard varieties of grapes. Besides this he raises a great many of the standard vegetables. Mr. and Mrs. Textor have witnessed the wonderful growth made in the country in the time they have been here, and in their own place they have made many and vast improvements. The best of this is that they have made it all by their own efforts, and by hard labor and great perseverance. Here they expect to make their future home, where, surrounded by friends, who hold them in high esteem, they will pass the remainder of their days.

George Thiret, farmer and horticulturist, Kansas City, Kas. Mr. Thiret resides on Section 1, Wyandotte Township, Wyandotte County, and is recognized as one of the leading farmers and horticulturists of the county. His farm is situated three miles west of Kansas City, and consists of 116 acres of mostly improved land. Mr. Thiret owes his nativity to Pennsylvania, his birth occurring near Pittsburgh, February 21, 1845, and is the youngest of four children: John M. (married, resides in Pennsylvania, and is a carpenter and joiner by trade), Catherine (died at the age of about forty years, was married), and Nicholas (who is a blacksmith and mechanic by trade, and also resides in Pennsylvania). The father was a native of Bavaria, and was a farmer by occupation. He died at the age of eighty-six years. The mother was also a native of Germany, and died in 1860, at the age of sixty years. George Thiret received his education in the common schools of Pennsylvania, and started out for himself at the age of sixteen, with limited means, but with a strong pair of hands and a willing heart. He first engaged in the creamery business at Allegheny City, Penn., but

afterward went to South Bend, Ind., and thence to Chicago, where he was salesman in a grocery for seven years. After this he embarked in railroading at Omaha, Neb., for the Union Pacific Railroad, and from there went to Kansas City, Mo. He left there after a short time and again started out railroading on the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railroad. April 30, 1872, Mr. Thiret was married to Miss L. A. Maddox, a native of Indiana, who received her education in the common schools, and who is a lady of culture and refinement, and has stood firmly beside her husband through all hard trials, and always willing to do her share. To them was born one daughter, Josephine, who is an accomplished young lady, and quite proficient in music and penmanship. She attended the common schools, then took a course of higher instruction, and is a young lady of most excellent attributes of character. Mr. Thiret has always identified himself with the Democratic party, except one time, when he advocated the Greenback principles, since then he has upheld the true principles of Democracy. He cast his first presidential vote for Hon. Horatio Seymour, of New York. He is at present Wyandotte Township treasurer, and for three years has been road supervisor of Bulick highways. He is a gentleman who has at heart every enterprise which tends to develop his country. He has been a member of the I. O. O. F., at Kansas City, Kas., and a member of the Farmers' Alliance. Although he has not been an ultra-partisan in politics, he has at all times exercised his right of franchise in a direction which would support men of principle and honor. Mr. Thiret was born and reared in the Lutheran Church, and Mrs. Thiret is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. They are respecters and supporters of the principles of religion which elevate to higher and nobler aspirations. Mr. and Mrs. Thiret emigrated to Wyandotte County, Kas., direct from Chicago, without a dollar, and began life in this new country. Here they have worked together with great industry and economy, which are the highest commendable attributes of praise. They have a beautiful home, and Mr. Thiret is an extensive fruit-grower, shipping a great deal of his fruit North. He has twenty acres in small fruit, such as strawberries, blackberries, raspberries, and also has a vineyard of five and a half acres of fifty different varieties, the most prominent for market being: Concord, Goethe, Elvira and Champion, and has thirty acres in orchard of the finest leading varieties of apples. He supplies the home markets in grapes, and takes great pride in showing the products of his farm at most all the principal fairs in the West, and he always takes the first premiums, and has

ever done his part in proudly advertising his county with his exhibits. The fruit farm which he owns, and which is so valuable, was a wilderness when he and Mrs. Thiret bought their land, and it shows with what an effort they have cleared and improved their present valuable property. Mr. Thiret claims Wyandotte County to be one of the best counties in the State for fruits of all kinds, and is well rewarded for his hard labor now. Mr. Thiret will dispose of eighty acres of his choice farm land at a price which would guarantee true satisfaction, since he expected to make the fruit business his future avocation, and will not need so much land. Mr. Thiret relates, in a very interesting manner, the terrible grasshopper scourge in 1875, when nearly everything was eaten by the pest, and the trials and vicissitudes which he and his family passed through would fill a volume. Aside from their property here they are the owners of four nice building and business lots in Armourdale, now part of Kansas City, Kas., and three lots in Old Kansas City, Kas. They expect to make their future home where they now reside, and are comfortably established, and expect to see Kansas City, now the metropolis of Kansas, the leading city of the Southwest before many years. Mr. Thiret is a friend and supporter of all good educational institutions, and is a representative citizen of the county, and always is willing to lend a hand to promote the industries and welfare of his county.

R. B. Thomas, secretary and treasurer of the Consolidated Iron Works, Kansas City, Kas., is a gentleman of sterling worth and integrity, and respected in all circles. The above large plant was established at Second and Nebraska Avenues January 1, 1889, under the firm name of C. R. Griffith & Co., and in February of the same year was destroyed by fire, the insurance being only \$1,000. Inside of four weeks they had rebuilt at Oakland and Third Streets, at a cost of \$10,000, under the name of the Griffith & Thomas Co., and were in running order. They have met with extraordinary success, their trade beginning with a product of three tons daily, and has increased so rapidly that they were compelled to build an additional plant in Cypress Bottom, corner Central Avenue and Fourth Street. A stock company was organized, now known as the Consolidated Iron Works Company. The firm consists of the following individuals: C. R. Griffith, Jr., president, and R. B. Thomas as secretary and treasurer. They make a specialty of elevator castings, sash weights, hitch weights, brick kiln castings, railroad castings, cast washers, grate bars and a general line of castings. They handle the home-trade and have

established a large trade in the Southern, Northern and Western States. Their capital stock is \$30,000 paid up. They use up all the tin scraps and all kinds of old cans, using the tin cuttings from the packing-houses for the manufacture of ordinary castings. A finer grade of iron is used for their general castings. They employ about 100 men, and have an output of twelve tons per day, with a value of \$125,000 to \$150,000, and a rapid increase. The stock is earning good dividends. They assist the home industries by patronizing the home banks, etc., and consider this city as one of the future manufacturing centers. R. B. Thomas has been engaged in this business for a period of two years, coming from New York City. His birth occurred in Brooklyn May 11, 1865, and he was reared to manhood in the Empire State, receiving his education in the Brooklyn schools. At the age of fourteen years he commenced life for himself as an office boy in the Long Island Railroad office in Long Island City, N. Y., and was promoted from time to time until he became secretary to the general superintendent of said road, having full charge of said department. He also has held the position of private secretary to the general auditor and first vice-president of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad Company at Boston, and secretary to the president of the New York & Northern Railway Company, Col. Joel B. Earhardt, who is now collector of the port of New York. Since Mr. Thomas has been West, he has had the honor of being tendered the position of secretary to Col. Earhardt as collector of the port, but his financial and business ties in the West prevented his accepting. His parents, Evan P. and Emma M. (Griffith) Thomas, were natives of New York. The father was in the wholesale dry goods business in New York City and was quite a wealthy citizen. He died in 1878, leaving a widow and three children: Everett V. and William G. Our subject, R. B. Thomas, was married in 1887 to Miss Mary Titus Broas, a native of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., and the only child of ex-Assemblyman Benjamin S. Broas, of that city. In his political views Mr. Thomas is a Democrat, but is non-partisan in his local elections. He and Mrs. Thomas are members of the Dutch Reformed Church, and, socially, he is a member of the R. A. C. R. Griffith, Jr., president of the Consolidated Iron Works Company, was born in Brooklyn, N. Y., December 27, 1863, and is a son of C. R. and Louise (Keil) Griffith, natives of the Empire State. The father was born in New York State, and is special agent of the R. G. Dunn agency, with headquarters in Chicago. The paternal grandfather of

our subject followed the sea, was captain of his own vessel, and was drowned while attempting to save his passengers during a storm on the Gulf of Mexico. When last seen he was on a raft, after saving all his passengers, and his last act was to cut a rope by which the raft was held to the vessel. C. R. Griffith remained in his native city until nearly grown, and then started for the great West with \$5 in his pocket, landing in Chicago, where he entered the employ of R. G. Dun & Co. He remained with this company six months and then accepted a position with the King & Andrews Iron Company, of Chicago, as office boy, continuing in that capacity for two years, when he was elected secretary of the same company. Later his attention was called toward Kansas City, Mo., as a good point for business, and in 1888 he came here. He and Mr. Thomas bought out the old Pugh & Morris Foundry, commenced anew under the firm title of C. R. Griffith & Co., and after the fire, as above mentioned, the title was changed to Griffith & Thomas Co., and then to the Consolidated Iron Works Company. In politics Mr. Griffith affiliates with the Democratic party, but is not a strict partisan in local politics.

Hon. James F. Timmons. He whose name heads this sketch is a farmer and stock-raiser of Wyandotte County, Kas. His father, Stephen Timmons, was born in Worcester County, Md., in the year 1769, and his mother in Sussex County, Del., in 1779. His education was received in the common schools, and at the early age of sixteen, he, in company with his widowed mother, took charge of a small farm. In August, 1861, he enlisted in Company A, Twenty-seventh Ohio Volunteer Infantry, serving as a private without a day's absence from duty for three years, but did not re-enlist because it was his opinion that when military authorities in Ohio found a man could not understand a complicated piece of machinery, as a cap-lock musket, they gave him a line officer's sword. Mr. Timmons married Miss Margaret A. Mallow, daughter of John and Elizabeth Mallow, in the year 1867, and in 1870 moved to Kansas, locating in Wyandotte County, on the line of the Union Pacific Railroad, and on this place he continues to reside. His first wife dying in 1871, he married Miss Maria J. Grinter, daughter of James C. and Rosanna Grinter. Their marriage took place in 1872, and they are the parents of four children. Born of Southern parents, he imbibed the spirit of the times of Thomas Jefferson, and hated slavery as a mortal sin, both from political and religious convictions. He has been a radical on all political issues, and voted for Peter Cooper for President in 1876, Weaver in 1880, and

Harrison in 1888, and is still an ardent Republican. Mr. Timmons was at the head of the Farmers' Grange movement, and is at the present writing identified with the Farmers' Alliance, but does not believe that their political management will amount to anything. He was twice elected legislator from his county, and had a law passed for the improvement of county roads, but failed to get fees and salaries adjusted to a fair proportion of the earnings of men of similar vocations. In his religious opinions, Mr. Timmons thinks Christ's teaching a good guide for life. By his first marriage he has two children, viz.: Elizabeth H. and Joseph M., and by his second marriage four children named as follows: James Loga, Rosanna, Dot and Saint.

