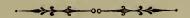
# ♥BIOGRAPHICAL.♥



### HENRY L. ACTON,

farmer, section 21, was born in Morrow County, Ohio, March 12, 1836. His ancestors were natives of England, and his father, Osborn Acton, was born in Maryland. He was married in Ohio to Miss Rachel Hetrick, a native of Pennsylvania, whose ancestors were from Germany. Henry L. was the fourth in a family of six children. In 1851 he came with his father, to Holt County, Missouri, where he has since resided, excepting about two years, when he lived in Kansas. In 1872 he moved to his present location, and now owns a farm of 160 acres. During 1861 he was in the Missouri State militia for six months. March 8, 1863, Mr. Acton was married to Miss Nancy A. Kunkel, who was born in Morrow County, Ohio, January 3, 1844. Her father, Barnabas Kunkel, was a native of Pennsylvania. Her mother's maiden name was Catharine Secrest, a native of Pennsylvania. Mrs. A. was the second child in a family of ten, and in 1848 came to Missouri. They have had five children, two of whom are now living, Lillie R. and John F. Mr. A. and wife are members of the United Brethren Church, and he is also a minister of that denomination, holding a quarterly conference license.

# JOHN J. ADAMS,

farmer, section 21, the second child in a family of eight, was born in Edgar County, Illinois, November 17, 1836, his ancestors having been natives of Kentucky. His father, Jacob T. Adams, went to Illinois when 13 years of age, and there he was married to Miss Sarah Cunningham, daughter of James Cunningham, a native of Virginia. John J. Adams was reared and educated in his native county, and in 1855, he left his parents' home, and in 1858, came west. He made a number of trips across the plains to Denver, Utah Territory, etc., and continued the freighting business till the spring of 1866, being a part of the time in Holt County. Since 1866, he has made this county his home, and in 1873, he located on his farm, where he has since resided. His farm contains 200 acres. Mr. A. was married to Marila Leech, October 21, 1877. She was born in Fremont County, Iowa, October 27, 1860. They have two children: Sallie and Charlie.

### JONATHAN ANDES,

farmer, section 9, was born in Shenandoah County, Virginia, July 30, 1811. His grand parents were natives of Maryland, and his father was born in Virginia. He was there married to Miss Elizabeth Good, who was born in Virginia, and they had a family of thirteen children, of whom Jonathan was the oldest. When he was about three years of age his parents moved to Rockingham County, Virginia, where he was reared, receiving a fair education both in German and English. March 7, 1839, he was married to Miss Anna Roadcap, who was born in Page County, Virginia, November 18, 1818, the third of a family of four children. father, Daniel Roadcap, was a native of Virginia, and her mother, formerly Frances Hoffman, was born in Pennsylvania. After his marriage Mr. Andes located in Augusta County, Virginia, and in 1853 he immigrated, with his family, to Delaware County, Indiana, where he continued to live till 1871, when they came to Holt County, Missouri. lowed agricultural pursuits from boyhood, and now has a landed estate of over 681 acres, a part of which he has given to his children. farm contains over 201 acres, which is finely improved, his house and surroundings presenting an attractive appearance. Their family consists of twelve children, seven of whom are living: Elizabeth, born August 31, 1841; William C., born June 4, 1845; Frances, born September 5, 1849; Susan, born November 21, 1851; Mary A., born April 14, 1858; Martha, born May 16, 1860; Amanda, born January 1, 1864.

# WILLIAM C. ANDES,

one of Holt County's most active and extensive farmers, was born in Rockingham County, Virginia, June 4, 1845, and resided in the same localities as his parents, Jonathan and Anna (Roadcap) Andes, till 1859, when he came from Deleware County, Indiana, to Holt County, Missouri. He has made farming his occupation during life, with the exception of a few years, when he was engaged in working at the carpenter's trade. His estate consists of 400 acres of good land. He is a member of Mound City Lodge No. 294, A. F. and A. M. Mr. Andes was married February 15, 1871, to Miss Emma Shafer, a daughter of John Shafer, a native of Pennsylvania. She was born in Berks County, Pennsylvania, in March, 1847. They have had six children, of whom four are now living: Laura, Eliza, Millard and Ida.

#### S. B. AUSTIN

is of S. B. & J. M. Austin, a leading firm of Mound City. The mercantile trade of Holt County, is ably represented by these parties, who do a large and successful business. They are both men of experience, having worked

in the dry goods trade from boyhood. Their father, Jeremiah Austin, was born in Connecticut, and emigrated to New York, and while in that State he was married at Fort Covington to Miss Betsie Howard, a native of New Hampshire. They located in Morley, St. Lawrence County, New York, where S. B. and J. M. Austin were born, the former on June 15. 1844, and J. M. on the 6th of November 1841. They were reared and educated in their native town, and during their boyhood days assisted their father, who was a lumber dealer, in that business. In 1862 S. B. Austin went to Ogdensburg, New York, where he was employed as clerk in a dry goods store till the winter of 1870, when he came to St. Joseph, Missouri. There he followed different mercantile pursuits till 1874, when he came to Mound City, and since that time he has been engaged in his present business, though under different firm names. Mr. A. was married October 15, 1874 to Miss Josia Pitcher, a daugther of S. D. Pitcher, a native of Connecticut. Her mother's maiden name was Margaret Drew, a native of Kentucky. Mrs. Austin was born in Clay County, Missouri, March 18, 1853, and was married at Liberty, where she had been educated. They have one child, George F. In the year 1857. J. M. Austin went to Ogdensburg, New York, where he was for six years engaged in selling goods, after which he accepted a position as salesman in a large retail dry goods house of Boston. This he continued for two years, and from that time till the latter part of 1875, he was engaged as traveling salesman over the State of New York in the interest of different wholesale dry goods houses of Boston and New York. Among his employers were Swedser, Swan & Blodget, and Ordway, Bradbury & Co., both of Boston, he being with the latter firm from January, 1866, till the Boston fire, which occurred November 9, 1872. then traveled from New York till. 1874, the first year being with Diggs, Cunningham & Co., then with S. B. Chittendon & Co., after which time he returned to Boston. For a period he traveled for Perry, Cook & Tower. In the latter part of 1875, he came west, and since then has journeyed over Kansas, Colorado and New Mexico, from St. Joseph, Kansas City and St. Louis. July 1, 1881, he came to Mound City, Missouri, where he had previously had an interest in business for some time.

# J. P. BAGBY,

farmer, section 9, is a son of Richard Bagby, Esq., who was born in Rockbridge County, Virginia, and when about fifteen years old moved to Kentucky, locating in Barren County. There he was married to Miss Sarah M. Field, a native of Virginia. They emigrated to Missouri in the year 1837. J. P. was born in Buchanan County, Missouri, August 30, 1841. In 1851, with his parents, he came to Holt County and located on the place where he now resides. His farm consists of 280 acres. Mr.

B. served in the late war, from 1861 until its close, being in the Confederate service. He was was mustered out of Co. A. Sixteenth Missouri. He is a member of Mound City Lodge No. 294, A. F. and A. M. Mr. Bagby was married September 14, 1872, to Miss Nancy Rodgers, and by this marriage they had five children, three of whom are now living: Samuel, Robert G., and Martha M. Mrs. B. was born in Monroe County, Iowa, January 14, 1849. Her father, James Rodgers, was a native of Tennessee, and her mother, whose maiden name was Martha Mudd, was a Kentuckian by birth.

### GEORGE BENNETT,

of the firm of Bennett & Demming, dealers in drugs, stationery, etc., is a son of George J. and Jane (McDonald) Bennett, who were residents of London when George was born, November 24, 1840. He was educated in London, and during the last year of his abode there was engaged in selling drugs. In 1855, he came to America, landing at San Francisco, where he was employed at various branches of business, clerking, etc., till the beginning of the war of 1861, when he enlisted in Company C, Third California Volunteer Infantry. He remained in service for three years and three months, being mustered out as orderly sergeant. After his enlistment, his regiment was called to Utah Territory, where they were stationed during his time in service. Mr. B. remained in Salt Lake City one year after being mustered out, and then went to Montana, where he was engaged in clerking. He subsequently came to Holt County, Missouri, where he was occupied in farming till 1879, when he came to Mound City, and embarked in his present business. He has acted as county assessor for three years, and as deputy for four years, in a very acceptable manner. Mr. Bennett was married July 13, 1869, to Miss Julia E. Demming, a daughter of Butler Demming, of Ohio. They have had six children, four of whom are living: George O., Guy, Clara and Ed. McCoy.

# URIAH AND JAMES BLAIR,

among the very first settlers in Benton Township, are natives of Indiana. Uriah was born March 22, 1825, and James was born December 26, 1826. Their parents, John M. and Mary E. (Billings) Blair, had a family of six children, the first two of whom were twins, one daughter and one son, Uriah. James was the next child born. In 1827 they moved to Pike County, Illinois, and were among the first settlers of that State. In 1836 they visited Iowa, locating on Skunk River, where Mrs. Blair died. After this event they returned to Pike County, Illinois, where they lived till 1839, and then came to Holt County, Missouri, and located in section 20, township 61, range 38. This farm is now owned by Uriah and James Blair, the former having 170 acres and James 190 acres. At the time they set-

tled in Benton Township there were no people living within its present boundaries but Indians. They attended school in the first schoolhouse built in the township, which was a log cabin without even a fire-place, though on one side a log was left out for a window. The building was erected in 1840, in section 17, township 61, range 38, by the Blair family, the Baldwin family (the second settlers in the township), James Kimsey, John Hughes and one other person. The first session was taught by a man by the name of Lattimore, from the East, he being known as the Yankee teacher. In the spring of 1849 Uriah and James Blair, in company with a large expedition, started from Holt County for California. Their father also accompanied them. The party left about May 10, and the senior Blair died while on the road, on Carson River, at the foot of the Sierra Nevada Mountains, and was there buried. While in California the brothers were engaged in gold mining, on the tributaries of the American River. James returned to Holt County in February, 1850, and his brother in the summer of the same year. Uriah was a soldier in the Mexican War. He was sworn into the service of the United States at Leavenworth, July 4, 1847, as a member of what was known as the Oregon Battalion, attached to Col. Powell's regiment. The expedition ascended the Missouri River and returned to what is now Nebraska City, where they remained during the winter of 1847-8, and the next spring set out across the plains for Fort Kearney. News reached them of the close of the war and they were ordered back to Leavenworth to be discharged. He was a Democrat before the late war, but has since been a Republican. He is a member of Mound City Lodge, No. 294, A. F. and A. M. December 16, 1858, he was married to Miss Eveline Mackey, by which marriage there were born seven children: Alice M., C. Calvin, Mary E., Eva Z., Frank N., Cora I. (now deceased), and George D. Mrs. Blair, the fourth child in a family of eleven children, was born in Pike County, Missouri, January 30, 1840. She was reared, educated and married in her native county. Her grandfather was a native of Scotland, and her father, Cyrus Mackey, of North Carolina, who came to Missouri in an early day and was married, in Pike County, to Miss Charlotta Jones, a native of Tennessee. She now lives in Pike County, Missouri. Mr. James Blair was married April 8, 1852, to Miss Emeline Jasper. Twelve children were the fruit of this union, ten of whom are now living: Dr. F., William D., Truston, Lena B., Anna E., Minnie M., Robert and Mattie (twins), James and Walter. Mrs. Blair's father, Merrill Jasper, was a native of Kentucky, and he was there married to Miss Elizabeth Shepherd, a native of Kentucky. They moved to Missouri in an early day, and lived in Pike County till about 1844, when they came to Holt County. Mr. Jasper died in August, 1845, and Mrs. Jasper in March, 1873. They had a family of six children, Mrs. Blair being the second child.

### JACOB BOHART,

farmer, section 34, is the son of Philip Bohart, who was a native of Germany, and who came to America when about eight years of age. He was married in Buchanan County, Missouri, to Miss Martha Russell, who was born in South Carolina. They had a family of ten children, Jacob being the fourth. He was born in Buchanan County, Missouri, July 25, 1845. When he was eleven years of age his parents moved to Holt County, Missouri, where he has since resided. He has followed farming as an occupation during life, and now has a farm of one hundred and sixty acres. He was married February 15, 1868, to Martha A. Gibson, a native of Holt County, Missouri, born April 20, 1849. Her parents were John and Sarah Gibson, the former a native of England, and the latter of Kentucky. Their family consists of one child, Anna E. Mr. and Mrs. B. are members of the Christian church.

## JOHN R. BRINK,

of the firm of Brink & Spencer, editors and proprietors of the Mound City News, was born near Chillicothe, Ross County, Ohio, September 27, 1856. His father, John Q. Brink, was also a native of Ross County, Ohio, and was there married to Miss Mary J. Cryder, of Ross County. 'They had five children, John R. being the second in the family. In 1865, the family moved to Missouri, and located in Nodaway County. John's boyhood days were passed on a farm, in a dry goods store and in school, he receiving an excellent education, which ably qualified him for a teacher, and he began the occupation of teaching when about eighteen years of age, and followed the profession principally for about five years. January 28, 1880, he came to Mound City, and purchased a half interest in the Mound City News. Mr. Brink was married October 5, 1880, to Miss Helen Kavanaugh, the third child in a family of seven children. She was born near Maryville, in Nodaway County, Missouri, her father, Nicholas Kavanaugh, being a native of Kentucky. Her mother's maiden name was Serepta Saunders, and she was a native of Virginia. Messrs. Brink & Spencer are publishers of a live, interesting and spicy paper, and being the only firm not using a patent sheet, are enjoying a large circulation.

# NAPOLEON AND JAMES BROWNING,

farmers, section 19, are both natives of Clark County, Kentucky, Napoleon having been born December 22, 1835, and James on the 4th of June, 1844. Their father, Francis C. Browning, was born in Clark County, Kentucky, June 11, 1798, and was married in the same county to Miss Nancy Johnson, who was born in Clark County, Kentucky, May 29,

1806. They moved to Missouri in the year 1846, locating in Platte County, and in the spring of 1848 they came to Holt County, where Francis C. Browning died, in March, 1853. They had a family of nine children, seven of whom are now living: Eda, Susan E., Almeda, William, Alwilda, Napoleon and James. Mrs. Browning now lives with James Browning, her youngest son, and owns a farm of 160 acres. Napoleon Browning is a member of Mound City Lodge No. 294, A. F. and A. M. He was married April 15, 1858, to Miss Margaret R. Wilson, a daughter of Joseph Wilson. She was born in Hardy County, Virginia, December 23, 1842. They have six children: Lucy A., born June 10, 1863; Annie V. L., born March 22, 1865; Elizabeth J., born October 14, 1869; Frazer, born July 21, 1870; Mary M., born January 6, 1875; Effie B., born April 21, 1878. Mr. and Mrs. B. are members of the Christian Church. He is an elder and trustee in that church. James Browning was married November 6, 1864, to Miss Millie Clark, a daughter of Berry Clark, who was a native of Kentucky. Her mother's maiden name was Margaret Meek, also a native of Kentucky. Mrs. B. was born in Henry County, Kentucky, April 6, 1846. They have five children: Montgomery C., born September 29, 1865; William E., born March 16, 1870: Cora T., born June 22, 1872; James L., born February 17, 1875, and Marian B., born August 22, 1878.

### GEORGE H. CARPENTER

is an extensive dealer in harness and saddles. His grandfather, Sylvester G. Carpenter, was from New York, and was there married. Bishop Carpenter, the father of the subject of this sketch, was also a native of the same state, and was married to Miss Weddle, of New York, her parents being natives of England. George H. Carpenter was born in Warren County, New York, February 24, 1824. He was reared on a farm and was educated in the common schools of Warren County. In 1846, he immigrated to Carroll County, Illinois, where he was engaged in farming till the fall of 1876, except during the years 1860-61, which time was spent in the mining country of California. In the fall of 1876, he came to Mound City, Mo., where he was occupied in the furniture business till January, 1881, when he began at his present calling, in which he is meeting with great success. He is the representative business man in his line of trade in this city. Mr. C. has been twice married: First, May 1, 1846, to Miss Minerva Balcom, a daughter of Uriah and Patience Balcom, who were both natives of Vermont. Mrs. Carpenter was born in Warren County, New York, in the year 1822, and died January 1, 1868. They had four children, two of whom are now living, Augusta and Jenevia. He took for his second wife Miss Alice A. Morey, a daughter of George and Charlotte Morey, both natives of New York. Mrs. Carpenter was born in Warren County, New York, July 12, 1848. They have had two children, only one of whom is now living, George W. Mr. and Mrs. C. are members of the Presbyterian Church.

## T. EBEN COOPER,

manufacturer of fine boots and shoes, is a son of Samuel Cooper, a native of New York, who in later life emigrated to Ohio, where he was married to Miss Matilda Pickard, a native of Ohio. They had a family of eight children, of whom T. Eben Cooper was the fifth. He was born in Andrew County, Missouri, November 9, 1854, and was reared and educated in his native county. When twelve years of age he began to learn his present trade in the town of Fillmore, which he continued till 1875, when he disposed of his shop on account of failing health and went to Iowa. He was there engaged at his trade in different parts of the State till February 1876, when he came to Mound City, and since then has been interested in his present business and is one of the most successful men in his line in Northwest Missouri. He is well known to this vicinity as a first-class mechanic, and gives general satisfaction to all his customers. Mr. Cooper was married November 9, 1876, to Miss Martha L. Gregory, a daughter of Rufus R. Gregory, a native of Kentucky. Her mother's maiden name was Mary Crawford, a native of Ohio. Mrs. C. was born in Lewis County, Kentucky, March 6, 1852. They have had two children, and of these one is living, Ernest. Mr. and Mrs. C. are members of the M. E. Church.

## CHARLES K. CORSAUT,

of the firm of Corsaut & Meyer, merchants, is a native of London, Ontario and was born September 2, 1851. He is the youngest child in a family of eleven children, and was a son of James Corsaut, who was a native of New York. His mother's maiden name was Millie Farrar, a native of Massachusetts. Charles was reared in his native city till he attained his fourteenth year, receiving his education in the Helmoth College. He also attended the London Commercial College, from which institution he was graduated in the year 1869. The principal part of his time, from the age of sixteen till the year 1874, he was engaged in teaching school and keeping books for lumber firms on the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railroad. In 1874 he came to Mound City and was occupied in teaching till 1876, when he accepted a clerkship of W. M. Hamsher & Co. This he continued two years, and was then for one year associated in the business as one of the firm. In February, 1880, he became a member of his present firm, which occupied their new building December 1, 1881. He is a member of Mound City Lodge,

No. 294, A. F. and A. M.; also the Keystone Chapter, of Mound City. Mr. Corsaut was married January 7, 1880, to Miss Maggie, a daughter of Andrew Meyer, Esq. She was born in Holt County, Missouri, June 18, 1856, and died May 9, 1881. They had one child, Maggie N.

# AMER CRANNELL,

dealer in grain, buggies, spring wagons, etc., was born in Hadley, Saratoga County, New York, February 11, 1838. He was the fifth of a family of nine children. His father, Elijah Crannell, was a farmer, and his mother's maiden name was Mary Lord. He received a limited education in the common schools of the country, and was raised to habits of industry, working the greater part of his early life on a farm. In December, 1856, he left his native home and emigrated west, landing in Jackson County, Iowa, where he engaged in farming till 1861. In the spring of that year he crossed the plains with an ox team, and reached Oriville, California, in September following. In the last week of that month he enlisted in the Second California Cavalry, U.S. service, and went with his troop to San Francisco, where he was duly sworn in, and with his command, Company D., repaired to New San Pedro, California, where they established a camp. They remained there till June, 1862, when they moved to Camp Latham, six miles up the coast, about eighteen miles from Los Angeles. In the three years which he remained in the service, his command was frequently engaged with the Indians. The latter they removed finally to a reservation near Fort Tejon. Company D., of the Second California Cavalry, during their campaign in this country, established Fort Independence, in Owen River Valley. They continued to operate against the Indians and rebels of that country till October, 1864, when they were ordered to San Francisco, where they were mustered out. This closed the military career of the subject of this sketch, who filled, at different times during the period of his service, the positions of farrier and commissary sergeant. In March, 1865, he left California and returned home by way of Panama, arriving at his . home in Iowa on the day of the assassination of President Lincoln. In 1869 he married, in Iowa, Miss Cornelia E. Bates, daughter of David B. Bates. By this marriage he has five children living, four sons and one daughter. In December, 1871, Mr. Crannell moved with his family to Maryville, Missouri, and thence, in 1872, to Mound City, Missouri, where he has since continued to reside, pursuing, in the meantime, various branches of business, and contributing to the growth and advancement of that important commercial center, of which he is recognized as a representative and eminently popular citizen. He established, in partnership with J. F. Davis, the first exclusive hardware store in Mound City, and subsequently the first extensive harness factory. He is no longer identified with either of these interests.

## CHARLES CRAWFORD,

farmer, section 20, is a native of Ireland, and was born in the year 1834. When fifteen years of age he emigrated to America, after which he was engaged in various employments, in many different States. In 1856 he located in Holt County, Missouri, where he has since been engaged in farming, and now has a farm of one hundred and eighty-one acres. During the war he served in the militia for about nine months. December 8, 1861, Mr. C. was married to Miss Margaret R. Collins, who was born in Holt County, Missouri, in October, 1844. They have had nine children, of whom are now living three boys and four girls: William, James, Hattie M., Minnie I., Rebecca L., Myrtie E. and Oscar.

# CAPTAIN DAVID T. CUMMINS,

farmer, section 30, was born in Crawford County, Ohio, July 30, 1839. His father, George Cummins, was a native of Pennsylvania, and was married in Ohio, to Miss Carolina Hoblitzell, who was a native of Ohio. They had a family of fifteen children, David T. being the seventh child. He was reared on a farm, and was educated in his native county, and in April, 1861, enlisted in Company I, of the three months' service under McClellan. He acted as first duty sergeant, after which he enlisted in Company H, Sixty-fourth Ohio Infantry, organized by John Sherman, and known as Sherman's brigade. He remained in service till October 24, 1864, when he was mustered out as captain. He was wounded June 18, 1864, at the battle of Kenesaw Mountain, for which he draws a pension. After he returned from service, Mr. C. remained in Ohio till the spring of 1865, when he came to Missouri and located in Holt County, where he has since resided except for about eighteenth months, when he was in Brown County, Kansas. During the years 1867-8 he was engaged in the mercantile trade in Oregon. He now has a farm of 160 acres, on which he located in December, 1878. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and also belongs to the I.O.O.F. Captain Cummins was married February 25, 1864, to Miss Jennie Dixon. They have three children: Charley Sherman, Phil Sheridan, Zella Dixon. Mrs. C. was born in Crawford County, Ohio, August 28, 1848. Her parents, John and Margaret (Robinson) Dixon, were both natives of Ohio. Mrs. C. was reared and educated in her native county, and graduated from the Springfield Female Seminary in June, 1863.

# JONAS B. DENNY,

dealer in drugs and druggists' sundries, was born in Washington County, Indiana, March 12, 1844. He is a son of Christopher H. and Phoebe (Wright) Denny, who were both natives of the same county as himself.

Jonas was educated in Washington County, and there resided on a farm till 1862, when he enlisted in Company E, Fifth Indiana Cavalry, of the Ninetieth Regiment, and remained in service till June, 1865. He was then mustered out, as regimental bugler, having been in many important battles, after which he returned to his native county. In the spring of 1866 he came to Missouri, and located in Holt County, and was engaged in farming till 1872, when he located in Corning and embarked in the mercantile trade, as one of the firm of Denny Brothers & Co. They continued to sell goods in that town for two years, when they moved their stock to Milton, Atchison County. In 1878 Mr. Denny sold his interest and came to Mound City, since which time he has been engaged in selling drugs, having occupied his present place of business, in Meyer's Opera House, since October 26, 1881. He is also agent for the Buckeye reaper and mower. He is a member of Mound City Lodge, No. 294, A. F. and A. M. Mr. Denny was married December 16, 1869, to Miss Mariah L. Rayhill, a daughter of Jacob Rayhill, who was a native of Indiana. Her mother's maiden name was Margaret Morris, also a native of Indiana. Mrs. Denny was born in Washington County, March 28, 1849, and came to Holt County, Missouri, in the year 1865. They have a family of three child en: Orrie E., Arthur J. and Nell K. Mr. and Mrs. D. are members of the Christian Church.

## LEVI DODGE,

proprietor of the Pool of Siloam, is a descendant of Caleb Dodge, who was a native of New Hampshire, and who was there married to Miss Elizabeth Woodberry. Edward Dodge, the father of the subject of this sketch, was also born in New Hampshire, and, with the family, emigrated to Maine, where he was married to Miss Loraine Dand, a native of Maine. Levi Dodge was born in Waldo County, Maine, July 5, 1814, and the same year the family moved to Athens County, Ohio, and, in fall of 1837, to Clinton County, Missouri. He was married in Athens County, Ohio, January 12th, 1834, to Sarah Hursey. She was born in Maine, February 8, 1813, and was a daughter of Ariel Hursey, a Free Will Baptist preacher, who had moved to Athens County, Ohio, in 1814. Mr. Dodge was engaged in farming, in Clinton County, till 1850, when he moved to Filmore, Andrew County, and, in the fall of 1852, settled on Squaw Creek, in Holt County, on the farm now occupied by John Schrautz. He was one of the earliest settlers in this part of Missouri, and made the first path between there and Graham. During a a part of 1853 he sold goods at Graham, and kept the first post office ever established in the place; not having any mail carrier, he made up a subscription, amounts from one cent and upwards being given. Removing to Nebraska, in 1854, Mr. D. kept a trading post at the falls of Nemaha,

having no one but Indians for his associates. In 1856, he was in business on the old California trail, in Kansas. In 1857 and 1858 he was engaged in a speculative enterprise at Winnebago, Nebraska, which proved unsuccessful, and, in the fall of 1859, he returned to Holt County, where he has since resided. During eighteen years he has moved seventeen times. He was engaged in farming till 1876, when he moved to Mound City, with the intention of living a retired life, but has since made many improvements to the town. In 1876, he discovered medical properties in his mineral well, and, in 1877, he prepared a pool, which he named the Pool of Siloam, and commenced the erection of a bath room. During the summer of 1878, at a very great expense, he made the present Pool of Siloam, the water being supplied by springs. Adjoining this is a beautiful park, adorned with shade trees and shrubbery. He has, in the present (1882) year, erected a hotel on the upper bank of the park, which is occuped by Dr. Pool as an infirmary. The analysis of the water, which was made in the fall of 1879, may be seen in other parts of our history. Mr. Dodge is one of the leading and most prominent citizens in Holt County, and deserves much credit from the people of Mound City, for the interest he has taken in the advancement of the town. Mrs. Dodge died January 14, 1879. They had four children, only one of whom is living, Gilbert M.

### PROFESSOR WILLIAM F. DRAKE

is principal of the public schools of Mound City. In order that a country, city or town may advance and become known as an enlightened community, nothing is more essential than the educational advantages which it affords, and to have good schools, it is very necessary that the educators should be competent to fill the position for which they are employed; but to do this energy and enterprise must exist. The citizens of Mound City may well feel proud of the man who now so ably fills the position of principal of their schools, for he is a man admirably adapted to that calling. The grandfather of the subject of this sketch, Stout Drake, was a native of New Jersey, and when sixteen years of age emigrated with his father (who was a native of England) to Kentucky. He was married in the latter State to Miss Huldah Pangbern. They emigrated from Kentucky to Ohio in 1810, and located in Brown County, where Jonathan S. Drake, the father of William was born. He was there married to Miss Eleanor Martin, a daughter of Joel Martin, who was a native of West Virginia. Her mother's maiden name was Jennie Brown, a native of Virginia. Eleanor Drake was born in Brown County, Ohio. She and her husband now live in Ohio. Prof. William F. Drake was the second child in a family of eighteen children. He was born in Brown County, Ohio, November 16, 1840, and was there reared, receiving the

advantages of the common schools. He afterwards attended Holbrook's National Normal of Lebanon, Ohio, and while not in school passed his time on a farm. October 21, 1862 he enlisted in Company K., Fifty-ninth Ohio Infantry, and remained in service till the close of the war, after which time he came to Missouri and located in Sheridan County. There he was engaged in teaching till 1870, when he entered the State Normal School at Kirksville as a student, and from that institution he was graduated in 1872, being a member of the first class graduating in the institution. In 1872 he was elected principal of the public schools of Oregon, Holt County, Missouri, and continued to occupy that position for two years, when he was elected principal of the public schools of Rock Port, Atchison County. These schools he conducted with great satisfaction to the community till 1880, when he was called to his present position. During the last four years of his stay in Atchison County, he was school commissioner of the county. Since coming to Mound City, Prof. Drake has not only been interested in his school, but in various improvements of the town, having erected a fine resicence. He was married February 5, 1874, to Amelia C. Kreek, a daughter of T. I. Kreek, now of Oregon, Missouri, and who was a native of Maryland. Her mother's maiden name was Elizabeth Jackson, a native of Pennsylvania. Mrs. Drake was the second child in a family of ten children, and was born in Oregon, Holt County, Missouri, August 5, 1855. She was there reared, educated and married. Prof. D. is a member of the Christian Church, and Mrs. D. of the M. E. Church.

### P. S. DURHAM,

of the firm of Durham & Mounts, proprietors of livery and feed stable, is the son of Joseph Durham, who emigrated from Kentucky to Indiana, where he was married to Margaret Ricker, a native of Tennessee. P. S. Durham is the oldest of a family of six children, and was born in Indiana, October 16, 1837. When but eleven years of age, he left his father's home, his mother having died a short time previous, and went to Mercer County, Illinois, where he found himself to be among strangers. worked on a farm in Mercer County, and attended the common schools of that vicinity, and in the fall of 1870, came to Holt County, Missouri, where he was engaged in farming till 1877, when he moved to Mound City. Since that time he has been engaged in his present business. He was also for some time in the hotel business. Mr. D. is Junior Deacon of Mound City Lodge No. 294, A. F. and A. M. He has been three times married: First, June 25, 1857, to Miss Catharine Philips, of Indiana. She was born in the year 1834, and died in 1872. They had eight children, six of whom are living: Albion, Adda, Flora, Burt, Carrie and Alice. He took for his second wife Mrs. Fannie Elliott, of Indiana, her maiden name being Fannie Flemming. She died in the year 1875. They had one child, Jennie. Mr. Durham's third marriage occurred February 6, 1876, to Mrs. Lucy Chambers. Her maiden name was Canada, and she was born in Illinois, December 23, 1832. They have one child, Florence.

## JOSEPH R. FERGUSON

is of the firm of Groves & Ferguson, dealers in general merchandise. Joseph M. Ferguson, his grandfather, was born in Fayette County, Kentucky, and was there married to Miss Mary Young, a native of Jessamine County, of the same state. Richard Y. Ferguson, the father of Joseph R., was born in Jessamine County, Kentucky, and in 1831 or 1832 he came to Missouri and was married in Franklin County to Miss Margaret Chitwood, who was born in the same county. She was a daughter of Seth Chitwood, a native of Tennessee. Her mother's maiden name was Margaret Caldwell, who was born in Franklin County, Missouri. Joseph R. Ferguson, one of Mound City's most enterprising merchants, is the first child in a family consisting of seven children, and was born in Franklin County, Missouri, August 8, 1851. He was educated in his native county, where he followed farming till March, 1875, when he came to Holt County, and located in Forest City. In the latter place he was engaged as clerk for Joseph Groves till January, 1880, when he became connected with the present firm, and in January, 1882, opened out their present store in Mound City. Mr. Ferguson was married February 19, 1879, to Miss Amelia A. Murphy, who was born in Culpeper County, Virginia, May 23, 1851, a daughter of James T. Murphy, also a native of Virginia. Her mother's maiden name was Helen Marshall, and she was born in Virginia. In 1856, the family moved to Missouri, locating in Franklin County. Mrs. F. was the second child in a family of eight children. Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson have one child, Robert M. They are members of the M. E. Church.

### ELWIN PORTER FORBES,

farmer, section 19, was born in Columbus, New York, May 15, 1829. His grandfather was a native of England and early emigrated to America, first locating in Massachusetts, and, while in the revolutionary war, he was killed. Alfred Forbes, the father of E. P., was born in Massachusetts, and, while his father was in the war, the family moved to Vermont, where he was married to Miss Zuliva Bell, a native of Vermont. Subsequently he went to New York. They had a family of nine children, E. P. being the eighth in number. When he was two years old the family moved to Pennsylvania and located in Corydon, and, in the spring of 1843, settled in Farmington, Iowa, where he lived till 1848, and then

came to Holt County, Missouri. His father was a physician by profession, but E. P. learned the blacksmith trade while in Farmington. This he commenced at Jackson's Poi nt, now Mound City, there at that time being no prospects of a town. Mr. F. helped to survey the town and worked at his trade for eighteen years. During the war he was in Iowa. In 1867 he moved on his farm, which now contains eighty acres, and near his residence he has a fine fish pond, which is well stocked with fish. He was the second postmaster in Mound City and held that position for five years. He was married in the spring of 1852 to Miss Hannah Porter, a native of Ohio, who died in the spring of 1858. They had three children, two of whom are now living, Alfred C. and Belvin. Plummer is deceased. Mr. Forbes was again married to Mrs. Dorathy Nicholson, January 22, 1860. Her maiden name was Hoover, and she was born in Hardy County, Virginia, February 12, 1826. When three years of age her parents, John and Sarah (Lykins) Hoover (both natives of Virginia), moved to Madison County, Indiana, and she was there married to William Nicholson, January 22, 1846. He was born in Ohio, May 14, 1818, and died May 5, 1852. They had two children, Salona and Francis M. (now deceased). In 1855 she came to Holt County, Missouri, with her parents.

### GEORGE GILLIS,

one of the most prominent and successful pioneers of Holt County, is a son of Jonathan Gillis and Dollie, nee Oldfield, both natives of the State of New York. George Gillis was born in Steuben County, New York, July 23, 1808. When he was about ten years of age his parents started for the State of Ohio, their mode of transportation to the Alleghany River being by team. There they purchased a boat and went by water to the Sciota, and located in Sciota County, where George grew to manhood. He received but a limited education. He was married, February 14, 1834, to Miss Elizabeth Dodge, a sister of Levi Dodge, also now a prominent citizen of Holt County, Missouri, and whose sketch appears elsewhere. She was born in Athens County, Ohio, December 13, 1817. Mr. Gillis lived in Athens County two years, when he moved by ox team, to LaPorte County, Indiana. Not being contented to settle in the swamps which then existed in that locality, he returned, at the end of one year, to Athens County, Ohio, and from there emigrated by team, in 1836, to Missouri, and located in Clinton County. Since the fall of 1843 he has been a citizen of Holt county, except for three years during the war, when he lived in Mills County, Iowa. During that conflict he was neutral, trying to attend to his own affairs and not meddle with outsiders. Mr. Gillis has followed farming and dealing in stock as an occupation during life. He was one of the first to engage in the stock business in Holt County, and

has been one of the most successful men in that industry. Being one of the pioneers, he had many hardships to endure, as is customary in the settlement of a new country. When he began life for himself he was poor, but by his own labor and business management he has accumulated considerable wealth. His landed estate, at the present time, consists of 600 acres. He has never held or sought after office, and is a member of no secret society. He has raised a family of ten children, all but one of whom are still living. The children are as follows: Edward, Laurany (now deceased), Levi, Margaret, Pollie, Wayne, George, Robert, Cynthia, and Delia, who is the only one at home.

### EDWARD GILLIS,

stock dealer and breeder of fine blooded cattle, section 24, is a son of George and Elizabeth (Dodge) Gillis, and was born in Sciota County, Ohio, November 23, 1834. He resided with his parents in their various moves, and with them came to Holt County, Missouri, in October, 1844. Here he has since resided with the exception of one year, during which time he was in Iowa. He was reared on a farm, receiving the advantages of a common school education, and in 1855, he began clerking in a store, continuing the same in different houses till 1859, when he bought a stock of goods, and carried on business for himself in Mound City till 1861. Since that time he has been interested in farming and dealing in stock, and has been one of the most successful stock men in the county. He was among the very first to invest in blooded stock, making his first purchase of thoroughbreds in February, 1872. His landed estate consists of 1,000 acres, 760 acres joining where he lives. His residence is one of the finest in the county, and was erected in 1871, being located within two and three-quarters miles of Mound City. He is a member of Mound City Lodge No. 294, A. F. and A. M., Keystone Chapter No. 46, and also belongs to the I. O. O. F. fraternity. Mr. Gillis was married January 6, 1863, to Miss Amanda Moore, a daughter of Mr. S. Moore, a native of Shenandoah County, Virginia. Her mother's maiden name was Clarissa Skeen, a native of Rockingham County, Virginia. Mrs. G. was born in Clinton County, Indiana, August 11, 1837, and when seven years of age, her parents moved to Andrew County, Missouri, and two years after came to Holt County. They have eight children, seven girls and one boy: Kittie, George B., Clara, Debia, Sadie, Fannic, Charlie and Bettie. Having quite a family of girls, Mr. Gillis has chosen the plan of educating them at home by employing a teacher and using one room of his residence for the school room. He now has one of the best of instructors, and the school is conducted in the same manner as the common schools of the county.

### JOHN H. GLENN

is a member of the firm of R. C. Glenn & Co., extensive dealers in furniture. They also have in an adjoining room the leading drug store in the city. Their business is carried on in the first building erected in Holt County, having an iron front. The subject of this sketch is one of the most prominent citizens of this place, and was born in Gallia County, Ohio, May 23, 1818. His grandfather, William Glenn, at a very early period, emigrated from Virginia to Ohio, and was one of the pioneers of the southern part of the state, he having made his home there when the county was a wilderness, inhabited by only a few scattering persons. John's father, George Glenn, was born in Virginia, and was a small boy when he came to Ohio with his father. He married Nancy Carlisle, a native of Virginia, and John H. Glenn was the eldest child by this marriage. He grew to manhood in Gallia County, Ohio, receiving such an education as the schools of those early days afforded. When at the age of twenty-two years, or January 1, 1840, he was married to Jane Dupre, who belonged to a family of French descent, and whose ancesters formerly resided on the Isle of Jersey. After his marriage Mr. G. continued to live in Southern Ohio, and was engaged in farming and milling in the counties of Gallia and Highland till 1860, when he drifted westward and located in Holt County, Missouri. purchased land in Whig Valley, one of the most fertile and beautiful farming districts in the county, where he resided till 1870. During the war he remained on his farm and took.no active part in the struggle, though he sympathized with the Union side. In 1868 he was elected the representative from Holt County in the General Assembly and took his seat in the legislature at an important period in the history of the state. He served at Jefferson City during the winters of 1868-'69 and 1869-'70, and represented his constituents in a creditable and conscientious manner. In 1870 he gave up farming and removed to Mound City, where he has since resided. He has had five children, four of whom are now living: Addison N., Sheherzada Angeline (now deceased), George P., Nancy J. (wife of William Mackay), and R. C. Glenn. Whether or not the name of "Whig Valley" offered any inducements for Mr. Glenn to settle in that locality when he first came to Holt County, the fact nevertheless remains that in politics he was originally an old line Whig and an ardent supporter of Whig principles and policy as long as the party of Clay and Harrison remained in existence. He deposited his first vote for president for General Harrison, the Whig candidate, in the celebrated "log cabin and hard cider" campaign of 1840, when the whole country, particularly Ohio, the home of Harrison, was ablaze with excitement and good humored log cabin processions and jovial barbecues carried the hero of Tippenoe into the presidential chair. Mr. Glenn became a Republican on the formation of that party and has since been one of its supporters, following the example of most of the old Ohio Whigs in becoming the bone and sinew of the new Republican party, and has taken an active interest in political affairs and contributed to the success of that party in Holt County.

#### ADDISON N. GLENN,

son of John H. Glenn, was born in Gallia County, Ohio, September 16, 1839, and is the oldest child of his father's family. He resided with his parents, in different locations, and, in December, 1861, enlisted in Company H, Twenty-fifth Missouri Infantry, remaining in service till November 18, 1864, having served in the armies of the Tennessee and the Cumberland. He participated in a number of important battles, and was mustered out as First Lieutenant of Company M, First Regiment of Missouri Engineering Corps. Mr. Glenn then returned to Holt County, Missouri and located on a farm, where he resided till the spring of 1866, since which time he has been engaged in various branches of business in Mound City. For a period he held the position of postmaster. He was married May 24, 1868, to Miss Arville A. Evans, a daughter of John T. Evans, a native of Virginia. Her mother's maiden name was Frances C. Higley, a native of Canada. Mrs. G. was born in Holt County, Missouri, January 22, 1841. They have one child, A. Theresa.

#### SAMUEL GLICK,

farmer, section 22, was born in Shenandoah County, Virginia, January 2, 1835. His grandfather, John Glick, was a native of Maryland, and Joseph Glick, his father, was born in Virginia. He was there married to Miss Susan Wampler, who was a Virginian by birth. They had a family of nine children, Samuel being the eighth in number. He was reared in his native county, and was educated in the town of New Market. In 1857, he came to Holt County, Missouri. He has followed farming during life, and now has a landed estate of 476 acres. He (Mr. Glick) was married December 25, 1861, to Miss Martina Pearson. Four children were the fruit of this union: Achsah S., Anna B., Emma F., and Geo. W. Mrs. Glick was born in Buchanan County, Missouri, April 20, 1841. Her father, James Pearson, was a native of Kentucky. Her mother's maiden name was Achsah Jenkins, a native of Tennessee. Mr. and Mrs. G. are members of the German Baptist Church.

# JACOB GROESBECK

was born in Renssellaer County, New York, November 28, 1821. His ancesters were of German descent. His father was Herman Groesbeck,

and his mother's maiden name was Mary Bovee. Young Groesbeck lived in his native county till 1835, when with his mother he moved to Chautauqua County of the same State, his father at that time being deceased. In the Spring of 1840 he went to Springfield, Illinois, where he worked about four years, and afterwards moved to Galena, Illinois. There he began work in the lead mines. Till the year 1851 he made his home in Galena and Springfield, and about 1851 he located permanently in Peoria County, Illinois, where he engaged in farming. In May, 1851, Mr. Groesbeck was married to Mary J., a daughter of Jesse and Lizzie Darby. The former was a native of Ohio, and died in Atchison County, Missouri. Mrs. G. was born in Wayne County, Kentucky, December 21, 1834. In the year 1857 he removed from Illinois to Nebraska, and located near Peru, where he was occupied in farming, owning nearly 500 acres of land. In 1862 he moved to Atchison County, Missouri, and in 1870 came to Holt County, where he has since continued to live. He now owns a large tract of land adjoining Mound City, it being one of the oldest farms in that part of the county, having been settled in 1840 or 1841. A postoffice was formerly kept there by Andrew Jackson and was called Jackson's Point. It was afterwards known as North Point. Mr. G.'s family consists of: Elizabeth, born March 12, 1857; Jacob A., born November 17, 1858; Francis A., born March 29, 1864; Melissa, born November 8, 1861; Hattie, born August 14, 1866; William A., born March 31, 1871; Charles H., born October 6, 1873; Luella, born December 2, 1876.

### W. M. HAMSHER,

dealer in general merchandise, is the youngest child in a family of eleven children, whose parents were John and Mary (Wunderlich) Hamsher, both natives of Pennsylvania, and of German descent. W. M. was born in Franklin County, Pennsylvania, December 17, 1849. He was reared to habits of industry, spending his boyhood days on a farm, and receiving his education in his native county. When about sixteen years old, he began clerking in a store in Franklin County, which he continued till the spring of 1871, when he located in Monmouth, Illinois. After five months, he came to Holt County, Missouri, and was engaged in clerking, at Forest City, till 1874. At that time he came to Mound City, and embarked in his present business. Mr. Hamsher is a member of Mound City Lodge, No. 294, A. F. and A. M. He was married October 12, 1875, to Miss Mary Luckhardt, a daughter of George Luckhardt. Her mother's maiden name was Harriet VanLunen, and they were both natives of Germany. Mrs. Hamsher was born in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, August 5, 1853. They have one child, Clarence F. Mr. H. is one of the most energetic men of the city, and thoroughly deserves his success.

#### MILTON HERRON

is a leading carpenter and contractor of Mound City. His grandfather, Francis Herron, was married in Ireland to Miss Mary Graham. were both natives of that land, and after their marriage they emigrated to America and located in Pennsylvania, where their son John, (the father of Milton Herron) was born, in the year 1799. He now resides in Holt County, Missouri, and draws a pension for having served during the war of 1812, for three years and seven months. He was married in Pennsylvania to Miss Mary Gamble, a native of Pennsylvania. Herron was born in Fayette County, Pennsylvania, September 15, 1829, and was the eldest of a family of six children. When he was about four years old his parents located in Harrison County, Ohio, where he was reared and educated. His father was a shoemaker by trade, and Milton was reared to learn that industry. When he attained his eighteenth year he went to Morgan County, Ohio, where he followed the carpenter's trade till 1865, then going to Pent Water, Oceana County, Michigan. While there he worked at carpentering one year, and from thence, in 1866, he moved to Mankato, Minnesota. In 1868 he came to Holt County, Missouri, and until 1870 lived in Oregon, soon after locating in Mound City. He has principally followed the carpenter trade since he left Ohio, and for six months during the war he was employed by the government as a carpenter, being stationed at Johnsonville, Tennessee. Mr: H. is a member of the I. O. O. F. fraternity. married May 29, 1853, to Miss Sarah Israel, a native of Morgan County, Ohio. She was born in the year 1833, and died in 1863. They had three children, there being only one now living, Lomira, who is a teacher in the Mound City Public Schools. Mr. Herron's second marriage occurred January 19, 1864, to Miss Mary E. Tavenner, who was born in Virginia in 1839. Mr. and Mrs. H. are members of the M. E. Church, and he has been a liberal contributor to that denomination, having erected the church of Mound City in 1878, for which he is deserving of much credit.