G. W. Toothaker, real estate owner and dealer, Argentine, Kas. In a new section of country, such as that surrounding Argentine is, comparatively speaking, real-estate transactions are of much importance and the business of the real estate agent must be classed among the leading lines of commercial industry. Among those prominently engaged in this business in Argentine is Mr. Toothaker, who was born near Quincy, Ill., March 7, 1847, and who is the third of five children born to G. and Elmira (Roberts) Toothaker, the father a native of Maine, and the mother of Pennsylvania. The father was reared in his native State, and was a successful agriculturist by occupation. G. W. Toothaker remained in his native State until 1857, and then came to Kansas, where he received a good education, graduating in Baker's University, at Lawrence, Kas., in 1872. Afterward he went to the Pacific coast, where he remained nine years, engaged in speculating, mining and other interests, and where he met with fair success. He returned to Lawrence, Kas., in 1884, and in the following year became interested in the welfare of the city by investing in real estate here, and is now the owner of a great amount of city and country property. He does a large business in loan brokerage and fire insurance for the leading companies. He was married in 1884, to Mrs. Belle Osborn, who bore him one child, Mary Belle. Mr. Toothaker is a Republican in his national issue, but locally he is Independent. He is a member of the A. O. U. W. and an ex-I. O. O. F. In 1857 he joined Company D, Eighth Artillery, under Capt. Cochran, and was assigned to frontier duty. He was captured by Quantrell in 1862, at Independence, Mo., and paroled. During this time Mr. Toothaker was on the route of Quantrell, when he burned Lawrence. He was in the volunteer service, under Gen. Lane, participating in the different skirmishes. He was mustered out in the fall of September, 1862.

John W. Toy is a worthy citizen of Kansas City, Kas., and as a man of business has not his superior in this section of the country. Like his brothers, with whom he is associated in business, he was born in Franklin County, Ohio, on April 1, 1853, and there attained his majority and was educated. His early days were spent as a tiller of the soil, and this occupation continued to receive his attention until his removal West in the spring of 1880. His marriage, which took place on April 23, 1876, was to Miss Ella Lucas, who was born on February 22, 1854, also in Franklin County, Ohio. Mr. Toy has been a resident of Kansas City, Kas., since 1880, and in this city has won an enviable reputation as a man of business and also as a public-spirited citizen. He and his brothers, Joseph F. and Harrison S. constitute the well-known grocery firm of Toy Bros., and the only business change which the firm has undergone since he joined it was the retirement of Edward C., another brother, which took place in 1885, he removing to Dakota. The success which this firm has enjoyed is almost phenomenal, and for a number of years it has been the leading grocery firm of Kansas City. Their retail establishment located at No. 609 Colorado Avenue is in charge of John W. Toy, this store being first established at No. 338 South Fifth Street, in 1886. It is admirably conducted, and now has a large patronage. Mr. Toy removed to his present stand in May, 1890, and is established in commodious and comfortable quarters. It is the leading place of the kind in that portion of the city known as Armstrong, and in addition to a first-class stock of groceries, there is also carried in their store, a stock of gents' furnishing goods. This store has grown into popular favor, and is now recognized as an excellent place to trade by all citizens of that section, for besides being suited with the quality of the goods, the prices are reasonable. He and his wife are the parents of four children: Edgar C., Olive May, Howard and Walter. Mr. Toy is a courteous and agreeable gentleman to deal with, and being upright in every particular, he is deserving of the highest esteem and respect.

J. F. Toy is a business man of Kansas City, Kas., whom all honor, for his traits of character are of a high order, and he was never known to do a mean action. His birth occurred near Peoria, Ill., March 11, 1858, he being a son of Harrison and Rebecca (Brobeck) Toy, who were born in Pennsylvania, and when children were taken by their parents to Ohio, where they were reared and married. The former was born in 1818, and a son of Wesley Toy, who was by birth also a Pennsylvanian. Harrison spent his early life in Pickaway County,

Ohio, and on reaching manhood he adopted the calling of a farmer, the details of which he had learned from his father, and this calling received his attention throughout life. His marriage took place December 25, 1845, to Miss Brobeck, who was born about 1825, and who bore him eight children, seven of this family now living—five sons and two daughters. Their names are: Louisa, an infant daughter that died unnamed, Charles W., Anna, Harrison S. and John W. (twins), Joseph F. and Edward C. When the war opened Mr. Toy joined Company F, Fifteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, served three years, and during that time was wounded in battle and placed in the hospital, where he contracted an illness from which he never recovered, his death, however, occurring at his home in Franklin County, Ohio, about 1863. His widow also died there, her death taking place some ten years later, in the month of February. They resided in Franklin County, Ohio, from the time of their marriage up to their deaths, with the exception of about three years, just before and after the birth of the subject of this sketch, at which time they resided near Peoria, Ill. J. F. Toy was reared to manhood in Franklin County, the summers being devoted to farm work and the winters to attending school, until he reached the age of seventeen years, after which he quit school and devoted his attention to the farm. When twenty years of age, he became associated in business with his brother Charles W., which was a grocery establishment, in Columbus, Ohio. At the expiration of about one year, he sold out to his brother, and in company with two other brothers, Harrison S. and Edward C., he came West and located in Kansas City, Kas., this being in 1880, and within three months after locating here they opened a grocery store, and the firm of Toy Brothers has existed ever since, being now the leading grocery firm in the city. About three years after the business had been established, another brother, John W. Toy, came to Kansas City, from Ohio, and became a member of the firm, but in the fall of 1885 Edward C. retired and removed to Dakota, since which time the firm has been composed of John W., Harrison S. and J. F. They have been very successful, and their place of business became so popular that they found it necessary to enlarge their establishment, and they now have three large and well-stocked stores, one wholesale and two retail. The former is located at the corner of Third Street and Minnesota Avenue, and is in charge of J. F. Toy, while the two retail establishments, located at 414 and 416 Euclid Avenue, are conducted, respectively, by Harrison S. and John W. On September 29, 1886, the subject of

this sketch was married to Miss Nellie B. Hendrick, of this city, and their union has resulted in the birth of one child, Oscar S., whose birth occurred in October, 1888. Mr. and Mrs. Toy are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, are liberal contributors to the same, and in fact to all worthy enterprises. Mr. Toy's career has, thus far, been a very creditable one, and he is well and favorably known to the public as a good business man and an upright, honorable citizen. He has not only built up a fine patronage, but he has acquired a large circle of friends, among whom he is deservedly popular. He and his wife are among the finest of the city's citizens, and command the respect of all who know them.

E. W. Towner is clerk of the district court of Wyandotte County, Kas., and he is making an enviable record for himself as a public official, for not only is he courteous and accommodating, but he is intelligent, far-seeing and strictly conscientious in the discharge of his duty. He was born in Cleveland, Ohio, there received a high-school education, and learned the trade of a machinist in the C. C. & C. shops, in which he worked for two years. He then entered the employ of the Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati & Indianapolis Railroad, and after spending thirteen consecutive years with the same, nine years having charge of the shops, he became superintendent of National Tool & Machine Shop of Cleveland, Ohio, a position he held until coming to Kansas City in 1881, and entering the Union Pacific shops. In 1888 he was elected to his present position by his many Republican friends in this section, and is in every respect doing them credit. Since attaining his majority he has always used his best interest for the Republican party, and he is also a K. of L., and is in full sympathy with the labor movement. He was nominated for the Legislature in Ohio on the Labor ticket, but was defeated. He has been active in politics ever since coming to this county, and has served as chairman of the Republican Central Committee and on the school board, both by election and appointment. He is past chancellor commander in the K. of P. order, and also belongs to the A. F. & A. M. He is the owner of considerable real estate in Kansas City, and is one of her best citizens. His marriage, which occurred in Cleveland, Ohio, resulted in the birth of one child, William H., being now twenty-three years of age. Mr. Towner served in the Fifth Ohio Independent Battalion of Cavalry during the Civil War, but was only in service nineteen months. His father and mother were born in England and York State, respectively, and both are now seventy-two years

of age and reside in Ohio. The father was foreman in the Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati & Indianapolis Railroad shops in Cleveland for thirty-four years, and built the first wooden pilot used in that State, also the first locomotive cab.

Luther Trail settled in Wyandotte County, Kas., in 1875, and immediately became identified with the progress and development of this section of the country, and in the conduct of his present vegetable farm he is meeting with substantial results. He annually devotes from seven to nine acres to sweet potatoes, the varieties being the Yellow Jersey, Yellow Nanceman, Red Matagorda and Early Golden, and he markets from 1,000 to 1,200 bushels yearly. He also raises Irish potatoes in large quantities, melons, sweet corn and cabbages, and all are of the very best varieties, and are always in excellent condition when delivered. He was born in Moniteau County, Mo., June 2, 1847, and was the eighth of eleven children born to Basil and Anna Trail, who were born and reared in North Carolina. The father was a cabinet-maker by trade, but during the latter part of his life he followed the occupation of farming, and to this was giving his attention at the time of his death in 1851. Luther was taken from the home of his birth when three years of age, and was reared to manhood in Kansas City, Mo., and in early life assisted his father in farm work. In 1864 he enlisted at Leavenworth, Kas., in the Seventh Kansas Cavalry, under Capt. Ed Colbert, and served in the Western and Southern divisions, the company to which he belonged being the body-guard to Col. A. J. Smith, with whom they followed the fortunes of war until the closing conflict. His company then returned to Leavenworth and were sent west to fight the Sioux Indians who were causing much trouble in the West. The company went as far as Fort Kearney when they were ordered home, and were mustered out of service in the fall of 1865. He was in the engagement at Tupelo, Miss. After receiving his discharge he returned home and engaged in farming in Clay County, Mo., remaining on the borders of Missouri and Kansas until 1875, when he became a permanent resident of Wyandotte County, Kas. He purchased his present farm of twenty acres in 1880, which he has improved with a good house, barn, shade trees, etc. He was one of the very first to engage in potato raising, but, as it proved so profitable in his case, others took up the enterprise and are making money likewise. He was married in 1880 to Mrs. Elizabeth Wingert, a daughter of S. Rhodes. She was born in Pennsylvania in 1860, and has borne her husband five children: Charles,

Frank, Eva, Wingert and Frederick. Mr. Trail is a Republican in his political views, and at the present date is a member of the school board, a position he has filled for the past six years.

Charles W. Trickett is the cashier of the Wyandotte National Bank, of Kansas City, Kas., but was born in Scotland County, Mo., February 2, 1860, and his ability as a business man is co-extensive with the county and the surrounding country. In 1867 he removed with his parents, Charles M. and Martha A. (Walker) Trickett, natives of Virginia and Illinois, respectively, to Miami County, Kas., and was a resident of Louisburg during his youth and his early manhood. At the early age of eleven years, he entered the employ of Reed & Wright, millers, grain, lumber and coal merchants, and at thirteen years of age did all the buying and shipping for that firm, continuing with them eight consecutive years. In 1879 he went to Paola, Kas., where he engaged in the grain business with the firm of Reed, Wright & Co., the first two men being his former employers, and here he gave his attention to this work for two years, after which he acted as book-keeper for a grocery firm a short time, and in 1881 accepted a position in the Miami County Bank of Paola, being made teller at the end of one year, and assistant cashier two years later, this position retaining until the month of June, 1887, when, in connection with the president of that bank, Mr. J. W. Sponable, he organized the Wyandotte National Bank of Kansas City, Kas., and of this he has been cashier ever since. He is president of the Kansas City Savings Bank of Kansas City, Kas., and a director in the Inter-State National Bank, located at the stock-yards in the same city. He drafted the bill, and carried on all the correspondence which made Kansas City, a reserve city for national banks. The bill was introduced in Congress by Maj. Warner, and of its successful passage he may well feel proud. He has been interested in all public matters since locating here, and for six years he has served on the Board of Education at Paola, four of which he was chairman of the committee on teachers and text books. He resigned this position on account of his removal to this city, but has also been interested in educational matters since his residence here. He is one of the most enterprising and successful young men in the county, and stands high in both business and social circles. Socially he is a member of the A. O. U. W., and in his political views he is a Republican. He was married December 24, 1880, to Miss Lillie B. Essex, by whom he has three children: Nellie, Pearl and Willie E. Both Mr. and Mrs. Trickett are

members of the Congregational Church, and are highly respected citizens of Kansas City.

Charles Turner is the lard refiner for Swift & Co., at Kansas City, Kas., and is energetic and pushing. He was born at South Wingfield, Derbyshire, England, September 25, 1848, his parents, George and Ann (Booth) Turner, being also natives of that place, the former's birth occurring August 26, 1808, and the latter's October 3, 1816. Their marriage was celebrated about 1838, and a family of sixteen children were in time born to them, of whom the subject of this sketch was the ninth. Their names are as follows: Mary, Alice, George, James, Charles, Ann, Samuel, Cornelius and Robert, living, and Sarah, Eliza, Frank, Robert (an elder son), Matthew, Elizabeth and Ellen (deceased). Charles and Ann came to America, but the latter afterward returned to her native land. The parents are both living, residents of Wingfield, England, and the former was for many years a manufacturer of stockings. He and his wife are honorable and upright people, and are consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, having been so for fifty years. Charles Turner attended school in Wingfield until he was ten years of age, when he left school and began working in a coal mine, and continued to follow this pursuit for twenty-six years. In 1886 he took passage on board the steamer "Adriatic" at Liverpool, for America, and after a stormy voyage of nine days he landed at New York, which city he reached on May 9. The following day he went to Plymouth, Penn., and for eight months worked in a coal mine at that place, but left there on January 4, 1887, and went to Angus, Boone County, Iowa, and during a period of seven weeks spent there, worked in a coal mine. In March, 1887, he returned eastward as far as Chicago, where he secured employment with Swift & Co., holding a position in the lard department. During two years spent at this work he thoroughly learned the art of lard refining, and in the month of June, 1889, having gained the entire confidence of his employers, he was sent by them to establish a lard refinery, in connection with their packing-house, at Kansas City, Kas. He accomplished his mission successfully, and has acted as foreman of the same ever since. He was married on April 26, 1889, in Chicago, to Miss Susan Kilpatrick, a native of County Armagh, Ireland, her birth occurring July 11, 1852, who had acted as a saleslady in a dry goods establishment in Newry, Ireland, for eight years before coming to America. She had four brothers and one sister in Canada, and one sister in Chicago, and for the purpose of visiting them

she came to America in 1884, and being much pleased with the country she concluded to remain, and her acquaintance and marriage with Mr. Turner followed. Her sister who formerly lived in Canada has since removed to Chicago. Mr. Turner became identified with the Methodist Episcopal Church about 1870, and of this he has since been an active and consistent member. In June, 1880, he was recommended by his church to the general quarterly conference as a local preacher, and at the end of one year passed a thorough theological examination before the conference, which unanimously passed an opinion that he was thoroughly capable of performing the duties of a local preacher. He continued in this capacity in England until his departure for America, and upon locating in Plymouth, Penn., he identified himself with the church at that place, and performed the duties of a local preacher. He expounded the gospel while in Chicago, also, and has devoted much of his attention to that calling since coming to Kansas City. He has been recommended as a minister to the Kansas Quarterly Conference, which meets in March, 1891, and will, without doubt, become an ordained minister. During the entire twenty years of his connection with the church he has been an active Sabbath-school worker, and has acted as a teacher the entire time. Socially he belongs to the I. O. O. F., Lake City Lodge No. 42, of Chicago. Before coming to the United States, he took an active part in politics, was a member of the Liberal party, and was a staunch follower of the "G. O. M.," Gladstone. He frequently made political speeches and presided over two political meetings, which nominated the present representative from mid-Derbyshire to the British Parliament. He is an intelligent and well-informed gentleman, and is already accounted one of the substantial residents of Kansas City, where he and his wife have won many warm friends.

Theobald Umbstaetter is foreman of the oil house for Swift & Co., at Kansas City, a position he has held for the past four years, since 1889, serving in his present capacity in the above-named town. He was born in Cleveland, Ohio, July 22, 1854, to Daniel and Louisa (Glaser) Umbstaetter, both of whom were born in Germany, coming to America while still single, and afterward marrying in Uniontown, Stark County, Ohio. To them six children were born—three sons and three daughters—Theobald and two sisters being the only members of the family now living. The parents reside in Brooklyn, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, and are honored and respected citizens of that locality. Theobald Umbstaetter obtained his early education in his

native town, and during his youth he assisted his father in a grocery establishment, of which the latter was proprietor, and at the age of seventeen years he accompanied his parents to Cleveland, and there entered the employ of the Glaser Brothers, proprietors of a tannery, they being his uncles. He continued with them for about six months, then became an employe of Glaser, Whitney & Co., and worked in their boot and shoe factory in different capacities until the spring of 1877, when he visited Detroit and Chicago, and went from the latter city to St. Paul, Minn., where he subsequently became employed in a fur and game establishment, remaining thus at work until the spring of 1878. Later on he gave some attention to the patent right business at that place, but in the latter part of 1878 he removed from that city to Minneapolis, and for six months worked in the boot and shoe factory belonging to Heffelfinger & Co. He then began traveling throughout the West, and in his trip visited the cities of Sioux City, Council Bluffs, Omaha, St. Joseph, Kansas City, Alton, Cairo, Memphis, Arkansas City, Pine Bluff, Little Rock, St. Louis, and finally went to Walnut Ridge, Ark., where for a few years he acted as steward in a railway eating-house. He next went to Arcadia, Mo., and was similarly employed for a short time, after which he went to Chicago, and a month later to Springfield, Ill., three months later going to Little Rock, where he spent one year, being differently employed at these places. After working for six months for the Central Union Telephone Company he went to Chicago, and was employed by Swift & Co., and has been with that firm ever since. He has been a resident of Kansas City since 1889, and is now foreman of the oil house. He was married December 26, 1888, to Miss Mary McGinnis, a native of Ireland, who came to America with an aunt at the age of sixteen years. They have one son, Theobald John (born August 27, 1889). Mr. Umbstaetter is a member of the A. O. F., and has always supported the men and measures of the Republican party.

Jacob Voegelé was born in Wirtemberg, Germany, near the city of Sulz, on the river Neckar, but is now making his home with his brother-in-law, John Seemann, who resides near Kansas City, Kas. His birth occurred on January 8, 1839, and the names of his brothers and sisters are as follows: John (who resides in Montgomery County, Ohio, was formerly a farmer, but is now a contractor, and was married to Miss Christina Bernhardt), Martin (who is a merchant and machinist at Martinsburg, W. Va., is married to Miss Kate Gerling), Barbara (wife of John Seemann, see sketch), Mary (wife of John Plocher,

resides in Montgomery County, Ohio, her husband being a carpenter and joiner by occupation), Anna (wife of Henry Zehring, a painter and glazier, resides in Dayton, Ohio), and George (who was born in Maryland, is now residing in Montgomery County, Ohio, is married to Miss Emma Stocker, and is a farmer by occupation). The father and mother of these children were born in Wirtemburg, and the former was a farmer by occupation, and for some time was an officer in the Government works. He is living at the advanced age of eighty-two years in Ohio, and his wife is seventy-seven years of age. Jacob Voegele attended the schools of Germany for eight years, and took a private course of study in the State of Maryland after coming to the United States, becoming an exceptionally well-informed young man. He is a great reader, a great admirer of standard works, and is a firm believer in the common-school system. On August 5, 1862, he enlisted in Company E, Ninety-third Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was assigned to the Army of the Cumberland under Generals Buell, Rosecrans, Grant and Thomas, and took an active part in the following battles: Stone River, Chickamauga and Missionary Ridge. At Stone River he was wounded by a minie-ball and buck-shot in the left hip, which wound was so serious that it kept him in the hospital for four months, and he was also wounded in the left thigh at Missionary Ridge, and was compelled to go on crutches for six months. During this time a commission as first lieutenant was awaiting Mr. Voegele, but the surgeons pronounced him unfit for further duty in the field, and he was honorably discharged July 1, 1865, and at once returned to his home. He now receives a pension from the Government for the wounds he received in his service for Uncle Sam. He has always identified himself with the Democratic party, and at one period of his life was an active politician. He served as postmaster at Miamisburg, Ohio, for a number of years during Johnson's administration and discharged his duties with honor to himself and to the entire satisfaction of the public. He has been a resident of America since 1855, and after a residence of five years in Maryland he went to Ohio, where he made his home for eighteen years, since which time, or since 1878, he has resided in Wyandotte County, Kas., and has devoted his attention to horticulture. He is highly esteemed by all who know him for his honesty of purpose and his intelligence. He held the office of justice of the peace in Miamisburg, Ohio, a position he held two terms, and at one time he was a prominent and popular candidate for mayor of said city, and was only defeated by two votes. He was engaged in the

county treasurer's office during portions of three years, and was tendered the nomination for several important public offices, but declined them in favor of older Democrats. He has never learned to be an office seeker.

John L. Walker is a well known farmer and stock-raiser of Wyandotte County, Kas., but first saw the light of day in Owen County, Ind., January 3, 1834, being a son of Aquilla and Elizabeth (Dyer) Walker, who were born in Maryland and Vermont, respectively. John L. Walker made his home in Owen County, Ind., until he attained his sixteenth year, when he moved with his family to Crawford County, Ill., and there resided until his twenty-sixth birthday, then came to Wyandotte County, Kas. He was married on August 10, 1856, to Miss Sophia Buser, a daughter of Winnard and Sophia (Cramer) Buser. She was born in the Buckeye State, December 25, 1840, and has borne her husband six sons and seven daughters: Albert, Marian, Joseph, Elizabeth (wife of John Cramer), John, Lucy, George, Mollie, Dollie, and four children that died in infancy. The subject of this sketch has been a life long Republican, and in 1889 was elected to the office of justice of the peace, but did not qualify, and allowed the office to go by default to the present incumbent. When Mr. Walker first came to this county it was rolling prairie land as far as the eye could reach, and although it presented a somewhat desolate appearance, Mr. Walker set energetically to work, and after enduring many hardships and privations incident to pioneer life, he conquered the many difficulties which strewed his pathway, and is now in good circumstances financially. He has always been the soul of honesty in his dealings, and has made for himself an enviable place in the esteem of his friends and acquaintances, and is recognized as one of the useful citizens of this locality.