# WILLIAM T. HIATT,

liveryman and proprietor of the Hiatt House, and is a grandson of William Hiatt, who was a native of Pennsylvania. He was there married, and there he had born a son, Stephen Hiatt, the father of the subject of this sketch. Stephen emigrated to Ohio and thence to Kentucky, where he was married, in Brown County, to Miss Lucy Morris, a native of Kentucky. William T. Hiatt, the fifth in a family of twelve children, was born in Greenup County, Kentucky, September 8, 1826. The days of his youth he improved as a farmer boy, in his native county, and in 1841 he went to Indiana. In the following spring Louisa County, Iowa,

became his home, where he resided till 1845, when he moved to Des Moines County, of the same state. In that locality he continued to reside till 1851, when he settled in Mercer County, Illinois. While in Iowa he was engaged in the wood business on the Mississippi River, except during the last four years, which time was spent in farming. While in Illinois he was in various branches of business, connected with machinery, corn-shelling, etc. In 1866 he emigrated from Mercer County, Illinois, to Holt County, Missouri, and located on a farm, and, in 1873, he moved to Mound City. Since that time he has been in the livery business. Previous to the building of the railroad through Mound City he ran a transfer to Bigelow. In 1874 he embarked in the hotel business. Since he came to Mound City he has been a member of the town council for four years and a member of the school board three years. Mr. Hiatt was married in Des Moines County, Iowa, March 2, 1847, to Miss Susana Heaton, a daughter of Alexander Heaton, a native of Kentucky. Her mother's maiden name was Jemima Shaw, a native of New York. They now reside near Mound City, Missouri. Mrs. Hiatt is the third of a family of thirteen children, and was born in Brown County, Ohio, February 1, 1832. She resided in her native county till eight years of age, when the family moved to Henderson County, Illinois, and, in the spring of 1844, they moved to Des Moines County, Iowa. They have had twelve children, six of whom are living, Louisa, Alice J., John W., Wm. S., Mary E. and James T.

### WILLIAM HOBLITZELL

is a member of three of the leading business firms of Mound City, lumber, hardware and dry goods houses. He was born in Richland County, October 29, 1833. His father, Adrian Hoblitzell, was a native of Maryland, and his mother, formerly Elizabeth Dorland, was born in Pennsylvania. In 1842 they moved to Missouri, and located in Platte County. William was there engaged in farming till 1844, when he came to Holt County, and shortly afterward he began clerking in a store. He has since been engaged in mercantile pursuits at different locations. In 1856 he was married to Miss Martha J. Burnett. They have two children, Nannie and Jennie. Mrs. H. was born near Knoxville, Tennessee, February 16, 1838. Her father, R. Burnett, was a native of Kentucky, and her mother, Nancy Burnett, nee Neal, of Tennessee.

#### M. HOUSTON,

dealer in and repairer of furniture. M. W. Houston, the father of the subject of this biography, was born in Kentucky and subsequently emigrated to Indiana, where he was married to Miss Mary Grayson, a native of Tennessee. Mortimer Houston was born in Lawrence County,

Indiana, April 24, 1838. He was reared and educated in his native county, and when about seventeen years of age he began the trade of cabinet making. In 1857 the family moved to Iowa and located in Des Moines, where he completed his trade, which he followed in Des Moines till the beginning of the war in 1861. For six months during the year 1863 he was sutler in the Twenty-third Iowa regiment, being obliged to return home on account of sickness. In the spring of 1864 Mr. H. moved to Missouri, and located in Savannah, Andrew County, where he worked at his trade till 1865, when he came to Holt County. Here he has since been engaged in various branches of business, among which are fruit growing and bee keeping, making a specialty at the present time of these industries. He has a farm near the city limits. His bees on an average furnish from three to five thousand pounds of honey per year. In October 1881 he opened his present store and is deserving of a liberal patronage from the people of his vicinity. Mr. H. was married January 6, 1862 to Miss Maggie Buzick, who was born in Wapello County, Iowa, January 22, 1840. She is a daughter of Henry F. Buzick, a native of Ohio. Her mother's maiden name was Mary Ruckman, a native of The family of Mr. and Mrs. H. consists of nine children, seven of whom are living, Henry M., Charles I., Irene, Leonard, Carl, Alice and Clarence. Mr. and Mrs. H. are members of the M. E. Church.

## WASH. HUTTON,

farmer and stock dealer, section 28, township 61, range 31, postoffice Mound City, is a native of Pennsylvania, and was born in Luzerne County, July 20, 1827. His father, William Hutton, was also a native of Pennsylvania. His mother's maiden name was Elizabeth Bowman, a native of Pennsylvania. They had a family of six children, Wash. being the fifth child. When he was eleven years of age his parents moved to Lee County, Illinois, where he grew to manhood, and was there educated. He followed farming in Illinois till the spring of 1850, when he went to California and was there engaged in mining till the fall of 1854, when he returned to Lee County, Illinois, and in the fall of 1865 he came to Holt County, Missouri, and located on the farm where he now resides. His landed estate consists of over 800 acres, most of which is well improved and well watered. He was married in October, 1855, to Miss Caroline Morgan. They have had six children, four now living: Adella, Elizabeth, Minnie F. and Walter L. Mrs. H. was born in Tazewell County, Illinois, December 10, 1830. Her father, Joshua Morgan, was born in Kentucky. Her mother's maiden name was Elizabeth Green, a native of Ohio.

## ALBERT H. JAMISON,

attorney and notary public, is a descendant of Ephraim Jamison, who was born in Virginia, in the year 1790, and came to Missouri in the year

1801. He was married to Clarissa Hinton, a native of Georgia, who was born in the year 1794. Her husband died in 1846, since which time she has resided with her son, Joseph W. Jamison, the father of Albert H. Jamison, who was a native of Missouri. He now resides in Callaway County, Missouri, where he was married to Miss Nancy R. Maupin, a native of Missouri. Her father, George Maupin, was born in Kentucky, and came to Missouri in the year 1803. There he was married to Nancy Miller. Albert H. Jamison, whose name heads this sketch, was the second child in a family of ten children, five girls and five boys. He was born in Hickory County, Missouri, October 21, 1851, and, when ten years of age, with his parents, he moved to Callaway County, Missouri, where they resided till March, 1865. They then located in Audrain County, Missouri, and, eighteen months later, they returned to Callaway County, Missouri, where his father now resides, his mother being deceased. Albert secured the benefits of the common schools in the different localities where he resided, and also attended the McGee College, of Macon County, four months and about fourteen months in the North Missouri State Normal, at Kirksville. His youth was spent on a farm and, in 1870, he began teaching, in which he was principally engaged till 1877, when he commenced to study for his present profession. He was graduated, in 1878, from the law department of the State University, of Brownville, Missouri, and, in July of the same year, he entered upon his practice, in Brunot, Wayne County, Missouri, where he continued till October, 1879. Mr. J. then came to Mound City, where he has followed his profession with a considerable degree of success. He was married May 12, 1881, to Miss Mollie Renoe, a daughter of Baylis C. Renoe, a native of Missouri. Her mother's maiden name was Eliza Nevins, a native of Missouri. Mrs. Jamison was born in Callaway County, Missouri, November 7, 1855.

# MERRILL JASPER,

tarmer, section 16, is a son of Merrill Jasper, Esq., and was born in Holt County, Missouri, October 3, 1845. His father was one of the early settlers in the county, and had a family of six children, the subject of this sketch being the youngest child. The tather died before the birth of Merrill. He was reared and educated in Holt County, and in 1867 he went to Omaha, where he was engaged as a clerk in a store for three years. He was then employed for three years as wood workman in the car shops of the Union Pacific Railroad, since which time he has been interested in farming. Mr. Jasper now has a farm of 118 acres, which is well improved. He was married May 11, 1871, to Miss Kittie Young, who was born in Barren County, Kentucky, September 23, 1845. They have two children, Alice B. and Nellie E.

# C. G. JESSE,

of the firm of Hoblitzell, Smith & Jesse, lumber dealers and dealers in general hardware, stoves and tinware, is the son of James Monroe and Amanda (nee Tinsley) Jesse, who were both natives of Kentucky. C.G. Jesse was born in Shelby County, Kentucky, April 20, 1854. He was reared in his native county, and there received the benefits of a common school education. When seventeen years of age he became engaged as clerk in a store, which position he continued to occupy in Kentucky till 1874, when he came to Missouri and accepted a situation in Bigelow, Holt County. There he remained till 1877 when he came to Mound City and began dealing in lumber as a member of the firm of Hoblitzell & Jesse. They did business under that firm name till January 1882, when Mr. Smith became associated with the company, and at the same time they embarked in the hardware business, and have been having a successful trade. Mr. Jesse was married April 11, 1877 to Miss Nannie Hoblitzell, a daughter of Mr. William Hoblitzell. They have had two children, one of whom is living, Edna M.

### HENRY KUNKEL,

(deceased), was born in York County, Pennsylvania, December 11, 1811. His father, Henry, was a native of Pennsylvania, and was there married to Miss Anna Miller, of the same state. The grandfather of the subject of this sketch was also named Henry, and he was a native of Hesse, and came to America as a British soldier in the Revolutionary War. Henry Kunkel, whose name heads this narrative, was a carpenter by trade, and followed that occupation during life. When about twelve years of age he immigrated to Richland County, Ohio, where, on the 1st of June, 1835, he was married to Miss Barbara Acton. She was born in Charles County, Maryland, August 25, 1816. Her paternal ancestors held the name of Henry Acton for three generations back, and for two generations were natives of Maryland. The third was of English extraction. Her mother's maiden name was Mary Padgett, a native of Charles County, Maryland. Mr. Kunkel and his family lived in Ohio till 1847, when they came to Missouri and located in Holt County. Here he resided till the time of his death, which occurred October 4, 1879. had a family of ten children, seven of whom are now living: Jacob, James H., Nancy A., John, Julia A., Mary A. and Darius W. Mr. Kunkel was a member of the Evangelical Church. He left a farm of 240 acres, and since his death Mrs. K., with the assistance of James H. and her youngest son, has carried on the farm. James H. Kunkel was born in Richland County, Ohio, May 4, 1840. He now has in his possession a farm of eighty acres. The Mineral Springs were discovered on the

farm of Mr. Henry Kunkel in February, 1872, while he was prospecting for coal, the analysis being given elsewhere. There has also been plowed up, on this place, many wonderful articles, supposed to have been burned in a furnace in ages past.

### DR. WILLIAM A. LONG,

farmer, section 29, is the son of David Long, who was a native of Franklin County, Pennsylvania. He was there married to Miss Catharine Shoemaker, of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, and, at an early day, emigrated to Ohio. William A. Long, the fourth child in a family of seven children, was born in Franklin County, Pennsylvania, January 22, 1838. He was there reared and educated and, in the fall of 1861, he enlisted in Company K, 158th Pennsylvania Infantry, remaining in service till the spring of 1863. He participated in many important battles. In the fall of 1864 he began the study of dentistry, which he continued for two years, and was afterwards engaged in the practice of his profession, in Franklin and Cumberland Counties, till 1870, when he went to Kosciusko County, Indiana. There he resumed his practice for eighteen months, after which he located in Marshall County, Illinois, and, in a short time, came to Holt County, settling on his present farm, where he has since resided. He has also been practicing his profession in connection with farming. His farm. contains 160 acres, on which is located a fine residence. He has just completed a fish pond, which covers an acre of ground, and is surrounded by a row of shade trees, and is well stocked with Government fish. The doctor is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and also belongs to the I.O.O.F. He was married March 21, 1871. to Miss Elizabeth Swanger, a native of Franklin County, Pennsylvania. She died in the year 1874. They had two children, both of whom are deceased. Dr. Long was again married January 2, 1877, to Mrs. Anna Griffeth, formerly Miss Anna Meyer, a daughter of Andrew Meyer. She was born in Holt County, Missouri. They have two children, Thomas A. and Hadessa.

#### GEORGE M. McKINNEY

is a prominent blacksmith and wagonmaker in Mound City. His father, Mathew McKinney, was born in Pennsylvania and emigrated to Ohio, where he was married to Miss Louisa Wilson, a native of Maryland. By this union there were five children born, of which George M. was the youngest. He was born in Guernsey County, Ohio, August 2, 1839, and there received the benefits of a common school education. During the days of his youth he assisted his father, who was by occupation a blacksmith, at his trade, and later in life he became a thorough master of the business, following the same in Ohio till 1862. He then wended

his way to Washington Territory, and in the fall of the same year he returned as far as Omaha, Nebraska, where he worked at the anvil for eighteen months. At the end of that time, or in the spring of 1864, he went to Nebraska City, and there resumed his chosen calling till January, 1865, when he returned to Ohio, and in September, 1866, he again started for the west. After spending a short time in Illinois and Iowa, he located at Forest City, Holt County, Missouri, in December of that year, and in the following spring went to Richville, Missouri, where he started a shop on his own account. This he continued to carry on till September, removed it to Nebraska City, Nebraska, and there he resided till the spring of 1868, when he returned to Holt County, Missouri, carrying on business in Forest City till March, 1875. Mr. McKinney subsequently came to Mound City, and has since been the leading mechanic in his line in this place, and has met with great success. During the war, in the year 1861, he served four months in Company H, Seventeenth Ohio Infantry. Mr. McKinney is a member of the Masonic fraternity. He was married July 2, 1837, to Mrs. Annie Thomas, a daughter of John Clark, who was a native of Indiana. Mrs. McKinney is a native of Indiana, and was born April 16, 1842. They are both members of the M. E. Church.

# A. S. McNULTY,

farmer, section 9, is the son of John McNulty, who was born in Virginia and who afterwards emigrated to Ohio, where he was married to Miss Drusilla Tumbelson, a native of Ohio. By this union they had eleven children. A. S. McNulty was born in Adams County, Ohio, May 8, 1833. He was reared in Ohio, and the year 1865 came to Holt County, Missouri. In 1864 he enlisted in Company H., Seventy-third Ohio Infantry, and remained in service till the close of the war. For several years while in Ohio he was engaged in sawing lumber, and since coming to Missouri he has followed his present occupation. He now has a farm of 203 acres. He was married May 8, 1859, to Miss Catharine Watson. From this union ten children were born, six of whom are living: Ora E., Lucy G., Alfred R., Wiley A., James H. and Eddie P. Mrs. McNulty was born in Adams County, Ohio, February 28, 1834. Her father, William Watson, was a native of Ohio. Her mother's maiden name was Mary Glascock, also a native of Ohio.

## B. MEEK, M. D.,

the fifth of a family of ten children, five boys and five girls, is a native of Kentucky and was born in Henry County, April 22, 1826. His father, John Meek, was a native of South Carolina. His mother's maiden name was Temperance Lowden, and she was a Kentuckian by birth. The

family came to Missouri in the fall of 1851, and in the following spring located in Holt County. Young Meek received his primary education in his native county and accompanied his parents to Holt County. days of his youth were spent on a farm, and in October 1854 he began the study of medicine, subsequently graduating from the St. Louis Medical College at the winter term of 1856-7. Dr. Meek soon began his practice in Mound City, and has since been engaged in following his profession in Holt County except for eighteen months during the war, when he was in Clay County, Illinois. At the time he came to Mound City there was but one business house in the town, and he was the first physician. In 1858 he became interested in the drug business as one of the firm of Meek & Rigdon, but the latter partner was only associated with the firm a short time. This was the first drug firm in the place. Dr. Meek afterwards continued the business till 1863. During the period from 1869 to 1873 he was a resident of Craig. He is a member of Mound City Lodge No. 294, A. F. & A. M. He was married April 19, 1860 to Miss Elizabeth A. Sharp, a daughter of William A. Sharp, who was a native of Kentucky and a pioneer of Holt County. Her mother's maiden name was Caroline Elliott, of Missouri. Mrs. Meek was born in Holt County, Missouri, October 23, 1841. Mr. and Mrs. M. have had four children: John W., born January 30, 1861 and died April 1870; Gertrude, born January 29, 1864; Leonitas, born October 25, 1869; Francis C., born April 27, 1872.

### ELI MEEK,

farmer, section 33, the sixth of a family of nine children, is a native of Kentucky, and was born in Henry County, June 4, 1830. His father was a native of South Carolina, and his mother of Kentucky. Eli was educated in his native county, and has lived in Holt County, Missouri, since 1852, except for two years during the war, when he resided in Pike County, Missouri. His farm consists of 220 acres, mostly improved, his house and surroundings presenting an inviting appearance. He is a member of Mound City Lodge, No. 294, A. F. and A. M. Mr. Meek was married November 21, 1855, to Miss Nancy M. Mackey, who was born in Pike County, Missouri, April 11, 1836. She was a daughter of Cyrus Mackey, a native of Missouri. Her mother, formerly Charlotte Janes, was born in Tennessee. The family of Mr. and Mrs. Meek consists of ten children: Martha P., Mary L., John C., James E., Emma D., Clara B., Eli C., Anna L., William M. and Joseph L.

## ANDREW MEYER.

As one of the most extensive agriculturists and land owners of Holt County, may be mentioned the subject of this sketch. He is a son of

Andrew and Mary (Adolph) Meyer, and is the second child in a family of nine children. He was born near Mullheim, Baden, April 28, 1821. In 1834 his parents, with their family, emigrated to America and located in Wayne County, Ohio. In 1843 he came to Missouri and, in May of the same year, settled in Holt County. The August following he went across the Missouri River, to the Iowa and Sac Agency, and first followed farming and was afterward assistant blacksmith. In 1847 he enlisted in the Oregon Battalion, for service in the Mexican War. longed to Col. Powell's regiment, and was sworn in at Leavenworth, July 4, 1847, and shortly afterward set out on an expedition across the plains to Fort Kearney. The company was called back in the fall of 1848 to be discharged, the war having closed. During this trip he met with the noted Brigham Young. In the winter of 1848 Mr. Meyer went to Des Moines, Iowa, where he bought land and, May 12, 1849, in company with other parties, he left the Iowa and Sac Agency for California, and was the first to start overland from Holt County during that season. was engaged in digging gold, on the American River, near Sutter's Mill, now Coloma, till September 15, 1850. Coming back to Holt County he was married August 20, 1851, to Miss May Secrest. Later he began farming, where he now lives, section 21, township 61, range 38, and now owns 2,358 acres of land. Mrs. Meyer was born in Richland County, Ohio, July 13, 1834. Her father, John Secrest, was a native of Pennsylvania, and came to Holt County in 1849. Her mother, formerly Margaret Campbell, was also a native of Pennsylvania. They had a family of nine children, Mrs. M. being the fifth child. Mr. Meyer's family consists of twelve children, Annie E., James H., Maggie M. (who was the wife of Chas. Corsaut, but now deceased), Alfred A., Willard P., Armilda C. George W., Robert S., Emma J., Charles E., Marvin E. and Don C.

### HUGH MONTGOMERY,

cashier of the Holt County Bank, of Mound City, is a native of Ireland and was born in Bangor, County Down, on January 22, 1845. When ter years of age he came to America with an uncle, his parents having died previous to this, and resided with this relative at Jackson, Ohio where he was reared and received the advantages of an education. Ir July, 1861, he enlisted in Company E, Twenty-seventh Ohio Infantry and remained in service till September, 1864, having participated ir many important battles. He served for eighteen months in the Provost Marshal's Department of Memphis, Tennesse. When mustered out he returned to Jackson, Ohio, after which he attended Bryant & Stratton's Commercial College, of Cincinnati, graduating from that institution ir the spring of 1865. Mr. Montgomery was then employed as bookkeeper in Cincinnati for nearly one year, when he went to Jacksonville, Illi-

lois, where he was engaged in dealing in fruit trees and shrubbery for a ew months. Subsequently he accepted a position as bookkeeper in the First National Bank, of Chattanooga, Tennessee, which position he illed till 1869, when, on account of failing health, he returned to Ohio. He was interested in the drug business in that state for three years, and afterwards was appointed auditor on the Chester, Iron Mountain and Eastern Railroad, continuing to occupy this position till the failure of the company in 1873. Mr. M. remained there till 1874, being located in Chester, and in 1875 he came to Holt County, Missouri, and settled in Oregon, where he was employed as salesman in a dry goods store for one year. He then went to St. Joseph and was engaged in keeping books till 1880, being for two years in Schuster, Hax & Co.'s Bank. In February, 1880, he accepted his present situation. Mr. Montgomery is a member of the Masonic fraternity. He was married in September, 1869, to Miss Laura Sibley, a daughter of Rev. E. Sibley, who was a native of New York. Her mother, whose maiden name was Phœbe Simmons, was a native of Connecticut. Mrs. M. was born in Middleport, Ohio. They have two children living: Nellie and Earl S. One is deceased.

### STRAUTHER MOORE,

(deceased) was born in Shenandoah County, Virginia, October 28, 1811. He was reared on a farm in his native county and was there educated. When about eighteen years of age his parents and their family moved to Ohio and located in Greene County, where he was married October 10, 1835, to Miss Clara Skeen. They had a family of ten children, five of whom are living: Amanda, born August 11, 1837; Mark B., born April 9, 1841; Strauther, born December 22, 1843; Thomas B., born September 16, 1854; Camdon J., born July 23, 1856. Mr. Moore and his family lived in Ohio till 1838, when they moved to Clinton County, Indiana, and in 1846 came to Missouri, locating in Andrew County. the spring of 1849 they came to Holt County and settled where Mrs. Moore now lives. Mr. Moore was engaged in farming and dealing in stock during life, and at the time of his death had a landed estate of oo acres. His religious preferences were with the Christian denominaion. He died September 31, 1874. Mrs. Moore was born in Mason County, Virginia, February 23, 1814. Her father, Reuben Skeen, was a native of Shenandoah County, Virginia, as was also her mother, formerly Phæbe Moore. Mrs. Moore accompanied her parents on their move o Greene County, Ohio, when she was about fifteen years of age. Among the children of the Moore family, who are now deceased, two grew up and were married. The oldest daughter, Mary Moore, was orn July 19, 1834, and was married February 8, 1855, to George Kelley, vho was born in Pike County, Missouri, December 21, 1826. He died

December 24, 1864, and Mrs. Kelley died February 9, 1866. They left a family of four children, three of whom are now living: O. M., born February 16, 1856; Strauther S., born June 21, 1858, and died in 1865; Emma A., born May 29, 1861; Ann N., born December 28, 1864. These were reared by their grandmother, Mrs. Moore. Caroline Moore, now deceased, was born June 11, 1849, and was married to Stephen Jones. She had one child, which still survives.

## JACOB MOSER,

(deceased), was born in Pendleton County, West Virginia, November 16, 1789. His grandparents were natives of Germany, and his father, Adam Moser, was a native of Virginia. He was married to Miss Susan Harpool, by which marriage there were born fourteen children, Jacob being the sixth child in number. He was reared in his native county, and received but a limited education. About the year 1818, he went to Ohio and located in Greene County, and was there married, August 18, 1830, to Mrs. Indiana Tatnan, by whom he had one child, George H., born June 11, 1831, and now a merchant in Toolsboro, Louisa County, Iowa. Mrs. Moser died in April, 1834. Mr. M. was again married, November 24, 1836, to Miss Mary Cook, by whom he had seven children: Indiana L., born September 11, 1837; Harriet A., born April 13, 1839; Mary S., born October 6, 1842; Jacob A., born April 27, 1844; Rebecca C., born October 5, 1846; Charles A., born March 8, 1848, and Stephen F., born February 15, 1850, and died October 16, 1853. Mr. Moser lived in Ohio till the spring of 1837, when he moved to Pike County, Illinois, and in May, 1841, he came to Holt County, Missouri, locating in section 20, township 61, range 38, where Mrs. M. now lives. He followed farming as an occupation, and at the time of death, May 8, 1872, he owned a farm of 500 acres; which has since been occupied by the widow. Mr. M. was an active member of the Masonic fraternity, and belonged to Mound City Lodge, No. 294. Mrs. Moser was born in Morris County, New Jersey, April 29, 1807. Her father, Abraham Cook, was a native of the same State, though his ancestors came of English origin. He learned the trade of shoemaking, in Elizabethtown, New Jersey, and when twenty-one years old married Miss Mary Lyon, a native of New Jersey. He then went to the island of St. Domingo, one of the West Indies, where he lived a short time, and then returned to New Jersey and embarked in the mercantile business in Morris County. In 1818 he emigrated to Ohio and located in Greene County, where he was engaged in farming till the time of his death, except during the last year of his life, when he lived in New Carlisle. He had a family of six children, Mrs. M. being the third child. She was educated in New Jersey and received an excellent education, becoming ably proficient to

teach school, but having no such desire turned a deafear to all entreaties. Her life has been a happy one, and she is now in active health, is endowed with a great amount of judgment, and is respected by all.

## JACOB MUMM,

of the firm of Mumm, Moss & Co., dealers in lumber, lath, sash, blinds, doors, lime, hair, cement, paint and barb wire, is one of Mound City's most prominent and energetic business men. He is a native of Germany and was born in Schelwig, November 8, 1834. He was educated in his native country, and was reared to habits of industry, being engaged in farming till 1857 when he emigrated to America, landing at New York City, November 16, of the same year. He soon located in Porter County, Indiana, and in the fall of 1859 he came to Missouri and settled in St. Joseph, where he was there occupied in various works till 1868. Mr. M. next embarked in the lumber business as one of the firm of Pinger, Mumm & Co., which he continued till 1871, and from this time on he was employed as foreman of different lumber companies till the spring of 1880 when he came to Mound City and opened up his present house. He has since been doing a successful business. During the late war he served as a soldier for two years, acting as second sergeant. He was married August 6, 1863 to Miss Elizabeth M. Jessen, a native of the same country as himself, born December 14, 1843. She was also reared in her native home. They have had eight children, six of whom are living: Anna M., Littie M., Amanda, Theodore W., Emma O. and Benjamin F.

### ALFRED MURRY,

farmer, section 34, the fourth in a family of seven children, was born in Campbell County, East Tennessee, November 22, 1812. His father, James Murry, was a native of Alabama, and his mother, Barbara Sharp, of North Carolina. He was reared on Clinch River, within nine miles of Jacksboro, and received his education in the old fashioned schools. In the fall of 1841, he removed from Tennessee to Missouri, and located near old Jimtown, Andrew County, and, in March, 1851, he came to Holt County. In 1853, he located on the farm where he now resides, and which contains 160 acres. This he has improved, and now has the first brick house built in Benton Township, outside of Mound City. Mr. M. has been twice married: First, in February, 1840, to Miss Mary Sharp, who was born in Campbell County, East Tennessee, February 8, 1815. She died August 27, 1846. They had four children, of whom only one is living, Sterling H., born December 4, 1840. The three deceased are Louisa J., born December 9, 1842, died in August, 1852; Elizabeth F., born in January, 1846, died the following spring, and one other died

While young. He was again married, February 27, 1847, to Miss Nancy Young, by whom he has had nine children, three now living: Gilbert T., born November 17, 1850; Perry D., born May 23, 1853; Andrew F., born November 28, 1863. Those deceased were Lucinda J., born April 28, 1849, died in August, 1852; Amanda M., born July, 1855, died in 1858; Howard E., born September 27, 1859, died September 15, 1881, and three infants. Mrs. M. was born in Floyd County, Kentucky, January 10, 1819. His parents, Charles Young and Margaret (nee McBroon) Murry, were natives of Kentucky. Mrs. M., the fourth child in a family of fourteen children, came with her parents, to Missouri, in 1841. The family of her father all lived to be grown, except one, who died in her twelfth year.

### EDWARD MUXLOW,

proprietor of the English Kitchen and Bakery, Mound City, Missouri, is a native of England, and was born in the town of Dembleby, Lincolnshire, on July 20, 1829. He was educated in the town of Grantham, England, and was reared on a farm, being engaged in agricultural pursuits in England till May, 1854, when he came to America. On his arrival in this country he landed at New York, but soon located in Cleveland, Ohio, where he remained till July, 1855, next settling on a farm near Champaign, Illinois. He was for three years engaged in farming in that vicinity, and then moved into the town of Champaign, where he was occupied in buying grain till the fall of 1865, at which date he moved to St. Joseph, Missouri. Mr. Muxlow resided there till the spring of 1869, and then returned to Illinois and lived in Tuscola till June, 1873, when he again came to St. Joseph. Since that time he has been engaged in the hotel business. He came to Mound City in February, 1875, and, in his present business, he has succeeded in giving general satisfaction to the traveling public, and is well known by the commercial men in this section of the country as one of the most enterprising of hotel men, and as one knowing the wants of the weary tourists. While in Cleveland, Ohio, he was married (November 30, 1854,) to Miss Elizabeth Goodfellow, who was born in Manchester, England, March 22, 1835. She died in Champaign, Illinois, November, 1872. She came to America when about fifteen years of age. They had one child, who is now deceased. Mr. Muxlow was again married in November, 1877, to Mrs. Margaret A. Owens. Her maiden name was Cornell, and she was born in Hampshire County, Virginia, August 22, 1830. When she was seven years of age her parents moved to Ohio and located in Highland County, where they lived till 1854, next moving to McLean County, Illinois. There she was married, October 28, 1856, to Joseph C. Owens, who was born in Hoy, Herefordshire, England, in February, 1829. He came to America when about fifteen years of age, and afterwards made a trip to his native home.

His occupation during life was that of a baker. He moved from Champaign County, Illinois, to St. Joseph, Missouri, where he died, March 28, 1872. Mr. Muxlow has by his former marriage four children, now living, William C., Laura V., Ellen M. and Jeneva.

## CHRISTIAN NIEDERHOUSER,

farmer, section 23, is a native of Switzerland, and was born April 1, 1832. He was reared and educated in his native country, and, while there, was engaged in farming, and also was interested in the dairy business. In 1851 he came to America and located in Wooster, Ohio, remaining in different parts of that state over two years, when he went to Indiana. There he was occupied in driving a stage from Rochester to Logansport till the fall of 1855, when he went to Iowa and resumed stage driving on the line from Iowa City to DesMoines and Council Bluffs till the summer of 1858. Mr. N. then came to Missouri and drove stage in the northwestern part of the state from St. Joseph till 1860, when he moved to Denver and was there engaged in the same business till 1861. At that time he returned to Mound City, where he was driving stage to Rock Port and other points till 1864, when he went with a train from Atchison, Kansas, to Utah Territory. He remained in that country till the fall of 1866, and, while there, was interested in the mercantile trade and running ferry-boat at different points on the Bear River. In the fall of 1866 he returned to Mound City, and on March 14, 1867, Mr. Niederhouser was married to Miss Margaret L. Mann. She was born in Highland County, Ohio, March 26, 1832, and when about thirteen years of age her parents moved to Knox County, Illinois, and four years later to Fremont County, Iowa. In 1864 she came to Holt County, Missouri. They have no children of their own, but have an adopted child, Louis C. Dappin. He was born June 15, 1867, in Atchison County, Missouri. Mr. N., after being married, located on his farm, where he now owns 146 acres, all of which is the savings of his own labor.

### HENRY C. PEPPER

is one of the leading attorneys of Mound City, and is deserving of more than a passing notice. His grand parents on his father's side were natives of Virginia, where Joseph Pepper, the father of the subject of this biography was born. Joseph Pepper emigrated to Kentucky when quite young, and in that State he was married to Miss Matilda Peace, a native of Kentucky. Henry C. Pepper was born in Hart County, Kentucky, August 13, 1851. He was reared to habits of industry in his native county, and there received the advantages of the common schools, after which, in 1874, he graduated from the literary department of the classical

military institute of Danville, Kentucky. His time for six years thereafter was principally spent in teaching, he being employed in some very prominent institutions, among which was the high school of Gallatin, Tennessee. As an educator he was more than ordinarily successful. Mr. Pepper chose the profession of law as his occupation during life, and after a usual course of preparatory study he graduated from the law department of the Cumberland University of Lebanon, Tennessee, in June, 1879. In September of the same year he began the practice of law in Frankfort, Kansas, where he continued seven months, and after spending six weeks in Texas he located in Mound City, Missouri. He is here held in high esteem by the citizens of the place, consequently is meeting with much success in his legal business. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity.

### DR. HANNIBAL POOL,

Magnetic Healer, is also manager of the Invalids' Hotel, or Infirmary of the Pool of Siloam of Mound City, an institution which is becoming as noted in Northwest Missouri as are places of like kind in other states. Dr. Pool principally conceived the idea of his system of healing from the hotel and infirmary, or Custer House, of Ottumwa, Iowa, and has, for something over two years, been practicing the work. His success since locating in Mound City, September 26, 1881, has been far beyond his expectations, and also that of his friends. He is a native of Cornwall, Crownshire, England, and was born September 23, 1837. In the year 1842 he came with his parents, Francis and Elizabeth (Baston) Pool, to America, and located in Jo Daviess County, Illinois. His father was there interested in the lead mines for ten years, after which they moved to Lafayette County, Wisconsin, where he resided on a farm till the spring of 1860. Returning to Jo Daviess County, Illinois, on May 24, of the same year, he was married to Miss Sophia Adams, a native of Ireland and of English ancestry. She was born in June, 1844, and died March 28, 1880. By this union they had nine children, Henry F., Vilena, Emma (deceased), Robert W., Albert S., Etta, Charles L., Anna M. and Jesse M. After being married Dr. Pool crossed the plains to Colorado and was engaged in mining at Central City, of the Gregory District, till August, 1863, when he returned to Lafayette County, Wisconsin, where his family was at that time living. He remained there till the spring of 1865, when he returned to Jo Daviess County, Illinois, and was there made foreman of the New York & Galena Lead Mining Company, which calling he pursued for two years. After a few moves he located in Lafayette County, Wisconsin, but finally moved back to Jo Daviess County, Illinois, and was engaged in farming and mining. In March, 1878, he went to Wyoming where, for a period of time, he was superintendent in the mining department of a mine. After a serious illness he visited the

Hot Springs for three months, and, in March, 1879, he returned to Jo Daviess County, Illinois, after which time he was treated at the Custer House, of Ottumwa. His brother being Sheriff of Jo Daviess County, Illinois, he acted as deputy for some time, after his return from Wyoming. Having the power of a magnetic healer and becoming convinced of its virtue, he began the practice as a profession, and, September 26, 1881, came to Mound City, where he has permanently located and is gaining the confidence of the people in that vicinity. Those acquainted with him know him to be a man of strong principles and of high moral standing.

### DEWITT CLINTON PORTER,

farmer, section 25, is a son of Cummings Porter, who was born in Washington County, Ohio, where he was married to Miss Frances S. Keene, a native of Virginia. In 1850 they emigrated to Missouri and located in Holt County, where DeWitt was born, January 24, 1852, he being the second child in the family, which consisted of three boys and one girl. Of these two boys and the girl are now living. During life the subject of this sketch has resided in Holt County, and now has a farm of 440 acres. D. W. Porter, his only brother, was born in Holt County, Missouri, January 28, 1854, and is now attending school at Columbia, Missouri.

# EDWARD RICHARDS,

is an enterprising farmer on section 24. His grandparents, originally from Scotland, emigrated to America and located in Pennsylvania, where Godfrey Richards, the father of Edward, was born. He was married in that state to Miss Bethsheba Adams. Edward Richards, the subject of this sketch, was born in Fayette County, Pennsylvania, September 8, 1832, and is the fourth child in a family of ten children. When he was two years of age his parents moved to Wayne County, Ohio, where he grew to manhood. In 1850 he went to Williams County, Ohio, and there he made his home for some time, but for five years he was principally in DeKalb County, Indiana, where he was married, November 23, 1855, to Miss Martha Smith, a daughter of Isaac B. Smith, of New York. She was born in DeKalb County, Indiana, November 12, 1837. They have had seven children, five of whom are now living: William H., Mary E., Jonas, Hugh and Eva. Mr. Richards farmed in DeKalb County till 1865, when he came to Missouri and located in Andrew County. After living there two years he settled in Holt County, where he now has a farm of 220 acres, all of which is well improved. In 1881 he erected a fine residence which presents an attractive appearance, affording a view of Mound City, two miles dis-In September, 1861, he enlisted in Company M, Second Indiana

Cavalry, and remained in service for three years and eleven days. He was mustered out as corporal, having participated in all the battles in which his company was engaged.

# JOHN SCHRAUTZ,

farmer, section 26, was once the representative of Holt County, Missouri, in the twenty-eighth general assembly. He is a native of Pennsylvania, and was born in Lancaster County, July 12, 1829. John Schrautz, his grandfather, and for whom he was named, was a native of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, his parents having emigrated from Germany and located in that county in the year 1735. John Schrautz, Sr., was married in his native county to a Miss Garber, by which union Samuel Schrautz, the father of the subject of this sketch was born. He was married to Miss Catharine Hull, and in the year 1835 with his family he immigrated from Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, to Ohio and located in Stark County, where he was numbered among the most prominent citizens in that locality, being for several years judge of the common pleas court. John Schrautz, whose name heads this biography, was reared to manhood in Stark County, Ohio, and there received the advantages of the common schools which were much inferior to those of the present day; his time was also mostly employed on a farm, and he had but limited opportunities for procuring a desired education. He was married in Stark County, Ohio, in 1850 to Miss Mary E. Scheets, after which he began farming in the same county on his own account. In the spring of he 1854 moved to DeKalb County, Indiana. In the fall of 1855 a universal sickness swept over that part of the State, which proved unusually fatal and malignant in its character, and inside of eleven days he lost his wife and two children, all the members, beside himself, of the family. In September 1857 he was married to his present wife, at that time Miss Susan Duck. She was born in Stark County, Ohio, January 16, 1836. Her parents were natives of Pennsylvania, her mother's maiden name being Abigal Spangler. Mr. Schrautz has by his last marriage two children, Mary, wife of E. A. Welty, of Mound City, born in DeKalb County, Indiana, June 30, 1858, and A. B. Schrautz, now attending school at Raleigh. He was born in DeKalb County, Indiana, September 16, 1860. In 1865 Mr. S. moved to Missouri and located in Holt County, on the place where he now resides, his farm containing 290 acres. 1876 he erected his present residence which denotes comfort and prosperity and which is located at the foot of the bluffs within two miles of Mound City, his house forming a conspicuous object of attraction in view of a line of bluffs above the city. In politics Mr. S.'s sentiments have been with the Republican party, whose principles appealed to his support when the Republican party was first organized, more than a score

of years ago. He cast his first vote for President for Franklin Pierce, in 1852, before the Republicans were numerous enough to form a national organization, and since that time has invariably cast his suffrage for the Republican nominees. In 1874 the Republicans of Holt County made him their candidate for representative. He was elected and filled that position to the satisfaction of his people and with great credit to himself.

### THOMAS SECREST,

farmer, section 22, is a grandson of Thomas Secrest, who was a native of Germany, and immigrated to America and located in North Carolina, where Jacob Secrest, his son, was born. The latter was married to Miss Rachael Morquette, a native of North Carolina, her father being a native of Germany. Thomas, a son of Jacob Secrest, was the seventh child in the family of ten children, and was born in Morgan County, Indiana, September 18, 1830. He was reared on a farm in his native county, and there received a fair education in the "schoolhouses built on the woodsman plan." While in Morgan County, Indiana, he was married, July 10, 1851, to Miss Mary A. Shults, a daughter of George Shults, who was a native of North Carolina, and of German descent. Her mother's maiden name was Elmira Bean, also of North Carolina. Mrs. Secrest was born in Morgan County, Indiana, May 11, 1833, and was the oldest child in the family of six children. The family of Mr. and Mrs. Secrest consists of twelve children, ten of whom are now living: William P., Delphia J., George O., Winfield S., Mary A., Thomas S., Van King, Ella, Effie and Dudley W. In 1852 Mr. Secrest and his family moved to Holt County, Missouri, and located on the farm where he now resides. He has made farming his occupation during life, and by his own labor and judicious management became the possessor of a landed estate amounting to 940 acres, all of which is improved. The only office he has ever held was that of justice of the peace, which he filled very acceptably for eight years. March 20, 1862, he enlisted in Company B, Fourth Regiment, M. S. M., and remained in service till in May of the same year, when he was discharged on account of disability. He has always voted the Republican ticket, and is a staunch supporter of the principles of the party. He is a member of Mound City Lodge, No. 294, A. F. and A. M.

# JACOB SILVUSE,

farmer, section 21, was born in Shenandoah County, Virginia, March 27, 1827. His grandparents were natives of Pennsylvania, and his father, Jacob Silvuse, was born in Virginia. He was there married to Miss Susan Gorber, a native of Virginia. Jacob was reared in Rockingham County, Virginia, on a farm, but part of the time worked at the wagon-

makers trade. In 1872 he came to Holt County, Missouri. His farm now consists of 214 acres, and is well improved. He was married to his present wife, formerly Miss Susan Miller, January 21, 1865. They have one child, Susan C. Mrs. S. was born in Rockingham County, Virginia. Her father, Daniel Miller, and her mother, whose maiden name was Barbara Glick, were natives of Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. S. are members of the German Baptist Church.

### THOMAS SMITH,

section 29, is one of the industrious farmers of this township. His grandfather, Smith, a native of Kentucky, was married to Mary Ellis. William Smith, the father of Thomas, was born in Bourbon County, Kentucky, and emigrated to Martin County, Indiana, where he married Miss Berthenia Cannon, of Georgia. They had a family of eight children. Thomas, the sixth child, was born in Miami County, Indiana, February 21, 1833. He was reared to manhood at his birthplace, spending his boyhood days on the farm and receiving the benefits of a common school education. In 1854 he moved to Harrison County, Missouri, where he resided till the fall of 1880, then coming to Holt County, where he purchased a farm. He owns 160 acres of improved land, and has a handsome residence upon his place. During the war he was a member of the Missouri State militia a short time. While in Harrison County he served for two terms as township collector. Mr. Smith was married, December 24, 1856, to Miss Mary T. Shackelford, a daughter of Clayton and Jane Shackelford, natives of Tennessee. She is the third child in a family of seven children, and was born in Piqua County, Ohio, October 28, 1834. When she was about eight years of age her parents moved to Wabash County, and thence to Miami County, of the same state, in the fall of 1854. Mr. and Mrs. S. have had two children, one of whom, James M., is now living.

# PERRY J. SPENCER,

the subject of this sketch, was born in Morrow County, Ohio, December 22, 1857. His parents, William and Lydia Spencer, were both natives of the same state. William Spencer was born September 17, 1836, and Lydia Spencer, nee Miller, was born on the 9th of January, 1838. They were married in April, 1856, and then settled in Johnsville, Ohio, removing to Noble County, Indiana, in 1862. They again located on a farm, coming thence in 1868 to Missouri and settling in Nodaway County, on a farm adjoining Graham, where Perry was inured to the life of a farmer boy. He followed the plow in summer and attended the district school during the winter months, and at the age of eighteen years he began teaching school and continued the profession for five years. On August 23, 1880, he was married to Miss Emma L. Turnure,

whose parents, E. W. and Emily L. Turnure (nee Compton), were natives of New York. They were married in 1853, and afterwards settled in Boone County, Illinois, remaining there till 1863, when they moved to Mitchell County, Iowa, thence to Nodaway County in 1865, locating on Long Branch, east of Bridgewater, and in 1871 Maryville became their home. There E. W. Turnurewas engaged in the hotel and mercantile bussiness for some time. He removed to Graham in 1877, and departed this life on the 12th of July, 1880. His wife, Emily L. Turnure, was a member of the Baptist Church. Mrs. Perry Spencer was born on the 18th of April, 1859. She died December 5, 1880. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church. In the spring of 1881, Mr. Spencer bought a half interest in the Mound City News, a weekly newspaper published in Mound City, and which has under the present able management become a journal recognized as one of the leading papers of the county.