Judge Matthew Rankin Walker, who was one of the early pioneer settlers of Kansas City, Kas., an honored and respected citizen, and a member of the Wyandotte tribe of Indians, was born on June 17, 1810, to William S. and Catherine (Rankin) Walker, the former of whom was a Virginian by birth and a descendant of Sir Walter Raleigh. He was captured by the Delaware Indians, and by an exchange of prisoners, which took place between them and the Wyandottes, he fell into the hands of the latter and spent the remainder of his life with that tribe. He was married to Catherine Rankin, a member of the tribe, she being a highly educated lady, having received her education in a Canadian convent. To them a large family of children were born.

and three of their sons, William, Matthew R. and Joel, all figured conspicuously in the early history of Kansas. The parents both died in the vicinity of Sandusky, Ohio, and are sleeping their last sleep in the Indian burying-ground in that city. Upon the removal of the Wyandotte Indians from Ohio to Kansas in 1843, the three sons of William S. Walker, together with a sister, came here also, and their home for the remainder of their lives was Wyandotte. William Walker was very prominent in the early history of the State, and served as its first territorial governor, dying in Kansas City, Kas., at an extremely old age. Joel Walker was engaged in mercantile pursuits, and in this business was very successful, amassing quite a fortune prior to his death in 1857. Matthew Rankin Walker was married in Franklin County, Ohio, to Miss Lydia Brown Ladd, by whom he became the father of seven children: Adaline, Sarah Louisa, Thomas G., Malcolm, Percy L., Clarence F. and Lillian. The eldest, Adaline, was married October 15, 1867, to Frank D. Crane, a native of Monroe, Mich., who came to Wyandotte, Kas., with, and in the employ of Samuel Hallet, the first contractor of the Union Pacific Railroad. Mr. Crane was in the employ of this road in different capacities for eighteen years, or until his death November 13, 1881. His widow is now a resident of this city, and occupies a large and comfortable residence in the Walker Addition at No. 1928 North Walnut Street, which she erected in 1887. Sarah L. and Thomas G., her brother and sister, are single and reside in California. Malcolm was married to Jane Garrett, who died, leaving a daughter, Louisa B. (who is also deceased). Percy L. married Mary Mahana Audrain, a descendant of the French and Cherokee Indians, her father being James P. Audrain, a French Canadian. She and her husband reside in Prairie City, Ind. Ter., and have four children: M. Rex, James A., Narcissa O. and Earl P. Clarence F. Walker, the sixth child, is single and resides in Prairie City, Ind. Ter. Lillian, the youngest, married John A. Hale, a lawyer of this city, and has two children: Lydia E. and Lillian. Matthew R. Walker, their father, although a farmer by occupation, was also a well-known politician, and at one time served as judge of the early courts and was also a member of the first Territorial Legislature and the Lecompton Convention. He was a Democrat in politics, and at the time of his death, which occurred October 14, 1860, he was a member of the Masonic order. His wife belonged to the Eastern Star Lodge, she being the first lady to join the same in the State of Kansas. Mendias Chap-

ter, O. E. S., of Kansas City, Kas., was named in her honor. She died May 30, 1884. Judge Walker was noted for his liberality, and was always among the first to give of his means in the support of worthy enterprises and to those in distress. Notwithstanding this fact he became quite wealthy, and at the time of his death he was one of the substantial men of the county, possessing numerous sterling qualities, and had won the esteem of all.

John Warren, the subject of this sketch, was born here in Kansas City, Kas., December 12, 1858, and is well and favorably known throughout the State. In addition to acquiring a good education in the common schools of this State, he graduated from Spaulding's Commercial College in 1878, and then engaged in agricultural pursuits; afterward entering the general mercantile business, until May, 1885, when he was appointed city clerk of Wyandotte City, and was the first clerk after the consolidation of the three towns now known as Kansas City, Kas. In 1884 he was elected a member of the Board of education, and in November, 1886, was elected clerk of the district court of Wyandotte County on the Democrat ticket, a position he filled with credit to himself and satisfaction to the public. After his retirement from office, he and his present partner, Mr. Frank Mapes, became associated in business, and quite extensively engaged in commercial brokerage. Mr. Warren is one of the promising and influential young men of this section, is well known for his noble qualities of mind and heart, and his future promises to be a decided success. In 1883 he was married to Miss Margret A. Burke, by whom he has two interesting children.

Oscar A. Weiss is an old and trusted employe of Swift & Co., of Kansas City, Kas., who are in the fertilizing business, and he is foreman of their tank house and fertilizing department. He is a native German, his birth occurring on September 18, 1853, he being the second of three children born to A. O. and Amelia (Hildebrandt) Weiss, natives of Germany, where the former died in 1858, the latter being a resident of Chicago. Oscar A. Weiss learned the trade of a miller in his native land, an occupation which he continued to follow until his removal to the United States, in 1879. He first settled in the city of Chicago, where he entered the employ of Wall Bros., who were in the fertilizing business, and later entered the employ of the North-Western Fertilizing Company, and subsequently became associated with Darling & Co., and then with Swift & Co. In the month of February, 1888, he came to Kansas City, Kas., continuing his work

for Swift & Co., and for the past four years has been their foreman at this place, and has had control of about forty men, being very successful in their management. He is highly trusted by the company for which he works, for he has proven himself honorable and upright in every respect, and thoroughly competent to successfully discharge every duty incumbent upon his position. He was married in 1876 to Miss Matilda Dehn, a native German, and their union has been blessed by the birth of five children: John, Paul, Frank, William and Anna.

Alfred Weston, superintendent of the canning department of Armour's Packing House, at Kansas City, Kas., was born in Carroll County, N. H., on June 4, 1844, being the son of William and Anna L. (Kennison) Weston. Mr. Weston passed the first years of his life in a manner similar to that of other boys, in the meantime learning the butcher's trade. At the early age of sixteen he commenced the struggle of life in a most energetic manner, going to Boston, where he engaged in the meat and provision business, up to September of the year 1862, at which time he enlisted in the army. He was in the Thirty-eighth Massachusetts Infantry, under Capt. James H. Woods, serving in the Nineteenth Army Corps during the term of service, and engaging in the battles of Berryville, Louisiana and Fisher Hill. The siege of Port Hudson commenced on May 22, lasting until July 8, and on June 14 Mr. Weston was wounded during a charge, being shot in the thigh and left hand, and forced to remain in the hospital for six months. After his recovery he returned to his regiment in Shenandoah Valley, engaging in the battles of Cedar Creek and Winchester, and the regiment then joined Gen. Sherman, following his march through Georgia. They were mustered out of service and returned to the State of Massachusetts. In 1871 the subject of this sketch came West, settling in Chicago, where he was superintendent of the canning department in the firm of Libby, McNeil & Libby. At a later date he occupied the same position with the St. Louis Beef Canning Company for four years, and since 1882, has held his present position with Armour. He is, without doubt, one of the most experienced men in the West, and is highly esteemed in business circles. He is a public-spirited man, willing at all times to contribute to the advancement of the community in which he resides. He is a member of the A. O. U. W. On December 24, 1867, Mr. Weston was married to Miss Abbie J. Littlefield, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth Littlefield, natives of Maine. Miss Littlefield's birth occurred in Boston in 1847. To this union have been born four children, viz.: Wil-

bur, Anna L. (married), Arthur F. and Fred. Both Mr. and Mrs. Weston are members of the Third Baptist Church, and the former is superintendent of the Sunday-school, and deacon in this church. In politics he is a strong Republican, serving as chairman of the Republican Central Committee.

O. B. White, senior member of the firm of White & Bros., proprietors of the Cedar Creek Dairy Farm, at Olathe, Johnson County, was born in La Fayette County, Mo., on January 21, 1849, and is the son of William and Nancy (Bounds) White, natives of Tennessee, and La Fayette County, Mo., respectively. The mother is still living, is seventy-three years of age, and is a resident of Kansas City, Kas. The father died in Boulder County, Colo., in 1883. When a young man he came from Tennessee. O. B. White passed the days of his youth in Westport, Mo., Jackson County, and when sixteen years of age he commenced farming in Johnson County, Kas., continuing at this until 1881. The three years following this he was in Kingman County, Kas., and after this he commenced the dairy business in Kansas City, Kas. He had limited means to commence with—six head of stock—but since then he has bent all his energies to the business, and is to-day one of the most extensive dealers in the city. He ships twice per day in Kansas City, Kas., and Kansas City, Mo., runs three milk wagons, and has a large retail and wholesale business. He resides at 208 James Street. Mr. White was married on May 20, 1876, to Miss Mary Robinson, daughter of E. W. Robinson, and a native of La Salle County, Ill., where her birth occurred in 1857. To Mr. and Mrs. White have been born three living children: Nettie, Berton and Joseph. They have two children deceased, one who died at the age of four years and an infant. In his political views Mr. White affiliates with the Democratic party. Mrs. White is a member of the Congregational Church.

Joseph M. White, dairyman, Kansas City, Kas. Mr. White resides at Ohio and Thirteenth Streets, and has been in the dairy business in this city for seven years. He is the owner of sixty head of cows, and has built up an extensive trade, both wholesale and retail. He was born in Jackson County, Mo., at Westport, on February 8, 1855, and is the son of William and Nancy (Bounds) White, the father a native of Greene County, Tenn., born in 1818, and the mother of Lexington, Mo., born also about 1818. When twenty-one years of age the father went from Tennessee to La Fayette County, Mo., thence to Lexington, and in 1850 to Westport. He was one of the first to

locate there, and assisted in building up the place, being a carpenter by trade. In 1858 he and family moved to Johnson County, Kas., bought 500 acres of land from the Indians, and resided in that county until 1878. They then moved to Kingman County, Kas., and in 1882 from there to Boulder County, Colo., where he died on November 8, 1883. In later years he had farmed extensively, and had accumulated considerable wealth. He had moved to Colorado from Kansas on account of the grasshoppers, and had lost some money by that and from going security. The mother is still living in Kansas City, Kas., and is now seventy-two years of age. She is a member of the Missionary Baptist Church as was also her husband. He was a staunch Democrat in politics, but never aspired to political positions, although he made a race for Representative of Kingman County, in 1878, and was elected, but was fraudulently counted out. He was the son of Joseph White, who was a native of Tennessee and a Missionary Baptist minister. The latter died at Odessa, La Fayette County, Mo., at the age of eighty-five or eighty-six years. He came to Missouri at the same time, and with our subject's father, who at one time owned the entire site of Odessa. The White family originally came from Scotland. Our subject was one of six sons, all but one living, and they are named as follows: James B. (is a farmer in Boulder County, Colo.), David S. (is mining and farming in Colorado), W. L. (dairyman of Kansas City, Kas.), O. B. (is extensively engaged in the dairy business in Kansas City, Kas.), and Jesse B. (died in Johnson County, Kas., at the age of twenty-five years). Joseph M. White spent his school-boy days in Johnson County, Kas., and when twenty years of age started out for himself as a farmer in Sedgwick County, Kas., near Wichita; there he remained until 1880, and then went to Colorado, where he was in the gold and silver mines of Magnolia until 1884. He then came to Kansas City, embarked in the dairy business with his brother, O. B. White, with whom he was connected until March, 1888, at which time he branched off by himself as a dairyman. He started with \$47 as a capital, but had the energy and push to succeed, and is now one of the largest dealers in Kansas City. Socially he is a member of the K. of P. Lodge No. 2, and in politics he is strictly Democratic.

H. C. Whitlock, a popular educator and farmer, Bonner Springs, Kas. Mr. Whitlock was born in Platte County, Mo., in 1844, was reared and educated in his native State, and supplemented a common-school education by a course at Mount Gilead. After this he

taught for several years, and later attended the normal at Leavenworth, Kas. He commenced teaching in the common public schools, and during 1874 and 1875 he was principal of Wyandotte public schools. Then, in 1878, he was elected superintendent of county schools, served one term, was then re-elected in the fall of 1884, and served one more term. He has not taught since that, on account of his health, but has been on his farm in the western part of the county. He spent one year on the Pacific coast, one year in Florida and Cuba, and is now enjoying the best of health. He is the owner of 100 acres of land close to Bonner Springs, but rents this. He was elected superintendent on the Democratic ticket, and had 1,200 more votes in the county than President Cleveland. He was defeated for this position in 1880, when everybody thought him certain of election. He is a very popular educator, and a man of acknowledged ability. He is pleasant and sociable in his demeanor, and his happiest moments are in educational work, to which he expects to give the best years of his life. His parents, Preston and Lavina Whitlock, were natives of Kentucky, and the father was a farmer by occupation.

R. Wilcoxon, of White Church, Kas., and an old time farmer of Quindaro Township, came to Wyandotte County, Kas., January 8, 1850, and clerked in the dry goods department of the American Fur Company at a place called Secondia, located about nine miles above the mouth of the Kansas River, in the Delaware Reservation. He carried on this business until 1856, and found the Delaware Indians honest, upright, truthful, but with very little notion of business. Their living was entirely derived from the chase, and they bartered the furs for the necessaries of life. Hunting and trapping parties would leave early in the fall and return the following spring, bringing with them pelts and furs with which to pay their debts. In 1854 Mr. Wilcoxon was united in marriage to Miss Malinda Statler, whose Indian name was Twelenioqud. She was educated at the Shawnee Mission. This union gave Mr. Wilcoxon the right to live here with them, so in the spring of 1856 he began farming, opening up land within a mile of where he had been selling goods. His principal crops were wheat, corn, potatoes, oats, millet, etc., usually raising for home consumption although there was a good market for hogs, selling them to the Delawares. Being of a pacific nature from staying at home and attending strictly to his own business, he was never a participant in the bloody times of the border war. He resided quietly on his farm, attended to

this alone, opened up new land and made improvements as rapidly as possible. In 1861 the land was surveyed and parceled, and through his wife and children he received 240 acres, one 80 in the hills and 160 acres on the Kansas River, that on the river being the part he had already improved and cultivated. He remained there until 1867, when he bought the James Ketchum farm at White Church, having sold eighty acres on the river, moved on this, and soon had thirty acres under cultivation. In 1888 he sold seventy-two acres of this, and kept eight acres for a home. He has a beautiful place, a fine house of modern architecture with eight rooms, and the principal part of the grounds is in orchard. For the past seven years Mr. Wilcoxon has been justice of the peace, and has filled the position of school director for sixteen years. He and family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Politically Mr. Wilcoxon has always been Democratic until the Greenback party was formed, after which he voted for their candidates for several elections. At present he is with the Democratic party again. He was a private in the Twenty-third Kansas State Militia during the war, but has the record of never shooting at a man. He was born in West Virginia March 18, 1828, and was the son of Levi and Catherine (Harris) Wilcoxon, both natives also of West Virginia. The Wilcoxons are of Scotch-Irish extraction, and one of the ancestors lived to be one hundred and fourteen years of age. The paternal grandfather of our subject, Thomas Wilcoxon, died before the struggle for independence took place. Our subject is the only son of six children born to his parents. In 1843 his father accompanied by his whole family, three of his daughters being married and accompanied by their husbands, went to Arkansas, settled near Jackson, and here his death occurred in February of the following year. In March, 1844, the entire family left there and came to Kansas City, where they remained a few days. They then went to Westport, where one sister and the mother died in 1849. In the meantime R. Wilcoxon worked by the day or month and seized on any honorable employment that was offered. One of the brothers-in-law died in 1852, and the same year the remainder of the family, with the exception of our subject, went to California, where they have since died. At the present time Mr. Wilcoxon is the sole survivor of the family. After entering the employ of the American Fur Company Mr. Wilcoxon boarded with James Findlay, whose wife was a sister of Judge John Ryland, of La Fayette County, Mo. They were together in the store for six years, and then both left the same year. Mr. Wilcoxon

is the father of four children—two sons and two daughters—two sons and one daughter now living: Lucinda (wife of James L. Buckland, who is residing in Wyandotte Township, engaged in farming), Emmett (living with his father) and Oscar (also at home). Leanora was born February 23, 1868, and died December 22, 1884. Mr. Wilcoxon voted for Abelard Guthrie, the first delegate from this State to Congress, and next for Thomas Johnston. He also voted for the first governor of the State and for the last, Glick (1890). In 1849-50 the cholera raged in this State, and was so fatal that the Delaware Indians hired Dr. J. B. Stone to come out here. In 1849 1,000 Delaware Indians lived within eight miles of White Church, but when that great scourge occurred they scattered to different parts of the reservation and never got together again.

Isaac D. Wilson is a native of Crawford County, Ill., his birth occurring there June 22, 1832, his parents, Isaac N. and Hannah H. (Decker) Wilson, being Virginians. Both Mr. and Mrs. Wilson accompanied their respective parents to Crawford County, Ill., in an early day, and it was in that county that they were reared, educated and married. Isaac D. Wilson remained in his native town of Palestine until he was twenty-one years of age, and although his father was a hotel proprietor he also owned a farm near town, and upon this Isaac D. labored during his youth when not in school. Upon attaining his majority he went to Charleston, Coles County, Ill., and the following ten years were spent in mercantile pursuits in that place. From 1864 to 1866 Chicago, Ill., was the scene of his labors where he was in the wholesale grocery business. In the latter part of the last named year he went to Oxford, Marquette County, Wis., but after being the proprietor and operating a flouring-mill in that place until 1881, he went to Olney, Ill. He continued to own the mill, however, until 1883, and while in Oxford was also engaged in mercantile pursuits for a period of three years. From Olney, Ill., he came to Kansas City, Kas., in the fall of 1882, and here he has ever since given his time and attention to the banking business, he being first a member of the banking firm of Wilson & Rogers, the former being president. This bank was succeeded by the Bank of Wyandotte, but as long as it was in existence, Mr. Wilson was also its president. Later, this was changed to the First National Bank, and in this Mr. Wilson continued to hold the position of president until December, 1888, when he sold his interest in the bank, and in 1889 helped to organize the Exchange Bank, of which he has since been president. Socially,

he is a member of the A. F. & A. M., and politically, is a Democrat. He is a man of excellent business qualifications, and thus far has made life a decided success. He was married to Miss Sophia Ricketts, who died the following year, leaving a daughter, who was named Sophia. In April, 1866, Mr. Wilson's second marriage was consummated, Miss Etta Spoor becoming his wife.

William E. Wilt is a gentleman who is honorably connected with the prosperity of Kansas City, Kas., and is well known as one of the substantial and reliable grocers of this place. He is a native of Liverpool, Perry County, Penn., his birth occurring February 11, 1861, his parents, George W. and Sarah (Krowl) Wilt, being also born in that State, the former's birth occurring July 4, 1834, and the latter's August 16, 1836. The father was twice married, Miss Krowl being his second wife, their union taking place in 1858, and resulting in the birth of six children: Morris C., William E., George W. (deceased), Irvin E., Francis E. and Annie M. Both parents are living, their home being in Kansas City. In early life the father worked on a farm, but at a later period he began railroading, and continued to follow this occupation for fourteen years, twelve of which he was a passenger conductor on the Philadelphia & Reading Railway. He subsequently resumed farming, but after following the occupation for five years in Cedar County, Mo., he in 1885, removed to Kansas City, Mo., and two years later came to Kansas City, Kas., where his attention has since been given to gardening. He and his wife are consistent members of the Evangelical Church, and are worthy and respected citizens of this section. Mr. Wilt's first wife bore him a daughter, who is now Mrs. Emma Bittinger, of Freeport, Penn. He is a son of George W. Wilt, whose great-grandfather emigrated to America from Holland. When the subject of this sketch was a year and a half old his parents removed to Herndon, Northumberland County, Penn., in which place he spent his boyhood, and attended school until fourteen years of age. For a year and a half after leaving school he acted as extra passenger brakeman on the Philadelphia & Reading Railway, after which he entered the employ of Jonas Duttery, with whom he learned the butcher's trade. At seventeen years of age he came West with his parents to Cedar County, Mo., where for four years he assisted his father at farming, going thereafter to Bates County, Mo., where for a year he was employed in a saw-mill, while there helping to saw the lumber which was used to build the first house in the present city of Rich Hill, Mo. In the spring of 1882 he came to Kansas City, Mo., where he

spent four years engaged, chiefly, at gardening and fishing. For four winters he followed the latter calling on an extensive scale, marketing the large quantities of fish which he caught in Kansas City. During the winter of 1884-85 he followed fishing upon the St. Francis River, in Arkansas, but in February, 1885, came to Kansas City, Kas., and the following summer his time was devoted to gardening with his father. In the fall of 1886 he entered the employ of Wilson Barden, in whose grocery establishment he clerked for seven months. In August, 1887, he went to Los Angeles, Cal., near which place he spent seven months on a ranch, after which he returned to Kansas City, arriving March 19, 1888. March 24 he purchased a meat-market on the corner of Fifth Street and Walker Avenue, taking possession of it two days later, and there did a successful business until October 1, 1889, when he removed to a brick business building, at No. 2001 North Fifth Street, and since then has had as a business partner, his brother, Irvin E., and the firm, under the name of Wilt Bros., has conducted a meat-market and grocery, jointly, at that place up to the present time. Their goods are of excellent quality, and as both members of the firm are young men of good habits, and strictly honorable business men, their trade has become very large, and is constantly increasing. Mr. Wilt was married August 4, 1889, to Miss Mollie K. Roman, an accomplished young lady, of Osawatomie, Kas., her birth occurring near this city, in 1870, her father being Henry Roman. Mr. Wilt is a member of the Kansas City Retail Butchers' Protective Association, and also of the Merchant's Mercantile Agency, of Chicago. He is a young man of good business qualities, and being intelligent, kindly in disposition, and liberal, he has many warm friends.