# JOHN M. TRACY,

one of the leading physicians of Holt County, has been engaged in practicing medicine at Mound City since June 1866. He was born in Marion County, Indiana, December 6, 1837. His grandfather was from the State of Virginia, and moved at an early period to Kentucky, where James Tracy, his son, was born. He removed from Kentucky to Indiana, and, in the latter state, he married Miss Mary Custer, who was born in the same part of Kentucky as her husband. The second, in a family of five children, by this marriage, was John M. Tracy, the subject of this sketch. He resided in Marion County, Indiana, till seventeen years of age, and there received his primary education. In 1854, he moved to Illinois, and after that date he was a student at the Hedding Seminary, at Abingdon, and in that institution had excellent facilities for becoming thoroughly acquainted with the necessary branches of a substantial English education. He came to Missouri in the year 1858, locating in Bates County, and, for a while, taught school, and at the same time prosecuted the study of medicine, a profession which he had early resolved to adopt, his instructor being Dr. Rockwell, of West Point, Bates County. After residing there about three years, that part of Missouri becoming depopulated and unsafe for residence, by reason of the progress of the war, Mr. T. went to Colorado, and was there engaged in several speculative enterprises. In 1864, he located in Brownville, Nebraska, and was there occupied in the practice of his profession till June 1, 1866, when he became a citizen of Mound City, Holt County. He has been very successful in his chosen calling, and is known as an able physician. He is closely devoted to his professional practice, and has been active in the pursuit of the study of medicicine even after having thoroughly established himself in practice, believing, as he does,

that constant study is necessary to the attainment of the highest success. His medical education he obtained at the Eclectic Medical College of Cincinnati, Ohio, from which he graduated in the spring of 1873. He also graduated in the College of Physicians and Surgeons, in St. Joseph, Missouri, in 1881, and at present is a member of the Northwestern Medical Society of Missouri. His wife was formerly Miss Mary J. Collins, daughter of John Collins, who settled at Oregon, Holt County, Missouri, and who was one of the early residents of the county. Their marriage occurred October 5, 1875. They have had two children, one of whom is now living, Blanche E. By a former marriage the doctor had five children, three of whom are now living: Emma, Annie and James M. His attention and time has been devoted to his profession, to the exclusion of active participation in the field of politics, and in his political sentiments he has been rather conservative and independent. He has acted. however, with the Democratic party, and is a believer in the cardinal principles of democracy. Dr. Tracy is one of the leading Masons about Mound City, and is a member of Mound City Lodge No. 294, A. F. and A. M. with which he has been connected since 1871. He is also a member of Keystone Chapter, now of Mound City, but formerly of Oregon.

### E. A. AND P. P. WELTY,

are of the firm of Welty Bros. & Co., dealers in general merchandise. This is one of the leading firms of Mound City, who, by their liberal course of dealing and wide-awake business habits, are doing much toward giving the town a reputation as a business point. They are natives of Andrew County, Missouri. E. A. Welty was born September 13, 1852, and P. P. Welty on April 14, 1854. Their grandfather early emigrated from Switzerland to America and located in Ohio, where John P. Welty, the father of E. A. and P. P., was born. In 1849 he emigrated to Missouri and was married in Buchanan County to Miss Amanda Richardson, a native of Indiana. When E. A. was about three years of age the family moved to Arago, Richardson County, Nebraska, having previously located in St. Joseph, where he carried on a trading post for a period of time; also acted as postmaster. resided in Richardson County till 1866, when they moved to Nemaha County, of the same state. John P. was sheriff in that county till 1874, when they moved to Mound City, Missouri, where E. A. and P. P. have since lived. The days of their youth were improved on a farm and behind the counter. They were educated in the different localities where they resided, and in the State Normal School of Nebraska, located at Peru. E. A. was for three years engaged in teaching while in Nebraska, and taught the public school of Mound City one term, since which time he has been selling goods. P. P. Welty was also engaged in teaching

in Nebraska for two years, but since coming to Mound City he has been in his present business. They both began in their present business in March, 1879, William Hoblitzell being the company of the firm. They are both members of Mound City Lodge, No. 294, A. F. and A. M, and Mound City Lodge, No. 341, I. O. O. F. E. A. Welty was married October 15, 1879, to Miss Mary Schrautz, a daughter of John and Susan Schrautz. She is a native of Indiana, and was born June 30, 1859. They have one child, Helen. P. P. Welty was married March 20, 1878, to Miss Roberta Robertson, a daughter of John H. Robertson. Her mother's maiden name was Elizabeth Durrett. Mrs. Roberta Welty is a native of Missouri, and was born March 27, 1860. They have one child, Perry A.

#### COL. WILLIAM WILKINSON

is a native of Bradford, Yorkshire, England, and was born August 18, 1819. His father was a land steward and proprietor of a large woolen factory, in which were employed nine hundred hands, and often more. During his younger days he assisted his father in his work. He received a primary education in England, and, in the year 1837, he went to the province of Rhode Island, with the intention of attending school. He was there at the time of the rebellion and his sympathies being with Dore, on this account he left the province and located at Niagara Falls, where, for a number of years, he was publishing a paper, called the Evangelical Pioneer. He then located in Canada, where he was most of the time in public office. In 1858 he was a candidate for a position in Parliament, against the celebrated McDonall, in which he was defeated by a small majority. He was a resident of Canada for fourteen years. In the year of 1849, he had conferred upon him the degree as Master of Arts from the Madison University, of Hamilton, New After leaving Canada Mr. W. moved to Romeo, McComb County, Michigan, and, during 1859 and 1860, he was engaged in the practice of law. At the time Fort Sumpter was fired upon there was a meeting held and the colonel was called upon to address the audience, in which he said he would not say go, but he would say come. From that the chairman called all to come round the liberty pole. The next day they were called in, and, by a ballot vote of the company, Mr. W. was elected Captain of Company A, Ninth Michigan Infantry. In about four days thereafter he was appointed by the Governor as a field officer, his muster in as major being August 6, 1861. They were the first regiment to go southwest, then went to Bowling Green, and were then in Nelson's expedition, and participated in the battle of Fort Donelson. Their next important battle was Pittsburg Landing, after which he was captured, and, with Generals Prentice and Crittendon, he was confined in various prisons, being with them put on exhibition at many public

places, fair grounds, etc. He left Libby Prison, October 12, 1862, and again joined the army, and was attached to General Thomas's headquarters, and commanded the regiment through the battle of Stone River. Immediately after he was given the commission of Lieutenant-Colonel of the Ninth Regiment of Michigan, which dates February 6. 1863. He remained attached to General Thomas's staff till the close of the war, having the command of the Reserve Brigade of the Army of the Cumberland. He commanded in the advance at the battle of Chickamaugua, with General Thomas, and commanded at many other important battles, among which was Lookout Mountain. He was in the Atlanta campaign, at the battle of Chickasaw Mountain, in all the siege of Atlanta, battle of Jonesboro', and, instead of going to the sea with Sherman, he returned with Thomas to Nashville. On the return he was in the battle of Frankfort, and was also in command at the battle of Nashville. Wilkinson then remained at Nashville, his muster out dating September 15, 1865, but he was not released till the latter part of November. March 13, 1865, upon him was conferred the rank of Colonel in the United States Army, by the advice and consent of the Senate, for gallant and meritorious services during the war, his commission being signed by Andrew Johnson. When he was made colonel he was placed in the regular army and holds that rank at the present day, he not having been released. In 1866 he received an appointment in the United States mail department, and was renewed by Grant in 1868, and retained the appointment till 1871. In December, 1872, he left Romeo, Michigan, and came to Missouri. While in Romeo he was mayor of the city for three years Upon coming to Missouri he located in Savannah, Andrew County, wher he was admitted to the Andrew County bar, and began the practice o law, in partnership with his son, John M. Wilkinson. In 1872, while or a railroad surveying expedition, the latter was fatally shot, supposed to be accidentally. In 1873 the colonel came to Holt County, and located at Oregon, and in a short time came to Mound City. Since then he has been mayor of the town four terms, and has been justice since June, 1877 He has also paid some attention to the practice of law, but to no great extent. Since the war he has taken an active part in the success of the Republican party, and has done grand work for the cause, having can vassed Atchison County twice since he came to Mound City. He was: member of the Republican Committee of the Ninth Congressional Dis trict, and belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic. He has a son in Grand Rapids, Michigan, engaged in the practice of medicine, and who is one of the most able and prominent surgeons of the state. His son who was killed in Texas, was also in the army and was mustered out a a lieutenant.

# JOSEPH WILSON,

is a son of Charles Wilson, a native of New Jersey, and is of English ancestry. His mother's name was Easter Davis. Joseph, the youngest child in a family of nine children, was born in Hardy County, Virginia, June 4, 1800. He was educated in the old-fashioned log cabins, slab benches, greased paper for lights, etc., and on October 19, 1826, he was married to Miss Elizabeth A. Morrow. He was reared a farmer's boy and was engaged in farming in the valleys of Virginia till 1851, when he emigrated to Miama County, Indiana, living there till 1854. Mr. W. then came to Missouri, locating in Jackson County, and in the spring of 1857, he came to Holt County, where he has since resided and has lived in the same house. The county at that time was thinly settled, and Mrs W. says she thought it was the "last place in the world." Wolves were numerous then, and many stories might be related of those pioneer days. With the exception of the last twelve years, Mr. Wilson has been engaged in farming, and now has a landed estate of 200 acres. He has never held an office and never belonged to any society. They have had a family of twelve children, eight sons and four daughters, seven of whom are now living: James E., David M., Joseph G., Adam C., Sarah J., Margaret R. and Virginia. Mrs. Wilson is a daughter of James Morrow, a native of Hardy County, Virginia. Her mother's maiden name was Elizabeth Spohr, also of Hardy County, Virginia.

# JOSEPH G. WILSON,

farmer, section 23, is a son of Joseph Wilson, and was born in Hardy County, Virginia, May 4, 1845. He accompanied his parents on their various moves before coming to Missouri, always staying with them, and since the spring of 1856 he has resided in Holt County. He has made farming his occupation during life. In October, 1863, he enlisted in Company D, Twelfth Missouri cavalry and remained in service till the close of the war, when he was mustered out as chief bugler. He had been in a number of important battles, among which were Florence, Franklin and Nashville, also numerous engagements on the plains during the Indian troubles. Mr. Wilson was married August 11, 1867 to Miss Bettie Meek, daughter of B. Meek, a native of Kentucky. Her mother's maiden name was Nancy Jones, a native of Kentucky. Mrs. Wilson was born in Henry County, Kentucky, June 17, 1847. They have had six children, two of whom are living, Martha G. and Ella A. Mr. and Mrs. W. are members of the Christian Church.

#### S. R. YOUNG

was born in Barren County, Kentucky, May 8, 1812. His father, Edward Young, was a native of Virginia, and immigrated to Kentucky

at an early period. His mother was formerly Keziah Rennick, the daughter of William Rennick, one of the earliest pioneers of Kentucky, who came from Virginia, and who lived for several years at McKinney's Station. Mr. Young is the youngest child of ten children, and was reared to manhood in Barren County, Kentucky. His only opportunities for procuring an education were in the subscription schools. His father died when he was but about fifteen years old, and he then went to live with his brother, with whom he learned the tanning business. This he followed near Glasgow, Kentucky, in which state he lived till the year 1854, when he came to Holt County, Missouri, and located where he now resides, on section 15, township 61, range 38. He has since followed farming and stock raising. Mr. Y. has taken an active interest in public affairs, and soon after his coming to this county, was chosen justice of the peace. In the fall of 1858 he was elected the representative from Holt County in the Twentieth General Assembly. He served in the regular session, an adjourned session, and a called session. He was at Jefferson City during the winter of 1858-9 and that of 1859-'60, and was a member of the last General Assembly that convened before the breaking out of the war. He had run as a candidate for the legislature on the Democratic ticket, and in the memorable presidential campaign of 1860 gave his warm support to Stephen A. Douglas. When the country at last was precipitated into the rebellion he took no part in that struggle, and stood on the same ground occupied by a large number of the old citizens of Missouri, opposed both to the secession of the states and their attempt to disrupt the Union, and to the manner in which coercion was undertaken on the part of the Federal government. From the latter part of 1864 till the spring of 1868 he resided in Fremont County, Iowa, where he acted as justice of the peace. Since the war he has acted in sympathy with the principles and policy of the Democratic party. In December, 1839, Mr. Young was married to Miss Matilda J. Paxton, by which union they have had six children: Joseph E., born November 19, 1839; Ella M., born January 29, 1842; Keziah A., familiarly known as "Kittie," born September 23, 1845; Robert T., born November 6, 1848; Sarah E., born April 21, 1850; Benjamin A., born September 18, 1853. Mrs. Young was born in Rockingham County, Virginia, about five miles from the Natural Bridge, on August 5, 1816. Her father, Joseph Paxton, was a native of Virginia and a soldier in the war of 1812. Her mother's maiden name was Elvira Bagby, a native of Virginia.

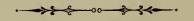
# JOHN W. YOUSE,

house, sign, carriage and ornamental painter, is a son of Levi Youse, Esq., who was born in Pennsylvania and was there married to Miss

Catharine Catchshaw, also born in the same State. John Youse, the father of Levi, was a native of Germany. John W. Youse was born in Franklin County, Pennsylvania, October 16, 1854. He was reared and educated in his native county, spending his boyhood days on a farm. In 1873 he went to Tiffin, Ohio, and began his trade with a Mr. Spindler, a prominent painter of that locality, with whom he remained till the fall of 1876. He then returned to his native home, and in 1878 came to Mound City, where he has since been successfully engaged at his trade having the confidence of the people in this vicinity. William O. Youse, of the same family as John W., and at present one of the leading carpenters of Mound City, was born in Franklin County, Pennsylvania, December 5, 1856. When eighteen years of age he began working at his present trade which he followed in his native county till 1878 when he came to Mound City. He was married December 17, 1878 to Miss Ellen Andrews, a daughter of John and Sarah (Kelley) Andrews. were natives of New Jersey. Mrs. Youse was born in the same State in the year 1857. They have one child, John W.



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#### THOMAS ALMOND

was born in Hendricks County, Indiana, February 16, 1839, and was the son of Pleasant and Sarah (Merritt) Almond, both natives of Kentucky. In 1841 the family moved to Iowa, and Thomas was brought up in Van Buren and Henry Counties of that state, being educated in the common schools. During the war he was in service for three years, in Company A, First Colorado Cavalry Regiment, and went through Western Kansas, Colorado and New Mexico. After the war he returned to Henry County, Iowa, and then engaged in freighting from Omaha to Fort Laramie, continuing this business for three years. In 1875 he removed to Holt County, Missouri, and began tilling the soil. He now owns 160 acres of land in section 22. Mr. Almond was married February 29, 1872, in this county, to Miss Elizabeth Duke, who was born in Gasconade County, Missouri. She is the daughter of Josiah G. Duke. Mr. and Mrs. A. have three children: Riley Spencer, born November 24, 1872; Sarah Ann, born December 16, 1874, and Lucy I. E. M. J., born June 10, 1880. He is Republican in politics.

#### EDMUND ANIBAL

was born January 10, 1844, in Fulton County, New York. His father, Robert C. Anibal, was a native of the same state, and his mother, formerly Catherine Eglin, of New Jersey. Edmund was reared on his father's farm in Fulton County. He was educated at the Jonesville Academy, and afterwards attended Union College, at Schenectady, for about two years. In 1865 he came west, and for one year was engaged in teaching school at Hiawatha, Brown County, Kansas. In April, 1866. he came to Holt County and taught for twelve years, having had charge of but two schools during that time-in Bigelow five years and at another place seven years. Recognizing his ability as an able instructor, the Democratic party nominated him as their candidate for county school commissioner in 1866. He was elected and filled the position very creditably for two years. In 1878 he established a drug and grocery business in Bigelow Township, and has established a successful trade. Mr. Anibal was married November 12, 1869, in Holt County, to Miss Phæbe J. Hinkle. She is a neice of Henry Clay Dean, and is a native of Virginia. They have two children: Charles W., born August

22, 1870, and Laura May, born December 23, 1873. Mr. A. is a member of the Masonic order, and is one of the leading business men of this place.

### BALY M. BEESLEY,

section 32, was born in Stokes County, North Carolina, January 1, 1854, and was a son of Jacob and A. J. Beesley. The former was a native of Stokes County, North Carolina, and the latter of Virginia. Jacob Beesley died, after which the family moved to Howard County, Indiana, where they resided until October 1863, then removing to Holt County, Missouri. Baly was raised on a farm in Howard County, attending the district school during the winter, and since coming to this county he has attended the Oregon graded school for one year. With these exceptions his education has been obtained by self application. When fifteen years of age he left home and was engaged in working on a farm by the month for three years. With the money thus obtained he purchased books and now has a very fine library; he is an excellent teacher, and has served as such for five years. Much study has been given by him to astronomy and astrology, and he is now lecturing on these subjects, his lectures being highly endorsed by the leading educators of the county. He is Republican in politics, and in March, 1881, was appointed as a justice of the peace of Bigelow Township. His farm contains 100 acres, 75 of which are under cultivation, with orchard, etc., upon it. June 8, 1876, Mr. Beesley was married to Miss Mary A. Minton, daughter of Elisha Minton. She was born and reared in Holt County. They have two children: Mary E., born April 13, 1878, and Roberta Ann, born March 15, 1880.

# BENJAMIN F. FLEMING

s one of the prominent men of Bigelow, and has been in business continuously longer than any man in the place. He was born in Wayne County, Kentucky, September 23, 1838, and was the son of E. D. R. and Dorcas (Vickery) Fleming. His mother was a native of Kentucky and his father was born near Halifax Court House. The latter was a farmer by occupation, and Benjamin grew to manhood on a farm in his native ounty. He received but a very limited common school education, and, a August, 1867, removed to Holt County, Missouri, where he became ngaged in the saw mill and lumber business in this township. Two ears afterwards he disposed of this industry and embarked in the merantile trade in Bigelow. He is now doing business in the same house 1 which he started thirteen years ago, and is carrying a good stock of eneral merchandise, being successful in his transactions. Mr. Fleming 13, 1873, at New Point, Missouri, to Miss Laura 1870 Neal, daughter of Elisha O'Neal. She is a native of Wisconsin. They

have two children living: Mary Edna, born January 6, 1875, and Jennie V., born May 15, 1880. Two children are deceased.

# HENRY JONES,

section 26, was born October 13, 1838, in Mahoning County, Ohio. His father, Clemons Jones, and his mother were both natives of Maryland. Henry was brought up in his native county and received a limited education, during the winters, in the common schools. In 1855 he went to Iowa, but after remaining a short time took a trip to California, in 1860. While there he was engaged in teaming, and after five years he left that state and came to Holt County, Missouri, in the fall of 1866, settling on a farm. He now owns 180 acres of land, 125 being cultivated, and upon it is a young orchard of 150 apple trees, and other fruit. Mr. Jones has been twice married. First, in this county, to Miss Lucinda Green. To his present wife, formerly Miss Julia Chaney, he was married September 4, 1880. She is the daughter of Hosea Chaney, and was born and reared in Holt County. Mr. Jones has two children: Mina, born November 22, 1869, and Addie Leora, born June 1, 1877. Mr. J. is independent in politics. He is a member of the Masonic Order, and also of the Grange.

# RICHARD P. LEWIS,

of the firm of Lewis & Brown, manufacturers and dealers in lumber, Bigelow, was born in Rush County, Indiana, June 25, 1826. His father, N. G. Lewis, was a native of Breckenridge County, Kentucky, and his mother, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Pearson, was born in Virginia. In 1838, the family moved to Madison County, Indiana, and Richard spent his youth on a farm, and attended school in Rush and Madison Counties. The principal part of his education was obtained by study outside of the school room. In 1854, he went to Dallas County, Iowa, and after farming for one season, began work at the carpenter's trade in Adel. This, in connection with other mechanical industries, he continued until 1862, and for six years thereafter was interested in merchandising at the same place. He then moved to Bartlett, Fremont County, and resumed the same business until 1870. In that year Mr. Lewis came to Holt County, and embarked in the saw mill and lumber trade, and since that time has continued as a manufacturer and dealer in lumber. In May, 1864, he enlisted in the hundred day service, in the Forty-sixth Iowa Infantry. He is Democratic in politics, and a member of the Masonic fraternity. Mr. L. has been twice married: First, May 15, 1845, to Miss Eleanor Cook, daughter of John Cook. By this union there were four children, only one of whom is living. Mrs. Lewis died December 30, 1861. He was again married April 3, 1866, in Madison

County, Indiana, to Miss Hattie Graham, daughter of Harry Graham, Esq. She was born in Indiana, July 27, 1845. This union was blessed with two children: Ralph L., born December 17, 1876, and Harry C., born April 21, 1881.

### HENRY C. LONG

was born in Claiborne County, Tennessee, January 20, 1819, and was a son of John and Anna (Carr) Long, the former a native of North Carolina, and the latter of Tennessee. John Long was a soldier in the war of 1812, and in the engagement at New Orleans was wounded and carried a British ball in his hip until the time of his death. In 1832 the family moved to Morgan County, Illinois, where the subject of this sketch resided until he came to Holt County, landing here April 6, 1855. He settled four miles south of Mound City, and up to the year 1880 was engaged in farming and stock raising. At that time he moved to Bigelow. He is now acting as justice of the peace for this township, having been elected twelve years ago, and has ever since been continuously re-elected. In December, 1881, he was appointed postmaster of the town, and entered upon the discharge of his duties in January, 1882. Mr. Long has been three times married; first, June 4, 1840, in Morgan County, Illinois, to Miss Susan Matthews, and after twenty-five years of married life she died, February, 1865. His second marriage occurred in October, 1867, in Holt County, to Mrs. Ruth Titus, who died a few years later. In April, 1871 or 1872 he was married to his present wife, in this county. Mr. Long has eight children living: Alice J. (wife of Jacob West), born April 28, 1846; William H., born January 7, 1848; John W., born December 15, 1849; Martha L. (wife of C. E. Courier), born October 1, 1853; Eliza Ellen (wife of William Finicle), born October 29, 1855; Mary L., born August 12, 1859; Charles H., born March 31, 1851, and George Isaac, born February 24, 1862. Mr. Long is Republican in politics, and has always been prominently identified with this party.

### GEORGE McKOWN,

section 24, was born in Clinton County, Missouri, on the 30th of May, 1837. His parents were Jeremiah and Ada (Livingston) McKown, the former being a native of Kentucky. George was reared on his father's farm in Clinton and Buchanan Counties, where the family subsequently moved. His educational advantages were somewhat restricted, he only being able to attend the common subscription schools. In the fall of 1865 he moved to Holt County, settling on a farm in the western part of Lewis Township, and after a period of ten years he located in Bigelow Township. He now has 120 acres of land, some of which is timber, and upon the place is an orchard of apple and peach trees. Mr. McKown is

Democratic in politics and is a member of the Grange. He was married December 3, 1857, to Miss Ruth J. Branson, in Andrew County. Mr. and Mrs. M. have eight children: William F., born November 18, 1859; Nancy L., born March 22, 1863; Mattie May, born December 30, 1865; Andrew J., born May 8, 1869; Jeremiah, born August 14, 1871; John M., born November 25, 1873; Lucinda, born November 2, 1875, and George, born March 24, 1878.

### THOMAS MACKEY.

section 29, was born in Holt County, Missouri, September 21, 1851. His father; Thomas Mackey, Sr., was a native of Pike County, Missouri, and his mother, formerly Mary Jones, was born in Tennessee. In 1856 the family removed to Nebraska, where they resided for about eight years, and in 1864 returned to Holt County. Young Mackey was brought up on his father's farm, here and in Nebraska, and was educated in the common schools. He also attended one term at Forest City. He is now the owner of 172 acres of land, on the Missouri bottoms, 120 acres of which are under cultivation. A good orchard adorns the farm, consisting of all varieties of fruit adapted to this climate. Mr. Mackey was married in this county, February 15, 1874, to Miss Anna M. Moore, daughter of S. Moore, of Mound City. Mrs. M. was born in Iowa, but was raised here. They have four children: William F., born December 7, 1874; Marion M., born September 21, 1876; Genevia W., born September 25, 1878, and Albert S. C., born September 17, 1880. Mr. and Mrs. M. are members of the Baptist Church. He belongs to the Grange, and in politics is democratic.

### PETER RILEY,

one of the leading farmers of this township, was born February 21, 1839, in Columbiana County, Ohio, and was the son of John R. and Catharine (Richards) Riley. The former was a native of New Jersey and the latter of Pennsylvania. The family finally moved to Pickaway County, Ohio, where John Riley died, in 1842. Peter went to Montgomery County, Indiana, in 1851, and, after living there for six years, came to Holt County, in 1855, and settled on the Missouri River. He passed his youth on a farm and had but meagre chances to obtain an education, his schooling being principally acquired by self application. He is now the owner of 373 acres of land, 145 acres is the home place, and of this 110 acres are under cultivation. His orchards consists of 200 apple, besides peach, cherry and pear trees. He resides on section 15. Mr. Riley was married in Holt County, October 8, 1857, to Miss Lydia Miller, a daughter

of John R. Miller. She was born in Ohio, October 28, 1838. They have had ten children, seven of whom are living: Sarah J., wife of James G. Cateron, born May 17, 1858; Mary Isabelle, wife of D. S. Cateron, born January 2, 1861; Leona, born September 9, 1865; Ida May, born January 12, 1868; Dora Alice, born November 19, 1869; Harry Lee, born July 4, 1874; Benjamin F., born March 3, 1880. Mr. Riley is a Democrat, politically, and is a member of the Masonic order.



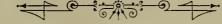
Dougherty, M. N. & Co., dry goods. Park & Roberts, drugs. Downey, T. S., physician. Dulaney, E. E., contractor and Ritchie, William, carpenter. builder. Ewing & Brady, dry goods. Frank Julius, baker and confectioner. Everhart, William, furniture. Finney, Williams & Co., lumber. Graham & Frame, dry goods. Hart, E. A., justice of the peace. Hatfield, James, postmaster. Hedgpath, D., sewing machines. Hinkle, Mrs. M. A., millinery. Howell Bros., lumber yard. Kennedy, David, blacksmith. Kenyon, Monroe, hardware. Kernes, William, Valley hotel. Kidd, W. H., grocer. King, S. D., carpenter.

Pratt, E. R., livery stable. Russell, Mrs., millinery. Rea, J. I., law office. Salters, J. W., blacksmith and wagonmaker. Sarber, C., barber. Sherburne, A. M., physician. Sidell, Julius, butcher. Smock & Owens, groceries and queensware. Stone, J. R., saddles and harness. Swope, John S., grain elevator. Thompson & Dicky, butchers. Vanderlinde, John, drugs. Wyman, R. C., physician. Weller & Donovan, bankers. White, Robert, wagonmaker. Young, -, shoemaker. Leach, C. A., telegraph and express office.

#### TOWN OFFICIALS.

E. F. Weller, councilman. David Kennedy, councilman. E. A. Phillips, councilman.

W. A. Graham, councilman. James Wensch, councilman. James Palmer, constable. James Moore, street commissioner.



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# JOSEPH ANDES,

farmer and breeder of fine hogs, section 14, is a native of Shenandoah County, Virginia, was born August 7, 1852, and is a son of John and Susan (Glick) Andes. His father was born in Rockingham County, Virginia, in 1819, and his mother in Shenandoah County Virginia. After being married they settled in Shenandoah County, Virginia, and in the spring of 1856 moved to Holt County, Missouri, settling near Oregon.

There they remained one year, and then located four miles southeast of Mound City. John Andes died in October, 1870, and his wife now makes her home with her son, William G. Joseph Andes spent his youthful days and received a good education in Holt County, Missouri: At the age of twenty-two years he took a pleasure trip to California, and remained on the Pacific coast till December, 1874, when he returned to Holt County. He was married December 30, 1865, to Miss Nancy J. Palmer, a native of Holt County, Missouri, born May 30, 1859. She is a daughter of Martin V. and Nancy (Roberson) Palmer, the former a native of Holt County, Missouri, born March 29th, 1834, and her mother, of Monroe County, Kentucky, born September 29, 1829. She moved with her parents to Clinton County, Missouri, in 1830, and to Holt County, in 1850. Mr. and Mrs. Palmer were married January 2, 1850, and afterwards settled in Nebraska. Her father was in the late war, and later went west and was killed by Indians. Mr. and Mrs. Andes lived on the old homestead till 1876, when they moved to their present farm. Mr. A. has been an extensive live stock dealer. They have three children John M., born October 29, 1877; Mattie M., born November 12, 1879, and George C., born August 19, 1881. They are both members of the German Baptist Church.

### PETER L. BOHART,

of the firm of P. L. Bohart & Co., merchants, is a native of Clarke County, Indiana, and was born January 24, 1859, being a son of R. C. and Eliza Bohart. His father was a native of Guernsey County, Ohio, born September 7, 1828, and with his parents he moved to Clarke County, Indiana, where he was married. He began the mercantile business when at the age of twenty-one years, but subsequently sold out and moved to Graham, Nodaway County, Missouri, in 1864. There he did a general merchandising business till 1879, when he disposed of his interest to his sons. He died soon after. Mrs. Eliza Bohart is still living. P.L. spent his boyhood days in his native county, and with his parents moved to Graham, Nodaway County, Missouri. There he received an excellent education, and in the spring of 1878 graduated at Bryant's Business College, at St. Joseph. His early tastes were for the general dry goods business, so after completing his studies he returned to Graham and entered his father's store as clerk. He soon earned for himself an enviable reputation as a salesman, and in the fall of 1878 in connection with his two brothers he purchased the entire stock of goods from the father, and continued the business till September 1881, when he sold out. The following winter was spent at Chicago, and in the spring of 1882 he returned home and formed a partnership with J. H. and W. B. Bohart, purchasing the entire stock of dry goods of Dougherty & Taylor. They are now doing an excellent business, and well merit their success.

# JUDGE J. R. BRADFORD

is one of Clay Township's most popular citizens. He is a native of Ross County, Ohio, and was born March 12, 1824. His father, Thomas, was a native of Plymouth, Massachusetts, born February 25, 1778, and was a ship carpenter by trade. He was married to Miss Mary Holmes, a native of Massachusetts, born November 29, 1780. They settled in Massachusetts and there his wife died, and he was married the second time in 1820 to Miss Sophia Russell, a native of Weatherfield, Massachusetts, born October 9, 1793. They settled in Chillicothe, Ross County, Ohio, at an early day, and the father worked at his trade till about 1838. Then he purchased a farm southeast of Chillicothe. He died March 23, 1839, and the mother lived till December 9, 1845. J. R. passed his boyhood days in his native county and received an excellent high school education at Chillicothe. He devoted his time to agricultural pursuits, and was married January 16, 1845, to Miss Ceviller Oldaker, a native of Ross County, Ohio, born November 3, 1818. She was a daughter of John and Mary F. Oldaker, who were natives of Loudoun County, Virginia. They settled in Ross County, Ohio, at an early day. Mr. and Mrs. Bradford sold out their effects in Ross County and, with their family, moved to Nodaway County, Missouri, in 1863, settling near what is now Burlington Junction. He improved a good place, which he afterwards sold and purchased his present farm in the spring of 1865, this being the first farm settled in Clay Township. In the fall of 1881, Mr. B. was elected county judge. Their family consists of six children: Sophia F., (now Mrs. Dr. J. W. Morgan), Mary O., (wife of Rev. Wm. Cowley), Sarah E., Julia, (wife of Mortimore Evans), John E. and James B., who married Mary M. Johnson. Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Bradford are members of the M. E. Church, in which he is one of the trustees. He also belongs to the I. O. O. F. fraternity.

# AUGUSTUS BROCHER,

farmer, section 28, is a native of Germany. He was born February 18. 1844, and is a son of Henry Brocher. His mother died when he was quite small, and he came with his uncle, P. J. Brocher, to America, in 1853, settling in Calumet County, Wisconsin, on a farm. In that county he was educated. The father of Augustus came to America in 1845, and settled in Blue Earth County, Minnesota. The subject of this sketch enlisted in Company K, Second Regiment Minnesota Volunteer Infantry, in March, 1864, and did service till April 15, 1865, being honorably discharged. He returned to Minnesota and was married November 4, 1868, to Miss L. C. Roy, a native of Clinton County, Missouri. She was born May 1, 1847, and was a daughter of Lawrence and Nancy Roy, natives

of Pulaski County, Kentucky. Mr. and Mrs. B. settled on a farm near Oregon, Holt County, Missouri, in 1870, and, in 1873, moved to where he now resides. His farm consists of forty acres of finely improved land. They have a family of four children: Aubra C., Curtis, Lawrence and Orah M. They are members of the U. B. Church.

### A. W. BROWNLEE,

farmer and breeder of Poland China hogs, section 19, is a native of Washington County, Pennsylvania, and was born January 3, 1852, being a son of William and N. M. Brownlee. The former was born in that county in 1826, and was there raised as a farmer. His mother was also a native of Washington County, born in 1825, and was a cousin of Hon. John A. Logan, of Illinois. They were married in 1848, and then settled on the farm where they still reside, being among the prominent citizens of that locality. The subject of this sketch passed his youthful days and received his education in his native county. He early began business for himself as a farmer and breeder of fine hogs. May 6, 1873, he married Miss Tillie Mountz, a native of Washington County, Pennsylvania, born July 30, 1851. She is a daughter of James K. and Caroline Mountz, who were natives of Washington County. Mr. and Mrs. B., the day after marriage, started for Holt County, Missouri, and here he rented land till 1879, when he purchased a farm of forty acres near Oregon. In the spring of 1882 he bought his present farm, consisting of 160 acres, five miles southwest of Maitland. This is well improved in every particular. During the year 1881 Mr. B. raised and sold \$2,200 worth of fine hogs.

# J. H. CHAMBERS,

proprietor of restaurant, was born in Andrew County, Missouri, April 19, 1848, and is a son of Andrew and Maria (Byer) Chambers. His father was a native of Knox County, Ohio, and went to Buchanan County, Missouri, in 1838. He was married in 1839 to Miss Maria Byer, a native of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, who, with her parents, moved to Missouri in 1837. Mr. and Mrs. C. settled in Andrew County, Missouri, in 1839, and in 1874 moved to California, where they now reside. J. H. Chambers spent his boyhood days in his native county on a farm. During he war he enlisted in Company D, Forty-third Regiment, Missouri Volunteer Infantry, and was taken prisoner at Glasgow, Missouri. After being exchanged he did scout duty through Missouri and Kansas, reing mustered out at St. Louis in July, 1865. He then returned to Andrew County, Missouri, and devoted his time to farming till 1866, when he went to Colorado. Returning from there he went to Scott ounty, Missouri, and clerked for S. O. Scofield, a merchant, for some

eight months, after which he came back to Andrew County, Missouri. Mr. C. married November 12, 1872, Miss B. Meick, a native of Andrew County, Missouri, born in 1850. Her parents, John and Mary Meick, were natives of Kentucky, and went to Platte County, Missouri, and afterwards moved to Andrew County. Mr. and Mrs. Chambers subsequently settled on a farm, but sold out and came to Maitland November 8, 1881. Their family consists of three children: Ardena, Blanche and Polly. Mrs. C. is a member of the Christian Church.

# D. J. CROCKETT,

farmer, section 36, a native of Grundy County, Missouri, was born October 5, 1844, being a son of Eli and Sarah (Duval) Crockett, who were natives of Kentucky. The father was born in 1803, died in 1863, and the mother was born in 1805 and died in 1846. D. J. spent his youth and received a good education in his native county, and in 1862 he enlisted in Company C, Twenty-third Regiment Missouri Volunteer Infantry. He did service in Tennessee and was with Sherman on his march to the sea, and thence to Washington, D. C., where he was mustered out, June 20, 1865. He then returned to Missouri, and in August, 1869, went to Menard County, Illinois. He was married December 12, 1861, to Miss Cynthia Thompson, a native of Menard County, Illinois, born July 20, 1850, and a daughter of Aaron and Sarah (Carson) Thompson. Her father, a native of Cape May County, New Jersey, was born January 28, 1810, and was a son of Anson and Elizabeth (Eldridge) Thompson. Having received a good education in youth, he went to Menard County, Illinois, and taught school and also worked at the carpenter's trade and clerked in a store for a number of years. In 1848 he turned his attention to agriculture, purchasing and improving a large tract of land. married September 21, 1848, to Miss Sarah J. Carson, a native of Sangamon County, Illinois. Her parents were William and Cynthia (Boumont) Carson. They settled in Menard County, Illinois, he being one of the first men of the county. The mother died October 18, 1854, and the father married for his second wife, the widow of George M. O'Banion. The family of Mr. and Mrs. Crockett consists of five children: William D. C., born October 14, 1872; Dillard Z., born September 12, 1874; Aaron E., born September 2, 1876; Lulu J., born October 25, 1878, and Olie M., born September 14, 1811. An infant died December 12, 1880. They are both members of the Christian Church.

#### M. N. DOUGHERTY

is a native of Trumbull County, Kentucky, where he was born in 1831. His father, Col. Robert S. Dougherty, was also a native of that county, born in 1790. He spent his boyhood days and received a good educa-

tion in his native county, and was elected State Representative eleven times, and was State Senator for two years. During the war of 1812 he was a Colonel. He was married to Miss Elizabeth Pearce, who was a native of Washington County, Kentucky, born in 1800. They settled on a large plantation in Trumbull County, Kentucky. Col. Dougherty died from the effects of swallowing a cockle burr, in 1844. M. N. passed his youth in Kentucky, and received a good education. When at the age of twenty years he went to northwestern Texas, remaining a short time, and then returned to Kentucky. Soon afterwards he visited his uncle, Major John Dougherty, at one time Indian Agent in the Platte Purchase in 1835, and through him a description of the Platte Purchase was given Hon. L. F. Linn, United States Senator. M. N. Dougherty spent some months in this country, and went back to Kentucky, and in the spring of 1857 he visited northeastern Missouri, but finally located at Graham, Nodaway County, Missouri. Here he entered into partnership with Mr. G. C. McFadden and opened up a general stock of goods, in the fall of 1858, building the first storehouse at Graham. He continued this occupation till the fall of 1861, when, leaving the business in charge of his partner, he enlisted in the Confederate army under Colonel Wilfries, and remained in service till the fall of 1863. He was in the battles of Blue Mills, Lexington, Pea Ridge, and while in Arkansas he was taken sick. When able for duty the regiment was in Tennessee. Mr. D. then started for Graham, but was captured by Jayhawkers, near Barton, Missouri, his horse was taken from him, and he was compelled to walk to Graham. Here he was obliged to take the oath, and now being under bonds, had often to report at St. Joseph. Finally he procured a pass and went to Iowa, afterwards to Nebraska, and during the years of 1863 and 1864 made two trips to Denver, Colorado. In the fall of 1864 he was superintendent of a freight train en route to Denver, and the following winter he organized a train and went by South Pass to Virginia City, Montana. There he remained till the spring of 1865, when he went back to Kentucky. In 1869 he came to St. Joseph and again engaged in freighting west. He passed the winter in mining, returned to Kentucky, and devoted his time to merchandising till 1873, when, with his mother, he went to Graham. He resumed general merchandising, and in 1881 moved to Maitland. Mr. D. was married Sepember 28, 1881, to Miss Fannie Conklin, a native of Holt County, Missouri. She is the daughter of Charles and Mittie Conklin.

# DR. T. S. DOWNEY,

clectic physician, was born in Guernsey County, Ohio, on the 13th of Iay, 1822, being the son of Walter and Mary (Clark) Downey. His ther was a native of Indiana, born June 27, 1801, and died October 16,

1868. His mother was born in Pennsylvania, August 29, 1801, and died in April, 1856. They were married March 29, 1821, and then settled in Morgan County, Ohio, moving to Guernsey County, and thence to Shelby County, in 1852. Young Downey received an excellent education while a resident of Ohio. He was married the first time on the 17th of March, 1842, to Miss Mary A. Scott, and then settled in Guernsey Connty, Ohio, moving to St. Joseph, Michigan, in 1856. In 1869 he came to Clearmont, Nodaway County, Missouri, and located on a farm. He was also engaged to some extent in the practice of medicine. 1875 he moved to New Point, Holt County, Missouri. Mrs. D. died on the 26th of March, 1876, leaving tour children: Sarah A., John F., Mary I., and Benjamin C. The eldest son, John F., graduated from Hillsdale College, of Michigan, and was professor of mathamatics and astronomy at the Pennsylvania State University for eight years, and in the spring of 1880 he received the same appointment at the Minnesota State University. Dr. Downey was married the second time December 23, 1876, to Mrs. Phæbe Talbott, whose maiden name was Smart, a native of Meigs County, Ohio, born April 12, 1831. She is the daughter of Joseph and Phœbe (Pierce) Smart. Her father was a native of New Hampshire, born July 10, 1800, and died April 13, 1860. Her mother was born in Meigs County, Ohio, November 12, 1808. They were married in 1828, and then settled in Meigs County, Ohio. Dr. Downey located at Whig Valley in 1878 and moved to Maitland in May, 1880. He has filled the pulpit of the M. E. Church for fifteen years, and for the past ten years as a local preacher of the United Brethren Church.

#### E. C. EVERHART

is a native of Clermont County, Ohio, where he was born February 22, 1822. His father, Titus, was a native of Virginia, born in 1772, and was a captain under Gen. Harrison in the war of 1812. He married Nancy Bryan, in 1814. She was born in 1799, and was a daughter of David and C. Everhart, a prominent citizen of Clermont County, Ohio. The father of the subject of this sketch died in 1844 and his mother in 1879. D. C. spent his boyhood days, and received a good education, in his native county. When quite young he learned the carpenter's trade. He has made three trips to California, being very successful in his undertakings as a miner. The trips were made in 1850, 1853, and the third one in 1857. Mr. E. has been married six times; first, January 15, 1844, to Miss Harriet H. Ely, a native of Clermont County, Ohio, born December 21, 1824. She died September 28, 1851, leaving one son, William E., born January 24, 1849. He is now a merchant at Maitland, Missouri. His second marriage occurred January 1, 1852, to Miss Mary T. Gest, a native of the same county, born January 7, 1826. She died April 27, 1853, leav-

ing one son, Charles R., now a farmer in this township. December 7, 1853, he was married the third time, to Miss Mary T. Hulick, a native of the same county, born August 26, 1830. Her death occurred June 5, 1861. Two daughters survive: Carrie B., wife of W. E. Schoole, a farmer in the township, and Dollie B., wife of Warren W. Pegg, who is editor of the Clermont Courier, in Clermont County, Ohio. Mr. Everhart's fourth marriage was to Miss Chloe A. Debolt, a native of Hamilton County, Ohio, born January 14, 1835. She died June 26, 1868. The fifth marriage was October 6, 1870, when Miss Lina A. Dunseth, a native of Hamilton County, Ohio, became his wife. She was born May 16, 1838, and died April 30, 1873. Mr. E. was married the sixth time, in 1881, to Mrs: Matilda Harell, a native of Shelby County, Indiana. She had previously been married three times and has one son, L. B. Binson, now a grain merchant at Humboldt, Nebraska. D. C. Everhart has been a contractor and liveryman at Batava, Ohio, and also farmed for many years, and during the time he lived in Hamilton County, Ohio, was interested in the hotel business. For many years he has been dealing in real estate, in Missouri and Ohio. Three of his children are settled in Holt County, Missouri, and when Maitland was founded he invested largely in lots. Since then his time has been devoted to the improvement of his land. He built the Valley Hotel, which was the first one erected in the town. Mr. E. has been a Mason in good standing since 1849.

### CHARLES R. EVERHART,

farmer and stock grower, section 4, is a native of Clermont County, Ohio, was born in 1853, and is a son of D. C. and Mary (Gest) Everhart. Charles was raised and educated in his native county, and in 1873, took a trip to California, remaining at San Francisco for some three months. He afterwards went to Boise City and devoted his time to the dairy business for two years, after which he came to Holt County, Missouri. Mr. E. was married in 1875, to Miss Mary E. Schoole, a native of Holt County, Missouri, born December 19, 1855. She was a daughter of Charles H. and M. W. (King) Schoole. They have three children: Gracie, Blanche and Eva.

#### D. A. GELVIN

is a member of one of the largest live stock firms in Northwest Missouri. His farm consists of 573 acres of fine, fertile soil, situated along the Nodaway River, his residence being in section 16. Mr. G. is a native of Franklin County, Pennsylvania, where he was born August 4, 1850, and was a son of James and Catharine Gelvin. His father was born and raised in Franklin County, Pennsylvania, and began dealing in stock when but a mere boy. He soon became noted for his superior judg-

ment in the selection of a horse, and for many years purchased large droves of these animals, in Pennsylvania and Ohio, taking them to Boston. At other times he would buy cattle and hogs in Pennsylvania and Ohio and take them to the markets of Baltimore and Philadelphia. After many years of successful business life he retired from active labor. He was first married in 1833, to Miss Mary Zimmerman, who died in 1844. He was married the second time in 1846, to Miss Catharine Crider, a native of Franklin County, Pennsylvania, born in 1815. The senior Gelvin died in February, 1873, but his widow still resides at the old homestead. D. A. spent his boyhood in his native county, receiving a good education, and when at the age of twenty years he came west and located in Holt County, Missouri. He worked by the month till the spring of 1871, and during that year and the one following, he farmed. In February, 1873, he returned to Pennsylvania on account of his father's sickness, and the succeeding summer worked by the month. The next fall he again came to Holt County, and devoted his time to farming. Mr. G. was married November 19, 1874, to Miss Lizzie Hershner, a native of Crawford County, Ohio, born February 3, 1850, and a daughter of Andrew and Mary (Pearce) Hershner. Her father, who was born in 1821, in Wayne County, Pennsylvania, moved with his parents to Crawford County, Ohio. Her mother was a native of Maryland, and with her parents moved to Crawford County, Ohio. After being married they settled in that county, and in 1866, came to Holt County, Missouri, where they now reside. Mr. and Mrs. Gelvin settled on eighty acres of land in Clay Township, in section 24, township 62, range 38, and in 1876 he entered into the live stock business, which has proved to be a grand success. He first bought on commission, but soon established an excellent reputation as a buyer, and entered into a partnership with E. F. Weller. He afterwards became interested in a store, finally sold out and entered into partnership with William Maurer. They are now known as about the heaviest shippers in Northwest Missouri. Mr. G. has as good a stock farm as there is in Holt County. His family consists of three daughters: Elsie D., born January 11, 1876; Emma L., born August 21, 1878, and Cora May, born October 9, 1880.

# J. D. GOODPASTURE,

farmer, section 36, was a son of Rev. A. H. and Dulcina B. Goodpasture. His father, a native of Overton County, Tennessee, was born June 21, 1812, he being a son of John and Margery Goodpasture, natives of Virginia. John built the first court house at Richmond, Virginia. Rev. A. H. G. was the sixth child of a family of fourteen children. He spent his boyhood days and received a good common schooling in his native county, and when twenty-one years of age began life as a farmer. In

1833, he went to Central Alabama, and while en route, stopped for a time and attended a camp meeting. There he became converted, and soon resolved to work in the Christian cause. He began studying for the ministry, and was licensed to preach in April, 1835, by the Talladega Presbytery of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. He soon commenced preaching at Mardisville, Alabama, and after laboring for twenty-five months, returned to his native place. In 1836, he went to Sangamon County, Illinois, and in that state was circuit preacher some eighteen months. Going again to Alabama, he remained till 1842, when he went to Illinois and located in Menard County, where he has since labored. He was married January 10, 1843, to Dulcina B. Williams, a native of Bath County, Kentucky, born March 19, 1819. She was a daughter of James and Hannah (Moffin) Williams. Rev. A. H. Goodpasture and wife afterward settled at Petersburgh, Menard County, Illinois, where they remained till 1850, and then purchased land where they now reside. J. D. was born in Petersburgh, Menard County, Illinois, May 9, 1846, and when at the age of four years, with his parents, he located on a farm. He received a good common education, and during the years of 1863 and 1864 attended the North Sangamon Academy. In 1865 he took a course of study at the Normal School, at Lincoln, Illinois, afterward returned home and was married September 1, 1868, to Miss Frances H. O'Banion, a native of Morgan County, Illinois. was born November 21, 1848, and was educated at Forest Hill and Jacksonville Seminaries. Her father, George M., was a native of Morgan County, Illinois, born September 15, 1827, and was a son of Evin and Margaret (Hall) O'Banion. Her mother, formerly Amanda M. Flinn, was from the same county, born September 3, 1827. She was a daughter of Z. W. and Elizabeth (Hill) Flinn. George M. and Amanda O'Banion were married February 10, 1848, and then settled in Morgan County, Illinois, on a farm, moving to Cass County, Illinois, in 1850, and back to Morgan County in 1852. Here George died September 15, 1853, and his wife was married the second time to Aaron Thompson, a native of Cape May County, New Jersey. He was born January 28, 1810, being a son of Anson and Elizabeth (Eldridge) Thompson. Having received a good education, he went to Menard County, Illinois, in 1837, taught school and worked at the carpenters' trade, and also clerked in a store for a number of years. In 1848 he turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, purchasing and improving a large farm. He was married September 21, 1848, to Miss Sarah J. Carson, a native of Sangamon County, Illinois, born in 1827, and a daughter of William and Cynthia (Boumont) Carson. She died October 19, 1854. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Goodpasture settled in Morgan County, Illinois, on a farm and remained till September, 1869, when they came to Holt County, Missouri. Here he purchased his present farm consisting of 500 acres of improved land, with excellent buildings, good orchards, etc. They have a family of six children: Edwin R., born July 26, 1869; Abraham H., born May 20, 1871; Amanda D., born January 17, 1873; Mary H., born July 31, 1875; George B., born October 5, 1877, and Vianna J., born August 31, 1881. They are both members of the M. E. Church.

### W. A. GRAHAM,

of the firm of Graham & Frame, dealers in dry goods, notions, clothing, hats, boots, shoes, queensware, etc., was born in Guernsey County, Ohio, on the 22d of October, 1858, being the son of Rev. F. H. and Rebecca A. (Irvin) Graham. His father was a native of Baltimore County, Maryland, born in 1823, and his mother was born in the same county in September, 1827. They were married in 1845 and settled in Belmont County, Ohio, and subsequently moved to Rockford County, Indiana. They afterwards returned to Guernsey County, Ohio, and in 1865 emigrated to Harrison County, Missouri, settling on a farm. There they remained till 1869, when they moved to Oregon, Holt County, and in 1871 to Rock Port, Atchison County. In 1872, Fillmore, Andrew County, became their home, and in 1873 they went to Macon City. Here the father died on the 25th of July of that year. William, with his mother, then returned to Oregon, Holt County, in the fall of 1875. During youth he received good educational advantages, thereby becoming familiarized with the primary business rules, so important in the life of every successful business man. From 1876 till 1879 he was deputy postmaster and telegraph operator at Oregon. In March, 1879, he entered the employ of Woolworth & Colt, at St. Joseph, as salesman, with whom he remained till July, 1880, when he formed a partnership with Mr. Albert Frame, opening a general stock at Maitland. Mr. Graham owns the building which they occupy. He found a wife in the person of Miss Grace B. King, to whom he was married December 31, 1880. She was a native of Fayette County, Ohio, born October 15, 1858, and was the daughter of Dr. R. and Rachel (O'Neil) King. Mr. G. is a member of the A. O. U. W., belonging to lodge No. 202. and his wife are members of the M. E. Church.

#### EDWARD L. HART

was born on the 24th of November, 1856, in Holt County, Missouri, and was the son of Rev. David and Martha E. (Higley) Hart. The former was a native of Yorkshire, England, and was born November 21, 1821, his parents being Francis and Susan (Speck) Hart. David Hart was early left an orphan, and when quite young he learned the machinist's trade. When twenty-one years of age he entered the ministry. In 1852

he emigrated to America, locating at Jacksonville, Illinois, where he was engaged in the carriage business, till 1854, after which he came to Whig Valley, Holt County. There he remained till the summer of 1855, when he moved to Nebraska. The winter following he returned and, on the 12th of December, 1855, was married to Miss Martha E. Higley, a native of Hartford, Connecticut, born June 9, 1819. She was a daughter of Thomas Higley, a native of Hartford, Connecticut. He was born in 1785 and was married to Miss Ann Gaylord, a native of Windsor, Connecticut, born in 1788. In 1830 they moved to North Carolina, and in 1838 to Indiana, coming to Clay Township, Holt County, Missouri, in 1845, and being among the very first settlers here. Thomas Higley died in 1853, and Ann G. Higley in 1861. Rev. David Hart and his wife finally located in Nebraska, and in 1869 returned to Holt County. In 1872 they again went to Nebraska, and in 1878 to Salt Lake City, in order to gain, if possible, a change for the better in Mr. H.'s health. He died there January 14, 1879. Mrs. Hart then returned to Nebraska, where Edward L. had been reared and educated. He attended for some time the State University, and after leaving this institution returned with his mother to Holt County and settled on the old homestead, where they now reside. December 14, 1881, Mr. Hart was appointed Justice of the Peace, and discharged his duties faithfully and creditably.

# ALLEN HAYZLETT,

farmer, section 14, was born in Hancock County, Indiana, May 18, 1838, and is a son of James and Angeline (Taylor) Hayzlett. His father was a native of Virginia, and his mother of Ohio. With their parents they had moved to Hancock County, Indiana, where they married and settled. James Hayzlett died in 1859. The subject of this sketch spent his boyhood days and received a good education in his native state, commencing life for himself as a farmer when at the age of twenty years. In 1860 he went to Kansas and farmed till April, 1862, when he enlisted in Company B, Twelfth Kansas Volunteer Cavalry, and was at the battle of Independence. He was wounded four times, and on August 25, 1862, was honorably discharged. Mr. H. returned to his farm in Kansas, and remained till 1864, when he went to his native county in Indiana. 1866, with his mother, he moved to Hughes Township, Nodaway County, Missouri, purchasing a farm, which he sold in 1876, and then moved to Holt County, Missouri. There he bought his present farm of 120 acres of land, now well improved. He was married November 25, 1877, to Miss Amanda Fountain, a daughter of L. and Martha Fountain. The former was born October 9, 1830, and the latter October 17, 1829. had gone to Shelby County, Indiana, with their parents when they were mere children. Their marriage occurred October 16, 1855, after which

they settled in that county, and moved to Minnesota in 1864, and in 1871 to Holt County, Missouri. They now reside near Oregon.

### JAMES M. KENYON,

dealer in hardware, farm implements, etc., is a native of Andrew County, Missouri, where he was born April 11, 1840, being a son of Thompson and India Ann (Griffith) Kenyon. His father was born in Ohio in 1810, and his mother is a native of Bourbon County, Kentucky, born in 1811. After being married they settled in Ohio, and in 1838 moved to Andrew County, Missouri, purchasing a farm of 240 acres of choice land. The senior Kenyon died in 1844. James M. passed his youthful days and received his education in his native county. After his father's death he took charge of the farm, though but seventeen years of age. In 1862 he went to Colorado, and devoted his time to mining and freighting, and during the years of 1868 and 1869 he was engaged in the grocery busness at Warsatch, Colorado. Upon selling out he returned to the old homestead in Andrew County. Mr. K. was married November 11, 1869, to Miss Emily Jackson, a native of Guernsey County, Ohio, born on the 17th of July, 1848. She is the daughter of Benjamin and Sinie Jackson, the former a native of Pennsylvania, born October 6, 1799, and her mother, a native of Belmont County, Ohio, born July 19, 1807. They were married December 15, 1830, and then settled in Belmont County, Ohio, and in 1867 moved to Andrew County, Missouri, and in 1880 to Maryville. After the return of Mr. Kenyon from Colorado, he devoted his time to the breeding of Short Horn cattle, till 1877, when, with John W. Jones, of Clinton County, he closed out the entire herd at St Joseph, Missouri. In 1877 and 1878 he was at Deadwood, and in July 1880, he settled at Maitland, embarking in the dry goods trade, but sold out during that fall and purchased his present stock of Paschal & Spencer. is a Mason in good standing. Mrs. K. is a member of the Presbyterian Church. Their family consists of Clyde M., born April 2, 1871, and Mary E., born September 13, 1876.

### A. H. KIDD,

merchant, at Maitland, was born in Petersboro' County, Canada, February 24, 1850, and was a son of Robert and Elizabeth (Johns) Kidd. His father is a native of Lanark County, Canada, and when but a mere boy moved with his parents to Petersboro County and settled on a farm. His mother is a native of England, and went to Canada with her parents when at the age of twelve years. After they were married they settled on the farm where they still reside, and are now enjoying good health. A. H. passed his boyhood days and received a good education in his native county. He afterwards spent some two years at a grammar

school, and devoted the next two years in teaching. In 1869 he graduated at the New London Commercial College. He then returned to the home of his parents and assisted on the farm. In the spring of 1871 he immigrated to the Unites States, locating in Iowa. He taught school in the counties of Union, Adams and Taylor. He was married April 28, 1877, to Miss E. M. Kater, a native of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, born May 23, 1838. Her father was James Kater, Esq., a native of Scotland, who, after being married, came to America, in 1828. He was a weaver by trade, and located at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and assisted his son in a market. Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Kidd subsequently settled in Adams County, Iowa, on a farm some nine miles from Creston, purchasing and improving 160 acres of land. After some four years he sold out and came to Maitland and opened a store, where he is now doing a successful business. Both he and his wife are members of the Christian Church, and Mr. K. is assistant superintendent of the Sabbath school.

# CHARLES A. LEACH,

freight agent and telegraph operator, was born May 12, 1852, in Cayuga County, New York, being a son of C. and J. H. Leach, who, after their marriage, moved to Nodaway County, Missouri, in 1871, and settled on a farm six miles north of Maryville. Charles A. spent his boyhood days in his native county. His education was a very liberal one, and was received at Oakwood Seminary, now known as Friends' University, in Cayuga County, New York. He was a graduate from this institution in 1870, and then came west with his parents, assisting them on the farm till the summer of 1873. At that time he entered the office of the Kansas City, St. Joseph & Council Bluffs Railroad at Maryville, Missouri. His qualities as a student and business man were soon observed by the company, and August 12, 1874, he was placed in charge of the Bigelow office, and on the main line of the Kansas City, St. Joseph and Council Bluffs. Here he became known as a skilled and careful operator, and August 1, 1880, he assumed charge of the duties of the office at Maitland. Mr. Leach is possessed of superior social powers and is known to be quite a humorist. Miss Rena R. Courier became his wife on February 10, 1877, and by this union they have two children, a bright boy, Guy C., born August 27, 1878, and a charming daughter, Mary, born October 12, 1880. Mrs. L. is a member of the M. E. Church. Leach belongs to lodge No. 202 of the A. O. U. W.

### G. R. McINTYRE,

farmer, section 23, is a native of Holt County, Missouri, and was born May 12, 1849. His father, Judge George McIntyre, a native of Butler County, Ohio, moved with his parents to Parke County, Indiana, and

there he was married to Miss Polly Milleman, a native of New York. She had gone with her parents to Michigan, and afterwards to Parke County, Indiana. The Judge and his wife settled in Holt County, Missouri, and there his wife died October 22, 1872. G. R. McIntyre spent his boyhood days in his native county, and received an excellent education. He taught school for a number of winters, and was married January 31, 1872, to Miss Louisa A. Russell, a native of Holt County, Missouri, born August 2, 1853. She was a daughter of Judge R. H. and Mary E. Russell. The former was born in Clarke County, Ohio, April 7, 1818, and in 1836 left Ohio and resided in Lafayette, Indiana, and in the spring of 1836 he came to the Platte Purchase. In 1841 he married Mary E. Crowley, who died in 1860. In 1861 he was married to Susan Bishop. Mrs. McIntyre was raised by her step-mother, and was educated in Holt County. Mr. and Mrs. McI. finally settled on their present farm. They have been blessed with three children: Lee, born October 14, 1873; Edwin, born November 6, 1875, and D. G., December 21, 1877.

### C. D. MESSINGER,

hardware dealer, may be numbered among the most successful business men of Maitland. He is a native of Clinton County, Missouri, and was born in 1856. His parents were Chester and Elizabeth (Riley) Messinger, the former a native of New Hampshire, and the latter of Kentucky. She was a sister of Hon. J. T. Riley, of Buchanan County, Missouri. The father and mother of C. D. died when he was but a mere boy, and his early days were spent in agricultural pursuits, the money thus earned through the summer months being spent in procuring an education. When at the age of eighteen years he determined, with that spirit of enterprise which has characterized his course through life, to enter the mercantile business. He began in the hardware establishment of J. H. Robison, of St. Joseph, and discharged his duties creditably and to the satisfaction of his employer. Mr. Messinger subsequently became employed by Shultz & Hosea, hardware and cutlery manufacturers, and his ability and strict attention to business, soon achieved for him an enviable reputation as a salesman. In June, 1880, he attended the sale of lots at the newly located town of Maitland, purchasing choice corner lots. Soon after he erected a business house, and is now known throughout the Nodaway Valley as a leading hardware merchant. He is a Mason in good standing, and is also a member of the Baptist Church.

# J. T. MOORE,

merchant, was born in Menard County, Illinois, on October 29, 1850, and is a son of Samuel and Selena (Williams) Moore. His father was a native

of Fleming County and his mother of Green County, Kentucky. They both moved to Illinois in 1823, with their parents, and there they were married, afterwards settling on a farm. J. T. passed his youthful days and received his education in his native county. He was married October 29, 1873, to Miss Catharine McNeal, a native of Menard County, Illinois, and a daughter of John and Eliza (Short) McNeal. After marriage Mr. and Mrs. Moore settled at the oldhomestead, and in 1880 he disposed of his entire effects and moved to Holt County, Missouri. He located some four miles northwest of Maitland, improved a farm of eighty acres, but sold out and moved to Maitland, in March, 1881. February 8, 1882, in connection with Mr. J. K. Seaman, he entered the grocery business. Mr. and Mrs. Moore have a family of two children, Samuel and Jessie B. Mr. M. is a member of the A. O. U. W., belonging to Lodge No. 202.

# J. J. MOULTON,

is the publisher and proprietor of the Maitland Independent, a newsy and interesting sheet, published weekly, and which, under its present able management, has built up a good circulation. Mr. Moulton is a native of Tazwell County, Illinois, and was born on a farm four miles east of Fort Clark (now Peoria) on August 15, 1833. The days of his youth were spent in assisting his father on the farm, his evenings being devoted to study. When eighteen years of age he purchased an outfit, and from that time until he was twenty-two years old, he followed prairie breaking with an ox team. In 1855, he entered a college in his native county, prosecuting his studies for some four years. In 1861, he enlisted in Company K, Eleventh Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and was placed on guard duty at Bird's Point, being honorably discharged in the August following. On the 2d of the same month, Mr. Moulton re-enlisted in the Sixteenth United States Infantry, receiving his discharge on October 2, 1864. Returning to Illinois, he was occupied in teaching school till the fall of 1867, when he went to Atchison County, Missouri, locating on a farm. In 1878, he purchased the Riverton Enterprise. A few months later he moved to Clarinda, Iowa, where he established the Nodaway Chief. In February, 1881, he sold out and came to Maitland, Holt County, Missouri, where he has since continued to edit one of the best papers of the county. Mr. Moulton was married April 20, 1865, to Miss Roxie A. Mette, a native of Wood County, Illinois. She was born in 1844. They have one child, Ernest, born October 12, 1866.

### D. C. PARKS,

druggist, a native of Andrew County, Missouri, was born January 16, 1855, being a son of John M. and Frances (Thomas) Parks. His father was born and raised in Kentucky, and in 1852 came to Missouri, locating near Fillmore, Andrew County. His mother was a native of Clay-

County, Missouri. They settled on a farm after their marriage, where they still reside. The subject of this sketch spent his boyhood days in his native county till he abandoned tilling the soil, in order to fit himself for a teacher. Many long evenings were spent in study, and two years of his younger life were passed as professor of penmanship. With a mind filled with learning and a future bright and promising, he taught school some four years, and in 1881 formed a partnership with a Mr. Roberts. They opened a drug store at Maitland, and are now doing a good business. Mr. Parks was married to Miss Mary Kee, December 29, 1881. She was a daughter of William and Elizabeth Kee, was born in 1858, and was raised in Andrew County, Missouri. She is a member of the M. E. Church, and Mr. P. belongs to the I. O. O. F. fraternity.

### WILLIAM H. PATTERSON,

farmer and breeder of Clydesdale horses, mules and Jersey and Poland China hogs, resides in section 25. Mr. P. is a native of Andrew County, Missouri, was born January 14, 1841, and is a son of Henry and C. S. Patterson. His father was born in Ireland, January 14, 1814, and came to America in 1834, landing at New York City. He went to Mobile, Alabama, remained one winter, thence to St. Louis, and finally located at Savannah, Andrew County, Missouri, in the spring of 1835, being one of the twelve who first located in that county. He was married in 1840, to Miss C. S. Cobb, a native of Montgomery County, Kentucky. She, with her parents, moved to Missouri at an early day. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Patterson settled on a farm near Savannah, and in 1846 moved into the town, where Mr. P. now resides, his wife having died in November, 1862. W. H. spent his boyhood days in his native county, and received a good education. When twenty years of age he started out for himself as a farmer, and during the war freighted in Colorado till 1866. He then returned to Andrew County, and in March, 1866, he was married to Miss Eliza J. Cobb, a native of Andrew County, Missouri. She was a daughter of G. W. and Mary Cobb, the former a native of Kentucky, and the latter of Virginia. With her parents she moved to Andrew County, Missouri, where she was married. William H. Patterson and wife settled on Hackberry Ridge, in Andrew County, and lived there till 1867, when he moved to Holt County, locating some four miles east of Oregon. In 1870 he moved on the farm where he now resides. Their family consists of six children, five boys and one girl: Louis C., Edward H., Hallie A., William L., George H. and Morie O.

### A. S. PEARCE,

farmer, section 11, was born in Baltimore County, Maryland, May 10, 1838, and was a son of William and Elizabeth Pearce, who were also

natives of the same county. The subject of this sketch passed his younger days in his native county, and when at the age of fourteen years with his parents he moved to Butler County, Ohio, where they settled on a farm. In 1854 he moved to Illinois, and here he enlisted in the Second Illinois Light Artillery, in 1862, and did service through many hard fought battles, among which was the engagement at Fort Donelson. He was promoted to orderly sergeant for bravery, and was finally mustered out. Soon after he came to Holt County, Missouri, and in 1865 was married to Miss Julia Kunkel, a native of Holt County, Missouri, born November 28, 1848. By this union they have a family of eight children: Willie, Schuyler, Myrtle, Alfretta, Dellie, Abraham, Perte and Homer. They have lost one, Rowena. Mr. Pearce's farm consists of 160 acres of fine land, well improved, including good buildings and orchard.

# J. E. PHILLIPS,

lumberman, is a native of Watertown, Jefferson County, New York, and was born May 13, 1851, being a son of William N. and Lucy J. Phillips. The former was born in Massachusetts, and, in 1846, was married to Miss Lucy J. Tayor, a native of Saratoga County, New York. They afterwards settled at Watertown, and, in 1854, moved to Wayne, DuPage County, Illinois, locating on a farm. Some two years after, Mr. P. entered the mercantile business at Wayne, and here Mrs. Lucy Phillips died, in 1858, leaving seven children. The father was married a second time, to Miss Mary Black, a native of Rockport, New York. She had moved to Illinois with her parents at an early day. Her death occurred in 1864, at the age of fifteen years. J. E. Phillips then went to live with an uncle, Elliott Tayor, at Pontiac, Oakland County, Michigan. In 1874, he graduated from the High School, and in 1876 was graduated from the law department of the State University at Ann Arbor, Michigan. He practiced at the bar of Chicago and Wheaton, Illinois, till January, 1880, when, his health having failed, he entered the employ of Howell & Bros., at Maryville, Missouri. Soon after he took charge of their lumber yard at Graham, and in June of the same year came to Maitland. He was one of the pioneers of the town, and made some of the first improvements. Mr. P. was married June 7, 1876, to Miss Emily Sayer, a native of Wayne, DuPage County, Illinois, born August 8, 1853. She was a daughter of Henry V. and Phebe E. (Moffatt) Sayer, who were natives of New York. They settled in DuPage County, Illinois at an early day. Mr. and Mrs. P. have one child, Mary Lucy. They are both members of the Congregational Church. Mr. Phillips is chairman of the town board, a school trustee, and is superintendent of the Sunday School.

### B. W. ROSS,

physician and surgeon, though young in years, deserves to be classed with the old practitioners of Holt and Nodaway Counties. He is a native of Bainbridge, Ross County, Ohio, and was born September 22, 1852. He enjoyed the best advantages for an education that Ohio could afford, and always having had a taste for the medical profession, in 1871, he commenced reading with Dr. Hughey, of Bainbridge, and continued under his tutorship for one year, when, on account of poor health, he was obliged to abandon his studies. Believing that the western climate would be beneficial, he came to Holt County, Missouri, in 1874, his parents having moved to that county some two years previous. While residing with his parents, and assisting on the farm, he regained his health, and resumed the study of medicine. He attended lectures in 1879-80, and graduated from the Keokuk Medical College, of Keokuk, Iowa. In 1880 he began the practice of his profession at Mound City, Holt County, Missouri, and remained there until the spring of 1881, when he came to Graham, and immediately engaged in following his chosen profession. Later, Dr. Ross removed to Maitland and became occupied in the drug business, in which he has obtained a large and lucrative patronage. His studious habits and close attention to his calling, combined with excellent work, have placed him in the front rank among members of his profession. The doctor is a member of Lodge No. 189, of the I. O. O. F., of Graham. He was united in marriage on the 6th of January, 1881, to Miss Mary E. Harmon, a daughter of Jacob Harmon, a native of Brown County, Kansas, born on the 4th day of March, 1858.

# MAJOR EB. ROZELL,

farmer, section 31, was born in Ross County, Ohio, April 29, 1837, and is a son of Eben and Esther Rozell, who were natives of New York. The father was born in 1772, and went to Ross County, Ohio, in 1805. He died in March, 1846, after having served in the war of 1812 under Colonel McDonald. The mother of Eb. Rozell was born in 1793. They married in 1813, and then settled in Ross County, Ohio, where they had purchased a large tract of land, and improved it. Mrs. Rozell still resides at the old homestead. The subject of this memoir spent his boyhood days and received an excellent education in his native county. During the time from 1857 to 1858 he taught school, but afterwards returned to the farm and devoted his time to agricultural pursuits. He was married September 13, 1860, to Miss Mary Ross, a native of Ross County, Ohio, born April 22, 1843, and is a daughter of George and Abbie (Meighen) Ross, natives of Pennsylvania. In May, 1861, Mr. Rozell enlisted in the Sixty-third Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was

wounded at the battle of Corinth, October 4, 1863, after which he was discharged. He returned to Ross County, Ohio, and in the spring of 1864 assisted in organizing the One Hundred and Forty-ninth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and entered the field as major of his regi-He served in Virginia with the army of the Potomac till October, 1864, when he was wounded in the shoulder and left lung. He was captured in the Shenandoah Valley, and for several weeks was held as prisoner in Libby Prison, at Richmond. He was paroled and mustered out at Washington, D. C., September 20, 1864. Mr. R. returned to Ross County, Ohio, and the following spring made a visit to Burlington Junction, Nodaway County, Missouri. In 1870 he disposed of his effects in Ross County, and moved to Andrew County, Missouri, and in 1871 came to Holt County, Missouri, settling where he now resides. In 1874 he was elected justice of the peace. The family of Mr. and Mrs. Rozell consists of four children: Olie, Frank, Albert and Walter. They are both members of the M. E. Church.

### H. H. SEELEY,

of the firm of Finney, Williams & Co., lumber dealers, is a native of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, and was born April 23, 1846. His father, R. Seeley, was born in the state of Connecticut, in 1824, and with his parents moved to Rochester, New York, and in 1844 he went to Pennsylvania. His parents later moved to Wisconsin. Roswell taught school for some time, and was afterwards married to Isabella Crawford, a native of Pennsylvania, born in 1825. They settled in Pennsylvania, and in 1848 moved to St. Louis, and to Illinois in 1851. Leavenworth, Kansas, became their home in 1860, and in 1867 the father died, and in 1882 the mother followed. H. H. accompanied his parents on their different moves, and received a good education at Leavenworth. He learned the carpenter trade and worked in Leavenworth till 1874, when he went to Barnard, Nodaway County, Missouri, and opened a lumber yard. This he sold to a Mr. Williams, and formed a company styled Finney, Williams & Co., and located at Maitland in October, 1881. Mr. S. was married July 4, 1870, to Miss Etta D. Sayre, a native of Oneida County, New York, born January 15, 1849. She is the daughter of F. R. and L. (Chapman) Sayre, her father a native of New York, was born in 1802, and her mother, a native of New York, was born in 1806. After they were married they settled in New York, and in 1860 moved to Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Seeley are both members of the Baptist Church. He belongs to Lodge 204, A. O. U. W. Their family consists of six children living: F. R., Charles S., George A., W. G., L. I. and I. G. One daughter, Alice R., is deceased.

### N. S. SHULL,

farmer, section 29, was born in North Carolina, April 15, 1840. His parents, James and Elizabeth Shull, were both natives of the same state. N. S. Spent his boyhood days and received a good education in North Carolina. During the late rebellion he served the entire time in the Confederate army. In 1869 he went to Nodaway County, Missouri, and was married April 15, 1875, to Miss Mary Gilmore, a native of Buchanan County, Missouri. After this they settled in Holt County, Missouri. They have a family consisting of four children: Maggie L., William H., Ernest E. and Minnie B. Mrs. S. is a member of the Christian Church.

### LOUIS C. SMOCK,

grocer. The subject of this sketch, a native of Nodaway County, Missouri, was born on the 4th of May, 1853, and is the son of James and Martha (Linville) Smock. His father was born in Bartholomew County, Indiana, in 1819, and died December 22, 1864. His mother was a native of Jackson County, Missouri. Louis passed his boyhood days and received his education in Holt County, Missouri. In 1874, he spent the most of the time in Indiana, but after returning devoted his time to farming till October, 1881. He then entered the grocery business at Maitland, and as a merchant is very successful. Mr. Smock was married on the 5th of August, 1875, to Miss L. Murphy, a native of Daviess County, Missouri, born on the 9th of March, 1859. Her father was John Mr. and Mrs. S. have by this union three children: Murphy, Esq. Bathana B., born April 7, 1877; Thomas L., born December 9, 1879; Marion J., born January 4, 1881. Mr. Smock is a Mason in good standing. His farm consists of 60 acres of fine land well improved.

# JOSEPH R. STONE,

dealer in harness, saddles, trunks, valises, etc., is a native of Atchison County, Missouri. He was born January 30, 1859, and is a son of J. R. and M. S. (White) Stone, who settled in Atchison County, Missouri, in 1857. Joseph, with his parents, moved to Worth County, in 1860, and remained till 1864, then going to St. Joseph, where he lived until 1865, thence to Plattsville, Iowa, and in 1866 he located at Graham. Here his father carried on the harness and saddle business till 1879, when he moved to Burlington Junction. Joseph received a good education at Graham, and when but a boy began working at the harness business, and after his father's removal he opened a shop in Graham and did a good business there. November 10, 1880, he came to Maitland and now commands a good trade, which he deserves. Mr. Stone married Miss Lydia Eberlin, a native of Wisconsin, born August 7, 1861. She is the

daughter of Thiebant and Mary E. (Hamm) Eberlin. Her tather is a native of Germany, born October 14, 1826. Her mother was born in France, October 15, 1825. They were married April 25, 1853. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Stone settled at Maitland. He is a member of Hesperian Lodge, No. 189, I. O. O. F., and Lodge No. 202, A. O. U. W.

#### WICKLIFF TAYLOR

is one of the successful merchants of Maitland. He was born in New Paris, Preble County, Ohio, being the son of Dr. J. C. and Nancy Taylor. His father is a native of Fleming County, Kentucky, born in 1819, and his mother of Virginia, born in 1818. Dr. J. C. and Nancy Taylor were married in 1838, after which they settled in Preble County, Ohio, and in 1858 moved to Indiana. Here Mrs. Taylor died, and the doctor was married the second time, and, in 1859, came to Nodaway County, Missouri, and in 1860 to Forest City, Holt County. He was afterwards in the mercantile business at Graham for seven years, and also at Fillmore and Savannah. He sold out at Maryville in 1874, then moved to Topeka, Kansas, where he now resides. Wickliff established a store at Graham, and conducted the business under the firm name of Taylor & Bros., soon after the father's removal to Kansas, and still retains his interest. He is also the junior member of the firm of M. N. Dougherty & Co., who are doing a general merchandise business in this city. Mr. T. was married July 27, 1881, to Miss Belle Turnure, a native of Boone County, Illinois, and a daughter of E. W. and Emily Turnure. Her father, a native of New York, was born in 1827, and died in July, 1880. Her mother was born in 1832, in New York, and is still living. They were married in 1853, after which they settled in Boone County, and in 1863, went to Mitchell County, Iowa, and to Nodaway County, Missouri, in 1865. They located near Bridgewater, and in 1871 went to Maryville, and to Graham in 1877.

## L. M. THOMPSON,

farmer, section 36, is a native of Menard County, Illinois, where he was born, May 27, 1852, and is a son of Aaron and Sarah (Carson) Thompson. His father was born in Cape May County, New Jersey, January 28, 1810, and was a son of Anson and Elizabeth (Eldridge) Thompson. He received a good education and went to Menard County, Illinois, in 1837, where he taught school and worked at the carpenter's trade. He also clerked in a store for a number of years, and in 1848 he turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, purchasing and improving a large farm. He was married September 21, 1848, to Miss Sarah J. Carson, a native of Sangamon County, Illinois. She was a daughter of William and Cynthia (Boumont) Carson. He was one of the first settlers of Menard

County, Illinois. The mother died October 19, 1854, and the father was married the second time to Mrs. Amanda M., widow of George M. O'Banion, who still resides in Illinois. L. M. Thompson spent his boyhood days in his native county, and received a good education, when at the age of seventeen years he came to Holt County Missouri, and broke prairie for two years, and in 1872 turned his attention to tilling the soil. He married March 22, 1874, Miss Emma Shields, a native of Washington County, Indiana, born March 7, 1851. Her parents were William and Sarah (Cartwright) Shields. Her father, a native of Randolph County, North Carolina, was born January 31, 1823, the son of Reuben and Gracie Shields. Her mother was born in Washington County, Indiana, May 12, 1823. They were married October 9, 1844, and then settled in Washington County, Indiana, and in 1870 moved to Holt County, Missouri, and in 1879 to Kansas. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson finally located where they now reside. Their family consists of two children: Ida M., born February 22, 1875, and Claudie M., born December 30, 1876.

### S. L. VINSONHALER,

grain dealer, was born in Nodaway County, Missouri, June 29, 1854, and is a son of D. M. and Mary Vinsonhaler, The father was a native of Ross County, Ohio, born October 6, 1820, and with his parents he moved to Nodaway County, Missouri, and settled near Graham. He was married October 6, 1853, to Miss Mary Byers, a native of Andrew County, Missouri. She died in 1858, and D. M. Vinsonhaler married the second time Miss Mary I. Rea. They now reside where he first settled, some three miles south of Graham. S. L. passed his younger days and received his education in Nodaway County, Missouri. In 1868 he began clerking for Smith & Vaugh, merchants at Graham, and in 1869 entered the employ of McQuary & Gardner, hardware merchants. In 1871 he learned the painters' trade, at which he worked till 1880, when he entered the employ of Bariteau & Welch, grain merchants at Maitland: Mr. V. married October 25, 1875, Miss Sarah Trapp, a native of Andrew County, Missouri, born March 16, 1858. She was a daughter of Rev. W. R. and M. A. Trapp. Mrs. V. died November 27, 1875. Mr. V. was married the second time September 13, 1879, to Miss Maggie Lewis, a native of Fayette County, Pennsylvania, born February 21, 1861. Her parents were Dr. D. S. and Margaret J. Anderson. Mr. V. is a member of Hesperian Lodge, No. 189 I. O. O. F.

### GEORGE WAGNER,

farmer, section 4, a native of Jefferson County, Ohio, was born in 1833. His father, George Wagner, was born in Pennsylvania, and at an early

day, he went, with his parents, to Ohio, in which state he settled. He was married to Miss C. Hicler a native of Ohio. Her father and mother came from Germany. George passed his youthful days in his native state, and in May, 1855, was married to Miss Elizabeth Hooper, a native of Athens, Ohio, born in 1836. Some time after they settled in that county, and remained till 1844, when they moved to Morgan County, Ohio. In the spring of 1866, Mr. Wagner came to Holt County, and located in Clay Township, where he now has a farm, consisting of 200 acres of improved land.

# JAMES WAGNER,

farmer, section 33, was born in Athens County, Ohio, March 25, 1837, and was a son of George and C. (Hicler) Wagner. His father was a native of Pennsylvania, and, with his parents, moved to Ohio and settled in Athens County at an early day. The mother of James was a native of Ohio, but of German descent, her parents having come from Germany and settled in Jefferson County, Ohio. Young Wagner was raised on a farm, receiving a good common-school education, and in 1859 he started for Pike's Peak. Upon reaching the Platte River he decided to go no further, but located at Phelps, in Atchison County, Missouri, where he remained two years. He then went to Vernon County, Wisconsin, and enlisted in Company F, Twentieth Regiment Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, and served till March 4, 1863, when he was honorably discharged, on account of a wound received in a skirmish. December 7, 1863, Mr. Wagner returned to Wisconsin and was married March 4, 1864, to Miss E. Smith, a native of Vinton County, Wisconsin. She died in March, 1867, at the age of twenty-one years, leaving two children, Lawrence E. and William M. Mr. Wagner was married the second time August 1, 1869, to Miss Rebecca Harris, a native of Morgan County, Ohio, born in 1850. In 1876 they moved to Holt County, Missouri, and settled near Maitland, and later located where he now resides. He owns a farm of 160 acres of fine land, well improved. Mr. and Mrs. W. have three children, Charles W., George S. and Bertie R. They are both members of the U.B. Church.

### W. F. WAIT, V. D. M.,

Maitland Christian Church, is a native of Monroe County, Ohio, and was born on the 16th of August, 1847, being the son of Dr. L. A. and Sarah (Smallwood) Wait. His father was born in Greenbrier County, West Virginia, in 1812, and died October 28, 1864, and his mother, a native of Ohio, was born in 1820, and died in 1855. They were married in 1844, and then settled in Monroe County, Ohio. W. F., with his parents, moved to Platte County, Missouri, in 1857, and, in 1859, to

Atchison County. He received his education at Atchison, Kansas, and, in 1864, enlisted in the Fourth Kansas Light Artillery, and did service in the Black Hills, fighting Indians. He suffered many hardships, and at one time lived for nineteen days on mule meat and rose buds. After being mustered out at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, in December, 1865, Mr. Wait returned to Atchison, devoting his time to study preparatory to his entering the ministry. He was ordained in September, 1868, his first charge being at Wyandotte, Kansas. There he remained till 1873, when he came to Missouri, and since that time he has preached in DeKalb, Clinton, Caldwell, Daviess and Holt Counties. He was married on the 7th of July, 1876, to Miss Annie E. Boulton, who is a native of Buchanan County, born in January, 1873. She is the daughter of P. L. and Annie (Baker) Boulton, who were both natives of Mason County, Kentucky, and who, after being married, settled in Buchanan County, Missouri. In 1853 they moved to Caldwell County, locating about seven miles from Cameron. By this union Mr. and Mrs. Wait had one child, Rutherford B., born March 29, 1877, but who died soon after. Mr. Wait is a member of Lodge No. 202, of the A. O. U. W.

# JACOB WELLER,

farmer, section 13, was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, on August 22, 1818, and is a son of John and Mary (Barbara) Weller. He received an excellent education in the state schools, and was assistant teacher from 1832 till 1835 and acted as principal until 1853. In September, 1844, he was married to Miss Catherine Marget, a native of Germany, born February 2, 1823. In 1853 Mr. W. joined the Baptist Church, and for that reason was discharged from further duties as government teacher. following October, with his wife and children, he came to America, landing at Philadelphia, and soon received a call to preach from the Louisville Baptist Church. He acted as missionary till 1869, when he moved to Clarke County, Indiana, and settled on a farm, which he improved. In 1870 he sold out and came to Holt County, Missouri, and purchased a tract of land. He now owns some 320 acres of well improved land near Maitland. His family consists of seven children living: Ernest, Frederick K., William G., Sarah E., Charles F., Phillip J., and Lydia M.

#### D. A. WILLIAMS,

farmer, section I, was born in Geauga County, Ohio, in 1851, being a son of Delvo and Elvira (Knox) Williams, who were natives of the same county. After being married they settled where the father now resides, the mother having died in 1858. The subject of this sketch spent his boyhood days and received a good education in his native county, and

when twenty-one years old he started out for himself, by first engaging in the butter and cheese business for some six years. He married August 27, 1871, Miss Georgie Johnston, a native of the same county as her husband, born in December, 1857. She was the daughter of A. and L. (Heath) Johnston, who were born in Geauga County, Ohio. The mother died when Mrs. W. was quite small, and she was raised by an aunt. In 1878 Mr. W. went to Black Hawk County, Iowa, and was there occupied in making butter and cheese, till 1879. After this he removed to Clarke County, Indiana, and in 1881 traveled through Kansas, but not being satisfied with the country, finally purchased his present farm of 80 acres, which is all improved, and well watered. Mr. and Mrs. Williams have two boys, James A. and Delos G. Mrs. W. is a church member.

## GEORGE W. ZOOK,

farmer, section 11, was born in Mahoning County, Ohio, in 1833. His parents were natives of Pennsylvania and moved to Mahoning County at an early day. When George was five years of age they died and he was raised by an aunt, Caroline Clay by name, and a resident of Mahoning County. When at the age of fourteen years he supported himself by working on a farm, and in 1850 he went to Noble County, Indiana. He was married September 19, 1852, to Miss Lucinda Action, who was a native of Ohio, born in 1836, being a daughter of William and Mary Action. Her father was born in Maryland and her mother in Ohio. After being married they settled in Ohio, and, in 1850, moved to Noble County, Indiana, where they still reside. Mr. and Mrs. Zook finally located in LaGrange County, Indiana, purchased a farm and made many improvements. In 1869 he sold out and came to Holt County, Missouri, and remained till 1871, when he bought his present farm of 200 acres. This he has greatly improved. The family of Mr. and Mrs. Z. consists of four children, Mary J., Sarah A., William C. and Rosa B. They are members of the Christian Church.

### P. M. PASCHAL

was born on February 3, 1827, in Somerset, Pulaski County, Kentucky, being the eldest son of Alvah and Sarah (McQuary) Paschal. The former was a native of Russell County, Virginia, born in 1801, and with his parents moved to Kentucky in 1804. P. M.'s mother was a native of Wilkes County, North Carolina, born in 1802. She moved to Kentucky in 1812. They were married in March, 1826. The father died in April, 1854, his wife in 1877. "Pleas," as he is familiarly called, spent his boyhood days and received his education in his native state. Early in life he was engaged in the ship timber business, but in the course of a few

years, by his energetic business qualities and industry and good management, he secured a competency to embark in the horse and mule trade, purchasing animals in Kentucky and taking them to Mississippi and Louisiana. These he disposed of to planters. Being an active worker and square dealer, he soon ranked among the foremost in the business. In 1864 he purchased a tract of land in Holt County, Missouri, consisting of 200 acres, and in 1865 closed out his entire interest in Kentucky and settled on his farm in Missouri, devoting his time to improving land and stock raising. November 1, 1875, he disposed of all personal property and spent the year 1876 in settling up outstanding business. January 1, 1877, he associated himself with John W. McQuary, of Graham, Nodaway County, Missouri, as a hardware merchant. The following year, in October, 1878, his partner died. Mr. Paschal settled up the estate and purchased the interest of his late partner, and continued the business as sole proprietor till April, 1880, when he took in John S. Spencer as junior partner. His landed estate consists of some 918 acres of finely improved property, situated in Holt, Nodaway, Andrew and DeKalb Counties. At the outbreak of the rebellion Mr. P. was in the capital of North Carolina, and was at Raleigh the night of its capture, but soon finding things rather warm, he returned to his native state. He is cautious, firm in purpose, and strictly honest in all business transactions. To his excellent business qualifications is the establishment largely due for its remarkable financial success. In business circles he stands high for his unswerving integrity and stability.



O'Fallon commenced the school. He was assisted by Miss Belle Young. After the Christmas holidays he resigned, and was succeeded by Galen B. Anderson, who taught the school to the close of the term.

September, 1881, Professor J. E. Campbell, assisted by Miss Clara Wilkinson, the present (1882) teacher of the school, took charge of the institution. The

#### PRESENT BUSINESS

of Forbes is as follows: J. A. Ross & Co., general merchandise, in the brick store formerly occupied by Shirley & Taylor.

A. G. Young, M. D., drug store.

J. R. Wilson, general stock, in the new frame building in which the post office is kept.

William Kelley, saloon.

John A. Smith & M. Cordery, blacksmiths and wagonmakers.

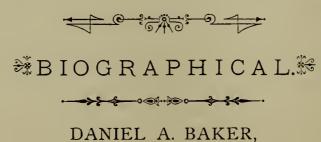
Drs. A. G. Young and M. V. Dunn are the physicians of the town. Levi Devorss, founder of the town, capitalist and hotel keeper.

E. Hilliker is the present railroad agent.

The present (1882) population of Forbes is one hundred and fifty. It is, though a small place, one of no inconsiderable importance as a shipping station. During the past year (1881), there have been shipped from this point, 945 car loads of cordwood, thirty-three car loads of walnut logs, and one car load of hoop-poles. The grain and hog product of this season was reported as unusually low, the shipments of the same amounting to but thirty-two car loads of the former and twenty-four of the latter. The heaviest shipper was J. A. Ross, the merchant. He sent from Forbes Station 500 car loads of cordwood, and six car loads of corn.

G. W. Pullen, who runs a saw-mill in the bottom below town, shipped fifteen car loads of native lumber.

The heaviest shipper of hogs was M. Gelvin, who sent oft fourteen car loads.



farmer, is the owner of 261 acres of land, and lives on section 36. He was born in Lawrence County, Indiana, August 8, 1837, being brought up as a farmer. In 1857 he came to Holt County, Missouri, and bought a part of his present farm, but, after remaining for two years, he returned to Indiana, residing there until 1867, when he again came to this county

and settled permanently. In October, 1861, he enlisted in the Fiftieth Indiana Volunteer Infantry and served for three years. He was with Gens. Buell and Rosecrans, and at Pilot Knob the company of which he was a member was captured by Morgan, but in a few days were paroled, and after a time exchanged. Two of the paroled men were from Kentucky and took up arms again before they were exchanged. Morgan's men recognized them, captured and shot them. After joining the regiment they were assigned to the Seventh Army Corps. Mr. B. participated in the battle of Little Rock, Arkansas, and was through the Red River expedition. For meritorious conduct he was promoted to first lientenant, and served in that capacity until he received his discharge. He then returned home and, after remaining two years, he came to his farm in Missouri. He married Miss Eliza Noon, in Lawrence County, Indiana, in February, 1857. They have two children, Carrie Ellis and Ava. Mrs. Baker is the daughter of John Noon, of Indiana. Mr. B. started here, in 1857, with limited means, but by hard work and good management overcame every obstacle, and he now has an excellent farm.