F. C. Woestemeyer, merchant, Bethel, Kas. Among the prominent business men of Bethel, and among the representative citizens of Wyandotte County, stands the name of Mr. F. C. Woestemeyer, who commenced business in Bethel, in December, 1888, opening a stock of general groceries. His stock invoicing about \$500, and his sales amount to about \$250 per month. Being so convenient to wholesale houses, he carries but a small stock, and makes two or three trips a week to the city for goods. Mr. Woestemeyer was born in Warren County, Mo., on March 6, 1844, and is the son of Morriz Bernhardt and Elizabeth (Schuster) Woestemeyer, natives of Germany. The parents came to America about 1835, settled in Warren County, made a home, and there their children, five in number—two sons and three daughters—were born and reared. One son, Henry H., is now living in La Fayette

County, Mo., where he is a prosperous farmer and justice of the peace. Of the daughters, Lizette is the wife of Herman Larberg, a farmer of La Fayette County; Eliza married Herman Holke, a farmer in the same county, and Josephine, wife of William H. H. Bierbaum, also engaged in farming, and a resident of the old home place in Warren County, Mo. The father died in 1849, and about five years later the mother married again, and kept the family together. She died in 1887, when about sixty-five years of age. When F. C. Woestemeyer was about seventeen years of age he began serving an apprenticeship to the shoemaker's trade at Femme Osage, Mo., but previously had received a good education in the German language, principally. He learned the trade of Michael Bickel, and remained with him five years, two years as an apprentice and three years as a journeyman. He then went to St. Louis, worked at his trade one year, and later ran a shop. From there he went to Marthasville, Mo., conducted a shop there until 1873, when he sold sewing machines and agricultural implements for Middlecamp & Bros. This he continued until 1877, when he went to La Fayette County, and purchased a farm, tilling the soil for seven years. In 1884 he sold his place at an advance of about 100 per cent on the purchase money, and then tried his hand at the grocery business in Wellington, La Fayette County, Mo., buying property there. He sold this at a good profit in about eight months, and then he purchased a farm of 160 acres in Johnson County, Kas. There he resided until the fall of 1887, then sold out during the boom, and then came to Wyandotte County, where he bought 140 acres at \$60 an acre. Inside of two weeks he sold 40 acres of this for \$100 per acre. He was one of the organizers, and the controlling stockholder in the White Church Town Site & Improvement Company. Mr. Woestemeyer is vice-president and treasurer of the company. During the war he was in the Home Guards and State Militia, but was not called into active service. He is a member of the Evangelical Church, and an active worker in the same. He has been twice married, first to Miss Eliza Peters of Marthasville, Mo., who lived about eleven months, and is buried at Marthasville. His second marriage was on October 22, 1868, to Miss Wilhelmena Oberhellman, of Warren County. They are the parents of eight children: Pauline, Anna, Henry, Otto, Agnes, Bernhard, Clara and Althea. Since May, 1889, Mr. Woestemeyer has been postmaster, and has filled that position in a creditable manner. In politics he is a Republican, and is active in all movements that have for their foundation the development of this locality or county.

Abner Wolfe, farmer, Bethel, Kas. This esteemed resident of Quindaro Township, a man who has an extensive acquaintance, was born in Adair County, Ky., January 18, 1828, and is the son of George and Rebecca (Bishop) Wolfe, the father a native of Tennessee, and the mother of North Carolina. The parents were married in Tennessee, but shortly afterward moved to Kentucky, where they were among the early settlers. Here their children, six in number, were born, but only four are now living: Elizabeth (wife of Isaac Lynch in Saline County), Jeanette (wife of Henry H. White, residing in Fremont County, Iowa), and Jacob A. (residing in El Dorado County, Cal.). When Abner Wolfe was four years of age his father moved to Johnston County, Ind., bought a farm and there resided for about eight years. He then sold out, came to Cass County, Mo., and settled six miles west of Harrisonville, where he entered land and made a farm, residing there five years. He then went to St. Clair County, Ill., but after a residence there of three years he came to Atchison County, Mo., remaining there five years. Later he went to Fremont County, Iowa, entered land there, and there, in 1856, at the age of sixty-seven years, the last debt of nature was paid. Abner remained with his father until twenty-five years of age. The mother survived her husband several years, and selling out her possessions in Iowa, she went on a visit to Cass County and was there married again, losing her second husband after about two years of married life. She came to her son in Platte County, and there her death occurred in 1862. Abner was in his twenty-fourth year when he married Miss Abigail Wolsey, of Atchison County, and to them were born two children: William (at home), and Mary (wife of George Way, of White Church). Mrs. Wolfe died in 1861, and Mr. Wolfe was married, the second time, to Miss Ellen A. Conway, who bore him three children: Hattie (wife of George Reiley), John and Jennie. During the late struggle between the North and South, Mr. Wolfe enlisted in the State Militia, but was in no regular battles. He served nine months and was in several skirmishes. Remaining in Platte County until 1869, he sold out there and came to Wyandotte County, where he purchased eighty acres of land, his present property. He has a new house of six rooms, and his stables, outbuildings and wells indicate a thorough farmer. He and wife are members of the Presbyterian Church, of which he has been deacon for over thirty-five years, and a member since seventeen years of age. Politically he is a Democrat, but votes for the man more than the party. In so far as he is able, he has contributed lib-

erally to churches and schools, and takes an active interest in all matters pertaining to the best interests of the community. In 1850 he started across the plains as a teamster, and on the return trip was made assistant wagon master, making three trips that year. For seven years he freighted across the plains, his last trip being in the winter of 1857, through snow from knee to waist deep. At one time, on a trip from Fort Leavenworth to Fort Kearney, 200 Indians, near the head waters on Little Blue, threatend an attack, but our party camped early, and hitching up after dark, drove twelve miles further, going into camp about 10 o'clock. Next morning by daylight they were on the move again.

W. F. Wood, architect, Kansas City, Kas. There is such a vast amount of competition in every line of trade, that the commercial world is pretty well crowded with busy "bread-winners," each anxious to gain success and an abundant supply of the "almighty dollar." But it is a true old adage that says: "There is always room at the top," and such competent business men as Mr. Wood can not fail to win appreciation and the esteem of their fellow-men. Kansas City, being a thoroughly progressive place, has many avenues for labor, but a few that require more skill or offer a surer opportunity for success than is found in architecture. The subject of this sketch made his first appearance in this world in Syracuse, N. Y., on March 20, 1853, being the son of I. G. and Helen O. Wood, natives of the State of New York. He spent the years intervening between infancy and manhood's estate in his native city, learning first the carpenter's trade, and afterward mastering the study of architecture in the mechanical department of the Central Railroad, and later under John Tylee. As a monument of his ability as an architect he has some of the finest buildings in the state, viz.: First Presbyterian Church, Portsmouth Building, Husted Building, Kansas City, Kas., George W. Howell's residence, in Atchison, etc. Mr. Wood was united in marriage with Miss Louisa M. Cronk, whose birth occurred in Utica, N. Y., in June, 1854. To this union have been born seven children, viz.: Issie Emma, Laurenette, Helen Frances, Gracie May, Minnie Bell, Clinton G. and Mildred E. (the last two named being twins). In politics Mr. Wood is in sympathy with the Republican party, and faithfully works for his party principles. Both Mr. and Mrs. Wood are united with the Episcopal Church and interested in all religious and educational matters, and contribute liberally to the support of worthy causes. Mr. Wood is a member of Fellowship Lodge, No. 2, K. of P., and Wyandotte

Division No. 10, U. R. K. of P., and Franklin No. 293, A. O. U. W.

Dr. John S. Woods was born in Allegheny County, Penn., April 29, 1853, being a son of James and Louisa (Beazell) Woods, who were also born in the Keystone State, the former March 5, 1821, and the latter May 6, 1829, their marriage taking place on May 6, 1852, and in time resulting in the birth of five children of whom Dr. John S. was the eldest. The parents still reside in Allegheny County, Penn., and there have many warm personal friends and numerous acquaintances. Dr. John S. Woods first attended the common schools, but afterward entered Mount Union College, Ohio, from which institution he was graduated in 1876, completing a full classical course. He at once took up the study of medicine, and in 1881 was graduated from Cleveland Medical College, and entered upon his practice in the State of Ohio. In 1881 he removed to Kansas City, Kas., where he immediately opened an office, and here he has actively and successfully practiced his profession ever since. In 1882 he took an *ad eundem* degree in the Cleveland Medical College. He was married March 28, 1883, to Miss Mary E. Hibbard, a native of St. Joseph, Mo., born on November 4, 1863, a daughter of John and Susan Hibbard. They have one son, James, who was born September 29, 1884. The Doctor is a Republican in his political views, has served one term in the city council, and belongs to the following social orders: A. F. & A. M. and K. of P.

W. N. Woodward is a successful real estate and rental agent of Kansas City, Kas., was born near Tazewell, Tenn., August 17, 1849, and at the age of three months was taken to Kentucky by his parents and was there reared to manhood, receiving his education in the common schools. He was married at the age of seventeen years. When he had attained his twentieth year he came to Arkansas, but in 1871 removed to Platte County, Mo., where he made his home for one year, then resided in Wyandotte County, Kas., eight years, and the following eight years was a resident of Clyde, Kas. Since that time he has been a resident of this county, and from 1872 to 1875 was engaged in farming, and from 1875 to 1880 was in the mercantile business in Maywood, this county. After following the same calling in Clyde for two years he engaged in buying and selling cattle, but sold off his stock at the end of three years and engaged in the mercantile business in Clyde for three years. Selling out he then removed to Kansas City, where he successfully followed both occupations. The most of his attention at the present time, however, is given to real estate, and a considerable portion of the land which he handles is at Brighton Hill

and Edgerton Place. He was married in London, Ky., to Miss Mary Miller, who was born April 22, 1847, and to them a family of eight children have been born: Milton G., Nannie B., John A., Daniel H., Ellen, Hattie M., Viola and William N., Jr. Mr. Woodward is a Royal Arch Mason, a Republican in his political views, and he and his wife are worthy members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. His sons manage his mercantile establishment, and are pushing a paying business. His parents, C. C. and Nancy (Williams) Woodward, were born in Tennessee, and the father is still residing in London, Ky., aged sixty-six, but his wife died in 1862, at the age of forty-six years. The paternal great-great-grandfather was an Irishman, who removed to America in a very early day, and his son, the great-grandfather of the subject of this sketch was born in Pennsylvania, but afterward moved to North Carolina, thence to Tennessee, and afterward to Kentucky, where he died. C. C. Woodward served in the Union army during the late war, being a member of the Seventh Kentucky Regiment of Infantry. The grandfather enlisted in the War of 1812, but as there happened to be 101 men in the company he was dismissed, and was thus thrown out of the service.