### WILLIAM M. BAKER,

section 35, was born in Lawrence County, Indiana, April 29, 1841, and in 1868, came to this county and purchased a piece of land, improving it, and adding to it from time to time until now he has a superior farm of 280 acres. He married Miss Martha Baker, of Kentucky, in 1859. They have six children: Minnie B., Carrie, Jackson, Ida, Harry and Lena. Mr. Baker is one of the substantial men in the township and has labored hard to gain a compentency. He is a good farmer, and his land on the bottoms is very productive.

### MARTIN V. DUNN,

physician and surgeon, was born in Iroquois County, Illinois, on the 14th of August, 1837, and was the son of Samuel M. and Nancy (Walker) Dunn, the former a native of Kentucky, and the latter of East Tennessee. Martin was educated in the common schools, and also attended the Urbana Academy, of Illinois. Resolving upon the practice of medicine as his profession, he commenced its study with Dr. Samuel A. Barry, of Concord, Illinois, and attended lectures at Rush Medical College, of Chicago. Dr. Dunn began business life, as it were, with a physician's lease. His grandfather Walker was a surgeon in the Florida War, and was with General Jackson. His father was an early graduate of the Medical College in Lexington, Kentucky, and for many years a prominent practitioner in Iroquois County, Illinois. Four of his brothers are well known brethren of the medical profession in Northwest Mis-

souri. He also has a sister, a successful physician in Macon County, Missouri. Two of his sisters are married to doctors—Dr. J. W. Dunn, of Atchison County, and Dr. James Bickett, of Conception, Nodaway County. Two nephews were members of the graduating class during the past winter. The subject of this sketch has practiced in Iowa with his brother, Prof. S. M. Dunn, and also in Nebraska. In 1860 he came to Holt County, and for sixteen years has been a regular practitioner in this and adjoining counties. He is a man respected by all, and a physician of skill and experience. In 1860 the doctor was married to Rebecca M. Oliver, of Salem, Nebraska, daughter of Robert and Ellen Oliver. She died May 1, 1881, leaving six children: William O., Robert Lee, Charles Sumner, Edward M., Minerva G. and Martin V. Mrs. Dunn was a woman loved by all, and her death was mourned by many. Dr. D. is a Cumberland Presbyterian in his religious preferences, and was formerly a Democrat in politics, but is now a Greenbacker.

### EDWIN HILLIKER,

railroad agent and telegraph operator at Forbes, was born in Riley, Clinton County, Michigan, March 18, 1852. His father, John Hilliker, was born in New York, and his mother, formerly Unez Mix, was a native of Erie County, Pennsylvania. The former was a musician and has devoted his life to the profession of music, and in that capacity is well known throughout the State of Michigan. Young Edwin received good educational advantages, and being ambitious for some active business, after leaving school he came to Craig, Missouri, in 1871, where he learned telegraphing, acting at that station for three years as assistant agent. Since that time he has had charge of stations at Sugar Lake, Missouri, Bartlett and Henton's, Iowa, and in 1881, he came to Forbes. He is prompt in the discharge of his duties, and accommodating to the traveling public. Mr. Hilliker was married to Miss Mary Clark in Craig, January 4, 1879. She is a daughter of John Clark, Esq., of Nebraska. They have one child, Delia Gertrude, born December 8, 1879. Republican in politics.

#### ELUM EDGAR HUNTER,

section 11, was born in Haynesville, Clinton County, Missouri, June 21, 1841, and was the son of Joseph and Jane (Bowles) Hunter. His father, an agriculturist by occupation, was a native of Franklin County, Virginia, and his mother of Cumberland County, Kentucky. Elum passed his youth in farming and in attending the common schools of Andrew County. During the war, he enlisted in the Fifth Missouri Regiment of the Confederate army, for two years, and was in the two battles at Corinth, Shiloh, before Richmond, in the seven days battle, at Farmington,

Grand Gulf, Champion's Hill in 1863, also at Fort Beauregard and Vicksburg. Mr. H. was one of seven out of his company of 112 left at that battle. He had sixty relatives in the company, all of whom were killed or wounded, he himself being twice wounded. In 1863, after leaving the army, he went to Colorado, New Mexico and Utah, returning to the mines in Montana, from whence, after a few months, he visited Salt Lake and Southern California. He was there engaged in mining, and, in December, 1865, returned to Missouri, having been, on the whole, quite successful in his enterprise, although meeting with one quite serious loss. In 1865, he came to this (Holt) county, and now has 160 acres of land, well improved, with an orchard of choice varieties of fruit. There is upon the place some fine Berkshire hogs. Mr. Hunter was married November 7, 1869, to Matilda F. Vaughn. She is the daughter of John Vaughn, who was born in Virginia in 1787, and came to Missouri in 1855. Mr. and Mrs. H. have one child, Robert E. Lee, born August 1, 1871, and have adopted one, Emma Frances, born in 1868. He is demcratic in politics, and his religious sympathies are with the Christian denomination. His father, Joseph Hunter was born in Franklin County, Virginia, in 1797. In 1823, he married Miss Jane Bowles, in Kentucky, and, in 1835, came to Clinton County, Missouri, settling near Haynesville. After five years, he sold his claim, moved to Plattsburg and kept the first hotel ever opened in that city. He remained there for five years, when he disposed of his property, and moved to Hackberry Ridge, Andrew County. Then he improved one of the best farms in the county, and lived there until 1865, when he came to Holt County, and purchased a desirable farm, which he afterwards sold to James Ramsay, and bought 160 acres on section 11, where his son now (1882) lives. Mr. Hunter died July 17, 1874, and Mrs. Hunter died October 18, 1845. They left seven children: Emily McCrorey, Josephine Sally, Gallant V., Joseph S., Tolutha A. D., Elum E., and Henrietta Hines. Mr. Hunter was Judge of Andrew County for many years, and it is said by old citizens that his decisions were never reversed by higher courts. He was a representative type of a Virginia gentleman—always affable and honorable, and despised meanness in any form.

#### GEORGE MEYER.

one of the largest farmers of Holt County was born within three miles of Mullheim Baden, Germany, March 5, 1827. His father, Andrew Meyer, was a cabinet maker by trade, but followed the occupation of a farmer. His mother's name before marriage was Mary Adolph. There were nine children in the family, of whom the subject of this sketch was the fifth. In 1834, when he was seven years old, the family emigrated to America, landing in New York City and proceeding to Wayne County,

Ohio. Mr. Meyer attended a common school very little during the ten years the family lived there, but since then he has, by his own efforts. become well qualified for business, and is a great lover of books and reading. In 1844 his father removed with the family from Ohio to Missouri, settling in Lewis Township, Holt County. He lived with his father, and was engaged in farming till 1849, when, with hundreds of others, he was seized with the gold fever, which pervaded the whole country on receiving news of the wonderful discoveries of gold in California. He was one of the first to leave Holt County for the Pacific coast. He set out with his brother Andrew and Judge McIntyre, and their wagon was the first from Holt County to cross the Missouri, at Iowa Point, the usual crossing point. They left the Iowa and Sac agency May 1, 1849, and reached Hangtown, California, the 13th of the following August, beating other Holt County parties who started three days later, by more than a month. In California he worked mostly on American River, part of the time within two miles of where Sutter & Marshall first found gold. In September 1850, he returned home by the Isthmus and New York route. Returning to Holt County, he was married April 3, 1851, to Miss Mary Ann Kunkel, daughter of Jacob Kunkel. Mrs. Meyer is a native of Morrow County, Ohio, and came to Missouri in 1845. Mr. M. soon purchased the farm where he now resides, on section 7. This was one of the first settled farms in the county, and the site of the first store ever opened in Holt County. He first purchased 160 acres in his home farm, and 80 in the timber. Subsequent to the war he bought 270 acres more, and now has 1125 acres of land, 680 of which are located in the upper part of the county. He has been engaged in general farming, and feeds considerable stock. He is one of the prosperous citizens of the county, and enterprising and progressive in his disposition. He has also made the raising of fruit a specialty, and perhaps has one of the choicest orchards in the county. His display has not only taken the premium at the Holt County fairs, but the \$200 premium at the first grand exposition at St. Joseph, offered for the best display of fruit, and open to the whole state. The extent of his farming may be judged from the fact that in 1876 he raised 270 acres of corn, averaging from forty to fifty bushels to the acre; 950 bushels of fall wheat, and 1,000 bushels of oats. He feeds generally from twenty-five to fifty head of stock and 100 head of hogs a season. In his political affiliations he was formerly a Democrat, and in 1848 cast his first vote for Lewis Cass. In 1860 he voted for S. A. Douglas, with the hopes that it would result in the election of Lincoln. He was a strong union man through the war, served several times in the militia, and since the war has been a decided Republican. He celebrated his silver wedding in April 1876, and on that occasion had a family photograph taken, in which appear Mr. and Mrs. Meyer and their nine children, all of whom

were living at home. The names of the children are: Jacob S., Julia A., May Alice, Daniel, Peter, Fanny Ellen, Solomon, Ida and Ada, the last two being twins. Mr. Meyer is a representative man, and his influence as such and as a christian gentleman, is felt wherever he is known. He has been a member of the German Methodist Church, at Oregon, for the last twenty years, as has also his wife. His father and mother are both buried in the Oregon cemetery. His daughter, Julia A., married John Blum, April 4, 1878, and died August 4, 1879. Jacob S. married Caroline Blum, December 22, 1880, and moved to Sweet Water County, Wyoming, where he has a sheep ranche.

### LINNVILLE MURRAY,

section 9, was born in Indiana on the 9th of May, 1833, and is a son of Hanson and Eliza (Brunson) Murray. The former, a nurseryman by occupation, was a native of Virginia, and the latter of Indiana. Linnville passed his youth in learning the nursery business with his father. In 1869 he removed to Missouri, locating in Holt County, and now owns twenty-three acres of land, devoted to the raising of fruit and a nursery. Having been brought up in this industry he is well qualified for the position, and now has 1,100 trees of various kinds, with different assortments of fruit, his transactions in this line being always honorable and just as represented. Mr. M. was married, in 1853, to Mary Carroll, of Pennsylvania, daughter of James Carroll, Esq. They have a family of four children: Lee Annie, Maud, James E. and Campbell. He is a Presbyterian, and politically a Greenbacker.

### NICHOLAS FREMONT MURRAY,

nurseryman and fruit grower, is the owner of 120 acres of land, and resides on section 9. Eighty acres of his farm are devoted to fruit purposes. He was born in Ohio County, Virginia, March 17, 1839, and was from boyhood a close student of books and matters pertaining to nursery and fruit culture. His father, Hanson Murray, was born August 11, 1811, in Virginia, was a nurseryman by calling, and brought up his sons to learn the business. His mother was Eliza Brunson, born in Wayne County, Indiana, in 1815. They were married in 1832. Hanson Murray moved to Morgan County, Missouri, in 1863, and settled there, but finding the location not suitable for the cultivation of fruit, he sold out in 1869, and came to this township, buying some land. He at once started a nursery, and continued the business very successfully until 1877, when he died, leaving his farm and nursery to his wife and children. Nicholas F., the subject of this sketch, married Miss Emily F. Whitham, in Ohio County, Virginia, November 6, 1860. She died September 30, 1865,

leaving one child, Jessie J., who is married to Charles Childers, in this county. Mr. Murray's second wife was Elizabeth J. Riggle, whom he married May 9, 1867, in Washington County, Pennsylvania. They have five children living: Joseph H., George R., Minnie May, Alberta and Norman F. In 1869, Mr. M. came to Holt County, bought a portion of his father's farm, on section 9, and commenced work setting out a large orchard of both apples and peaches, and since that time has been wholly engaged in fruit culture and his nursery. In 1871, he lost his house and contents by fire. In 1876, his loss by grasshoppers was \$4,000, which almost discouraged him, but his enthusiasm for the business knew no failure, so he again went to work. He has succeeded in establishing a reputation and knowledge of fruit culture second to none in the state. In November, 1879, the Murray Bros. took out a novel, and yet very useful, patent for protecting fruit trees. Perhaps no location can be found better adapted to all kinds of fruit, and a better climate and soil for raising trees. Mr. M. has not only established a fame at home for horticultural information, but his essays before the different horticultural societies are considered excellent authority. Politically he is a Greenbacker, and in religious views a Presbyterian.

### ROBERT PATTERSON,

farmer and stock raiser, has 960 acres of land, and lives in section 4. He was born in County Donegal, Ireland, October 4, 1830, and came to this country with his father, settling where he now lives in 1842. In 1846, when at the age of sixteen years, he enlisted in Col. Powell's Battalion for the Mexican War, in Capt. Rogers company, of Savannah. were engaged for eighteen months building forts. At the close of the war he received an honorable discharge and returned home. In 1852 he went to California and engaged in farming in the Suisun Valley, where he remained for four years, meeting with good success. He then came back to the old homestead, and on November 17, 1857, he married Miss Telitha Jane Kender, of Savannah, Mo. Her father was James Kender, Esq., an honored pioneer and citizen of Andrew Co. By this happy union they have had ten children, nine of whom are still living: Alice, James W., Bailey H., Robert L., John H., Annie E., George, William and Charles. Kittie died in 1865. Alice was married to Louis F. Pointer, who died in October, 8, 1880, leaving one child, Lulu May. In 1852, previous to his brother John's journey to California, Mr. Robert Patterson bought the old homestead, and after his marriage he commenced improving it. 1858 he sold one of his quarter sections and bought one on the section where he lived, and has been making additions and improvements until now he has one among the largest and most valuable farms in Holt County. His residence, and the buildings connected, with his large

barn, are among the most desirable and convenient to be found anywhere. His orchard of fine fruits of all kinds is worthy of more than a passing notice. He has 1,100 apple trees, 300 peach, etc., etc. Mr. P. has grown up in this neighborhood, and has done much by his labor and means to improve the county. His father, William Patterson, was born in the north of Ireland, in 1799, and was brought up a farmer, following that occupation on a large scale. Becoming satisfied that the great west was the place for his large family of children, he came to this country, in 1842, and settled in Forbes Township, pre-empting 160 acres on section 5. He only lived one year and a-half after this, when he died in the fall of 1844. Mrs. P. had died in the winter of 1842, very soon after arriving in América. Her maiden name was Catharine Lucas. She was born in the north of Ireland, and at the time of her death was fifty-five years old. They had nine children, Margaret, Phillip, Henry, Eliza, Blair, Isabella, Jackson, William G. and Robert.

## JOSEPH B. PROCTOR,

deceased, was born in Cooper County, Missouri, December 22, 1822. His father was John Proctor, born in Kentucky, in 1800, and his mother was formerly Lydia Westbrook. Mr. P. came to Missouri in 1820 and settled in Cooper County, and at a very early day moved to this county, being one of the first to settle on the bottoms and make a farm. 1847 Joseph B. went to Oregon and remained a short time, and in 1849, when the gold fever broke out in California, he went there and remained two years. He came home, and the next year returned to the land of gold, staying one year. By this time he had secured enough money to buy III acres of his large farm, and commenced work, making many additions to his original purchase. He continued its improvement, erected a very large residence, and very few farmers were financially stronger than he. He had set out all kinds of fruit, and was preparing to pass the remainder of his life in comfort, when, in February, 1881, he died. He married Miss Elizabeth A. Minton, of Franklin County, Missouri, in 1855. They had five children, all of who are living: Elizabeth Jane, Sarah Ann, John H., William L., and Ruth A., who married Robert Victor Hudgins, of this county, June 6, 1881. He was born in Kentucky, and afterwards came to this county, obtaining a good education. He has been employed for some time in teaching, and is now reading law, preparing for the practice of that profession. Mr. P. was a member of the Fourteenth Kansas Volunteer Infantry for two years during the war, and received an honorable discharge. He was a Republican and belonged to the Christian Church. The widow and sons are now conducting the farm; this is situated in section 36, and contains 440 acres.

### JAMES W. RAMSAY,

farmer and stock raiser, section 4, was born in Hancock County, Indiana, June 17, 1838, and in 1841 came to this county and township with his father, locating on the farm which the Murray brothers now own. He was brought up to hard work and enjoyed but little school advantages. May 6, 1862, he married Miss Sarah O. Jackson, of Oregon, the daughter of John F. Jackson, of this county, formerly of Fayette County, Pennsylvania. Mr. J. was the third school commissioner of this county, and was a capable man and most efficient officer. Mrs. R.'s mother, whose maiden name was Nancy Cannon, was born in Pennsylvania, and now lives with her daughter, Mrs. Kreak. Mr. Jackson died May 13, 1862. Their family consisted of four children, John F., Mary B., Nancy E. and James O. Mr. Ramsey was in the state service for several months during the war. He afterwards rented a farm for three years, and obtained money enough to make the first payment on the farm where he now lives, and by great energy and good judgment on the part of himself and wife they have paid for the farm, built a good residence and made many improvements, now owning 340 acres of land. Twenty years ago he commenced a poor boy and has so managed his business that he now is one of the leading, successful and reliable men of this county. His orchard consists of 500 trees, with a variety of fruit. In politics he is a Republican and the family are Methodists. Thomas Ramsay, his father, was born in Pennsylvania, in 1801, and came to Indiana, where he settled and remained until he came to this state and township, in 1841. Here he improved a fine farm and did much for the opening of this new settlement. He married Miss Mary Beck, in Indiana, December 16, 1824. They had fourteen children, seven of whom are living: Mary Jane, Sarah E., Matilda, Panenah, James W., Roley T. and William H. Mr. Ramsay died June 13, 1878, and Mrs. R. September 15, 1872. No man among the pioneers of this county had more friends than Mr. R., he having been a friend to all.

# JOHN A. ROSS,

merchant, was born in Harrison County, Ohio, January 25, 1853, and in 1858 accompanied his father to Lawrence County, Indiana, there receiving a good education. In the spring of 1870 he came to Holt County and worked on a farm one year, after which he was employed by Sheeley & Taylor as clerk. He remained as such for five years, when he formed a copartnership with George Meyer in the spring of 1875. This connection existed until August, 1880, when George C. Smith, of St. Joseph, bought the interest of Mr. Meyer, and since that time the business has been conducted under the firm name of J. A. Ross & Co. Mr. Ross commenced here without a dollar, but his kindness of disposition and

strict integrity soon gave him hosts of friends. He has acquired a prominent position among the best business men of the county. His general stock of merchandise is large and complete. Mr. Ross married Lucretia Devorss, of this village, December 6, 1874. She was the daughter of Levi Devorss, one of the early pioneers of the county. They are rearing one boy, Bertie.

### HARRISON RUSSEL,

deceased, was born in Clarke County, Ohio, July 22, 1822, and was the son of Robert and Winifred (Hinson) Russel, both natives of Kentucky. The father was a farmer by occupation, and Harrison spent his youth in working on the farm and in attending school. In 1852, he removed to Missouri, locating in Holt County, and here improved a fine farm of 255 acres, in section 5, where his family now reside. During the war, Mr. R was a member of the state militia. He was Republican in his political views, and religiously a Methodist. August 2, 1852, he married Eleanor Vandivere, daughter of Arthur Vandivere, of Warren County, Ohio. They had three children: Arthur, born April 6, 1852; Alla J., born October 29, 1856, and Sidney M., born October 29, 1868. Mr. Russel died on the 8th of July, 1876. He was a man governed only by motives of right, a good neighbor and friend of all. He was very successful in his business, always managing it satisfactorily. At his death he left a good farm, which is being conducted by his son, Arthur, in an able manner. The latter is an industrious young man, and faithful in the the discharge of his duties.

# JOSIAH SPRINGER,

deceased, was born in Butler County, Ohio, November 1, 1805. His father, Nathan Springer, a native of Pennsylvania, moved his family to Franklin County, Indiana, where he lived until 1845, when he came to this county and settled on the farm now occupied by his son. This was then an unfavorable looking site for a home, but by hard work and cultivation Mr. S. made a productive farm, and his improvements compared favorably with the majority of the best farms of the county. He married Miss Julia Ann Lympus in Fayette County, Indiana, February 7, 1828. She was born in Butler County, Ohio, March 30, 1811. Of this union there are nine children living: Martha, Nathan L., Jonathan, Phæbe Price, J. Squear, Julia Linley, Mary L. Gardner, Wilson Riley, and William A. Mr. Springer died April 4, 1861. In politics he was a Republican, and belonged to the Christian Church. Mrs. Springer's father was of English origin and her mother of German descent. Mr. Springer was one of a few who during life did good to all and made

society and the world with which he came in contact better for his having lived. His son, William A. Springer, was born April 23, 1854. He was married December 25, 1879, to Miss Laura Dooley, of Oregon. They have one child, Elsie, born April 11, 1881. They both belong to the Christian Church. Politically he is a Republican. He has purchased the homestead of 200 acres in section 6, is taking care of his mother and is one of the progressive, intelligent young farmers of the county.

#### WILLIAM STEPHENSON

was born in Culpeper County, Virginia, in March, 1789. His father was a native of Ireland, and his mother of France. In June, 1840, he moved to Holt County, Missouri, with his family of fifteen children, and settled in section 7, on the farm where his son John now lives. He was a very stout, athletic man, and one honored by the pioneers of this county. He was democratic in politics, and a member of the Baptist Church. His marriage occurred in Virginia, in 1813, to Margaret Troutman, daughter of Peter Troutman, of German origin. They had fifteen children: Luvisa Baldwin, Blank S., Peter, Susanah, wife of George Baxter, who was the first tailor in Oregon, William, John F., Alexander, Margaret A. Hindman, Nancy J. Hindman, James, Michel A., Eliza, Rebecca Collins, Sarah Hutton and Rachel Price. Mr. and Mrs. S. were the parents of the first settlers of Holt County, and died on the place which was first settled by Peter, their son, in 1838. Mr. S. died in 1842, and his wife in 1864.

# JOHN STEPHENSON,

farmer and stock raiser, is the owner of 1,030 acres of land, his residence being on section 7. He was born in Bond County, Illinois, August 16, 1825, and came to Missouri, locating in this county and township, and on his present farm, in June, 1840, his brother, Peter, having settled on the claim in March, 1838. The latter had come here with another brother by the name of Blank, who settled on an adjoining claim, which George Meyer now owns. These two brothers were the two first settlers of Holt County. In 1846, John enlisted in Company C, of General Price's regiment, and went into the Mexican war, remaining in service until the war closed, a period of some eighteen months, and was with General Fremont for a portion of the time. On his return home he purchased a farm and improved it. In March, 1851, he married Miss Margaret Russel, daughter of John Russel, one of the earliest pioneers of the county. They have six children: George S., Robert S., Tresa, Dora E., Bertha L. and Anna Lee. In 1863, he bought the old homestead of his brother, Peter, who then moved to Dade County, Missouri. Mr. John Stephenson now has one of the best farms of its class in the

county. Everything is conducted in good shape, and he farms on a large scale. Few men there are, indeed, who commenced life with nothing, and who have accumulated such a competency. He is reliable in his transactions, and is worthy of the position he occupies. In politics he is a Democrat, and in religion a Universalist.

### WILLIAM D. TAYLOR,

section 17, was born in Coshocton County, Ohio, on the 19th of January, 1816, and was the son of William Taylor, a tanner by occupation, and a native of Hampshire County, Virginia. His mother, whose name before her marriage was Casander Davidson, was born in Clarksburg, Virginia. When William was an infant his father died, and his mother marrying again, he was brought up by his step-father, working hard and receiving but a limited education. On October 25, 1843, he came to Missouri, and the same day located in Holt County. He was an early settler here, and passed through many hardships in opening a farm. He formerly owned the land where Forbes is located, and now possesses considerable bottom land adjoining the village, his landed interests altogether consisting of 640 acres. He is a leader among the agriculturists of this neighborhood. His farms are well improved, and he has a good residence. The orchards upon his own and his son's farms, contain 1,400 trees. Mr. T. started in life poor, but by hard labor has gained a fortune. His mother came from Ohio and lived with him for several years, when, in 1870, she died. He has been three times married: First, in Hampshire County, Virginia, in 1837, to Hannah Taylor, who died in 1844, leaving two children, Casander and Daniel B. In 1845 he was married in Hardin County, Virginia, to Nancy Jane Jones. She departed this life in 1859. Of this union there are six children: John E., Mary, Sarah M., Sattara, Rowena and Barbara. Mr. T.'s third marriage occurred in 1860, in this county, to Margaret Vaughn. Barbara was married to James Cordy, who lives at the homestead and works the farm. Politically is democratic, and belongs to the Protestant Methodist Church. Mr. Taylor tells a snake story, which is vouched for by the old settlers and those acquainted with the facts. One day in early spring he discovered a den of rattlesnakes, together with other varieties, some being very large. Procuring a club he killed three hundred, and the next morning visited the place and disposed of fifty. Some time afterwards he found a coil as large as a half-bushel measure, and killed these also.

# ADELBERT G. YOUNG,

physician and druggist, was born in Kankakee County, Illinois, April 10, 1852. His father, John D. Young, was born in Terre Haute, Indiana, and was a farmer by calling. His mother, whose maiden name was Cor-

intha Enos, was born in Ohio. A. G.'s youth was spent in Iowa, where he received his education, at Wittensburg academy, of Jasper County. In December 1869 he came to Buchanan County, Missouri, and was engaged for several years as a successful teacher. He studied medicine with Dr. C. F. Knight, of St. Joseph, and was graduated from the Hospital Medical College, of St. Joseph, in February, 1880. In 1877 he settled in Forbes, taught the school there for several terms, and subsequently started the drug business, also soon having a large and successful practice. He is a member of the Northwestern Medical Society, of Missouri, and belongs to the Masonic Lodge of Oregon. He is a Democrat in politics. Dr. Young married Miss Laura E. Larkin, of St. Joseph, October 24, 1878. She was a daughter of B. F. Larkin, for many years a contractor and builder in St. Joseph. Mrs. Young died April 2, 1881, leaving one child, which soon after died. Mrs. Young left a large circle of friends to mourn her loss. The Dr. is quite studious and determined to keep pace with the advancement of medical science.



# ♣BIOGRAPHICAL.♣



# JAMES ASHWORTH, M. D.,

was born on the 12th of July, 1849, in England, and was the son of Robert and Hannah (Fletcher) Ashworth, who were also natives of that country. James received a liberal education in England, and for about six years previous to coming to the United States, he was engaged in book keeping. In 1869, he landed on American soil, and subsequently studied medicine under Dr. Cavanaugh, of Lamar Station, an early practitioner of Nodaway County, after which he attended the Medical College of Cincinnati. From this institution he was graduated in medicine and surgery in 1878. Dr. A. first commenced the practice of his profession in Nodaway County, but soon came to Holt County and settled at New Point, where he now has a large and increasing patronage. He was married May 1, 1872, in Nodaway County, to Louisa Campbell, daughter of H. D. Campbell, Esq. The doctor is independent in politics, and is a member of the Christian Church.

### ALLEN T. BLOOMER.

section 29, was born in Fayette County, Ohio, November 8, 1828. His father, Joseph, was born in Virginia, but moved to and was one of the leading men of Fayette Co., Ohio, he having served as sheriff for four terms. He lived to be seventy-two years of age, dying at his residence, in that county, in 1859. Allen's mother, formerly Mary McDonald, was a native of Ohio. Young Bloomer spent his youth on his father's farm, and attended the common schools. In 1855, he removed from Ohio to Illinois, where he resided until November, 1865, when he came to Holt County. He located near where he now resides, and at this time (1882) is the owner of 365 acres of land, upon which is an orchard of 150 apple and 150 peach trees, besides cherries, pears and plums. devotes considerable attention to the raising of Short Horn cattle and Poland China hogs. He was married August 12, 1852, in Fayette County, Ohio, to Mary Baker, daughter of Watson Baker. She is a native of Ohio. They have three children: Joseph W., born May 16, 1853: Lida (wife of Dr. J. R. Kearney, of New Point,) born October 3, 1858, and Ada, born June 25, 1870. Mr. B. is Republican in politics.

#### WILLIAM COBURN,

section 30, a leading farmer of this township, was born October 6, 1831, in Warren County, Ohio, his parents, John and Zilphia (Sayres) Coburn, both being natives of that county. In 1851 the family moved to Shelby County, Indiana, but after remaining for two years, located in Minnesota. There they made their home for thirteen years, and in the spring of 1868 came to Holt County. The subject of this sketch passed his earlier days on the farm, and in attending the common schools. He now owns 240 acres of land, upon the same there being a good bearing orchard of 140 apple and 500 peach trees, besides other fruit. Mr. Coburn has some graded cattle, and devotes much attention to feeding stock. ing the war, for two years, he was a member of the Second Minnesota Cavalry. In his political views he is Republican, and is a member of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. C. was married October 5, 1853, in Miami County, Indiana, to Sarah E. Vandoren, daughter of Jacob Vandoren. She is a native of Preble County, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. C. have eight children: Martha E., (now Mrs. Peter Comer) born October 16, 1854; Nellie F., (wife of Robert Emmerson) born April 19, 1857; Alvin, born April 6, 1859; William V., born March 31, 1865; Susan V., born January 26, 1868; Ralph L., born March 10, 1871; M. Roberta, born November 20, 1874, and Cora M., born February 15, 1877.

# JOHN G. COWAN,

farmer, stock feeder and breeder of Short Horn cattle, section 6, was born in Pulaski County, Kentucky, June 21, 1820, and was the son of William G. and Sarah (Gilmore) Cowan, who were natives of Virginia. former was a farmer by occupation, and John was reared on a farm in his native county, although he received a very limited common school In 1842, he removed to Lafayette County, Missouri, and to Andrew County in 1843. In 1858, he went to Nodaway County, and in 1865, came to this (Holt) County, and since that time has lived on the place where he now resides. This consists of 620 acres, and on the farm is an orchard surpassed by none in this neighborhood. For three or four months during the war he served in the State Militia. He is a member of the Masonic order, and belongs to the Presbyterian Church. Cowan was married in Andrew County, Missouri, November 20, 1844, to Mary E. Gresham. She was the daughter of Mr. William Gresham, and was reared in Lincoln County, Kentucky. The family of Mr. and Mrs. C. consists of: Charles, born May 22, 1849; Bryant O., born January 2, 1852; John F., born October 26, 1856; Flora C. (wife of E. H. Messenger, of this township) born February 17, 1859; Caroline, born April 13, 1861; Robert G., born May 8, 1863, and Daisy Irene, born July 13, 1870. Mr. C. is Democratic in politics.

## JOHN M. CRIDER,

section 25, a leading agriculturist of this vicinity, was born July 3, 1835 and is a native of Franklin County, Pennsylvania. His father, Jacob, was born in Lebanon County, Pennsylvania. In 1841 the family moved to Cumberland County, and there John was brought up on a farm, although unable to pass but a few months of each year in attending school. In April, 1869, he left there and removed to Holt County, Missouri, where for two years he rented a farm near Oregon. In 1871 he purchased and moved upon his present place, which embraces 140 acres of valuable and well improved land. His orchard contains 125 apple, 100 peach, besides cherry, pear and plum trees. In 1864 he entered into the military service, and served until the close of the war. He was wounded while in action before Petersburg and participated in numerous smaller engagements. He is Republican in politics. Mr. C. was married January 16, 1862, in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, to Hannah K. Gelvin, of Franklin County, Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. C. have six children: Vinson G., born February 13, 1867; Elmer J., born December 21, 1870; Bertie M., born April 17, 1873; Sarah A., born June 6, 1875; John W., born October 16, 1877; David M., born May 19, 1880. He is a member of the United Brethren Church.

#### HIRAM E. DENNY

was born in Washington County, Indiana, June 5, 1849. His father, Thomas G. Denny, was a native of Mercer County, Kentucky, and his mother, whose maiden name was Jane Hobbs, of Washington County, Kentucky. Hiram's early days were passed on the farm and in clerking in a dry goods store. He received a common school education and in 1861, with the family, moved to Moultrie County, Illinois. August 27, 1861, he entered the army, becoming a member of the Fifth Illinois Cavalry, and served until the close of the war. In October, 1862, he was taken prisoner by Hindman's forces near Old Town, Arkansas, and confined a short time. He was discharged November 2, 1865. he came to Boone County, Missouri, where he resided for two years, and in 1867, he located in Holt County. Since then Mr. Denny has been engaged in the saw mill and lumber business, operating a threshing machine during the fall of the year. He owned and ran the first steam thresher in the county in 1870. During the winter season he devotes his time to teaching vocal music, and as an instructor is a decided success. He is a member of the Christian Church, and politically is a Republican.

# JOHN A. GOODHART,

section 4, was born in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, September 29, 1843, and was the son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Chisnell) Goodhart, both

natives of Pennsylvania. John was reared on a farm, for some time attended the district schools and afterwards entered the graded or high school of Richland County, Ohio, where he received a liberal education. In 1856 the family moved to Richland County, Ohio, and the subject of this sketch came from there to Holt County, Missouri, in the spring of 1874, and for eight years has resided in this neighborhood. Since his arrival here Mr. G. has been engaged in farming, stock raising and feeding, and has also worked at the carpenter trade. He owns 120 acres of good land, and an orchard of 150 apple and 400 peach trees, besides cherries, and 200 grape vines. At the general election of 1878 he was elected justice of the peace for Hickory Township. He is independent in politics, and a leading member of the Methodist Church. October 1, 1868, Mr. Goodhart was married in Richland County, Ohio, to Minerva Buckingham, daughter of David Buckingham, Esq. She was born in that county. Mr. and Mrs. G. have two children: Clara May, born May 16, 1872, and Oliver C., born July 10, 1876.

## ANDREW J. GWINN,

farmer and feeder and shipper of live stock, section 6, was born in Saline County, Missouri, September 19, 1839. His father, M. C. Gwinn, was a native of Virginia, and his mother, whose maiden name was Mary A. Thrailkill, was a Tennessean by birth. The youth of A. J. was spent on a farm in Saline County, he obtaining his education in the common schools. August 21, 1878 he removed from Saline to Holt County, and now owns 160 acres of land with a choice orchard of 110 apple, 60 peach and other fruit trees. During the war he was a member of Company F. Second Missouri Cavalry, of the Confederate army, and remained in service for three years. He was in the battles of Pea Ridge and Prairie Grove, besides numerous skirmishes. Mr. Gwinn was married May 22, 1870, to Lucy A. Ham, daughter of Adam Ham, Esq. She was reared in Saline County. The family of Mr. and Mrs. G. consists of: Mary, born March 30, 1871; Minnie, born September 9, 1872; Jessie, born May 13, 1874; Otis, born February 28, 1876; Florence, born August 24, 1878, and Robert, born November 22, 1880. Politically, he is a Democrat, and his religious preferences are with the Christian Church.

# ANDREW J. HAM,

farmer, section 20, was born in Saline County, Missouri, April 2, 1823, his parents being Jacob and Margaret (House) Ham. The former, a native of Kentucky, was a farmer by occupation, and Andrew passed his time on a farm at his birthplace until he was twenty-three years of age, acquiring a common English education. May 1, 1845, he landed in Holt

County, Missouri, and has lived continuously in one neighborhood for thirty-seven years, and on his present place for twenty-four years. This farm consists of 225 acres, and upon it is an orchard of 200 peach and 90 apple trees. He is a member of the Christian Church. Mr. Ham was married August 12, 1855, to Catherine Thrailkill, who was born in Saline County, but principally brought up in Grundy County, Mo. Her father was Mr. William Thrailkill. Their family consists of five children: Beldin, born January 13, 1858; John, born December 25, 1859; Thomas W., born August 4, 1866; Robert C., born February 29, 1868, and Lizzie, born March 8, 1870. Mr. H. is democratic in his political views.

# JOSEPH HODGINS,

section 17, a leading agriculturist and citizen of Hickory Township, is a native of Washington County, Indiana, and was born October 5, 1835. His father, Joseph Hodgins, was born in North Carolina, and his mother, formerly Mary Gordon, was a Kentuckian by birth. Joseph was reared as a farmer and was educated in the common schools. In October, 1854, when but nineteen years old he left his native county and came to Holt County, having only enough money to pay the necessary bills on his journey. After his arrival he worked by the month for some time, but for twenty-three years past he has lived on his present farm. This contains 365 acres of fine land, with a good bearing orchard of 110 apple, 200 peach and forty cherry trees. Mr. H. has improved this place himself, and has gained what property he now owns by labor, economy and his industrious habits. For three years during the war he served in the State Militia. He is a member of the Christian Church and politically is a prominent Republican. Mr. H. has been twice married; first, October 23, 1859, to Harriet E. Lawrence. His second marriage occurred May 31, 1874, to Susan E. Denny, daughter of Thomas E. Denny. Mr. Hodgins has a family of four children: Melissa J. (wife of Jacob Kline), born March 31, 1861; Theodore E., born October 17, 1864; Nellie C., born February 6, 1877, and Joseph E., born August 28, 1879.

# JOHN HORNECKER,

section 35, was born in Baden, Germany, December 4, 1826, and is the son of Jacob and Anna M. (Adolph) Hornecker, who were natives of Germany. John's earlier days were passed in his native country, working on a farm and in a vineyard; his education was obtained in the common schools. In 1853 he came to the United States and spent his first winter in this country in St. Louis, Missouri. During the following spring he came to Holt County, and for three years resided in the southern part of the county, after which he purchased his present and now valuable

farm of 164 acres, in Hickory Township. Upon this he has since lived, devoting his time to stock raising and farming. His orchard contains 200 apple, 50 peach and some cherry trees, besides a vineyard of 200 grapes. Mr. Hornecker was married in Germany, July 22, 1849, to Mary E. Schorb. They have four children: George L., born April 23, 1850: Jacob, born November 23, 1856; Mary L., born December 24, 1859, and John, born January 14, 1871. Mr. H. is a member of the German Methodist Church, and in politics is Republican.

## JOHN R. KEARNEY, M. D.,

was born January 27, 1856, in Andrew County, Missouri. His father was a native of Knox County, Ohio, and his mother of Boone County, Missouri. When quite young John entered a printing office at Falls City, Nebraska, to learn the trade of printer. He also began to study medicine under the tutorship of Dr. W. W. Shaw, of that city, though really at that time not much more than a boy, and continued under his instruction for six years. From Falls City he went to Ohio, where he worked on a farm in order to obtain sufficient money to enable him to take his first course of lectures. He attended the Louisville Medical College, and after leaving that institution he subsequently entered the St. Louis Medical College, from which he graduated in March, 1877. He also graduated from the Bellevue Hospital College in 1881. Dr. Kearney has worked his own way through life, and is entitled to great credit for the manner in which he has built up his successful practice. In July, 1877, he commenced practicing his profession at New Point. Politically he stands independent. The doctor was married in Mound City, Missouri, July 4, 1879, to Miss Lida Bloomer, daughter of Allen Bloomer, of this township. They have one child, Elmer Frank, born April 22, 1880. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

# JOHN KEASTER,

farmer and plasterer, section 25, a native of Union County, Pennsylvania, was born November 11, 1835. His father, Benjamin, was also born in that state and was a farmer by occupation. His mother, Elizabeth Keaster, was from the same state. The youth of John Keaster was passed on the farm in Union County, his education there being obtained in the common schools. In April, 1849, his parents immigrated to Wayne County, Ohio, residing there for eighteen months, when they moved to Illinois. John left home in 1855, and learned the plasterers trade, which he followed for sixteen years. In June, 1857, he came to Holt County, Missouri, and has since been a resident of this vicinity. His estate consists of 196 acres, with an orchard of 196 apple trees and a variety of

peaches, cherries, plums and pears. During the war Mr. K. served nine months in the State Militia, being a member of Company F, Fourth Missouri. He is Republican in politics. October 28, 1856, he was married, in Mitchell County, Iowa, to Sarah J. Brown, a native of Indiana. Her father was George Brown, Esq. They have six children: Elizabeth A. (wife of Thomas Cooper, of this township), born April 27, 1859; George T., born February 23, 1862; Ulysses G., born August 30, 1866; Amanda C., born September 11, 1864; Edwin, born February 8, 1872; Flora L., born January 1, 1874.

### MARTIN KEIFFER,

farmer, section 25, was born in Rockingham County, Virginia, January 19, 1819, and was the son of George and Catherine (Armantrout) Keiffer, the former of Maryland and the latter of Virginia. Mr. Martin Kieffer moved to Saline County, Missouri, in 1837, and to Mercer County in the spring of 1841. He resided there until 1857, when he came to Holt County, in the spring of 1858. He now owns 120 acres of land, and his orchard contains 83 apple, 100 peach, and other fruit trees. Mr. Keiffer, as was his father, is democratic in politics. He was married February 21, 1839, to Jane Mullins, daughter of David and Rebecca (Robison) Mullins. Mrs. K. was born and raised in Cooper County, Missouri. They have six children: George R., born October 23, 1845; Pleasant M. and Paris J., born August 23, 1847; Samuel B., born May 2, 1851: Rebecca (wife of F. Meadows), born November 9, 1853, and Franklin, born June 19, 1860. His religious preferences are with the Missionary Baptist Church.

### EDWARD KNEALE,

farmer, section 2, is a native of Missouri, and was born in Andrew County, July 31, 1855. His father, James, was born on the Isle of Man, and his mother, whose maiden name was Ruth A. Wickham, was from Ohio. The subject of this sketch spent his youth on a farm, mostly in Holt County, and attended the common schools during the winter. In 1860 the family went to Kansas, where they resided some five years, returning to Holt County in 1865, and settling in Nickols' Grove, Nodaway Township. Mr. Edward Kneale moved upon his present farm some two years ago. This contains 80 acres of fine land, and he makes a specialty of breeding fine Poland China hogs. There is a good orchard on the place. Mr. K.'s religious preferences are with the Methodists. He was married in Holt County, December 3, 1877, to Lizzie Bunty, a daughter of Michael Bunty. Mrs. K. is a native of New York State. They have two children: Maggie C., born August 16, 1879, and Martha E., born September 6, 1881. He is a Republican in his political views.

### EZRA S. McDONALD

is a native of Richland County, Ohio, where he was born on the 4th of December, 1840. His parents were Daniel and Lydia S. (Woodward) McDonald, the former of Tennessee and the latter of Ohio. Ezra remained on a farm until he was sixteen years of age, when he learned the carpenters' trade. He was educated in the common schools of his native state, and in 1862 left there and went to Detroit, Michigan, where he worked at his trade for one year, after which he returned to Ohio. In March, 1868, Mr. McDonald came to Holt County, Missouri, and has resided in the vicinity of New Point since that time, working at his trade. In September, 1880, he embarked in the wagonmaking and repairing business at New Point, succeeding Mr. Barnes, and has built up a good trade. He is Democratic in politics, and at the last general election he was elected justice of the peace for Hickory Township. February 6, 1868, he was married in Richland County, Ohio, to Martha Ruhl, who was born January 12, 1850, in Ohio. She is the daughter of William Ruhl, Esq. Mr. and Mrs. McDonald have four children: Luther E., born August 21, 1869; Jennie L., born December 30, 1871; Herbert J., born December 31, 1873, and Mattie Orie, born March 16, 1880. Mr. McD. is a member of the Odd Fellows' fraternity.

# EDWIN H. MESSENGER,

section 4, is a native of Clarion County, Pennsylvania, and was born November 6, 1853. His father, Alonzo Messenger, was born in the State of New York, and in 1856 the family moved from Pennsylvania to Stark County, Ohio. After residing there two years they moved to northern Indiana, and two years later located in Michigan. Remaining in that vicinity some six years, they again moved, this time to Whiteside County, Illinois, where the father, Alonzo, died. The subject of this sketch, with his mother, went to Richardson County, Nebraska, and after a six years sojourn there, removed to Stephens' Point, Wisconsin, and two years afterward came to Holt County, Missouri, in 1878. Edwin passed some of his time on a farm, but was principally in a lumber yard. received a liberal education, attending the Nebraska Normal School and Highland College for about two years. Since coming to the county Mr. M. has been engaged in farming, and raising and feeding cattle. He has 240 acres of land, an orchard of 200 apple, 100 peach, and some cherry trees. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church. November 21, 1878, Mr. Messenger was married in Holt County to Flora B. Cowan, daughter of J. G. Cowan, of this township. They have one child, Elta C., born August 13, 1879. He is Republican in his political views.

## JAMES H. MEYER,

farmer, section 13, was born in Holt County, Missouri, December 31, 1853. His father, Andrew Meyer, was born in Germany, and his mother, formery Mary B. Sechrist, was a native of Pennsylvania. James received a liberal education in the common schools of this county, also at the graded school of Oregon, and at Kirksville, Missouri. He has been one of the successful teachers of Holt County, and now has a fine farm of 140 acres, with a good orchard of 160 apple trees, and other varieties of fruit. Upon his place are some Short Horn cattle and Poland China hogs. The senior Meyer was a Democrat, and the son has since continued to advocate the principles of that party; his religious preferences are with the Protestants. October 21, 1875, Mr. Meyer was married to Fannie L. Poynter, daughter of Judge William H. Poynter. She was raised in this county. They have three children: William Andrew, born July 1, 1876; Ralph M., born February 1, 1878, and Logan A., born May 12, 1880. Mr. M. is a member of the Good Templar fraternity, and also of the Grange.

### ROBERT MORRIS,

section 21, one of the well to do citizens of this township, was born September 10, 1820, in Sussex County, New Jersey, and was the son of William and Mary (Merion) Morris, both natives of that state. former was born September 15, 1787, and is still living, a man well preserved in years. Robert was brought up on the farm, and received his primary instruction in the common schools. For two years he attended the graded schools of Knox County, Ohio, thereby receiving a liberal education. In the fall of 1843, he returned to New Jersey, and after seven years removed west and spent two years in Ohio, Michigan and Wisconsin. In the spring of 1852, he went to California, by way of Central America, and remained in that state for seven years, devoting three years to mining, and four years to farming in the valleys. In 1859, he went back to New Jersey, and stayed with his father for one year. In March, 1860, Mr. Morris came to Holt County, and has since been a resident of this neighborhood. He has a fine farm of 430 acres, and a good orchard of 140 apple trees. He makes a specialty of feeding cattle for market. June 2, 1863, he was married in Holt County, to Penina Ramsay, daughter of Thomas Ramsay, Esq. She was born in Indiana, November 14, 1837, but was principally reared in this county. Mr. and Mrs. Morris have five children: Governor, born July 16, 1864; Robert E., born December 14, 1867; John R., born January 5, 1870; Anna R., born March 2, 1873, and R. Oakley, born December 6, 1879. He is Republican in politics.

## JACOB A. OREN,

a leading tiller of the soil in this locality, was born in Randolph County, Indiana, October 26, 1844. His parents, Ephraim and Elizabeth (Frazier) Oren, were both natives of Ohio. Jacob passed his youthful days on the farm, and in attending the common schools in Indiana. In March, 1865, he came from Randolph County to Holt County, and, in February, 1869, moved upon his present farm, containing 320 acres of well-improved land, there being upon the place a good orchard of 500 apple, 200 peach, and choice cherry, plum and pear trees. He is greatly interested in feeding stock and has some thorough-bred Short Horn cattle and Poland-China hogs. Mr. O. was reared as a Quaker, and his religious preferences are with that denomination. He was married in Holt County, Missouri, August 22, 1868, to Angeline Pollock, a native of Indiana and a daughter of David Pollock, Esq. They have two children: Rosa Lee, born April 6, 1872, and Ida Belle, born December 7, 1874. Politically Mr. Oren is a Republican.

### SAMUEL G. PARK,

section 5, was born in Fleming County, Kentucky, December 29, 1838, his parents being John H. and Elizabeth (Shanklin) Park, the former a native of Berkley County, Virginia, and the latter of Jessamine County, Kentucky. In 1849 the family moved to Brown County, Ohio, where they resided until April, 1877. Samuel G. passed the greater part of his younger days on the farm, and attending the common schools. In the spring of 1877, he came to Holt County, Missouri, and since that time has been engaged in farming. His landed estate embraces 160 acres in cultivation, and he has an orchard of 100 apple and other fruit trees. Upon his place is some good graded stock. During the war he served in the One Houndred and Seventy-second Ohio Infantry. Mr. Park was married in Independence, Missouri, March 3, 1870, to Rachel Yocum, a native of Ohio, and a daughter of Mr. Franklin Yocum. Mr. and Mrs. Park have two children: Fred. W., born January 31, 1872, and Lee H., born August 21, 1874. Mr. P. is Republican in politics, and a member of the Presbyterian Church.

# JOSEPH T. PATTERSON,

section 5, was born November 24, 1844, a native of Perry County, Ohio. His father, James, was born in Hampshire County, Virginia, and his mother, formerly Tacy A. McFarland, in Loudoun County, Virginia. The family left Perry County and moved to Franklin County, Ohio, where they resided some three years, and while living here Joseph witnessed the laying of the first stone for the foundation of the present

State House at Columbus. They next removed to Vinton County, settling near McArthur, the county seat. After a residence there of twelve years, Holt County, Missouri, became their home. The subject of this sketch passed his youth at hard labor on the farm and also attended the common schools for a time, after which he commenced the study of medicine at Columbus with his brother, Wm. Patterson, a leading practitioner of that place. After pursuing his studies for twelve months he enlisted in the fall of 1863 in the Sixty-third Ohio Infantry. He was in the service for two and a half years, and was discharged May 27, 1865, having participated in several engagements, among which were the battles of Marietta, siege of Kenesaw Mountain, Resaca, and numerous skirmishes. He was in one engagement at Decatur, Alabama, before having obtained his uniform. Mr. Patterson was in the hospital at Rome, Georgia, for three months, detained by sickness, and during two months was unconscious. He was afterwards transferred to the hospital at Columbus, Ohio, and was ward master for a short time. After being mustered out he attended school at the Athens University for two terms, and later took a commercial course at Columbus. He then went to Virginia and was in the employ of the Capital City Oil Company as engineer and superintendent. After one year he returned to Pickaway County, Ohio, was engaged in teaching and from there he came to Holt County, Missouri, in October, 1867. Since that time he has taught in the schools of Andrew, Nodaway and Holt Counties for ten years, and for six years resided in Nodaway County conducting a farm and teaching. As an instructor he is very successful. He now has a farm of 90 acres with an orchard upon the place. Mr. P. was married in Nodaway County February 13, 1873, to Mary Ann Southwell, daughter of Wm. Southwell, of Maryville. They have three children: Jesse L., born November 14, 1875; William James, born February 27, 1878, and Don Lester, born August 20, 1881. Mr. P. is a Republican.

## SAMUEL PRAISWATER,

a native of Tennessee, was born on the 23d of November, 1829, is the son of George and Tempa (Wood) Praiswater, both of whom were born in North Carolina. Samuel was brought up on the farm, passing a few months of the year in attending school. In 1852 the family removed to Indiana, and from there he came to Andrew County, Missouri, in 1856. After residing there for ten years he moved across the Nodaway River into Holt County. Mr. Praiswater has all his life been engaged in tilling the soil, and is now one of the prominent and successful farmers of this township. His landed estate embraces 520 acres, with a young orchard of 200 apple trees and other smaller fruits. He makes a specialty of feeding cattle, and has some good graded stock. During

the war Mr. P. served in the State Militia, and has always been prominently identified with the interests of the Republican party. In June, 1852, he was married in Tennessee to Susan Nease. They have a family of seven children: George W., born March 28, 1853; Timothy, born December 15, 1854; Benjamin F., born December 30, 1856; Mary, born September 11, 1860; William, born March 2, 1862; Frances, born March 19, 1867, and John, born March 10, 1872. Besides these, who are living, three children are deceased.

## JOHN P. RUHL,

a leading merchant of New Point, was born in Richland County, Ohio, March 17, 1839. His father, Levi Ruhl, who was a farmer, was born in Baltimore County, Maryland, and his mother, whose maiden name was Mariam Painter, was from Virginia. John P. grew up on the farm at home and attended the common schools of Richland County. July 7, 1856, he came from there to Holt County, Missouri. In 1860 he commenced farming and, after tilling the soil for fifteen years, he engaged in merchandising, at New Point, in 1875. Since that time he has been carrying on the business and has established a good trade. He also owns and conducts a farm. During the war he served in the State Militia. Mr. Ruhl was married in Holt County, Missouri, March 7, 1867, to Belle Cable, daughter of John Cable, Esq., and a native of Ohio. They have four children: Minnie O., born December 19, 1867; Jordan E., born March 7, 1869; Edwin E., born March 3, 1876, and an infant daughter, born January 15, 1882. Mr. Ruhl is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and politically is a Republican.

#### A. SCHWARTZ

was born in Morrow County, Ohio, in 1856, and is the son of Henry and Rebecca (Lentz) Schwartz, who were both natives of Pennsylvania. In 1863, the family moved to Williams County, and there the subject of this sketch resided for four years, after which, in the spring of 1877, he came to Holt County. Mr. Schwartz spent his youth on the farm, and attended the common schools of Morrow and Williams Counties. After becoming of age, he learned the carpenter's trade, and worked one year at this business after coming to Holt County. In May, 1878, he commenced the merchandise business at New Point, and has established a successful trade. He was married January 22, 1880, at New Point, to Miss Ella Marion. Mr. and Mrs. S. have one child, Edith Belle, born August 20, 1881. Mr. S. is politically a Democrat.

#### WILLIAM SHIELDS.

farmer, was born in Randolph County, Indiana, July 7, 1837. His parents were John Shields, a farmer by occupation, and a native of North

Carolina, and Deborah (Coffin) Shields, a Virginian by birth. William was principally raised in Washington County, on a farm, and received a common school education. In 1865 he removed to Holt County, Missouri. During the year 1864 he served in the war, and in the last year was in Company A., Thirtieth Indiana Infantry. He was in the battles of Franklin and Nashville, Tennessee, and also participated in numerous skirmishes. He now owns 81 acres of land in section 29, but resides in section 4, and has an orchard of 275 apple trees. Mr. Shields, as was his father, is Republican in politics. He was married April 11, 1861, to Elizabeth Goodson, who was born and raised in Washington County, Indiana, and was a daughter of Joseph Goodson, Esq. Their family consists of eight children living: Ransom, born February 12, 1863; Sherman, born April 1, 1866; Dora, born December 29, 1868; Cora, born January 17, 1870; John S., born January 15, 1872; Jonas, born October 2, 1875; Daisy, born January 12, 1877, and an infant son, born October 2, 1881. Mr. S is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

# JOHN Q. TRIMMER,

farmer, section 18, was born February 3, 1835, and is a native of Warren County, New Jersey. His father, William Trimmer, and his mother, formerly Nancy Gulick, were both born in New Jersey. John passed his youthful days on a farm, and also on the Lehigh and Morris Canal, learning the blacksmiths' trade. He was educated in the common schools of his native state, and in 1854 went to the gold mines of California by way of Central America. He was there for four years, including five months spent on Vancouver's Island, and while in the Rocky Mountains he lost his hat and traveled one hundred miles on foot, bareheaded, carrying seventy pounds weight. In 1860 Mr. Trimmer came to Missouri, and for four years resided in Harrison County. In March, 1869, he came to Holt County, and now has 120 acres of land, with an orchard of 250 apple, 100 peach, and cherry and plum trees. He is a Republican in politics, and during the war he was in the State Militia. Mr. T. was married in the winter of 1859 to Mary E. Merrin, a daughter of John Merrin. She was born and reared in Knox County, Ohio. They have four children: Mary L., born May 14, 1863; Ora B., born November 29, 1864; John W., born February 11, 1872, and Robert Q., born April 8, 1875.

# JOHN M. TRIMBLE,

farmer, section 13, was born in Staunton, Augusta County, Virginia, August 8, 1835. His parents, Charles D. and Sarah (Hoover) Trimble, were both natives of Virginia, the former being a farmer of Augusta County. In October, 1857, they removed from Virginia to Holt County,

Missouri. John was brought up on a farm, and now owns 130 acres of land, with a bearing orchard of 240 apple, 300 peach and other fruit trees. Politically the senior Trimble was a Whig and the son is now a Democrat. He has been twice married and the last time his marriage occurred March 11, 1875, to Loma A. Boyd, who was born and raised in Ohio. She was a daughter of B. F. Boyd, Esq. They have a family of four children: John B., born December 23, 1875; Lizzie R., born August 3, 1877; Edna M., born December 7, 1879, and an infant son, born October 31, 1831. Mr. T. is a member of the Masonic fraternity.

# ALEXANDER VAN BUSKIRK,

section 25, was born in Andrew County, Missouri, November 17, 1849. His father, E. VanBuskirk, who is one of the leading attorneys of the county, was a native of Richland County, Ohio, and his mother, whose maiden name was Eliza Hart, was born in the same state. In 1851 the family removed from Ohio to Oregon, Holt County, Missouri. The subject of this sketch spent his youth mostly at school and attended the high school at Oregon. He also took a course of study at the St. Joseph Commercial College. Mr. VanBuskirk has been one of the leading teachers of the county, having taught the high school at Oregon and others. He now owns a good farm of eighty acres, and has a young orchard of apple, peach and plum trees. In politics he is Democratic, and religiously is a member of the Presbyterian Church. October 12, 1871, Mr. VanBuskirk was married in Holt County to Charlotte V. Cummins, daughter of George Cummins. She was born in Crawford County, Ohio, but came to Holt County in 1865. They have two children: Carrie, born November 19, 1872, and Rebecca J., born March 29, 1875.

### WILLIAM WRIGHTMAN,

section 14, was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, February 5, 1846, and is the son of John and Rebecca (Blow) Wrightman, who were both natives of England. William attended school at Cincinnati until he was thirteen years of age, when, in August, 1859, the family removed from Ohio to Forest City, Missouri. During the war he served for two years and fifteen days in Company D, Fourteenth Kansas Cavalry, and was in the skirmishing service. He now owns 100 acres of land, an orchard of 100 apple and a few peach, cherry and plum trees, but makes a specialty of feeding and fattening cattle for market. He has ever voted the Republican ticket, and is an ardent supporter of the principles of that party. Mr. W. was married March 3, 1867, to Henrietta Noland, a native of Holt County, and a daughter of A. J. Noland, Esq. Mr. and Mrs. Wrightman have two children: James M., born December 30, 1867,

and William, born September 7, 1871. He is a member of the Methodist Church.

### BENJAMIN F. WINSLOW,

druggist, New Point. The subject of this sketch was born April 28, 1842, in Washington County, Indiana, and was the son of B. and Sarah (Draper) Winslow, both natives of Indiana, the former having been born in Washington County. His grandparents were from North Carolina. B. F. Winslow received a common school education, attending school during the winter and working on the farm in the summer months. He was in service for three years during the war, being a member of Company F, Sixty-sixth Indiana Infantry, in Sherman's command. He was in numerous engagements, among which were the battles of Buzzard's Roost, Snake Creek Gap, Lookout Mountain, Atlanta, Savannah and in minor skirmishes, having some narrow escapes. In August, 1866, Mr. Winslow came from Indiana to Holt County, Missouri, and for three years was engaged in farming. He subsequently embarked in the drug business, and was the first to start a store of this kind at New Point, but since that time has received a liberal patronage. He is Republican in politics. Mr. Winslow was married in Washington County, Indiana, January 27, 1867, to Ruth A. Trueblood, daughter of Milton Trueblood, and a native of Indiana. Mr. and Mrs. W. have two children: Nora Belle, born August 19, 1869, and Frederick Newton, born December 10, 1872.



Hogrefe, Joseph, hardware and Scholz, P. C., druggist.
agricultural implements.
Kirkland, L. W., hotel.
Masters, John, blacksmith.
Scholz, P. C., druggist.
Slaughter, C., saloon.
Swan, W. & Son, livery stable.
Walter, Fritz, elevator.

Macaulay, carpenter and singing teacher.

The physicians of the town are Dr. J. Noel, established in 1868; Dr. W. P. Sperry, in 1881, and Dr. J. M. Lovelady, in 1881.

Professor C. O. Denny teaches the public school of eighty-five pupils. Rev. F. W. Scholz teaches a private German school. Mrs. M. Earl teaches vocal and instrumental music.

W. E. Hunt and E. Hodson, justices of the peace for Lincoln Township, reside in Corning.



# JOHN J. ADKINS,

farmer and stock raiser, is the owner of 400 acres of land, his residence being on section 21. He was born in Anderson County, East Tennessee, December 27, 1840. His early school advantages were limited, but he was taught habits of industry and study which have adhered to him during life. In 1865 he came to Nodaway County, Missouri, with his father, Richard Adkins, a native of Virginia, and settled in Lincoln Township, remaining with his father for two years. He assisted in improving a fine farm and then came to this township, locating on the place where he now lives. He has one of the best farms in this township and is truly a selfmade man, successful in nearly everything and no one deserves it more than he. Mr. Adkins married Miss Elizabeth Spinner, in Nodaway County, Missouri, in March, 1867. Her father was Ransom Spinner, and her mother's maiden name was Susannah Johnson. Mr. and Mrs. A. have four children living: Margaret, Charles, George and John R.; three are deceased. James A. R., died December 1, 1870; Napoleon B., died December 2, 1873, and Richard died April 1, 1880. Mr. A. is a staunch Republican in politics and a Baptist in his religious preference. During the war he enlisted, as first lieutenant, in Company C, First Tennessee Regiment, of the Union Army. He started, with the regiment, on a long march, was taken sick, from which cause he became blind and for a long time hovered between life and death. He partially recovered, but was then in a country full of enemies, who knew him to be a Union soldier,

sick and on his way home. He was taken prisoner, by bushwhackers, and condemned to death the next day, but, having a fleet horse, and finding Union friends in the landlord and colored porter, he managed to pass his guards and finally reached the Union lines. He is an industrious and well respected agriculturist.

## JOHN A. BROWN,

plasterer and mason, Corning, was born in Cooper County, Missouri, October 20, 1849. In 1853, his father, George Brown, moved to St. Joseph, but after remaining there for eight months, and not being satisfied with the prospects, he came to Holt County and settled at Hemme's landing. There he lived until 1855, when he died. Mrs. Brown was left with four young children, John A. being but a year old. In 1877 she married Mr. Henry Tieman. John remained at home working on the farm until eighteen years old, when he learned the carpenter's trade, at which he worked for five years. Having a desire to follow the mason's trade, he went with John Elmore, one of the best masons in the state, to learn the trade. He soon became an adept at the business, and remained with his instructor for six years, doing some of the best work in this part of the state. He married Mrs. Lucinda Catharine Hargis, widow of Dr. L. B. Landis, February 4, 1879. Dr. L. died in Mount Vernon, Missouri, May 10, 1871, and left one child, Maggie Bell, born September 27, 1869. In the winter of 1882 Mr. and Mrs. Brown moved from Craig to Corning, and rented the hotel opposite the depot, where they are keeping an excellent house. Mrs. B. presides over the household affairs, and is admirably fitted for her position. Mr. B. devotes his time to his chosen calling, and is unexceptionally successful therein. He has been brought up in this vicinity, and is well known by all.

## PETER CHRISTEN,

proprietor of lumber yard and dealer in furniture, was born in Switzerland, October 25, 1841. He received a good education in youth and then learned the cabinent trade, which he has made his life work. In 1865 he emigrated to this country, and came directly to St. Joseph, where he was employed by Louis Hax. After remaining with him for three years, he went to Omaha, Nebraska, and stopped for one year, and in 1869 removed to this place. He soon embarked in business, and to his stock of furniture he has added a lumber yard and the undertaking business, in both of which he is doing well. He came to this country without means, and now, by his strict attention to business and honorable dealing, has established a trade which has become an honor to Corning. Much of his success is due to his accommodating and

pleasing manners. Mr. Christen was married to Miss Catherine Asendorf, of Omaha, in 1868. She was born in Hanover, Germany. They have an interesting family of five children: Emma, Bertie, Bernhart, George and Peter.

#### GEORGE COLLOR

was born in Portage County, Ohio, in November, 1826. After receiving his education he went to work in a flouring mill, learned the business thoroughly, and since then has kept pace with the various improvements in milling, having made it his life study. In 1838 his father moved with his family to Fort Wayne, Indiana, and built the large mills in that city which are still operated. The senior Collor became quite celebrated as being one of the best millwrights and workmen to be found in the country, and consequently had charge of many important works in the vicinity of Fort Wayne. He died near Fort Wayne, in the fall of 1856. The subject of this sketch, then located at Rockford, Illinois, entered a mill, and soon after rented a mill in Pecatonica, where he remained for eight years, doing a large and profitable business. After remaining in Nebraska for about a year, in 1873 he came to this city and bought the mill which was partially built, completed it, and has since been doing an excellent business. He has expended, from time to time, some \$2,000 on important improvements in the machinery, so that now his mill has all the modern facilities for producing the best flour known to the trade. Mr. Collor married Miss Emma A. Baker, of LaPorte, Indiana, in 1858. She was born in Dayton, Ohio, in 1840. They have five children: Dora A., George Frank, Ida Myrtle, Charles Edgar, and Leo. He is a staunch Republican, and a Methodist in religious preferences. He is also a member of the Odd Fellows.

## HENRY A. DANKERS,

one of the leading residents and old citizens of Lincoln Township, was born in the city of Stade, Kingdom of Hanover, on the 20th day of May, 1835. His father, Henry Dankers, left Germany for this country in the year 1841, when the subject of this biography was about six years old. They landed at New Orleans and came up the Mississippi and Missouri rivers, to Weston, in Platte County, where they parted with all their money in exchange for an old wagon, a yoke of oxen and four cows, and set out for Holt County, where they heard that John H. Roselius had settled the previous spring. In August, 1841, they arrived here. All this part of the county was a waste, unbroken bottom land, and no signs of civilization were visible except where Roselius had erected a cabin in the timber near the Missouri River. Indians were the only inhabitants, and shared the solitude with the wild game, which was found in abun-

dance. Mr. D.'s father chose a location on section 36. One of the first enterprises was to get a school, and the first one which Mr. Dankers attended, and the first in the township, was taught by a man employed by his father, John H. Roselius and Andrew Buck. He only received about nine months schooling, and the remainder of his education he has obtained by his own study and exertions, now being exceptionally well informed. In the spring of 1858 he left home, and in partnership with a Mr. Price kept a grocery store across the Missouri River, at St. Stevens, Nebraska. Not succeeding according to his expectations, he returned the following year (1859) to Holt County, and went to work again on the farm and trading in stock. He was married on the 20th of January, 1863, to Elizabeth Kunkel, who was born in Hesse Darmstadt, Germany, but a resident of Holt County, when married. They have eight children: Melinda, Andrew, Irvin, Rebecca, Anna, Fredrick, Ella D. and Charles Edmond. Mr. D. lived in the timber near the river until October, 1873, when he removed to his present home, on the farm adjoining the town of Corning. He has built a handsome brick residence, one of the best in the county, has been engaged in farming on a large scale, and now owns 1340 acres of land, a part of which is in Atchison County. He has also been occupied in dealing in stock, which has done much to place him in his present circumstances. His father died in August, 1870. Mr. D. was the second of a family of four children, and is now the oldest of two children living. His sister is now the wife of Fred W. Walter, Esq. He has grown up with Holt County, and is one of its most industrious citizens. Coming here, as he did, forty years ago, and settling on a tract of wild bottom land without means, and with little prospect of fortune, he has succeeded in placing himself among the wealthy farmers of the county.

# JUDGE BRUCE EARL.

Among the many men of mark who have earned for themselves a name and fortune who deserve special mention, is the subject of this sketch. He was born in St. Lawrence County, New York, March 10, 1842. His father, Henry Earl, was a farmer, and his mother was formerly Laura M. Watson, of Ballston, New York. Bruce left home when sixteen years of age, and, after working for three years, in March, 1864, he started for California. He went to Portland, Oregon, and after fourteen months he returned to California, remaining for three months. He then went home, and in June, 1866, he came to Missouri and stopped in Atchison County, though possessed of but twenty dollars with which to engage in business. But having come here to stay, he commenced to work in a mill and chopping railroad ties for a dollar and fifty cents per day. This he continued until 1868, when he came to Holt County and bought a saw mill with J. C. Yantes, and from this time on labored

harder than ever. In October, 1869, he bought out his partner's interest and operated the mill alone. He then purchased some 400 acres of timber of John B. Perkins, moved his mill on to that land and sawed the timber, and in this manner obtained quite a start. In 1874 Mr. E. moved his mill on to the farm of Henry Roselius, and there sawed the timber on 500 acres of land. After buying and selling several mills and sawing a large quantity of black walnut and other valuable lumber, he closed up his milling business and then, in March, 1880, bought the store which he now occupies, putting in a general stock of merchandise. He received his brother, Milton, into partnership and started with excellent prospects. In January, 1882, they changed their stock to drugs, medicines, groceries, boots and shoes. Politically he is a Democrat. Mr. Earl was appointed County Judge, by the Governor, to fill the vacancy of Henry Banganstock in the second district, who resigned, and the Governor also appointed him Presiding County Judge, to fill the vacancy of T. W. McCoy, resigned. He belongs to the Rock Port Chapter of Masons. He was married to Miss Emma Ann Perkins, of Atchison County, in 1869. She died October 14, 1869. His second wife was Mrs. Elizabeth Freeman, of Craig, to whom he was married May 15, 1871. She died January 18, 1875, leaving two children, Emma and Vera, and a step-daughter, Bessie Alice Freeman. Mr. E.'s third wife was Mrs. Sarah Courchain, of Rulo, Nebraska. They were married August 1, 1875. He has 535 acres of land in his farm, on sections 3 and 4, in Union Township. Earl has been a fortunate and successful man in all his business industries, prompt to his engagements, relying upon his own judgment for his success. As judge he is very mindful of the wants and care of the county interests. The firm of which he is a member is doing well. His brother, Milton, is the present postmaster of Corning, and is deserving of credit for the care and attention he gives the official business.

# JOHN H. HOGREFE,

a substantial settler of Lincoln Township, was born at Walsrode, in Hanover, September 2, 1816. He was raised on a farm, and lived in his native country until he was twenty-six years of age. In the summer of 1842, he immigrated to America, and landed at Baltimore on the 10th of August, having been nine weeks on the ocean. After stopping at Marietta, Ohio, for a few months, he came to St. Louis, Missouri. In the fall following he removed to Lexington, Missouri, and was engaged in farming until the spring of 1846. Mr. H. had long been connected with the German Methodist Church, and on leaving La Fayette County, he went to St. Charles County, as a minister of that denomination, and was employed in preaching there until October, 1846. He traveled as a Methodist minister in Howard, Chariton and Carroll Counties, from 1848,

to 1850, and had charge of other stations in different parts of the state. He was placed at Weston, in Platte County, and preached over a large circuit, embracing Clay, Platte, Buchanan, Andrew and Holt Counties. In 1850, he settled on the farm which he now owns, in section 8. Then there were only a few settlements, scattered here and there. Mr. H. has been acting as a local preacher of the German Methodist Church since that time, and has also been engaged in farming. He owns 394 acres of land. He was married April 19, 1847, to Rebecca Trook, who was born and raised in Ohio, but had moved to Andrew County where she was married. They have six sons and one daughter: Henry, Joseph, Abraham, Benjamin, Simeon, George W., and Matilda. Politically he is a staunch Republican. Mr. Hogrefe has a fine farm, an excellent orchard of choice fruit, and some forty stands of bees.

## GREENBURG B. LOUDEN,

farmer, is the owner of 215 acres of land, and resides on section 27. He is the son of Joshua and Lydia (Little) Louden, and was born in Henry County, Kentucky, May 22, 1822. He was brought up as a farmer and had very limited advantages for acquiring an education. In 1852 he came to this state and settled in Holt County, on the farm where he has since lived. He has a good farm of his own improving, but had only \$10 when he arrived in St. Joseph. Mr. Louden is giving his children good school advantages, and is much interested in keeping the school of his district in session the year round. He married Ann Eliza Mosier, in this county, in June, 1853. They have had fifteen children, of whom four are deceased. Those living are: Greenburg, Louisa, Clåra M., Jacob, Jeptha, Alvessa, Allen, Eli, Elzara, Ernest and the babe. In politics Mr. L. is a Democrat. He is a member of the Odd Fellows fraternity.

# JAMES M. LOVELADY, M. D.,

son of William and Amanda (Thomas) Lovelady, was born in Riverton, Fremont County, Iowa, in 1856. His parents were both natives of Tennessee. He secured a good education at the Tabor College, in Iowa, and, subsequently, studied medicine with Dr. Evan F. Cowgar, an experienced physician of Riverton. After becoming a thorough student, he attended a course of lectures at the Medical College of Physicians and Surgeons, of Keokuk, Iowa, the winter of 1879-80, and graduated from the College of Physicians and Surgeons, in St. Joseph, in the winter of 1880-81. He was a careful and studious scholar, always striving to search for the mysteries of his profession, and in his practice he follows the same plan. He located at Corning, Holt County, in the spring of 1881, commencing the practice of his chosen calling, and very soon he was enjoying a liberal patronage. His success would do credit to an

older practitioner. He is a young man of good habits, and is keeping pace with the advancing science of medicine. October 20, 1881, Dr. L. married Miss Susie L. Smith, daughter of Coleman Smith, of Riverton, Iowa, but formerly of Pennsylvania. Mrs. Lovelady enjoyed excellent advantages for an education in youth, and is an accomplished musician, besides being one of the best of housewives.

## JOHN S. MAVITY,

farmer and stock raiser, section 19, was born in Ripley County, Indiana, in July, 1840. He received a common school education, and worked at home until grown, when he bought some land, but it being heavy timber, uneven and full of rocks, the improving of the farm was the work of a lifetime, and after several years he concluded to seek a home further west. Accordingly, in 1871, he came to Holt County, Missouri, and settled on his present place, one-half mile north of Corning, where he improved his first farm of 240 acres, to which he has added, from time to time, until now it is one of the best places on these rich bottoms, consisting of 520 acres. In 1880 he built his present commodious dwelling, and this, with other improvements and the location, renders his home and surroundings among the most desirable. He yet possesses the Ripley County farm, as a monument of his early struggles. Mr. Mavity married Miss Mary Ann Anderson, daughter of Dr. William Anderson, of Indiana, in 1860. They have eight children living: William A., James S., Charles M., John F., Mary Ann, Laura Stella, Isabel Florence, and Robert A. Mr. M.'s father, James Maverty, and his mother, who was formerly Keziah Evans, were natives of Kentucky. Mrs. M.'s father, Dr. William Anderson, was born in the north of Ireland, and her mother was Christiana Blair, of Ripley County, Indiana. Dr. Anderson received a thorough education in Ireland and Scotland, and studied medicine and attended the medical schools at Edingburgh, where he graduated with honor. After coming to this country he graduated from one of the best medical schools in New York City, and later settled in Ripley County, Indiana, where he became quite prominent as a physician. He was once commissioned surgeon of the Thirty-seventh Indiana Regiment, and served in that capacity, and as Medical Director, etc., with much distinction. His daughter, Mrs. Mavity, took a thorough course of study with her father, and has been an active and successful practitioner for many years. In 1862 Mr. Mavity enlisted in the Thirtyseventh Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and was attached to the Fourteenth Corps, and served through all the engagements from Murfreesboro, through the hard campaigning, to the close of the war. Politically he is a Democrat, and he belongs to the Christian Church. Few men have succeeded better in life than Mr. M. He has worked hard, been

economical, and now both he and his wife can enjoy the fruit of their hard toil in their declining years.

# HEINRICH MÜLLER,

merchant, and son of Heinrich and Wilhelmine K. Muller, is among the younger class of business men in the county, but none stand higher for true worth and business ability. He was born in Wittenberg, State of Waldeck, Germany, October 15, 1848, and landed in this country January 17, 1871. He received an excellent education in Germany, and also acquired a thorough training in the mercantile business. He was brought up to habits of industry, his early boyhood days being spent on a farm. After emigrating to America he came to St. Joseph, and entered the drug store of Joseph Schmitz, and in a short was employed in the drug establishment of T. Borngessor, only remaining with him until the 23d of June, 1871. At that time he came to Corning, and formed a partnership under the firm name of Sedwick & Muller, in the general merchandise business. They continued in this name until F. W. Walter entered it, when it was changed to Sedwick, Walter & Co. They have a branch house at Fairfax, where they are doing a leading business, and, as a firm, they stand among the most prominent in this vicinity, having ample capital to carry on a large and varied business to advantage. As a result, they enjoy a liberal patronage. Mr. Muller married Miss Hattie Sedwick, of Forest City, Missouri, May 15, 1877. They have two boys, Charles Waldick and Harry Benjamin. Mrs. M. was the daughter of Joshua T. Sedwick. Mr. Muller is a member of the Masonic order. He is a Democrat in politics, and a Lutheran in his religious preferences. He started in life with little means, but was so reliable and capable in his business operations that he at once gained the confidence of his employers, and has since succeeded beyond his most sanguine hopes.

## HENRY NABER,

farmer, is the owner of 250 acres of land, his residence being on section 32. He was born in the Kingdom of Hanover, Germany, May 22, 1845. His father, Henry Naber, was a shoemaker by occupation, and his mother's maiden name was Dora Fricka. Henry spent his youth at school, obtaining a good common education. He came to this country in 1851, locating in Missouri, and stopped in St. Louis for two years. In 1853 he came to this county. His father and step-mother died here two weeks apart, in 1854, his mother having died in Germany. They left two sons, Henry and Richard. Richard went to live with John F. Gerriny, who soon after died, and Richard then went to St. Joseph and lived with Mr. Killink, but was afterwards drowned in the Missouri

River. Henry lived with Mr. C. H. Walter, until he was twenty-six years old, when Mr. W. gave him a farm, and he moved upon it. October 29, 1871, he married Miss Bothena Voltmer, formerly from Germany. She was a daughter of Fredrick Voltmer, of this county. They have three children living: Anna Dora, Henry Fredrick Rudolph, and Martha Augusta Ragena. Mr. N. started on his farm in 1870, with a team and cow, commencing work by improving his farm. By hard work he has succeeded in making one of the fine homes in the county. He built his present commodious dwelling in 1878. He has added to his original farm considerably, and has it well stocked with horses, cattle, sheep and hogs. He is one of the respected citizens of this county, and is entitled to great credit for his faithfulness in work from his boyhood. Politically he is a Democrat, and religiously a Lutheran.

## JESSE NOEL, M. D.,

was born in Rockingham County, Virginia, September 27, 1817. His father was William T. Noel, M. D., who was born in Essex County, Virginia, and who married Margery Harrison, of Virginia. Jesse was sent to school and acquired a good education, becoming a thorough student of medicine, both theoretically and practically, with his father. He also studied with Dr. Finley, of the city of Niles, Michigan, to which place Dr. Noel had moved in 1831. After completing his studies he practiced his profession until he came to this county in 1850. He is a member of the Northwestern Medical Association, of St. Joseph. After coming to this state, he determined to leave his practice, and accordingly bought a farm and mill, very few persons knowing that he was a physician. But after the fevers and chills began to assume a congestive form, his long experience in their treatment in Michigan was urged upon him, and he was obliged to again commence practice, in which he was very successful. In 1854, he moved to Brownsville, Nebraska, where he built a mill and took charge of it, and also soon came into possession of a lucrative practice. In 1857, he was elected a member of the Legislature, and again in 1858. He was also a justice of the peace for two years. In the fall of 1865, he sold out his interests in Brownsville and returned to Corning, and again bought a very large mill, in which he invested \$5,000. After operating it successfully and profitably for some time, it was burned to the ground, a total loss, supposed to have been set on fire. The doctor soon imagined that the practice of medicine was his first calling, and therefore he gave up all outside matters, and has devoted his time exclusively to study and practice. He has helped in many ways to build up the town, and he sawed and drew the first load of lumber that was used for erecting the first building in Corning. Politically he is a Democrat. He belongs to the Masonic and Odd Fellows

fraternities. He married Miss Mary Ann Colton, of Niles, Michigan, daughter of William Colton, of Niles. They have four children living: Margery (married to A. J. Berry, of Brownsville, Nebraska), William T., John Franklin, and James Madison. The doctor has always had a great desire to travel, and has been in many of our western territories, through California, Oregon and Washington Territory. Mrs. Noel is a practical milliner and dressmaker, and is dealing in sewing machines, &c., in which she is doing quite a business.

## HARDIN DOUGLAS PARIS,

deceased, was born in Kentucky, November 19, 1816. In 1819 his father emigrated to Missouri and settled near Hannibal. He lived at home and among the Indians until of age, when he went to Davis County, Iowa, and erected the first building in Bloomfield, the county seat, where he engaged in the grocery business. He bought a good many lots in the then small place. In 1850, in company with three brothers and some friends, he went to California, remaining for two years, when they returned, after a successful trip. Mr. P. settled nine miles west of Bloomfield, and bought a tract of land, and also some lots in the city of Bloomfield. He went to work and improved a farm, and then purchased a saw and flouring mill, which he operated until 1861, after which he traded his mill property for a farm in Holt County. After three years he sold out and bought the place where the family now live, consisting of 104 acres, on section 26. He married Miss Rebecca Hopkins, in Davis County, Iowa, July 15, 1852. Of the children of this marriage three are now living: John Washington, Hardin Douglas, and Maria, who married Joseph Spencer. Mr. Paris was once thrown from a load of hay, falling upon a pitchfork, which caused his death, November 30, 1870. Mrs. P.'s father was George W. Hopkins, and her mother was formerly Mary Ann McFarland, of Kentucky. Mrs. P. was born in East Tennessee. Mr. P. was among the first settlers of Craig, and helped to build up the town. He was the acting justice of the peace for several terms before he died. He was a Republican in politics, and a thorough Union man. He was a man possessed of strong convictions of right, and transacted a large amount of business during his life time, and made a fortune. He left a good farm and home for his widow and two sons, who are now working it and living at home.

# HEINRICH PETERS,

deceased, was born in Danst, Amtr. Hasfeld, Germany, January 25, 1808. His father, John Peters, was born in Danst, and was a farmer by occupation. His mother was Rebecca Weabash, of Danst. Mr. P. was in pol-

itics a Republican, and belonged to the Lutheran Church. He was married to Christena Klaus, daughter of Jacob Klaus. Their family consisted of: John, born June 13, 1851; Henry, born December 1, 1856; Andrew, born April 5, 1859; Klaus, born October 20, 1861; Ann Eliza, born in 1853, and died in 1875. She was married to Conrad Thomas. came to this country with Andrew Buck and Henry Dankers, in 1841, and learned from real experience the trials of a pioneer life. He made a claim of 160 acres, on section 36, near the Missouri River, where he built a small log house, obtained a little rude furniture, and commenced with a will to make a farm. He had some money, sufficient to procure the necessaries of life until he could raise a crop. At that time roads and mills were few in number. Mrs. Peters could tell many a sad tale of her first impressions of America and her new home on the bottoms, but after a few years of toil and sufferings, by industry and economy, she and her husband found themselves in comfortable circumstances, and in possession of a home of their own. Mr. Roselius and some other friends early settled near them and they soon had a school, which was much appreciated. Mr. P. lived in his first cabin for thirty years, when he built a more commodious one. In 1856 he bought a fine 160 acre lot, on the prairie, east of Corning, on section 36, which added greatly to their farming facilities. In 1881 the family built a barn and beautiful residence on their new farm of 320 acres, located on section 29, and which Henry Peters is conducting, in company with the younger brothers and his mother. Mr. Peters died August 15, 1873. Johann Peters married Miss Annie Rebecca Bade, April 8, 1875, and they have two children, Annie C.R. and Johann Henry. Johann Peters, the eldest son, remains on the old farm. He and his brothers are all industrious young men. Peters, Sr., was one of the substantial men of the township. He labored hard and saved a good competency for his family. After a life of usefulness he died, leaving an affectionate companion, loving children and a large circle of friends to mourn his death.

#### HENRY ROSELIUS.

A biographical history of the leading citizens of Lincoln Township would be incomplete without mention of the name of Henry Roselius. His father was the first permanent settler of the township, and the son is one of its most active and prominent business men. He was born near the city of Hanover, Germany, October 1, 1838. He was the youngest of three children, and is the only one now living. His father, John H. Roselius, left Germany with his family in the fall of 1840. They landed in New York City, then went to New Orleans, and up the river to St. Louis, and thence to Weston, in Platte County, Missouri. Obtaining a wagon, they came to Holt County, and settled in the northwestern cor-

ner, where they stopped in the wilderness, pitched their tent and made one of the first homes in the county. This was on section 1. The family lived alone in the bottom from the spring of 1841 till the following fall, when Mr. Dankers and Mr. Peters and their families arrived to keep them company. Mr. Roselius was at that time but a small boy, and, consequently, his life has been principally spent in Holt County. He attended the first school ever taught in Lincoln Township, kept by a Mr. Keiser, and supported by Mr. R.'s father, Henry Dankers and Andrew Buck. He has obtained the most of his education by his own efforts, and in transacting his immense business has gained an excellent knowledge of every day business life. He worked at home until the death of his father, which occurred in the spring of 1868. After this Mr. R. continued his farming operations and buying and dealing extensively in stock, in which he was more than ordinarily successful. In December, 1876, he established a store in Corning, with Henry Hogrefe as a partner. This firm has since been, and still is one of the leading firms of the county, having ample means to carry on a large trade. Mr. H. takes charge of the store, and Mr. R. continues his farming operations. He has 750 acres of land, nearly all in one body. He has recently erected a commodious residence which has been furnished in good style, and Mrs. R.'s good taste and culture is shown not only in and about the house, but in the yard surrounding it. He married Miss Mary Schmutzer, of this county, in June, 1861. They have four children: Edmund A., Henry William, Minnie Lydia, and August. In politics Mr. R. is a Democrat, though not radical in his preferences. His father commenced here very poor, and it was only by great industry, hard work and rigid economy that they obtained a start. Mr. R. ranks among the best financiers in this locality, and is noted for his ability, integrity and business capacity. He is comparatively a young man, for the position he occupies, but is old in experience.

# PAUL C. SCHOLZ,

druggist, Corning. The subject of this sketch is the son of Rev. F. W. Scholz; at present pastor of the Lutheran Church of this place. He was born in Nashville, Washington County, Illinois, in 1858. He received a good education in the schools of St. Louis, Missouri, and, after completing it, he entered the drug store of Jacob Summers, and subsequently the large drug establishment of his brother, Phillip Scholz, where he remained for five years, making the compounding of medicines and prescriptions a specialty. During the last two years with his brother he took the entire charge of the business. After traveling for a few months for his health, he came to this village in 1879, and bought the old drug establishment of Ferris & Campbell, which was the only drug

store then in town. This he refitted and put in a new and fresh stock of drugs, chemicals, paints and oils, etc., etc., and has since been doing a thriving business, which is increasing from year to year, and extending into many of the adjoining towns. He is well informed, genial in his ways, and attentive to the wants of patrons. His father, who was born in Germany, came to this country in 1842. He was married, in St. Louis, to Miss Charlotte Alexander, and they have seven children: John, Philip, Paul C., Lydia, Aggie, Mattie and Mary.

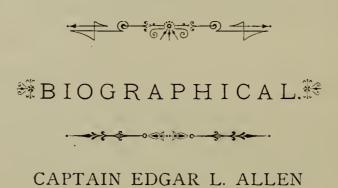
## FRED. WILLIAM WALTER,

one of the progressive business men of this county, was born in the Kingdom of Hanover, Germany, on November 6, 1834. His father immigrated to this country in 1844, arriving in New Orleans December 24. He and his family came up the river to St. Louis, remaining there until March, 1845, when he came to Holt County, here locating and improving a large farm. Fred. worked on the farm with his father, the latter being engaged principally in wagonmaking. This was continued until 1870, when they divided the property, and he came to his farm adjoining Corning, where he now resides. In 1876 he built one of the best brick dwellings in the county, and has made such other improvements as a stock farm needs. He has in his home farm 640 acres, adjoining Corning, and has altogether, in this and Atchison County, and in Nebraska, 1,940 acres, mostly farming lands. Mr. W. married Miss Mary Dankers, January 30, 1860. She was the daughter of Henry Dankers, Esq. They have four children living: Conrad McClellan, Alice Rebecca, George Emmet and John Andrew Fredrick. In religion he is a Lutheran, and in politics a conservative Democrat. In 1878 he started the store of Sedwick, Walter & Co., in this city, the business being conducted under this firm name until January, 1882, when it was changed to Walter, Muller & Co., the old firm having established a store in Fairfax. These firms are among the most responsible business houses in these counties, and are fast growing into favor with the people. Mr. Walter has the respect and confidence of the people in his private business as well as in his public affairs. While having had limited opportunities for an education himself, he is very public spirited in lending his influence and using his means in the education of the children of the place and his own family. His eldest son, Conrad McC., is in the store with Mr. Muller, learning the mercantile business. Very few men in the county have been engaged as heavily in the stock dealing business as Mr. W., and this, with his large farming operations, together with giving some attention to the stores, gives him ample opportunities to try his business capacity. C. H. Walter, the venerable father of Fred. W., was born in Lingen, Germany, March 4, 1804. He attended

school from the age of seven to fourteen years, then learned the wagonmaking trade. He carried on a shop in Germany and worked a farm, and in 1844 he came to this country with his family, consisting of a wife and two children, and located in Holt County, on the farm where he so long lived. In the freshet of 1881 this whole farm of 500 acres was washed away, and now forms the bed of the river. On his voyage from New Orleans the boat on which he had taken passage sank, and he lost everything he had except a little money. Mr. Walter married Catharine Dora Voltmer, in Germany, in November, 1829. Her father was John Henry Voltmer. They have two children living: Fredrick William and Lena, the latter born April 3, 1838. She married George Hair, of this county, a prominent farmer in Union Township. Mr. W. was the first mechanic of the kind in this township and made the first wagon. He early became one of the prosperous men here, and his accumulations were very large. Since his home was destroyed by water he has lived with his son Fredrick. He has gained for himself a good reputation, and is honored by all. He is a Lutheran in his religious preferences, and a Jackson Democrat in political views.