C. T. Wortman, police judge, Argentine, Kas. James H. Wortman, the father of the subject of this sketch, was a native of Pennsylvania, born on May 1, 1820. He married Miss Mary Geddes, a native of Ohio, and to them were born three children. The father learned the saddler's trade in youth, and carried this on until 1855, at Bristol, Ohio. He then moved with his family to Crawfordsville, Iowa, in a prairie schooner, and engaged in farming. Before moving to Iowa he had lost all his property by going security for his friends, and therefore he was compelled to go West. As before stated, he emigrated to Iowa, and arrived in that State with only \$35 and his team. He is still a resident of that State, is the owner of 400 acres of land, and is extensively engaged in raising live stock. He has a fine residence and a commodious barn, which will stable sixty-five head of horses. The mother's family is of Scotch descent, and her father was a soldier in the War of 1812, enlisting shortly after his arrival to the United States from Scotland. C. T. Wortman was born in McConnellville, Ohio, on September 7, 1846, passed his boyhood and youth in Iowa, assisted his father on the farm, and remained on the same until eighteen years of age. He was then thrown from his horse in a snow bank, had his leg injured, and his hands and feet frozen from a severe storm which came up, and later

had a severe spell of lung fever resulting from the exposure. After recovering he went to the lumber regions, bought one-half interest in a lumber-mill, and was thus engaged for three years. During this time he went to school, fitting himself for mercantile life, attended an academy, and later passed a successful examination for an entrance to the Cornell College, at Cornell, Iowa. He gave up his interest in the mill, owing to an accident taking place. His father, who was on a visit to the mill, was standing on the saw-carriage to examine the workings of the saw, when our subject reversed the motion of the carriage, and his father narrowly escaped being cut in two by the saw before he could get out of the way, but being thrown one side his life was saved. After this our subject had enough of milling, and went to Davenport, Iowa, where he took a course in the Bryant & Stratton Commercial College, and afterward accepted the position of traveling salesman for a wholesale house, becoming posted in the different lines in the mercantile business, and following it for three years. He afterward went to Moline, Ill., accepted a situation with the Victor Scale Company, and remained with them for four years, after which he changed to the Moline Plow Company, and there remained one year. He then started a grocery store, carried this on for three years, and once more returned to Iowa, where he remained four years. From there he came direct to Argentine, where he has since resided, and where he was engaged in the Atchinson, Topeka & Santa Fe office until September 29, 1889. He was then elected police judge. In 1870 he was married to Miss Martha J. Warren, a native of Illinois, born October 19, 1843, and the daughter of Lowman Warren, who was born in New Jersey. To Mr. and Mrs. Wortman were born six children, four now living: Mary E., Lois H., Milton and Minnie (twins). Those deceased were named James W. and Esther. Mr. Wortman is a Republican in his politics, and was elected to his office from the citizens' ticket. He is a member of Crawfordville Lodge No. 37, A. F. & A. M., of twenty-three years' standing, and is also a member of the Modern Woodman, of which he is secretary. Mrs. Wortman is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he is also a member and a trustee.

D. S. Young is a loan specialist of Kansas City, Kas., and is well known to the business men of Wyandotte County, as a man of sterling principles and methodical business habits. He was born in Upper Canada, in 1822, there also received his rearing and education. He lost his first wife while still a resident of that province, she leaving him with the

care of two children, one of whom is now deceased, Anna M. being still alive. Mr. Young was in Oswego, N. Y., when the late Rebellion broke out, but did not move his family thither. In 1866 he came to Kansas City, Mo., and soon settled in Clay County, near the city, but after tilling the soil there for two years, he removed to Kansas for the benefit of his health, and purchased a farm where Argentine is now situated, which place continued to be his home from 1869 to 1880. He has since devoted his attention to loaning money, and does a good and safe business. His second marriage also took place in Canada, his wife being Miss Mary Short, a native of that province, and to their union, a family of six living children have been born: Maggie, Minerva, William, John, Frankie and Edith. Mr. Young has always been a Democrat in his political views, and he and wife are members of the Episcopal Church. He was one of the first trustees, and assessed Shawnee Township four times. His paternal great-great-grandfather Young was at the siege of Londonderry. The great-grandfather came to America, and his son was born in New Hampshire, and was a Loyalist during the Revolutionary War, and held the rank of major in the British army. Grandfather Stinson was a captain in the same, and both families were banished to Canada after the close of the war, where they were given large tracts of land for their loyalty to the crown, and were known as U. E. (United Empire) loyalists.

Hon. W. H. H. Young, present member of the Legislature from Wyandotte County, Kansas City, Kas. Not without justice, Mr. Young is conceded to hold a representative position among the prominent and successful men of Wyandotte County, for he has rendered it valuable service in many different capacities, some of which are referred to in the present sketch. His birth occurred in Montgomery County, Tenn., in 1841, and he remained in his native State until sixteen years of age, after which he moved with his parents to McDonald County, Ill., and there finished his education in the high schools. April 18, 1861, he entered the Northern army, enlisting in Company C, Sixteenth Illinois Infantry, after the first call for three months' service by President Lincoln, and was mustered out in July of the same year, on account of his being too small. Determined to enlist at all hazards, he went to St. Joseph, Mo., but was not successful here, but went to St. Louis, and became a drummer in the Tenth Missouri Infantry, at Hermann, Mo. Later he was put back in the company, and became a regular soldier. In June of 1862 he was sunstruck between Corinth and Holly Springs, Miss., and was taken to the hospital, where he remained

from September until January. As soon as convalescent he was detailed as hospital steward, and when fully recovered he was transferred to Company A, Cavalry (January, 1863), serving with that company until February, 1865, and participating in all its engagements. He enlisted as a private, was promoted to sergeant, then orderly, and was holding the last-named rank when he was captured, between Yazoo City and Benton, Miss. He was retained a prisoner two months, and afterward participated in the battle of Vicksburg. May 2, 1864, he was again captured, but made his escape by getting out of a three-story building. The blanket by which he sought to lower himself tore in two, letting him fall. He broke his foot, and was captured again, but finally was exchanged June '28, of the same year. He was scout for Gen. Elliott for a year, and was afterward promoted to the rank of lieutenant. He was mustered out at Vicksburg, Miss., February 26, 1865. He was wounded four times, was sunstruck twice, and had many narrow escapes during service. He was a brave soldier, a gallant officer, and served his country faithfully and well. He participated in the following battles: Corinth, Iuka, Duck Creek, Austin, Richmond (La.), Coleman's Cross Roads, Richmond (Ga.), Port Gibson, Grand Gulf, Rodney (Miss.), Helena, Bolivar, Fort Derusha, Nashua, Hayes Point, Yazoo City, Washington (Miss.), and was in twenty-six altogether, besides numerous skirmishes. He came to Kansas City after the war, and has been a resident of this county ever since, with the exception of from 1871 to 1874, when he resided in Illinois. He was a railroad contractor for some time, was then in the lumber business, and afterward conducted a flour-mill. Six years ago he sold out the mill, and has been engaged in the real estate business ever since. In 1888 he was elected to represent Wyandotte County in the Legislature, in a very strong Democratic district, which position he filled in a satisfactory manner. He is a member of the G. A. R., having joined that organization in 1868, and has passed through all the chairs. He is also a member of the I. O. O. F., has passed through all the chairs, and all the chairs of the K. P., being a member of the Grand Lodge of this; also a member of the A. O. U. W., E. A. U. and P. O. of H. He is very prominent as a G. A. R., and takes an active part in all reunions, and above all likes to meet the "boys in blue" who were in his command, or any who were in the army. Mr. Young is the owner of considerable real estate, has a number of lots in Kansas City and considerable land in the county. He is a staunch Republican in his political views, and was the only one of his relatives, ex-

cept one brother, who served in the Union army. He had an uncle who held the rank of brigadier-general in the Confederate army. Mr. Young is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. His parents, George Haywood and Sarah E. (Harris) Young, were natives of North Carolina and Virginia, respectively. The father was a successful M. D., and practiced his profession in Illinois from 1854 to 1856. His death occurred in the following year. He was also a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He and wife were the parents of nine children. Hon. W. H. H. Young was married in Wyandotte County, Kas., to Miss Martha E. Gephart, and to them were born four children: Henry E., Maude M., Florence E. and Cora M.

Charles O. Young is the efficient superintendent of the Swift & Co. Packing House, of Kansas City, Kas., but was born in Manchester, N. H., May 12, 1861, his parents being Leroy and Julia A. (Hatch) Young, who were natives of New Hampshire and Vermont, respectively. Charles O. Young accompanied his parents to Brighton, Mass., (a suburb of Boston) when he was a lad of thirteen years, and there he spent his youth, receiving a good education. During his early life, when not in school, he was employed in the slaughter-house of N. E. Hollis at Brighton, and remained thus occupied until he attained his majority, at which time he came West to Chicago, and entered the employ of Swift & Co., of that city, and has since been one of their employes, a period of eight years. In November, 1887, he was transferred to Kansas City, Kas., and for two years he was foreman of the slaughtering department, but on April 1, 1889, was promoted to superintendent, and has since discharged the duties of that responsible position in a highly creditable manner. He is one of the foremost young business men of Kansas City, and those who know him have a high regard for him, for he is possessed of those sterling qualities which make a true man. Genial and friendly with those around him he possesses many warm friends, and he and his wife, whose maiden name was Etta L. Brayton, and whom he married March 13, 1888, are highly esteemed by all who know them. She was born in York State, but was residing in Chicago at the time of their marriage. Mr. Young is a Mason, being a member of Mizpah Lodge No. 152, of Chicago, Chicago Chapter and Chevalier Bayard Commandery No. 52, of Chicago, and has also taken the thirty-third degree in this order.