Joseph and Council Bluffs Railroad to that town. Though its shipments by rail amount, in the course of the year to no trifling figure, they are inconsiderable compared with the amount of produce hauled by wagon, every year, through its streets, northward, southward and westward. In the matter of apples alone, of which Holt County has an immense acreage, as many as one hundred and sixty wagon loads have crossed the White Cloud Ferry to Kansas, in a single day. In the fall of 1880 John Lyons, the ferryman at this point, took in over four thousand dollars for crossing apple wagons alone. The landing place on the Missouri side of the White Cloud Ferry is a considerable distance above Forest City; nothing but the old bed of the river through which the Tarkio now flows separating the town site from Rush Island, or, as it was formerly called Solomon's Island, a body of land including between three thousand and four thousand acres of inexhaustibly fertile soil.



# was born in Howard, Steuben County, New York, April 23, 1834. His

parents, Benjamin and Annie (Rogers) Allen, were both natives of the same state. Edgar was reared to manhood at his native village, receiving fair educational advantages. Upon arriving at maturity he commenced teaching and taught for several terms. He immigrated westward, in 1854, settling near Oshkosh, Wisconsin, where he was engaged in teaching and farming. In May, 1858, he came to Holt County, Missouri, and followed his profession until August, 1862, when he enlisted in Company F, Thirty-third Missouri Infantry, and served until 1865. was mustered in as sergeant and was afterwards promoted to captain. He took part in the Red River campaign, under Gen. Banks, and in the battles of Helena, Arkansas, Nashville, Tennessee, Tupelo, Mississippi, and many others. His company went to the field with one hundred men, and there were but thirty-two present when mustered out. At the close of the war Captain Allen again settled in Holt County and resumed farming. In 1866 he was elected Circuit Clerk and Recorder of Holt County and served until the close of 1874, when he moved on a farm near town. In the spring of 1881 he moved into town and accepted the position of Deputy Clerk and Recorder. In December, 1881, he received the appointment as Postmaster at Oregon, and took charge of the office January I, 1882. Being an old settler he is widely and favorably known, and in the discharge of his official duties exercises scrupulous care and fidelity. Politically he is a staunch Republican, and has voted for every president since that party was organized. He is an active member of Oregon Lodge, No. 139, A. F. and A. M., and has filled every position within the gift of the lodge, holding the office of steward at present. He is also a member of Keystone Chapter, No. 46, of Mound City, and was formerly a charter member of Holt Council. He owns a fine farm of 280 acres in the northern part of the county. Captain Allen was married January I, 1860, to Miss Eliza Risk, daughter of Cornelius and Mary Risk, formerly of this county. She was born in this county in October, 1841, and was here reared. Himself and wife are active members of the M. E. Church of Oregon, in which he holds the office of steward and trustee. They have a family of seven children: George H., twenty years of age; Floyd, now thirteen; Emma, eleven years old; Lilly, nine years old; Edna, seven years old; Ella, aged four years; Eddie, two years of age.

## JUDGE GEORGE ANDERSON,

stock raiser and dealer in general merchandise, is prominent among the enterprising citizens of Holt County. His parents, David Anderson and Rachel nee Dixon, were both natives of Pennsylvania, and in 1831 moved to Crawford County, Ohio, when it was a wilderness, and settled in the heavy timber. George was born in the town of DeKalb, Crawford County, Ohio, June 10, 1838, and was the seventh child in a family of twelve children. He spent his boyhood days on the farm, and received fair educational advantages, completing his schooling at the DeKalb Seminary. When sixteen years old, he accompanied his parents to Shelby, Richland County, Ohio, and when nineteen years of age he commenced dealing in stock, following the business for some three years. He then turned his attention to agricultural pursuits. He came to Holt County, Missouri, in March, 1863, and purchased a farm some three miles east of Oregon, but returned to Ohio and engaged in the mercantile business at Gallia. In June, 1865, he again came west, and settled on a farm on the outskirts of Oregon. In the fall of 1865, he engaged in the hardware business with G. W. Cummins, forming the firm of Anderson & Cummins, under which name the business was conducted for about two years. His health failing, Mr. Anderson retired and improved a farm south of town, where Mr. Hoblitzell now resides. He disposed of this property in January, 1874, and settled on another farm near Forest City, which he also improved. In 1877 he returned to Oregon, and in 1879 he erected his present residence, which is one of the finest in the city. He owns 65 acres of land adjoining the town, where he lives,

besides two fine farms in this county, one of 320 acres in Hickory Township, and 400 acres in section 25, township 62, range 38, all under cultivation, and well stocked. Two good orchards are on the home farm. During his residence in the county Mr. A. has put out six orchards, and has done much towards building up the county. February 1st, 1879, he purchased an interest in a general merchandise store, with a Mr. Hershburger, and they continued the business until the 15th of January, 1882, when Mr. H. retired, and the firm became George Anderson & Co. They carry one of the heaviest stocks in the county. On the 29th of May, 1869, he became a member of the Holt County Agricultural and Mechanical Society, and served five years. He became President of the society, September 21, 1872, filling this position two years. In 1872, he was elected County Judge, on the Republican ticket, and served six years. He has also served some eight years on the school board, and helped to erect the school house. He has been an active member of Oregon Lodge, No. 139, A. F. and A. M., since 1867. He has made three trips to the home of his childhood, taking his family with him twice. Judge Anderson was married February 26, 1861, in the village of DeKalb, Ohio, to Miss Rebecca Cummins, an accomplished lady, daughter of George and Caroline Cummins, who were early pioneers of Ohio. was born August 6, 1835, in DeKalb, and was the sixth in a family of eight children. She was educated at the DeKalb Seminary. They have had two children: Carrie R., born February 2, 1862, and David C., born May 26, 1867. Miss Carrie is a graduate of the Oregon Northwest Normal School. She also took a course of painting lessons at Linwood College, St. Charles, Missouri. She shows a wonderful talent for the art, and has some beautiful specimens of her work. The Judge and his family are members of the Presbyterian Church, at Oregon.

## GEORGE W. BALDWIN,

dealer in staple and fancy groceries and confections, is a leading business man of Forest City. His father, Joel Baldwin, born in 1810, in Richmond, Indiana, was one of the pioneers of Holt County. He came here in 1850, and located at this place. He once owned the town site, but sold it to the town company, having had it all in one farm. He held an interest in a drug store and also in a fine farm south of town. He died June 5, 1874. His wife, whose maiden name was Nancy M. Vinsonhaler, was born in Ross County, Ohio, October 9, 1819. She married Mr. Baldwin in 1841, and they moved to Nodaway County, Missouri, the same year, with her father, Jacob Vinsonhaler. George W. Baldwin was born April 14, 1851, in Forest City. He was reared to manhood in the then small village, and received his education in the common schools. In 1876 he opened a confectionery and restaurant establishment at Forest

City, which he conducted one year, but his health failing, he sold out and retired from business until April, 1880, when he purchased a stock of staple and fancy groceries. He again commenced business, and now has his store well filled with a complete stock, and has secured a large patronage. Having grown up to manhood in this vicinity, Mr. B. is well known. He has filled the position of City Register for several years, in an acceptable manner. He is an active member of the Presbyterian Church of Forest City. His father was raised as a Friend, and carried through life those sterling principles of honesty and integrity taught him in childhood. He was a man honored and respected by all who were favored with his acquaintance, and his residence was a rendezvous for the young people to gather, they always being certain of having a pleasant time at Uncle Joel's.

## WILLIAM BANKS,

farmer and stock raiser, section 4. Among the earliest pioneers of Holt County may be mentioned the subject of this sketch. His parents, Thomas and Catharine Banks, were both natives of the Isle of Man. William was born at that place on the 21st of October, 1811. He was reared on a farm and received a common school education. When seventeen years old he went to Liverpool, England, and bound himself out for three years' service on the high seas, for the sum of £7 per year, he to furnish his own clothing. He made a voyage to Mobile, Alabana, thence to St. Andrews, thence to Jamaica and the West Indies, and back to Liverpool. While there he ran away from his captain and went aboard another vessel bound for Baltimore, and thence to New Orleans. He then commenced steamboating, which he continued for ten years. made three trips up to the headquarters of the American Fur Company, at Fort Union, and has had two narrow escapes from being blown up on steamboats; at one time, when an explosion took place, some forty persons died from the effects of the steam. In the fall of 1841 Mr. B. started from St. Louis with a stock of general merchandise, landing on the Missouri side of the river opposite Iowa Point, on the 9th of August. Having sold the goods, he started a ferry and woodyard, and also improved a farm. He moved to the farm he now occupies in 1855, and has been engaged in agricultural pursuits since. He owns some 1,280 acres of land in Holt County, though he commenced life at the bottom of the ladder. He is of a jovial disposition and hospitable in his manners.

#### AUGUST BERRES,

undertaker and dealer in furniture, was born in Bavaria, Germany, on the 13th of February, 1833. His parents, Frank and Elizabeth Berres, were both natives of Germany. August remained at his birthplace until nineteen years of age, and while there learned the furniture trade. He crossed the ocean in May, 1852, and landed at New York City, where he stayed for about eighteen months, working at his trade. He then went to Chicago, and one year later moved to Fort Wayne, Indiana, working there and at Huntington, Indiana, for some time. In August, 1866, he came west and settled in Oregon, and opened a furniture and undertaking establishment, where he has since been engaged in business, his being the oldest established business house in town. Mr. B. is well known in St. Joseph, Chicago, St. Louis and New York City, and other places, and is a reliable, hard working man. He was formerly a member of the I. O. O. F. Mr. Berres was married while in Indiana, on the 6th of July, 1862, to Miss Elizabeth Hurst, daughter of John and Ursula Hurst, of Baden, Germany. She was born in that place December 22, 1832, and came to this country when thirteen years old. They have been blessed with six children, four of whom are now living: Frederick, born September 25, 1856; Mary, born December 26, 1863; Emma, born December 11, 1866, and Josephine, born September 5, 1871.

#### ANDREW BURRIER,

farmer and stock raiser, section 28, was born in Harrison County, Ohio, on the 13th of September, 1812. His parents, Philip and Mary Burrier, were both natives of Maryland, and Andrew accompanied them to Jefferson County, Ohio, when quite small. He was reared on a farm, early assisted in clearing land, and has given his attention to agricultural pursuits through life. Upon reaching his majority, he moved to Tuscarawas County, Ohio, where he remained some eight years. then came to Holt County and settled near Oregon, which, at that time was a small place, containing only six or eight houses. The county was thinly settled and roving bands of Indians frequently passed through. Since that date the subject of this sketch has been actively engaged in tilling the soil. He owns 320 acres adjoining the city of Oregon on the northeast. His farm is well improved and he has a handsome residence upon it, also an orchard. Mr. Burrier was married to Miss Sarah Ridenour, in 1838. She was born December 17, 1820, in Harrison County, Ohio. They have five children living: Daniel, born April 8, 1847; Margaret, born May 13, 1849, (now the wife of James Bumps, of St. Joseph); Eliza J., born September 2, 1853, (now Mrs. E. Roulette, of Holt County); Hughey, born April 30, 1856; Andrew, born October 13, 1860. Seven are deceased. Mrs. Burrier is a member of the Lutheran Church.

#### CAPTAIN WILLIAM S. CANON,

of the firm of Zook & Canon, proprietors of the Forest City Mill, was born in Leesville, Ohio, October 24, 1833. His father, Samuel R. Canon,

was a native of Pennsylvania, and his mother, formerly Rachael Singery, was from Maryland. Until he was at the age of fifteen, William lived at his native village. He received a good common school education, and also attended one term at College. He accompanied his parents to Oregon, Holt County, Missouri, in October, 1852, his father purchasing a farm some six miles east of Oregon. He filled the position of County Judge some twelve years. On the 1st of January, 1853, young Canon commenced clerking in Oregon. In October, 1853, he went to what is now known as Council Bluffs, with Tootle & Jackson. Their store was burned in December, 1853, and he then returned to Oregon, and remained with Zook & Peter until April, 1854, when he crossed the plains with Crow & McCrosy, who drove a herd of cattle to California. Mr. Canon again came to Oregon in June, 1856, and began clerking for Zook & Patterson. In 1857 he came to Forest City with them, they keeping one of the first business houses in town. In 1859 the subject of this sketch, in company with William Zook, purchased the hardware and tinware store at this point. This they carried on until December 25, 1861, when he enlisted in Company B, Fourth Missouri State Militia, cavalry. He recruited this company and was elected captain. They went to St. Joseph, then to Kansas City, and from there to Neosho, where they joined the army of the frontier, and later served through Southern Missouri and Arkansas. His father died on the 20th of December, 1863, and William Canon resigned and came home to settle up his father's estate. He then engaged in dealing in horses and mules, and in 1865 he bought the Forest City saw mill, which he operated until 1866. In 1865 he also commenced contracting and building railroads. He followed this business until 1876, when he embarked in the grain business. In 1877 he made a trip to the Black Hills, but after remaining there a short time, he returned and resumed the grain and stock business. In June, 1879, he went to Mound City and opened the grain business at that point, but the short crop in 1881 making the business dull, he discontinued his transactions there for a short time. In January, 1882, he took charge of the Forest City Mills. Mr. Canon has eight acres of land and a neat residence, situated on a hill between Forest City and Oregon, from which he has a view of both places. Also of Iowa Point, White Cloud, Kansas and Rulo, Nebraska-five towns and three States. He was the first member admitted into the Forest City Lodge, No. 214, A. F. and A. M. He also belongs to the A.O. U. W. He has been a member of the City Council and of the School Board several terms. Mr. C. was married in October, 1857, to Miss Julia A. McCrary, a native of Missouri. She died in July, 1877. He has four children, Credelia, born August 13, 1859, (now Mrs. L. H. Luckhardt); Kitty K., born March 22, 1861; Charlie R., born August 28, 1863, and Nellie M., born April 3, 1866. He is an active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, of Forest City.

## AMOS J. CASTLE,

dealer in boots and shoes and gents' furnishing goods, was born in Washington County, Maryland, July 27, 1838. His parents, John and Eliza Castle, were both natives of Maryland. Amos was reared to manhood at his birthplace, receiving a common school education. He commenced to learn the shoemakers trade in 1854, at Boonsboro, in his native county, and in 1858 he immigrated to Indiana, where he remained some six months, being at Hagerstown, Wayne County, during that time. In the fall of 1858 he came to Oregon and worked at his trade here until June, 1861, when he enlisted in Company F, Thirteenth Missouri Infantry, and took part in the battle of Lexington, Missouri. He, with his regiment, were taken prisoners and paroled. He returned to Oregon, and in February, 1862, re-enlisted in Company F, Fourth Missouri Cavalry. They were discharged in September of that year on account of being paroled. Mr. C. held the position of orderly sergeant while in the cavalry. He once more settled in Oregon and resumed work at his trade. He occupies a room which is filled with a well assorted stock of boots. He is an active member of Oregon Lodge, No. 54, I. O. O. F., in which he has filled all of the offices within the gift of the lodge. Mr. Castle was married February 28, 1865, to Miss Rebecca Jackson, daughter of John F. Jackson, of Holt County. She was born in Uniontown, Pennsylvania, February 27, 1848. He and his wife are active members of the Presbyterian Church, of Oregon. They have had six children: Otho, born October 30, 1866; Charles, born August 26, 1869; Edward, born August I, 1871; Clarence, born May 26, 1873; Ellen, born November 11, 1875, and Jessie, born August 19, 1881.

#### THOMAS COTTIER,

farmer and stock raiser, section 9, is among the early pioneers of Northwestern Missouri. His parents John and Catharine Cottier, were both natives of the Isle of Man. Thomas was born on that island on the 3d of February, 1829. He remained at his birthplace until eighteen years of age, spending his boyhood days on the farm, and receiving fair educational advantages. He crossed the ocean in February, 1847, and after a voyage of nine weeks, landed at New Orleans, going from there by steamboat to St. Louis, and thence to Western Missouri. From that place he came by team to Holt County. Soon after he engaged in teaming in Oregon, and also for the government on the plains during the Mexican War. His mother came here in 1849, and is still a resident of this county. She is now eighty-eight years of age, but is still active and in possession of all her faculties. On the 7th of February, 1850, Mr. C. married Miss Minerva Beeler, a daughter of one of the early settlers of

this county. She was a native of Indiana, and came to Missouri with her mother's family in 1844. They settled in the bottom, but the high water in the spring of 1844, compelled them to move. This they did by putting their household goods on a raft and wading to the bluffs, some two miles distant, pushing the raft before them. Mr. Cottier and his wife subsequently located on the farm where he now resides. He had preempted it in the fall of 1847, and since then he has given his attention to farming. At that time he owned a yoke of oxen and one horse. The cattle were used to break the ground and the horse to tread the corn. During the war he served in the Enrolled Missouri Militia, assisting in defending the property of the citizens. He has filled the district offices several terms, but is no office seeker. Mr. C. owns upwards of a 1,000 acres of fine land in Holt County, and some 200 in Nebraska. The home farm contains 270 acres, is well improved, has a good residence and an excellent orchard, twelve acres in extent, of 600 bearing trees, two peach orchards, and a large amount of small fruit. His farm is one of the finest in the county. He also has an excellent stock farm in Liberty Township. He and his wife are active members of the Christian Church. They have had eight children, seven of whom are living: Hannah J., born September 10, 1852, (now Mrs. J. G. Elliot, of Mound City); John T., born January 24, 1854; James C., born December 13, 1855; Lizzie, born September 13, 1857, (now Mrs. James Ward, of Minnesota Valley, Holt County); Mary S., born August 13, 1859, (now Mrs. John A. Hall, of Minnesota Valley); Emma, born March 20, 1862, and Robert, born August 21, 1864.

## GEORGE W. CUMMINS,

of the firm of Anderson & Co., dealers in general merchandise, was born in Crawford County, Ohio, March 29, 1844. His father, George Cummins, was born in Pennsylvania, of Scottish parentage. His wife, formerly Caroline Hoblitzell, was of German descent and a native of Maryland. George was reared to manhood at his birthplace and received fair educational advantages, attending for some time the DeKalb Seminary. When thirteen years old he commenced clerking in a general merchandise store, in which he remained until he was seventeen. In September, 1861, he enlisted in Company H, Sixty-fourth Ohio, in what was known as Sherman's Brigade. They served with the Army of the Cumberland, receiving their bloody baptism at Shiloh. They then took part in the battles of Murfreesboro, Prairieville, Chickamauga, and through the entire Atlanta campaign. Coming back under Thomas they took part in the battles of Nashville and Franklin, and were mustered out at Nashville, Tennessee. The subject of this sketch was twice wounded, once at Murfreesboro' and once at Chickamauga. At the close of the war he came west, and, in May, 1865, settled in Oregon. In the fall of that year he

engaged in the hardware business, with Mr. Anderson, under the firm name of Anderson & Cummins. They continued for some two years in the business, and Mr. C. then purchased the stock and operated it one year on his own account. Purchasing an interest in a dry-goods line, he remained in this about one year. He settled on a farm, near Oregon, in February, 1872, and, after about six years, he moved back to town, in 1878, and in 1879 he became associated with Anderson & Co. He filled the position of Secretary of the Holt County Agricultural and Mechanical Society for about four years. In his manners he is much of a gentleman and an excellent salesman. He still retains his fine farm, near Oregon. Mr. Cummins was married, in 1867, to Miss Eliza Cahill, a daughter of R. W. Cahill, of DeKalb, Crawford County, Ohio, where she was also born, in October, 1846. They have two children: Guy, born May 23, 1869; Gertrude, born July 2, 1870. Mrs. Cummins is a member of the Presbyterian Church of Oregon.

## JOHN S. CURZON,

farmer and stock raiser, section 10, is the son of Charles and Sarah (Hindley) Curzon, who were natives of England. They crossed the ocean and settled in York State about 1840. John S. was born on the 13th of February, 1848, in Onedia County, New York. He spent his boyhood days on the farm at his birth place and received the benefits of a common school education. In 1865 he came west and settled where he now resides. He farms the Carpenter farm, which contains 582 acres. He is quite largely interested in stock raising, is an energetic, enterprising citizen, and, being among the early settlers, is widely and favorably known. Politically he is a Republican. Mr. C. was married April 10, 1879, to Miss Cinda Adams, daughter of W. H. Adams, of this county. She is a native of Sibley County, Minnesota, and was born on the 29th of April, 1858. They have one child living, Johnnie W., born the 17th of September, 1881; lost one, Elgie, who died July 31, 1881. Mr. C.'s mother resides with him. She is now seventy-five years of age and is still enjoying good health. Curzon Station was named in honor of the subject of this sketch.

# J. H. C. CURTIS,

clerk of Holt County, was among the early settlers of this county. His parents, Jacob and Harriet Curtis, were both natives of Virginia. John was born January 1st, 1830, in Berkley County, West Virginia. He was reared to manhood at his birth-place, spending his boyhood days on the farm, and receiving his education in the neighborhood schools. In 1853, he moved to Butler County, Ohio, and in 1858 he settled in Knox

County, Illinois, where he remained for some two years. Then he came to Missouri, locating in Holt County. He commenced to learn the millwright's trade while in Ohio, and has followed that occupation through life. He has been engaged in building, repairing or operating almost every mill in this section of country, or Northwest Missouri, Southern Iowa, and the eastern parts of Kansas and Nebraska, and has contributed largely toward the growth and improvement of the county. In the fall of 1874, he was elected clerk of Holt County, and has since continued to fill the position with credit to himself and all parties interested. He is at present interested in the Forest City Flouring Mills. During the war he served in the Enrolled Missouri Militia. He is an active member of Oregon Lodge, No. 175, A. F. and A. M., also of Oregon Lodge, No. 54, I. O. O. F. Mr. Curtis has been twice married; first, in May, 1857, to Magaret Alleybaugh, who died in December, 1872. He was married again in March, 1874, to Charlotte Henry, a native of Ohio, and a daughter of Cyrus and Maria Henry, of that state.

#### SAMUEL DICKSON

was born in August, 1830, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. His parents, Stuart and Agnes Dickson, were born in the northern part of Ireland, and were of Scotch-Irish descent. Samuel was reared to manhood in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, and received the benefits of a common school education; also learning the blacksmiths trade in his youth. In 1854 he moved to Champaign County, Illinois, where he commenced work on the Illinois Central Railroad. At the breaking out of the war he was among the first to offer his services. In June, 1861, he enlisted in the Twenty-fifth Illinois Volunteer Infantry as a private, and was mustered out in September, 1864, holding the position of first-lieutenant. served in many of the hardest fought battles of the rebellion, among which were Pea Ridge, Perryville, Stone River, and others. He was wounded at the battle of Stone River, and was placed on detached duty. At the close of the war Mr. Dickson returned to Champaign County, Illinois, where he remained until 1858, when he came to Forest City. He has since been engaged in railroading, has held different positions on the road, being at present section foreman. He was married on the 14th of April, 1870, to Mary E. Long, a native of Kentucky. They have had four children, two of whom are living; Agnes, born January 19, 1871, and Nevilla, born August 16, 1875. Mrs. Dickson is a member of the Baptist Church. Mr. D., religiously, was raised a Presbyterian.

#### DAVID P. DOBYNS,

of the firm of Dobyns & Co., editors and proprietors of the *County Paper*, was born in St. Louis, Missouri, January 25, 1845. His parents,

James R. and Mary Dobyns, were natives of Kentucky. David was reared to manhood at his birthplace. Having several uncles engaged in the printing business, he concluded to learn that art, and consequently commenced setting type when but twelve years of age, devoting his spare moments to it when not in school. This occupation he has followed principally through life. He was among the first to respond to President Lincoln's call for troops, during the war, and although only sixteen years of age he enlisted, in April, 1861, in Company H, First Missouri Infantry, under Col. Frank P. Blair. He assisted in taking Camp Jackson, and also took part in the St. Louis Walnut Street riot. From there he went to Boonville, thence to Wilson's Creek, where he was severely wounded in the foot, and with his company he marched one hundred and fifteen miles, walking most of the way. He was then discharged on account of disability. Mr. D. afterwards re-enlisted in Company H, Fortieth Missouri Infantry, and was assigned to duty as keeper of Gratiot Street Military Prison at St. Louis. He held this position for several months, and then again joined his regiment at Nashville, Tennessee, taking part in that battle, and also those of Franklin, Mobile and Fort Blakelev, besides many others. He was mustered out at St. Louis in August, 1865. Mr. Dobyns subsequently turned his attention to the newspaper business. He published the Macon Argus and Macon Republican for several years, and during the winters of 1867-8 he was one of the enrolling clerks for the Missouri Legislature in the House. He filled the position of county clerk and auditor of Macon County, Missouri, from 1869 until 1872, and was also police judge for two years He was then called to take charge of the books of the St. Joseph Herald, and after remaining some time with the Herald Company he came to Oregon, in company with W. W. Davenport, who purchased the Holt County Sentinel, in 1876. In January, 1880, the name of the paper was changed to The County Paper. In June, 1881, Mr. Davenport sold his interest to D. P. Dobyns and W. F. Waller, moving to Jacksonville, Illinois, in October of the same year. In December, 1881, Mr. Waller sold his interest back to Mr. Davenport, and the company is now known under the firm name of D. P. Dobyns & Co. Mr. Dobyns publishes a spicy sheet, interesting and full of news, and has a large circulation. is an active member of Oregon Lodge, No. 54, I. O. O. F., and has held the position of District Deputy Grand Master and Grand Representative. He is also a member of Cour de Leon, No. 11, Knights of Pythias, of Hannibal, Missouri. He was married April 20, 1870, to Miss Emma Greer, daughter of W. A. Greer, of Macon, Missouri. She was born in Monroe County, Missouri, on the 11th of March, 1850. They have had four children: Lulu B., born December 11, 1872; Edwin B., born July 4, 1874; Leigh B., born November 30, 1878, and James F., born Decem ber 1, 1880. Mr. D. and wife are each members of the Christian Church

#### HON. THOMAS C. DUNGAN,

attorney and counselor at law, was born in Belmont County, Ohio, April 3, 1840. His father, B. Ellis Dungan, was a native of Pennsylvania, while his wife, formerly Miss Sarah S. Fox, was born in Philadelphia. The former was naval constructor in the United States ship yards for several years. Thomas was reared to manhood at his birth place, spending his boyhood days on the farm, and receiving excellent educational advantages. He completed his education at the Vermillion Institute, in Ohio. Arriving at maturity, he became engaged in teaching and reading law, and taught for some two years. In May, 1864, he enlisted in Company E, One Hundred and Seventieth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and served with the Sixth Army Corps in the Shenandoah Valley, taking part in the battle of Winchester and other minor engagements. He held the position of sergeant, and was mustered out at Camp Chase, Ohio, in September, 1864. At the close of the war, Mr. D. resumed the study of law, under Hon. W. S. Kennon, of St. Clairsville, Ohio, and was admitted to the bar in September, 1866. In the November following he emigrated westward and settled in Oregon, where he commenced the practice of his profession. Since that time he has been a prominent member of the Holt County bar. In June, 1868, he was appointed city attorney, and in April, 1873, at the special election, he was elected circuit attorney for the Twenty-ninth Judicial district, embracing four counties. In the fall of 1873, he was elected prosecuting attorney, and filled this position for two years. In the fall of 1880, he was elected State Senator from the First Senatorial district, embracing the four counties of Holt, Atchison, Nodaway and Andrew, and served his constituents in a very creditable manner. Mr. D. stands among the leading attorneys of Northwest Missouri. He has filled the position of notary public some ten years. He owns two fine farms east of Oregon, and a large one of 680 acres near Forbes. He has dealt largely in real estate, and made the first set of Abstract books in the county. Politically, he is a staunch Republican, having been brought up to the principles of that party. He has been a self-made man, and during life has given his attention entirely to his own business. He is an active member of Oregon Lodge, No. 139, A. F. and A. M., also of Oregon Council No. 15. Mr. Dungan was married May 13, 1879, to Miss Fanny I. Soper, daughter of Hannibal and Wolvina Soper, of Holt County. She was born in Ohio. They have one child, Estella Francis, born February 25, 1880.

## HARRY FARAGHER,

jeweler and watchmaker, was born in Toronto, Canada, September 29, 1860. His tather, Thomas Faragher, was born on the Isle of Man and his wife was a native of Ireland. Harry was reared and educated at

Toronto and graduated from the public schools of that city. His father was a jeweler and watchmaker, and the son commenced to learn that trade, with his father, when about thirteen years of age. He worked there until May, 1880, when he started out on his own account. After visiting Chicago, and spending some three months there in sight-seeing, etc., he immigrated westward and located in Oregon, where he started a jewelry store. He now carries a large and complete stock, one of the best in the county, and, having been raised to the business, understands it thoroughly. He is a member of the Good Templar order in Toronto, and belongs to the Presbyterian Church of Oregon.

## DR. GEO. A. FIEGENBAUM, A. M.,

of the firm of Goslin & Fiegenbaum, physicians and surgeons, was born in Galena, Illinois, January 1, 1855. His father, Henry H. Fiegenbaum, was a native of Prussia, Germany, and his mother, whose maiden name was Clara C. Kastenbutt, was from Hanover, Germany. The former was an itinerant minister in the German M. E. Church, and consequently made various moves. He went with his family to Wapello, Iowa, in 1860, then to Pekin, Illinois, in 1864, thence to Quincy, Illinois, in 1867, and in 1870 to St. Joseph, Missouri. George now started out on his own account by first engaging himself as clerk in a mercantile establishment. In the fall of 1873 he moved to Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, and took a classical course at the Iowa Wesleyan University and a theological course at the German Wesleyan College, attending the two colleges together. After five years study he was graduated in June, 1878, with the degree of A. B. In 1877 he commenced the study of medicine under Dr. Ray Beattie, and in the fall of 1878 he attended his first course of lectures at the St. Joseph Hospital Medical College. By the removal of Dr. Beattie to South America Mr. F. was obliged to choose another preceptor, which he found in the person of Dr. T. H. Doyle, of St. Joseph. He graduated in the spring of 1880, and that same year the Wesleyan University conferred upon him the degree of A. M. July, 1880, he came to Oregon and formed a partnership with Dr. Goslin. In the spring of 1882 he received the appointment of physician of Holt County. Dr. F. is a member of the Medical Society of Northwest Missouri. He was married in October, 1880, to Miss Anna B. Brodick, daughter of the Rev. I. A. Brodick, of Mt. Pleasant, Iowa. She was born in Burlington, Iowa, on the 16th of August, 1856. She is an active member of the Woman's Union of Oregon.

## PATRICK FITZMAURICE,

farmer and stock raiser, section 13, a large land owner of Holt County, was born on the Island of Mayo, in March, 1822. His parents, Thomas

and Catharine (Hunt) Fitzmaurice, were both natives of the same island. Patrick was the second child in a family of eight children. He was reared at his birth place, and in the fall of 1844, he crossed the ocean in the ship Pantheon. After landing at New York City, he settled in Baltimore. When the call was made for troops during the Mexican war, he enlisted in 1846, in Company A, Walter Gear's Battalion Light Infantry. He served under General Scott, and took part in the campaign from the coast through to the city of Mexico. He was discharged at Baltimore, Maryland, on the 31st of August, 1848. In 1849, Mr. F. made a trip to Oregon Territory, and in 1850 he went to California, where he worked in the gold mines. After celebrating the fourth of July, 1851, in San Francisco, he started for the states by way of the Isthmus, and thence to New Orleans. He came up the river to St. Louis, and then took a trip through western Missouri. Returning to Baltimore, he was married December 23, 1851, to Miss Mary A. Fitzmaurice. In the spring of 1852, they started west by cars, thence by steamboat to Weston, Missouri, and from there by team to St. Joseph, which, at that time, was but a small place. Leaving his wife there, he started out afoot to look up a location. He soon purchased the farm on which he now resides, and has since been engaged in agricultural pursuits. He owns upwards of 1100 acres of bottom land, well improved, there being upon it a good orchard, brick residence, etc. It is one of the best stock farms in the county. Mr. F. has filled the position of school director several terms, taking a deep interest in educational matters. His first wife died on the 13th of September, 1859, and left three children, two of whom are now living: Mary Ann, born January 13, 1858; Thomas A., born September 13, 1858. He was again married in 1860, to Miss Mary A. Stanton, a native of Mayo Island. By this union they have seven children: Sarah E., born December 7, 1862; John M., born September 7, 1864; P. Timothy, born September 7, 1866; Edward M., born October 25, 1868; Robert E., born September 2, 1870; Joseph W., born January 14, 1877; Stephen W., born July 30, 1881. Himself and family are active members of the Catholic Church of Forest City.

# JACOB S. FOSTER

was born in Baltimore, Maryland, June 4, 1808. His parents, Elijah and Annie (Singley) Foster, were also natives of that place. Jacob accompanied them to Richland County, Ohio, in 1817. They settled in the heavy timber, among the Indians, and in this wilderness young Foster was reared to manhood, his education being obtained in the old log school-house, with slab benches, puncheon floors, etc. He helped to open several farms in that vicinity and, in 1830, he was married to Miss Mary Ely, a native of Washington County, Pennsylvania. They immigrated west, in the fall of 1860 and settled in Oregon, since which time

he has been a resident of Holt County. During the war he filled the position of First Lieutenant of the Silver Grays, a company of 106, organized in this county. His father took part in the war of 1812, and he, himself, although quite young at that time, remembers quite distinctly the bombardment of Baltimore. Mrs. Foster died at Oregon, on the 17th of June, 1875. From this union there had been born nineteen children, seventeen boys and two girls. Of these five are now living: David, born July 25, 1831; Jehu, born February 25, 1835; Jacob, born March 20, 1841; Solomon, born in February, 1842; Rebecca, born March 6, 1846, (now Mrs. R. L. Coleman.) Mrs. Coleman keeps house for her father and brothers. She has a daughter, Annie L. Coleman, born February 27, 1877. Mr. Foster has retired from active life and is living with his children. He is still quite hale and hearty and bids fair to see many more years.

## D. FOSTER & BROTHERS,

are proprietors of a meat market and also of livery and feed stables. This firm was organized in 1871. They have one of the best stables in the county, fitted with a good stock, and are doing a flourishing business in the livery line. They run a line of hacks from Oregon to Forest City, for the accommodation of passengers, and carry the mail and express. For the past ten years they have not missed a mail, and during the high water in the spring of 1881, they carried it through to St. Joseph. They are enterprising citizens, and besides the business mentioned, they operate a superior meat market. David Foster is the eldest living son of Jacob and Mary Foster. He was born on the 25th of July, 1831, in Morrow County, Ohio. He spent his boyhood days on the farm at his birthplace, and received the benefits of a common school education. In 1854, he accompanied his parents to Noble County, Indiana, where he remained until the fall of 1859, working on a farm in the summer season, and teaching school during the winter months. He then moved west and settled on a farm in Holt County, Missouri. He gave his attention to agricultural pursuits until the spring of 1870, when he located in Oregon and kept the City Hotel for one year. In 1871, he engaged in the livery business with his brothers, which he has since continued. He has filled the position of city marshal, and has been a member of the city council. He devotes the most of his time to the care of the meat market. Mr. Foster was married on the 28th of September, 1858, to Miss Clara Cline, daughter of John Cline, Esq. She was born in Ohio. They have nine children: Albert J., born May 5, 1858; James F., born July 19, 1859; Charles H., born September 5, 1863; Christian, born May 28, 1868; Edward, born March I, 1870; Robert L., born December 4, 1871; Lillian A., born January 29, 1866; Cattie, born September 14, 1874, and Myrtle D., born September 6, 1877.

## JEHU FOSTER,

the second son of Jacob and Mary Foster, was born in Morrow County, Ohio, February. 25, 1835. He remained at his birthplace until he was eighteen years of age, when he accompanied his parents to Noble County, Indiana. He spent his boyhood days on the farm and received a common school education. In 1858 he took the California fever and started for the land of gold. While en route he stopped at Oregon and finally located here. He went to Iowa Point in the spring of 1859 and for one year conducted a livery stable for Dr. Robinson. In the spring of 1860 he settled on a farm near Oregon, where he remained some six years. During the war he served in the Enrolled Missouri Militia for about six months. In 1866 he moved to Oregon and engaged in the stock business. In the spring of 1870 he took charge of the City Hotel at Oregon and operated that one year, after which he became associated with his brother in the livery business, and has since followed that occupation. Mr. Foster was married the 17th of December, 1863, to Miss Ellen Markland, daughter of Colonel R. D. Markland, who served in the Enrolled Missouri Militia in this section of country for some time. Mrs. F. was born near Cincinnati in June, 1840. They have two children: Emma C., born Febrnary 25, 1868; Frank F., born March 17, 1870. Mrs. Foster has been an active member of the Christian Church since 1868.

## WILLIAM H. FRAME,

Sheriff of Holt County, was born in Brown County, Ohio, on March 12, 1848. His parents, W. R. and Nancy (Hook) Frame, were both natives of Ohio. William remained at his birthplace until nineteen years of age, spending his boyhood days on the farm and receiving his education in the neighborhood schools. In 1863, when only fifteen years of age, he enlisted with the one hundred day men, in Company D, One Hundred and Thirty-second Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was mustered in at Gallipolis, Ohio. After serving his time he re-enlisted in Company I, One Hundred and Ninety-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and served nearly a year. He took part in some of the engagements in the Shenendoah Valley, although on post duty most of the time. The regiment was mustered out at Winchester, Virginia, in November, 1865. The subject of this sketch then returned to his old home, in Ohio, and remained there until 1868, when he came westward and settled on a farm near Mound City. In 1869 he moved to a farm near Craig, on which he lived one year, next turning his attention to the mercantile business, in Craig. In 1878 he was elected Sheriff of Holt County and was re-elected in 1880. He makes an excellent official, and discharges the duties of this position with credit to himself and to the entire satisfaction of all parties interested. He is a member of Craig Lodge, No. 211, I. O. O. F., in which he has filled all the offices of the subordinate lodge. He is also a member of Oregon Lodge, No. 197, A. O. U. W., in which he has filled most of the offices. Mr. Frame was married June 28, 1874, to Miss Fannie Arnold, daughter of Thomas Arnold of Holt County. She was born in Atchison County, Missouri. They have one child, Richard W., born July 19, 1875. Mrs. Frame is a member of the Ladies Union of Oregon.

## CHRISTIAN FUHRMAN,

farmer, is the owner of 277 acres of land, his residence being on section 13. He was born in Germany, May 8, 1826, and in 1832 came to this country, settling in Ohio. In 1836, he moved to Adams County, Indiana, where he was raised to manhood, and there he helped his father clear a heavy timber farm. Later he bought some land of his own, which, by more than ordinary work he managed to improve. In the spring of 1869 he sold his farm and moved to the Platte Purchase, locating in Holt County, where he purchased the farm where he now lives. This was nearly all new and unimproved land. By the help of his family he has obtained such a home as is worth a few years of toil. His residence is a good one, and he has one of the best bank barns in the county, a former one having burned down in 1876, being struck by lightning. An orchard of 300 trees is on the place. As a man and neighbor, Mr. F. is honest and kind, and is honored by all. He married Miss Elizabeth Behurick, in Indiana, in 1847. She was the daughter of John Behurick, from Germany. They have six children living: Henry Charles, Sophia, Christ, Daniel, Edward and Elizabeth. Philip died November 6, 1880, aged 29 years Mary and John died in Indiana in 1858. Mr. F. and family are members of the Evangelical Association. In politics he is a Republican.

# ASHER GOSLIN, M. D.,

of the firm of Goslin & Fiegenbaum, physicians and surgeons, was born in Clermont County, Ohio, February 24, 1830. His father, Nathaniel Goslin, was born in Virginia, while his mother, whose maiden name was Annie Cox, was from New Jersey. Asher spent his boyhood days on the farm at his birth-place, and received his education at Antioch College, of Yellow Springs, Ohio. He commenced the study of medicine under Dr. D. H. Bradley, of Felicity, Clermont County, Ohio, in 1856, and took his first course of lectures at the Ohio Medical College, situated at Cincinnati, Ohio, during the winter of 1858–9. In October, 1859, he moved to White County, Illinois, and practiced at that point until September, 1861, when he enlisted in Company H, Forty-eighth Illinois Infantry. He was elected captain in the regiment in April 1862, and on the battle

field of Shiloh he was promoted to surgeon of the regiment, serving in this capacity until October, 1864. The last year of his service he was in charge of the Fifteenth Army Corps Field Hospital. In October, 1864, Dr. G. re-enlisted and was promoted to acting staff surgeon of the United States Army. At the time of re-enlistment he was presented with a case of surgical instruments, valued at \$200, by his old regiment (the Forty-eighth Illinois). He served until May, 1865, and took part in the battles of Fort Henry, Fort Donelson, Shiloh, siege of Corinth, second battle of Corinth, siege of Vicksburg, Jackson, Mississippi, Missionary Ridge, the Atlanta campaign, through with Sherman to the Sea and through the Carolinas to Washington, where he took part in the grand review. At the close of the war he settled in Olney, Illinois, and resumed his practice. He remained there until May, 1869, when he located in Oregon, Missouri, in June, 1869. His kind manner and cheerful countenance makes him a welcome visitor to the sick room, for to the best qualifications as a physician, he adds promptness in attention to calls. In July, 1880, he accepted as a partner Dr. Fiegenbaum. Since then they have had a large and lucrative practice. Dr. Goslin is a member of the Masonic and Odd Fellow's Lodges. He has filled the position of president of the Oregon Normal School Board, and professor of physiology in the school. He was married September 1, 1855, to Miss Sarah A. Quinn, a native of Felicity, Clermont County, Ohio, and daughter of Isaiah and Acineth Quinn, of that place. She was born September 4, 1835. They have one child, Estella M., born July 16, 1857. Mrs. G. is a member of the Presbyterian Church of Oregon, and an active member of the Woman's Union of Oregon.

## ORVILLE GRAVES,

of the firm of Graves & Weber, dealers in general merchandise, was born in Washington County, Kentucky, August 26, 1832. His parents, James and Ruth S. Graves, were from Virginia. Orville was raised to manhood at his birthplace, on the bank of a little creek called Pleasant Run, some four miles from the village of Springfield, the county seat. He received his education in the old fashioned log school houses, and when sixteen years of age he commenced to learn the blacksmith trade. He worked the first year for thirty dollars, and furnished his own clothing and washing, and in the spring of 1851, he went aboard a steamboat at Louisville, Kentucky, going to St. Louis. He went from there up the river to St. Joseph, and thence by team to the northeastern part of Atchison County. He and two brothers took up a claim on east Tarkio Creek, remained there one year, and then purchased an improved farm on the Nodaway River, in Nodaway County. In the fall of 1852, their parents moved here and settled with the boys. In 1865, the subject of this

sketch sold out with the intention of starting for Oregon Territory. He traveled over the country considerably, but finally settled at Forest City and engaged in the mercantile business with J. B. Truett. After thus continuing the business five years, George Weber became a partner, and he afterwards sold out to the present partner, Emil Weber. They carry a large and complete stock in their line, and receive a liberal patronage. Mr. Graves has been a member of the city council several years. He belongs to Forest City Lodge No. 214, A. F. and A. M., and has filled the office of treasurer for a number of years. He was married February 9, 1853, to Miss Frances Vinsonhaler, daughter of Jacob Vinsonhaler, an old pioneer of Nodaway County. She was born in Ohio in February, 1835. They have four children living: Mary B., born February 4, 1854, (now Mrs. Emil Weber); Annie E., born in 1856, (now Mrs. Robert P. Zook); Charles T., born July 2, 1862, and Daisy L., born in 1870. Lost three. Mrs. G. is a member of the M. E. Church. Being an old pioneer, Mr. Graves is well known in this vicinity. He has ever taken a deep interest in building up and improving the county, for which he deserves much credit.

## JOSEPH GROVES,

dealer in general merchandise, was born near Luray, Page County, Virginia, January 14, 1842. His parents, Peter and Catherine Groves, were both natives of Virginia. Joseph was reared to manhood at his birthplace on the farm and received a common school education. During the war he espoused the southern cause and served for about four years in the Confederate army. He was a member of an artillery company with Hill's corps, William Pegram's battalion, and took part in nearly all the battles against the army of the Potomac, through the entire siege of Petersburg, at the battles of Fredricksburg, Chancellorsville and through Grant's campaign. His battery fired the first cannon shot at the battle of Gettysburg. Mr. G. served until the close of the war, after which he turned his attention to farming in his native county and state. In the fall of 1867 he emigrated west and remained one year in Hancock County, Illinois. In 1869 he came to Forest City and started a livery stable, carrying on the business some two and a half years. He then became associated with George B. Chaddock, in the general merchandise business, under the firm name of Chaddock & Groves, and, after three years, Mr. Groves took the stock in his name and has continued the business since. He has a branch store at Mound City, conducted under the firm name of Groves & Furguson. Mr. G. also ships some grain and deals in agricultural implements of all kinds. He owns a handsome residence and other town property. He is at present a member of the city council and of the school board. Groves was married the 26th of February, 1871, to Miss Cora Whobrey,

daughter of J. B. Whobrey, of this county. They have three children: John, born October 16, 1872; Mattie, born March 16, 1875; Mary, born April 16, 1879. Himself and wife are active members of the M. E. Church South, in which he fills the position of recording steward and Sabbath School superintendent.