Isaac R. Zane, fruit-grower, Quindaro, Kas. Mr. Zane is a native of the Buckeye State, his birth occurring on September 10, 1826, and is a son of Isaac and Hannah (Dickenson) Zane. The father was a

Wyandotte Indian, born and reared in Ohio, and received but a limited education, preferring the Indian life to the more civilized. He was married on April 13, 1815, when comparatively a young man, and to his union were born fourteen children—seven sons and six daughters: Hester, Noah, Sarah, Robert, Ebenezer, Catherine (who died when an infant), James, Elizabeth, Hannah, Eliza, Eli, Leslie and William. All but three of these children grew to mature years, and three are now living, Ebenezer (born in 1824, is now living in Wyandotte, and on account of his age, has retired from business) and Hannah (resides in Johnson County, Kas.) The father of these children died on May 12, 1849, and his wife survived him forty years, living a widow the remainder of her days. Her death occurred on November 14, 1886. After her husband's death Mrs. Zane came to her son Isaac in Wyandotte County, and here the younger members of her family were reared and educated. The sons were farmers. After the younger children were about grown she returned to Isaac, and here passed the remainder of her days. An event of note occurred during the life of Elizabeth Zane, which has been immortalized by the poet, as follows:

'Twas more than a hundred years ago.
They were close beset by the dusky foe;
They had spent of powder their scanty store,
And who the gauntlet should run for more?
She sprang to the portal, and shouted, "I!
'Tis better a girl than a man should die!
My loss would be but the garrison's gain.
Unbar the gate!" said Elizabeth Zane.

The powder was sixty yards away,
Around her the foemen in ambush lay;
As she darted from shelter they gazed with awe,
Then wildly shouted, "A squaw! a squaw!"
She neither swerved to the left nor right.
Swift as an antelope's was her flight.
"Quick! Open the door!" she cried amain,
"For a hope forlorn! 'Tis Elizabeth Zane."

No time had she to waver or wait;
Back she must go ere it be too late;
She snatched from the table its cloth in haste,
And knotted it deftly about her waist,
Then filled it with powder—never, I ween,
Had powder so tidy a magazine—
Then, scorning the bullets, a deadly rain,
Like a startled fawn, fled Elizabeth Zane.

She gained the fort with her precious freight;
Strong hands fastened the oaken gate;
Brave men's eyes were suffused with tears
That had there been strangers for many years.

From flint-lock rifles again there sped
'Gainst the skulking redskins a storm of lead;
And the war-whoop sounded that day in vain,
Thanks to the deed of Elizabeth Zane.

Talk not to me of Paul Revere,
A man on horseback with naught to fear;
Nor of old John Burns, with his bell-crowned hat—
He'd an army to back him, so what of that?
Here's to the heroine, plump and brown,
Who ran the gauntlet in Wheeling town!
Hers is a record without a stain—
Beautiful, buxom Elizabeth Zane.

Isaac R. Zane remained in Ohio until nineteen years of age, attending school for a short time at the Wyandotte Mission in Ohio, but most of the time he was on the farm. His people having left Ohio, Mr. Zane followed them in a year or so, and made his advent in this county in 1846, being entitled to the claim of the oldest resident in point of habitation. At that time Kansas was an unbroken wilderness, inhabited by Indians who lived as Indians do, depending chiefly upon the fruits of the chase and line for a livelihood. After being here for a period of six or eight years he opened up a small farm near the present site of Quindaro, and began tilling the soil. Their farming implements were of the crudest kind, and his farming operations were limited to a few acres. Their principal crops were corn, wheat, oats and potatoes. Game was scarce even when he first moved here, and usually in the fall of the year hunting parties would go farther west and return at the end of six weeks or two months laden with buffalo, elk and antelope. Early in the fifties white men began to encroach upon the domain of the Indian, and with them came a new order of things. Soon came the border troubles, in which many of the Indians took an active part, some on one side and some on the other. Mr. Zane held aloof, and later, when the war came on, he was in the State Militia. When, with the forced consent of the Indians, the land was parceled out, Mr. Zane received thirty acres as his portion, and shortly afterward the right to sell was given. Then the white man came in for a certain amount of land, the Indians being cheated in many instances, selling out for practically nothing. Mr. Zane held his land until about four years ago, when taking advantage of the boom he sold out. When Kansas City and Wyandotte began to assume the promise of their present proportions, Mr. Zane turned his attention to fruit-growing, planting orchard trees and vines, and was actively engaged in this occupation when he sold out. He has never practically retired from business. Mr. Zane has been twice married, first to Miss Mary

E. Unangst, of German descent, and they reared one daughter, Cora E. (wife of Thomas E. Walker, a Wyandotte, now living in the Territory). After about two years of married life Mrs. Zane died, and ten years later Mr. Zane married Mrs. Elizabeth Proctor. They have no family. Mr. Zane was reared to believe in the Methodist doctrine, but his wife is a member of the Lutheran Church. About the time the land was given the Indian, he was given the right to franchise, and Mr. Zane affiliated with the Democratic party. Since the forming of his tribe in the nation his rights have been abrogated, and he is now disfranchised. He intends, as soon as his business will permit, to go to the nation and there pass the remainder of his days. But few of his people remain here, and that inborn desire to die among one's own people is strong in him. Personally Mr. Zane shows nothing of the usual accepted type of Indian. He is six feet tall, very erect, rather spare, and his hair and beard are both iron gray. His keen gray eyes have lost none of their brilliancy, and in manners he is affable and pleasant. All in all a person would take him for a professional man.

Henry Boeke is a well known and highly respected German-American citizen of Wyandotte County, Kas. His parents, Court and Christine (Boekhausen) Boeke, were natives of Germany, which was their place of residence during their lifetime. They were always engaged in agricultural pursuits, and were in all ways most worthy citizens. Henry Boeke's youth and early manhood were spent assisting his parents upon the farm, and like all German youths received a good common-school education. Hoping to better his condition, in the summer of 1854 he took passage from Bremen for New York, arriving there after an eight weeks' voyage on a sailing vessel. His first stopping place was at Dayton, Ohio, where he remained about one year, and then went to Illinois, where for two years he followed various employments in the towns of Quincy and Jacksonville. In 1857 he went to Kansas City, Mo., remaining in that vicinity until 1860, when he went to Wyandotte County, Kas., renting a farm from an Indian chief named Armstrong, and began the life of an agriculturist. There were few whites in the neighborhood at that time, but his Indian neighbors were kind, and they got along amicably. In 1865 Mr. Boeke moved to where he now resides, and where by his pluck, industry and intelligence he has made for himself one of the most comfortable and nicely improved homes in the county. The place consists of twenty-five acres all in orchard and garden and un-

der the highest state of cultivation. In 1864 Mr. Boeke was united in marriage with Miss Henrietta Walker, a native of Germany. To this union have been born four children: August, Louisia, Henry, Jr., and Lena. Mr. Boeke now lives in practical retirement, having secured a competency. He has never aspired to any social or political prominence, but has been content to serve his family and friends in a less conspicuous but more substantial manner. He has and justly merits the respect and confidence of all who know him.

Timothy McMahon is a native of the old city of Limerick, Ireland, on the famed Shannon River, where he was born in 1826, being the third of six children, and is now the only surviving member of the family. His parents were also natives of the Emerald Isle, the father an agriculturist by occupation, and both are now deceased. Mr. McMahon obtained sufficient education in his youth to fit him for the every-day affairs of life, and when only fifteen years of age, started out for himself as an apprentice at the blacksmith's trade, he at that time having not a shilling in his pocket. After becoming the thorough master of his trade, he began following it, continuing for twenty-five years, and being industrious and of an economic disposition, he did well. He became dissatisfied with life in his native land, and thinking to better his financial condition, he determined to come to America, which he did in the fall of 1847, and time has shown the wisdom of this move. He first landed at Quebec, from there went to the Green Mountain State, later to New York, Massachusetts, and back to Vermont, his residence in these States consuming three years. In 1850 he emigrated to Indiana, where he remained until the spring of 1855, when he took a trip across the continent to California, where he remained, working at his trade until 1859. He then came back east as far as Wyandotte County, Kas., but after remaining here one year, returned to California, after having purchased 120 acres of land in this county. He made his home in California until the fall of 1866, since which time he has been contented to make his home on his farm in Wyandotte County, Kas., where he has made many valuable improvements, and has seen the country converted from a wilderness into waving fields of grain. Where once the Indian roamed, hunted and fished at will, flourishing towns have sprung up, and schools, churches and farm-houses dot the landscape. His now valuable farm of 200 acres, which at that time was mostly covered with timber and brush, has by the magic hands of industry and enterprise, become an admirably kept farm, and now yields Mr. McMahon a sufficient income to make him

independent for the rest of his days. He has an elegant home, comfortable surroundings, and he and his estimable wife have the satisfaction of knowing that what they now have, has been acquired by their own hands. Mr. McMahon was married in August, 1870, to Miss Ellen Donahue, a native of Greenfield, Va., her education being received in the Sisters' Seminary, in Kansas City, Mo. To them eight children have been born: James (aged seventeen), Nellie (aged sixteen), Maggie (aged fifteen), Timothy (aged thirteen), Patrick (aged twelve), Katie (aged ten), Rosa (aged seven), and Serilla (aged four years). Mr. McMahon is well posted on all the current topics of the day, and in his political views is a Democrat, his first presidential vote being cast for Franklin Pierce. He has been a member of the district school board for eleven years, and he and his wife are ardent members of the Roman Catholic Church, and are very charitable and kindly in disposition.

Harrison S. Toy is one of the wide-awake and enterprising business men of Kansas City, Kas., and besides being known as one of the leading grocers of the place, he is also well known in social circles, and by his genial disposition and cordiality has won many warm personal friends. His birth occurred in Franklin County, Ohio, on April 1, 1854, being a son of Harrison and Rebecca (Brobeck) Toy, a short history of whom is given in the sketch of J. F. Toy. Harrison S. spent his youth and early manhood on a farm, and was given a common-school education. In 1879 he, in company with his brothers, Joseph F. and Edward C., came West, with the intention of taking Horace Greeley's advice to young men, and has succeeded in doing this, for he and his brothers began business on only a fair scale, and by honorable dealing and the courtesy which seems a part of their nature, their business has risen to mammoth proportions, and they now constitute the leading grocery firm in the city, their establishment being, in fact, second to none in this section of the State. [For a more complete mention of the business, see the sketch of J. F. Toy.] Harrison S. Toy was married on October 19, 1882, to Miss Flora A. Adams, of this city, but she died on April 4, 1888, leaving no children. Mr. Toy has been a worthy member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, ever since he was thirteen years of age. He is a good business man, and an honorable, upright man of business.

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Since the publication of the within history and biographies the following corrections have been received too late for insertion in their proper places:

Page 516: Sketch of Jacob Bloedel.

3d line. Read For June, 1879, June, 1877.

42d line. For Friendship, Friendship, Wis.

54th line. For she came to America with her parents, she came to America with her parents in 1868.

57th line. For Allida Anna, Elyda Anna.

58th line. For died November 25, 1875, died November 26, 1875.

59th line. For died November 27, 1875, died November 25, 1875.

60th line. For Alida Anna, Elyda Anna.

61st line. For born November 25, 1876, born November 26, 1876.

66th line. For born November 27, 1887, born November 26, 1887.