## DANIEL HAHN, SR.,

farmer and stock raiser, section 3. Prominent among the earliest pioneers of Holt County, is the subject of this sketch. His parents, Andrew and Mary Hahn, were natives of Maryland, and were among the early pioneers of Columbiana County, Ohio. Daniel was born in that county, on the 24th of November, 1812. His boyhood days were spent on the farm, and he received an education in the subscription schools kept in the log houses. His father owned a saw mill, and when twelve years of age Daniel commenced to work in the mill, following the business for several years. He emigrated west with his family in the fall of 1840, came by steamboat to Boone County, Missouri, and thence by ox teams to what is now Holt County, arriving here on the 27th of March, 1841. It was a vast wilderness, inhabited principally by roving bands of Indians, and abounding in game. He took up a claim in section 17, Lewis Township, on the bottoms, built a log cabin and broke some thirty acres of ground. Being a good shot, he killed game enough to keep the family in meat the year round. Their milling point was Platte River Mills, below St. Joseph, and during the winter of 1842, he made all their meal on a hominy block. The high water in the spring of 1844 drowned his stock and destroyed his farm. He then settled on another farm, on which he remained until 1846, when he located where he now resides. It consists of 200 acres of well improved land, watered by running water, and well adapted to stock raising. It lays one and one-half miles south of Oregon. He has a comfortable residence, good orchard, etc. He built a water saw mill on Mill Creek, in 1848, and run it until 1862. During the war he espoused the Union cause, shouldered a musket and went to the front, although fifty-two years of age. He enlisted in Company H, Thirty-fifth Missouri Infantry, in the spring of 1862, and served until the close of the war, taking part in many of the engagements in Missouri, Arkansas, Kentucky, Tennessee, and Mississippi. At the close of the war he returned to his farm, and has given his attention to agricultural pursuits since. Mr. H. is now living with his third wife. His first wife was Miss Susan Kerns, who died in 1847, leaving eight children, three of whom are now living: Mary, Leah, born February 3, 1841 (now Mrs. Charlie Prather) and Melinda, born January 22, 1843, (now Mrs. John Marsh, of Oregon). His second wife was Nancy Hogue. She died in 1866, and left eight children, five of whom are living: Diana, born January 18, 1850, (now Mrs. William Miller); Richard and Daniel. twins, born April 8, 1855; Anna J., born December 29, 1858; David, born December 30, 1860. He was married again in 1873, to Mrs. Sarah Anderson, a native of Indiana. She has one child by her former husband, Ell J. Anderson, born June 15, 1871. By this union they have had three children, two of whom are living: Adam, born August 9, 1874, and Anna J., born August 15, 1875.

# JOHN W. HAIGLER,

farmer and stock raiser, section 12, a well-to-do farmer of Holt County, was born December 9, 1837, in Franklin County, Missouri. His parents, Eli and Elizabeth (Hinkle) Haigler, were both natives of Virginia. John was the fourth child in a family of seven. He was reared on a farm, receiving the benefits of a common school education, and in the spring of 1849 he came to Holt County and settled on the Missouri River bottom. At the death of his mother, in 1851, he returned to his old home, remaining until 1855, when he again came to this county. In the fall of 1859 he took a trip to Texas, and after spending a few months on the frontier he returned to Holt County. In the spring of 1864 he went to Nebraska and remained there until the spring of 1866. Since then he has resided in this locality. He owns some 300 acres of fine bottom land, 200 of which are under cultivation. He has a handsome brick residence, and his farm is one of the finest for stock purposes in the county, he being quite largely interested in that business. The high water in the spring of 1881 damaged him to the extent of about \$4,000, destroying 100 acres of winter wheat, fences, etc. Mr. Haigler was married February 27, 1861, to Sidonia Furguson, daughter of Joseph N. and Polly Furguson, of Franklin County, Missouri. She was born in that county July 5, 1835. By this union they have four children: Mary J., born December 13, 1861; Virginia E., born October 11, 1864; Harry L., born January 14, 1868, and John W., born September 26, 1871. They have lost three. Mrs. Haigler is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

#### HASNESS & IRVINE,

editors and proprietors of the *Holt County Press*. This firm is composed of J. M. Hasness and L. Irvine. J. M. Hasness was born in the village of New Lisbon, Columbiana County, Ohio, January 22, 1849. His father, Abraham Hasness, was a native of Maryland, while his wife was a native of Ohio. In 1857 J. M. accompanied his parents to Iowa, and after remaining there some two years he made a short visit to Ohio, and thence to Oregon, Holt County, Missouri, in the spring of 1859. His father was a cabinetmaker by trade, and opened a shop at this place.

J. M. received fair educational advantages and, in 1867, he began to learn the printing business, first in Oregon and then at Pleasant Hill, Missouri. From there he went to Hiawatha, Kansas, in 1870, where he held the position of foreman of the Hiawatha Dispatch for three years. In January, 1874, he moved to Rock Port, Atchison County, Missouri, and started the Rock Port News. In August of that year he sold an interest to William Kaucher. They moved the paper to Oregon, and started the Missouri Valley Times. In 1876 Mr. Kaucher sold his interest to Henry Shutts, and the new firm changed the name of their paper to the Holt County Press. In 1877 Mr. Shutts disposed of his share to Clark Irvine and, in 1878, Mr. Hasness purchased Mr. Irvine's interest and conducted the paper alone until September, 1881, when he sold a half interest to Leigh Irvine. They publish a neat and newsy sheet and represent the Democratic interests of the county in a very able and satisfactory manner. Mr. H. is an able writer and is much of a gentleman in his manners, having risen to his present position as a journalist step by step. He is an active member of Oregon Lodge, No. 54, I. O. O. F., and holds the position of District Deputy Grand Master. He also belongs to the A. O. U. W. of Oregon. He was married October 4, 1880, to Miss Alice Kreek, daughter of T. I. Kreek, one of the old pioneers of Holt County. She was born in this county August 15, 1857. They are active members of the M. E. Church of Oregon, in which he holds the position of Sabbath-School Superintendent. Leigh Irvine, of the firm of Hasness & Irvine, also of the firm of O'Fallen & Irvine, attorneys, is a son of Clark and Annie Irvine, who were pioneers of Holt County, Missouri. Leigh was born on the 28th of November, 1860, in Oregon. After receiving a preparatory education in the Oregon schools he entered the State University at Columbia, Missouri, in the fall of 1880, graduating from the law department during the summer of 1881. He then formed a partnership with Mr. O'Fallon and commenced the practice of law at Oregon. In September, 1881, he purchased an interest in the Holt County Press, and now carries on both branches of business. He is a good writer and a deep thinker and stands among the prominent attorneys of the county.

# THOMAS S. HINDE,

druggist and apothecary and dealer in books, etc., was born in Mt. Vernon, Jefferson County, Illinois, on the 21st of April, 1847. His parents, James and Elizabeth Hinde, were natives of Kentucky. When quite small Thomas was taken to White County, Illinois. His father practiced law, and held the positions of circuit clerk and recorder of that county for several years. Thomas received his education principally at the State University, at Bloomington, Indiana. When twelve years of age, he commenced to assist his father in the circuit clerk's office,

remaining with him while not in school until he was twenty-one. In the fall of 1867, he migrated west and settled at Savannah, Andrew County, Missouri, and engaged in the grocery business. After following this occupation for eighteen months, he embarked in the drug business with Dr. Holloway, with whom he continued until October, 1872, when he came to Oregon. He soon opened a drug store at this point, and has since carried on a flourishing business. His stock, the largest in the city, is very complete. He also carries a stock of fancy groceries, and has a neat and tasty store room on Nodaway Street. He is an active member of Oregon Lodge No. 54, I. O. O. F., and has filled all the offices within the gift of the lodge. Mr. Hinde was married on the 22d of September, 1867, to Miss Flora A. Thompson, daughter of William B. Thompson, of White County, Illinois. She was born in Carmi, White County, Illinois, May 6, 1879, and was an old schoolmate of Mr. Hinde. They had four children: Grace, Willie, Edith and James. Mrs. H. is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

## JOHN C. HINKLE,

farmer and stock-raiser, section 18, was born November 23, 1837, in Franklin County, Missouri, on the bank of the Missouri River. His parents, Adam and Sarah Hinkle, were both natives of Virginia, but came to Missouri about the year 1830. John was the fourth in a family of six children. His parents both died when he was quite small, and he grew to manhood an orphan. His mother died in 1842, and his father in 1843. John remained in the vicinity of his birth until he was seventeen years old. He received the benefits of a common school education, and August 10, 1858, he landed in Holt County, Missouri. He then purchased the place where he now resides, there being a small log cabin upon it, and some twenty acres broken. Since this date, he has been a resident of Holt County, actively engaged in agricultural pursuits. He at present owns some 719 acres of fine bottom land, about 510 of which are under cultivation. He has a comfortable residence and an excellent barn, besides an orchard of 800 apple trees. His farm is well watered and well adapted to stock raising, and is one of the finest in the county. During the late civil war he enlisted in the Confederate army, and served three years under General Price, taking part in the battles of Blue Mills, Lexington, Pea Ridge, second Corinth, Vicksburg, West Plains and many others, serving in the commissary department most of the time. At the close of the war, he returned to his farm. He is a member of Forest City Lodge, No. 214, A. F. and A. M. Mr. Hinkle was married the 8th of August, 1858, to Miss Susan T. Noble, a native of Scotland County, Missouri, and a daughter of John and Viney Noble. She was the eighth in a family of ten children, and was born October 16, 1835.

Her father came from Kentucky, while his wife was born in Tennessee. They came to Missouri about the year 1816, when it was still a territory. The former taught school in Pike County, when he was obliged to take his rifle with him and watch for Indians. Both of the parents and all of the family are still living, none of the latter having ever been sick. Mr. and Mrs. Hinkle have had a family of six children, five of whom are now living. John A., born July 18, 1859; Jehu G., born November 13, 1860; William, deceased; George W., born January 30, 1866; Leola Olive, born January 19, 1868; Byron Lee, born August 6, 1870. Himself and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, of Tarkio Chapel, in which he formerly held the position of steward. The high water in the spring of 1881, destroyed eighty acres of fall wheat, and damaged 1,000 bushels of corn, besides sweeping away his fences.

#### HOBLITZELL & BRO.,

dealers in pine lumber and farm wagons. The firm is composed of Cornelius and Joseph Hoblitzell. Cornelius Hoblitzell was born in Platte County, Missouri, January 10, 1841. His father was a native of Maryland, while his wife was from Pennsylvania. They came to Holt County, Missouri, in the spring of 1844, and settled in Oregon, afterwards moving upon a farm five miles east of town. On this place they lived some time and then came back to Oregon. The town of Brownsville, Nebraska, next became their home, and in the spring of 1861 they returned to Holt County. The boys obtained a fair school education, but received a thorough insight into business. During the war Joseph served in the Union army, and Cornelius served in the Enrolled Missouri Militia. In 1865 Joseph and Cornelius engaged in the mercantile business, which they continued some two years and then became interested in the lumber business, in which they have since been engaged. They have a large yard at St. Joseph, Missouri, which Joseph superintends, and Cornelius superintends the other four, situated at Oregon, Forest City, Craig, and Fairfax. All these yards are conducted by men well qualified for their positions—Edmund Pinkston at Forest City, Charles Doughty at Craig, and William Combs at Fairfax. They own all the lumber yards in Holt County, except two, and do a thriving business at these points. They have taken a deep interest in the growth and improvement of this county. Cornelius moved to Craig in 1875 and resided there six years, returning to Oregon in 1881. He owns a fine fruit farm east of Oregon, of some seventy-five acres, on which he has some 1,100 trees of all kinds and a large quantity of small fruit. He is a member of Craig Lodge, No. —, A. F. & A. M., in which he holds the office of Worshipful Master. Mr. H. was married March 19, 1861, to Amanda M. Combs, of Peru, Nebraska. She was a native of Illinois and was born November 27, 1842. They have three children living: Cora B., born January 14, 1862, (now Mrs. H. F. Allen, of Watson, Atchison County); Winnie V., born February 9, 1870; William H., born January 5, 1881. Himself, wife and eldest daughter are active members of the M. E. Church, Oregon, in which he fills the positions of steward and Sabbath School superintendent. He is also president of the Holt County Sabbath School organization.

#### VINE HOVY,

agent for the Kansas City, St. Joseph and Council Bluffs Railread, at Forest City, was born in Urbana, Champaign County, Ohio, on the 22d of July, 1832. His parents, Samuel T. and Rachel C. Hovy, were both natives of Ohio. Vine was reared to manhood at his birthplace, and received an education in the neighborhood schools. He learned the brickmakers trade in his youth, and in 1856 he moved to McDonough County, Illinois, remaining there for three years, working at his trade. In 1859 he immigrated to Colorado, and made that vicinity his home until September, 1862. He was located at Tarryall and Blue River, and was engaged in mining and ranching, after which he returned to the States. In the winter of 1862 he took another trip west with a freight train, but having sold his outfit he again came to the States. In the spring of 1863 he went to Montana, returned to Ohio in November, 1864, and enlisted in Company I, One Hundred and Ninety-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. The regiment was placed on duty at Fort Delaware, and Mr. H. was mustered out in September, 1865, at Camp Chase, Ohio. He came west in November, 1865, and located at East Atchison, where he entered the employ of the Kansas City, St. Joseph and Council Bluffs Railroad Company, commencing as a truck-man in the freight house. Later, he became freight agent, and in September, 1879, he accepted the position as agent at Forest City, and has filled the position since, with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of the railroad company. He is amember of the city council of Forest City. He owns an interest in a steam sawmill. Mr. Hovy is a member of the Knights of Pythias, and of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, of Atchison. He was married July 22, 1856, to Miss Lizzie M. Goheen, daughter of J. W. Goheen, of Belleville, Illinois. They have an interesting family of four children: Emma B., nineteen years old; Lottie L., nine years of age; Nellie M., aged six, and Laura C. F., four years old. Mr. H., his wife and eldest daughter, are members of Presbyterian Church at Forest City.

#### WILLIAM KAUCHER.

Prominent among the old pioneers of this county is the subject of this sketch. His parents, Jacob and Dorothy Kaucher, were both natives

of Pennsylvania. William was born in Berks County, Pennsylvania, November 22, 1831. He spent his boyhood days principally in Germantown, Ohio, receiving fair educational advantages. His father was a millwright, and his four sons learned that trade. William's first work on his own account was at Sidney, Shelby County, Ohio, but from there he went to Freeburg, Ohio, and then to Terra Haute, Indiana, next moving to Westfield, Clark County, Illinois. During the Kansas and Nebraska excitement he came west, and settled at Leavenworth, in April, 1855. He located in Oregon in July, 1855, and superintended the erection of the first steam mill in the county, and probably the first one above St. Joseph. He has since then made Oregon his home, and has been interested in nearly every mill in Northwestern Missouri. In 1856, he, with a partner established a general shop in Oregon, for the manufacture of looms and other articles of furniture. They continued the business some two years. From that time on he has been engaged in erecting and operating mills in Missouri, Iowa, Nebraska and Kansas. He was elected sheriff of Holt County, in the fall of 1862, and was re-elected in the fall of 1864. When all the officers in the state were thrown out in 1865, the subject of our sketch was re-appointed by the governor, and filled the office until the close of 1866. In November, 1867, he was appointed United States Assistant Internal Revenue Collector, of Holt, Atchison, Nodaway and Andrew Counties, he filling the position until August, 1871. The office was then abolished, and the business thrown into the collector's office. He then turned his attention to agricultural pursuits. In 1874, in partnership with J. M. Hasness, Mr. K. started the Missouri Valley Times, at Oregon. In August, 1876, he sold out to Henry Shutts, and turned his attention to the milling business. February 28th, 1881, he purchased an interest in the East Forest City Mills. These mills are owned by a stock company, and are among the most complete mills in Northwest Missouri, being rated as a 225 barrel mill. He fitted it up and now superintends the business. Mr. Kaucher has had a long experience in the. business, and understands it thoroughly. He is a member of Oregon Lodge No. 139, A. F. and A. M., and Oregon Lodge No. 54, I. O. O. F., also Oregon Encampment No. 43, I. O. O. F. He was married September 26, 1858, to Miss Sarah E. Watson, daughter of Judge Samuel Watson, one of the earliest pioneers of Holt County. She was born near Oregon, in 1842, and died August 9, 1872. By this union they had seven children, four of whom are living: Mary, born May 20, 1861; Lilly, born November 18, 1863; Eva, born December 15, 1866; Lawrence, born September 12, 1869. Mr. K. was married again May 26, 1873, to Lucy S. Christian. She is a native of Chicago. They have had three children, two of whom are living: Leah E., born December 9, 1877, and George, born November 20, 1880.

### JAMES A. KEEVES,

dealer in general merchandise, was born on a farm in Berkeley County, Virginia, September 25, 1828. His parents, Arthur and Sarah Keeves, were both natives of Virginia. James was the youngest of six children, five of whom are now living. He spent his boyhood days on the farm, and commenced to follow the plow when only nine years of age, receiving but a common school education, in the subscription schools. In 1851 he left his birthplace to preach, as a supply minister for the M. E. Church, on the Wardensville circuit, in Hampshire County, Virginia. One year later he returned to Berkeley County. His father died in 1850, and his mother decided to move west with the family. In the spring of 1854 they took the steamer at Wheeling, West Virginia, going to St. Louis, then went to St. Joseph, and thence to Oregon, by team, arriving here May 22, 1854. The subject of this sketch, having \$500, determined to settle on a farm. He, in partnership with his mother, purchased 160 acres, paying \$2,000 for it. It is now the County Poor Farm. In 1860 Mr. K. moved to Oregon and conducted the City Hotel one year, clearing \$1,500. He then moved back on the farm, on which he remained until the spring of 1864, whe he located in Oregon. He soon entered into partnership with Daniel E. and John G. Cathell, in the general merchandise business, which they continued till 1866. He afterwards worked four years, as book-keeper, with Levi Zook and James Stalt, in their bank. October 4, 1870, he bought an interest in a general merchandise store, with Judge Watson. They erected a good brick block in 1878, and on the 4th of October, 1878, Mr. Watson retired and Mrs. Mary Bevan purchased an interest, she being represented by her son. On the 18th of January, 1882, Mr. Keeves purchased Mrs. B.'s interest. He now carries a well-assorted stock and does a good business. He is a member of Oregon Lodge, No. 139, A. F. and A. M. Mr. Keeves has been twice married; first, October 6, 1863, to Miss Eliza Hahn, daughter of Richard Hahn, one of the old pioneers of Holt County. She died October 9, 1864. He was married again the 22d of March, 1870, in Berkeley County, Virginia, to Miss Kate T. Jones, a native of that county, born January 10, 1843. He has been a member of the church since he was nineteen years of age. He first belonged to the Methodist, but there not being any members of that denomination here when he came he joined the Presbyterian Church, in which he fills the position of Elder. His wife is also a member of that denomination.

### ROBERT L. KELLY,

deceased, was born in Pennsylvania in December, 1814. When he was ten years old his father moved to Knox County, Ohio, and bought a

farm. He remained at home until he was eighteen years of age, then went to Kentucky, and there learned the stonecutters trade, at which he worked more or less during life. April 10, 1850, he married Miss Cassandra Perrigo, the daughter of William Perrigo, of Breckinridge County, Kentucky, where she was born in 1828. They had six children: George W., James W., Elizabeth, who married David Ramsey, of Atchison County; Eliza, Ellen and Irene. In the spring of 1850 Mr. Kelly came to this state and county, and bought unimproved land. He at once commenced with a will to cultivate it, put up a small house, set out an orchard, etc. At the breaking out of the war, when the call for troops was made, he responded at once, entered the Sixth Missouri State Militia as first lieutenant, and after his time expired he re-enlisted in the Thirty-fifth Missouri Volunteer Infantry as sergeant, and was stationed at Benton Barracks, St. Louis. After being there some three months he was taken sick and died, December 22, 1862. He was an able, honest, capable and intelligent man, Union from principle, and a good soldier. Mrs. K. was left on her new farm with her small children to care for, and while she experienced many hardships and trials, she was brave, and faced the dangers with true valor and womanly courage. She has raised her family, given them good educations, and four of them have become teachers. She has kept her farm of 200 acres, situated on section 23, and has succeeded in keeping it in excellent condition. They are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

# MAJOR GEORGE W. KELLY

is a prominent man among the early settlers of Holt County. He was born near Union, Monroe County, Virginia, on the 26th of July, 1824. His parents, John W. and Mary (Stuart) Kelly, were both natives of Virginia. George accompanied them to the White Sulphur Springs and then to Lewisburg, Virginia, in 1835, where he remained until November, 1840. His father edited the Western Enquirer, and George worked in the office and learned the printing business. In the fall of 1840 he came westward with his parents, stopping a short time in Lafayette County, Missouri. The elder Kelly traveled through to Holt County to view the country, returned, and in January, 1841, he and his son George came up and erected a cabin in what is now known as Nichols' Grove; where they took claims. The family followed during the succeeding March. John W. Kelly being a lawyer, moved to Oregon and hung out his shingle. He was appointed commissioner to purchase the town site, and was the first lawyer enrolled in the county. He filled the position of county judge for several terms, and also represented the county several terms in the Legislature. He was nominated for lieutenant governor, on the Thomas Benton ticket, but was defeated. He died the 26th of September, 1868. George received a fair education, and attended the first school taught in the county. He read law to some extent with his father, and while in Virginia, he had studied Latin and Greek. Upon arriving at maturity he engaged in trading, and served several terms as deputy sheriff of Holt County. During the Mexican war, in 1847, he enlisted in Craig's company, Lieutenant Colonel Powell's battalion of mounted Missourians. This company was made up in Holt and Atchison Counties. They were ordered out on the plains,-started for Oregon Territory; they built Fort Kearney, and remained a short time at Fort Laramie, and made an expedition into the Sioux country. They were discharged in November, 1848, after which he returned to Holt County, Missouri. the spring of 1850 the subject of this sketch started overland for California, leaving Oregon on the 14th of April, and arriving in Sacramento City the 3rd of July. He went by the northern route from Humboldt north through the southern part of Oregon, having missed the shorter route. After remaining one year in California, he returned by the Isthmus and New Orleans, and then to Holt County. He was engaged as deputy sheriff and also in dealing in land and stock. In September, 1861, he enlisted in Kimball's regiment, Missouri Volunteer Militia, and held the position of major of cavalry in this regiment. In March, 1862, he re-enlisted as major of the Fourth Regiment Missouri State Militia Volunteers, and served with his regiment three years, or until the close of the war, having acted in Southern Missouri and Arkansas. He assisted in driving General Shelby out of Missouri in 1863, and General Price in 1864. He was the only field officer on the battle field at Little Blue, his regiment losing forty-eight men in this encounter. He rode across the creek at the head of his regiment, under the enemy's fire. His horse was shot twice, and Captain Blair, one of his best captains, was killed. He commanded the right wing. They took part in the battle of Mine Run, Kansas, where they captured 800 prisoners and ten loaded pieces of artillery. At the close of the war Major K. returned to Holt County, and has since made this his home, with the exception of six months spent in Kansas City, and one year at St. Joseph. He commenced the hotel business in Oregon in 1875, and in August, 1877, the hotel burned. November, of that year, he came to Forest City and conducted the Brady House two years and four months. Since then he has retired from active life. He has never been a member of any secret society, nor has he ever drank any liquor. He was married January 10, 1847, to Miss Alvira H. Davis, a native of Ohio. She died at Forest City, November 2, 1879. She was an active member of the M. E. Church.

## PHILIP KOLLMOR,

superintendent of the Holt County Poor House, was born in Wurtenberg, Germany, on the 6th of December, 1826, and is the son of Fredrick and

Catharine Kollmor, both natives of Germany. Philip was reared to manhood in the village of El Hofen, receiving a common education. He learned the baker's trade, and also served for a while in the German army-In 1852 he crossed the ocean, and landed at New York City on the 6th of February, remaining there some ten months, working in a sugar house. From there he went to Morrow County, Ohio, where he worked four years in the coal mines, after which he came to Holt County, Missouri, arriving here April 29, 1856. For the first few years he worked by the day in Oregon. During the civil war he was among the first to respond to President Lincoln's call for troops. He enlisted June 13, 1861, in Company B, Twenty-fifth Missouri Infantry, and took part in the battle of Lexington, Missouri, and was taken prisoner and parolled. He re-enlisted and at the bloody battle of Shiloh, on the 6th of April, 1862, he was severely wounded. He remained in the hospital until September 1, 1862, when he was discharged on account or disability. Returning to Holt County, Mr. K. engaged in farming and trimming fruit trees. He now owns an improved farm of 40 acres, situated on the road between. Oregon and Forest City. He took charge of the Holt County Poor House March 1, 1880, and has since filled this position. He makes an efficient superintendent, being a man of strict integrity and gifted with a kind and generous nature. Mr. Kollmor was married October 1, 1854, to Miss Fannie Millheart, a native of Baden, Germany. They have eight children: William, born May 10, 1857; Sophia, born September 27, 1858; Trocy, born April 10, 1860, (now Mrs. Michael Toll, of this county) Albert, born December 7, 1863; Emma, born April 6, 1867; Elizabeth, born March 13, 1868; Melia, born December 25, 1870; Fredrick, born April 18, 1878. Two are deceased. Himself and wife are members of the German M. E. Church, of Oregon.

# THOMAS ISRAEL KREEK,

retired merchant and fruit grower, has forty-five acres of land adjoining the corporation of Oregon. He is the son of Andrew and Amelia (Castle) Kreek, and was born in Washington County, Maryland, May 13, 1826. His advantages for acquiring an education were very limited. In youth he learned the shoemaking trade and worked at it for many years. In 1852 he came to this state, locating in Holt County, where he started a shoe shop, at Oregon, and continued the business until 1861, when he embarked in the general merchandise business with Jonas Lamer, an old merchant. They bought goods on a rising market and did a very large and profitable business. In 1865 Mr. K. sold out to his partner, and in the fall of the same year he entered into business with Samuel Hershberger, and the relation has been continued for many years, though with several changes in the firm. Now the firm is

Kreek & Watson, and, as it is one of the old and successful firms, is enjoying a very satisfactory patronage. The business is carried on by the sons of Messrs. Kreek & Watson. Mr. Kreek has been from the first one of the leading men in Oregon in the way of building. First he erected a good residence in the eastern part of the city, and in 1875 he built two large brick stores and a third one with Mr. Hershberger. In 1881 he put up one of the finest residences in the city—a model of architectural beauty and splendor. On his forty-five acres of land he has some 800 apple trees, 300 pear, 500 peach, and cherries, plums, grapes and all other small fruit of the best quality. He married Miss Elizabeth Steel Jackson, in Fayette County, Pennsylvania, January 15, 1851. They have by this happy union eight children living: John Andrew, Amelia Castle, Elizabeth A., Agnes Steel, Thomas Orick, Franklin Edward, Harry Ellsworth and, Mary Ellen. Mrs. Kreek's father was John F. Jackson, and her mother was formerly Nancy Cannon. Mr. Kreek was treasurer of Holt County in 1879-'80, and has been a member of the city council for many years. He is a Republican in politics and religiously is a Methodist. John A. Kreek is a partner in the store of Kreek & Watson, and is a young man well educated in business life. By experience, courteous manners, and honorable dealing has built up a very desirable trade.

### KREEK & WATSON,

dealers in general merchandise. This firm is composed of J. A. Kreek and Jonas Watson. The former was born in Union, Fayette County, Pennsylvania, January 5, 1852. His father, T. I. Kreek, was a native of Maryland, and his mother, whose maiden name was E. S. Jackson, was born in Fayette County, Pennsylvania. They moved west in the fall of 1862, and settled at Oregon, Holt County, Missouri, where John A. was reared to manhood. After receiving a preparatory education in the schools of the place, he entered college at Springfield, Ohio. The elder Kreek was engaged in merchandising, and John was brought up to learn that business. After completing his education he clerked with his father, and on January 1, 1878, his father then retired and turned the business over to his son and Jonas Watson. They carry about the heaviest stock of goods in town, and do a flourishing business. Mr. K. is a young man of steady and industrious habits, and one that gives his attention to his business. He plays first alto in the Oregon Cornet Band. Jonas Watson, of this firm, is a son of Samuel and Ellen Watson, who were pioneers of Holt County. He was born near Oregon, May 14, 1846, and was reared to manhood on this frontier, receiving a fair education, and spending his boyhood days on the farm until twelve years of age. He then commenced to assist in his father's woolen factory, where he worked until 1865, when he turned his attention to agricultural pursuits. On the first of March, 1874, his father engaged in the merchandise business with James A. Keeves, under the firm name of Watson & Keeves. Jonas clerked in this store until October, 1877. January 1, 1878, he became associated with J. A. Kreek, under their present firm name. Mr. Watson is an excellent salesman, and holds the respect of a large circle of friends. He has filled his present office of public alderman for some three years. During the war he served in the Enrolled Missouri Militia. He is a member of the Odd Fellows fraterternity, and has always taken an active part in furthering the interests of the town. He was married November 6, 1870, to Miss Elizabeth Schute, daughter of Herman Schute, who was an early settler of Holt County. She was born and raised here. They have five children: Jennie M., born November 27, 1871; Ida E., born October 19, 1874; Cordelia, born April 13, 1876, and Jonas L., born August 4, 1881. Mrs. W. is an active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of Oregon.

## DANIEL KUNKEL, SR.,

miller, manufacturer and inventor, was born in York County, Pennsylvania, May 1, 1815, and when ten years old his father moved to Richland County, Ohio, where Daniel received his education. He was engaged in chopping and clearing rough timbered land until his father had a farm and improvements, when he bought a piece of land and made a small start in life. In 1847, he sold out his farm and came to Holt County. Observing that the settlers needed a grist mill, and finding good water facilities where his mill now stands, he set about the task of erecting a suitable structure, with that indomitable will which has characterized his whole life. In September, 1851, he had a mill ready for grinding. People came from far and near. Business at once became brisk, even beyond his most sanguine hopes, and in 1861, he added a fine engine and set up machinery for carding wool. In 1865, needing better facilities and more room, he made a large brick addition, filled it with machinery for manufacturing cloth, and also added three run of burrs and crushers, the mill having but one run at first. Mr. K., with the assistance of his sons, has been doing a very successful and satisfactory business, until now he has retired. In January, 1882, the four sons and son-in-law bought the whole establishment. They all have been educated in the mill and factory, and are giving great satisfaction to their customers. In 1864, Mr. K. invented a washing machine, which has been a success, and a late improvement has placed it at the head of these articles. The railroad men say that his car coupler is the one of all others which is destined to come into use. He has also invented a drill extractor, which is one of the most useful and valuable tools for

miners in use. Few men have done more for the town and country than Mr. K. He has been the architect of his own fortune, and by commencing poor, by diligence and economy he has accumulated a competency. He married Miss Veronica Butler in 1836. Of this union six children are living: Gideon, John E., Daniel, Margaret, Cornelius and Christopher B. Mrs. K. died in September, 1852. He married for his second wife, Miss Elizabeth Haner, in 1855. They have six children: Elizabeth B., Albert, George W., Mary A., Lydia A. and Cordelia.

### JOHN E. KUNKEL,

merchant, miller and woolen manufacturer, was born in Richland County, Ohio, July 20, 1837, and came to this county, with his father, in 1847. He was brought up from boyhood in a mill, and has a perfect understanding of the mill and factory. He accompanied his brother, Gideon, to California, and after remaining ten months he returned and has worked in the mill since that time. In 1882 he bought an interest in the establishment, with his brothers, and, perhaps, there is none of them as well qualified for every part of the business as he. He married Miss Mary Haner, of Oregon, in 1864. She was born in Germany. They have three children, Gideon, John Wesley and Rozina. Mr. K. took, to rear, Mary Beam, when she was a small child, and has cared for her until she is grown to be a young lady. Mr. K. is an excellent mechanic and an intelligent gentleman, and a man with his habits of industry must and will succeed in life.

# MICHAEL LEHMER,

physician, surgeon and druggist, was born in Somerset County, Pennsylvania, February 13. 1823. His father, Jacob Lehmer, was a native of Pennsylvania, and his wife, Barbara Lehmer, was from Virginia. Michael accompanied his parents to Tuscarawas County, Ohio, in 1837. He spent his boyhood days on the farm, and received a preparatory education in the common schools. In 1846, he entered Wittenburg College, situated at Springfield, Ohio, where he attended for some eighteen months, after which he commenced the study of medicine with Doctor Winwood, of Springfield, Ohio. He remained with that gentleman about one year, then went to Boston, Massachusetts, and took his first course of lectures in the fall of 1847, at the medical department of the Howard University, called the Massachusetts Medical College. In the spring of 1848, he returned to his old home in Ohio, and that summer studied medicine under Doctor Selden. In the fall of 1848, he took a partial course at the University Medical College of New York City, then entered Detmold's Practical School of Medicine and Surgery, and graduated from there in

the spring of 1850. Returning to his old home in Ohio, Dr. L. engaged in the practice of his profession. He immigrated west in July, 1851, and settled at Oregon, Holt County, Missouri, where he resumed practice until 1872. His health being poor, he discontinued all except the office practice. In 1870, he opened a drug store, and has since continued therein. He has a neat residence in the south part of town. His store was burned in 1877, but he immediately erected a substantial brick and opened a new stock of drugs, now having a large and complete stock. Being a man of long experience in the business, he understands it thoroughly. The doctor was married in 1865, to Miss Susan C. Dumm, a native of Monroe County, Ohio.

# JUDGE SOLOMON LEHMER,

section 24, was born in Somerset County, Pennsylvania, in December, 1826, and early moved to Tuscarawas County, Ohio, with his father, where he remained until grown. He received a good education and followed farming at home, and for three years he studied medicine and attended a course of lectures at the medical department of the University of New York City, under the celebrated Dr. Mott. As his preferences were for farming, he gave up the practice of medicine and has now become one of the large and enterprising farmers of the county. He came to this locality in 1851, and after some eighteen months he bought the farm which he has since occupied. This land and the country about it was an unoccupied, boundless prairie, but he has set out forest trees, an orchard of 400 apple trees, with all kinds of other fruits and a fine vineyard, built a beautiful residence and other buildings, and has one of the best homes in this section. He, in company with his brother, Jacob Lehmer, who is unmarried, owns 612 acres of land. Mr. L. is a good farmer and one of the leading, enterprising citizens of the county. He was elected county judge in 1866, and for six years served as such to the great satisfaction of the county. He is a leading Republican and a Lutheran. In 1851 he was married in Ohio to Miss Elizabeth Hill. She was born in Greenock, Scotland. They have four children living: Helen, Agnes, Bessie, and George. Bayard Taylor, his eldest son, died when twenty-four years of age.

# CAPTAIN STEPHEN T. LUCAS,

grain and live stock dealer, was born in Bradford County, New York, on the 19th of May, 1836. His father, Uriah Lucas, a native of York State, was a farmer by occupation, and his mother, formerly Lucy H. Potter, was from Pennsylvania. Stephen was reared to manhood at his birthplace, spending his boyhood days on the farm and receiving an education

in the neighborhood schools. He early learned the plasterers and bricklayers trade, and in 1855 he immigrated to Clinton County, Iowa, where he remained for two years. Then he moved to Rock Port, Atchison County, Missouri, and after one year, came to Forest City in the spring of 1860. When the war broke out he was among the first to respond to President Lincoln's call for troops. In July, 1861, he enlisted in Company E, Twenty-fifth Missouri Volunteer Infantry, as a private. The regiment were taken prisoners at the battle of Lexington, and paroled, after which they took part in the battle of Shiloh, and the Tennessee campaign. At Nashville they were consolidated with Col. Biswell's Engineering Corps, as the First Missouri Engineers. Here the subject of this sketch received the position of second lieutenant. His regiment assisted in building the railroad from Nashville to Johnstonville, under Colonel Flad, after which they joined General Sherman in the Atlanta campaign. At Atlanta Mr. Lucas was promoted to first lieutenant, and at Savannah, Georgia, he received a commission as captain of Company M, First Missouri Engineers. They went through with Sherman, and after the surrender of Johnston's army, marched through Richmond to Washington, and took part in the grand review. Then to Louisville, Kentucky, and from there to St. Louis, where he was mustered out in July, 1865. Captain Lucas had served some four years and six days, and had taken part in many of the hardest fought battles of the war. He soon returned to Forest City and went to work at his trade. In the fall of 1874 he was elected sheriff of Holt County, and served two terms. In 1878 he turned his attention to the stock and grain business at this point, in which he is at present engaged. He owns a small farm of fifty-seven acres, adjoining the town, and also owns twenty-three lots, besides having a neat residence in the city. He is a well respected citizen, and every worthy cause receives his support. Captain Lucas was married on the 16th of December, 1868, to Nancy C., daughter of Allen Wood, an old pioneer of this county. She was born in Kentucky, but was principally raised in Holt County, Missouri.

# •GEORGE P. LUCKHARDT,

nurseryman and fine stock breeder, is a native of the Kingdom of Prussia, Germany, January 17, 1826, and was the son of Gott-fried and Mary Luckhardt, also natives of Germany. George remained at his birth-place until he was seventeen, receiving his education in the schools of the village. He was reared under the auspices of the German Reformed Church, having for his pastor the renowed Peter Langhart. He was first educated for a teacher, but when fifteen years of age went into the government treasury department, where he continued for one year. He then commenced to learn the watchmaker's trade, with his

brother, and when seventeen he left home and traveled over Germany for several years, working at his trade. In June, 1850, he crossed the ocean, and landed at Baltimore, Maryland, from whence he went to Philadelphia, and thence to Huntingdon, Pennsylvania, where he received a good position. After remaining there one year he moved to Johnstown, Pennsylvania, in 1851, and opened a jewelry store on his own account. Four years after he came west and settled in Oregon, in November, 1855. He here opened a jewelry store, and when the war broke out he was appointed county treasurer, and in the fall of 1861 he was elected to that office. He filled the position some two and a half years. Mr. L. next opened a photograph gallery, but still carried on the jewelry business. In 1865 he disposed of these branches of business and purchased 80 acres of improved land, with a good brick residence upon it, adjoining the town on the north. He here embarked in the nursery business, and though there were but six fruit trees on the place when he bought it, he now has 40 acres in orchard, besides all varieties of fruit peculiar to this climate. His health being poor, Mr. L. concluded to abandon the nursery business, and turn his attention to raising fine stock hogs. In the spring of 1881 he imported some of the finest stock in the United States. His Poland Chinas are registered at Indianapolis, Indiana, and he is taking great pains to keep none but the best stock. He was one of the first aldermen of the city. He is a member of Oregon Lodge No. 139, A. F. and A. M., in which he has filled the position of Master some two years. He was formerly a member of the Odd Fellows Lodge. Mr. L. was married November 2, 1852, to Miss Henrietta F. Von Luenen. She was a native of the town of Luenen, Germany, which was named after her father's family. She was born June 27, 1832. They have had twelve children, eight of whom are now living: Mary H., born August 5, 1853; (now Mrs. W. M. Hampshire, of Mound City,) Louis H., born September 18, 1857; Julia, born August 26, 1861; George, born December 9, 1863; William, born August 26, 1865; Flora H., born July 23, 1868; Anna A., born September 9, 1869; Nellie, born December 27, 1875. Himself and wife are active members of the Presbyterian Church, of Oregon, in which he holds the position of elder. He formerly filled the position of Sabbath School superintendent, for fifteen successive years. In 1867, he was a representative to the general assembly, held at Cincinnati, from the upper Missouri Presbytery.

# SAMUEL B. LUKENS,

dentist, was born in Harrison County, Ohio, March 9, 1826. His parents, Moses and Elizabeth Lukens, were both natives of Ohio. Samuel spent his boyhood days on the farm and received an education in the neighborhood schools. When twenty-one years of age he commenced to learn

the dentist's profession, at Mount Pleasant, Jefferson County, Ohio. After studying for about one year he traveled for two years, and finally located at Cadiz, Harrison County, Ohio, in 1850, and practiced there in the same room for sixteen years. In the fall of 1866 he came west and located at Gilead, Lewis County, Missouri, where he remained until 1871, after which he came to Oregon. Here he has since continued in business and now has neat rooms over Castal's shoe store. His long experience gives him a thorough knowledge of his profession, and that he understands both the surgical and the mechanical part of it all will acknowledge. Charles Lukens assists in the business and has obtained a complete knowledge of it from his father. Mr. L. has a handsome residence in the northeastern part of town. He is a member of the Odd Fellows' fraternity. He was raised among the Quakers and still adheres to many of the sterling principles taught by that sect. He was married, May 2, 1849, to Miss D. J. Johnson, of Lynchburg, Virginia. She was a daughter of Jonathan Johnson, who held the position of tobacco inspector of Lynchburg for some thirty years. They have five children living: Charles W., born December 28, 1856; Elizabeth, (now Mrs. James Myer, of Holt County); Susan J., born December 2, 1861; Mary E., born February 10, 1864; Jonathan J., born January 30, 1867. Mrs. L. was also reared in the faith of the Quakers. He is an active member of the M. E. Church of Oregon, and was licensed to preach in October, 1879. His eldest son, Charles, who is with him in business, studied for a lawyer and was admitted to the bar on the 17th of June, 1881, at the adjourned term of court. He is a very promising young man. He was married December 24, 1881, to Miss Alice Rayhill, of Pana, Christian County, Illinois. She was born in Washington County, Indiana, in January, 1852. He is a member of the M. E. Church.

## WILLIAM LUNSFORD,

farmer and stock raiser, section 29, also an early settler of Holt County, was born on the banks of the Cumberland River, in Wayne County, Kentucky, October 17, 1819. His parents, Isam and Rhoda Lunsford, were natives of North Carolina. They moved to Kentucky in an early day, and when William was seven years of age they went to Morgan County, Indiana. After remaining there seven years, in 1833 they came to Crawford County, Missouri. William moved to Holt County in 1847 and settled where he now resides, in the heavy timber. He once witnessed an Indian war-dance near his residence, in which one hundred Indians took part. He kept a store and traded with the Indians, and improved his farm in those early days. His farm now contains 169 acres of well improved land, White Cloud, Kansas, being situated on the opposite bank of the Missouri River. He also owns an improved farm

of 200 acres, on section 19. He is a hard working, industrious citizen, and holds the esteem of a large circle of friends. He has filled the position of school trustee several years, road overseer, etc. He is an active member of Burr Oak Grange, No. 1739, and fills the office of elector, and was one of its charter members. Mr. L. was married in 1839 to Miss Rachel L. Walker, a native of Alabama. They have seven children: Mary A., born March 8, 1840, (widow of Elias E. Penny); Wesley J., born August 20, 1842; Drucilla E., born March 7, 1844, (now Mrs. John Turney, of this county); Robert H., born February 25, 1847; George C., born December 17, 1852; John F., born December 14, 1856, and Isaac H., born February 19, 1862. Three are deceased. Mrs. Lunsford is a member of Burr Oak Christian Church.

## WESLEY J. LUNSFORD,

farmer and stock raiser, section 29, was born on the 20th of August, 1842, in Crawford County, Missouri, and is the second child of William and Rachel L. (Walker) Lunsford, mention of whom is made elsewhere. He accompanied his parents to Holt County in 1847, and was reared to manhood on the frontier, receiving a common school education. During the civil war he took an active part and enlisted in Company D, Fourteenth Kansas Cavalry, July 29, 1863. He served on the frontier and filled the position of second-duty sergeant. At the close of the war he returned to Holt County and has since given his attention to agricultural pursuits. He owns a fine farm of 212 acres, 100 of which is under cultivation, and upon it he has a good orchard, neat residence, etc. He owns another farm of 300 acres in section 23. At present Mr. Lunsford fills the office of school director. He was one of the charter members of Burr Oak Grange, No. 1739, and filled the position of master the two first terms, now filling the same position. He was married on the 12th of March, 1863, to Miss Susan E. Boyd, daughter of Joshua Boyd. She was born in Cooper County, Missouri, October 17, 1844. They are both active members of Burr Oak Christian Church, in which he fills the position of deacon.

# J. FOSTER MARSHALL,

real estate dealer and loan agent, is a native of the city of Columbia, South Carolina, and was born July 29, 1847. He was named after his father, who was also a native of the same place. His mother's maiden name was Elizabeth A. De Bruhl. She was of French origin, although born in Columbia. Foster was principally raised at Abbeyville, about one hundred and five miles north of Columbia, receiving a preparatory education in the schools of that place. During the war he espoused the

southern cause, and assisted in defending what he believed to be the rights of his country. In the fall of 1864, when only seventeen years of age, he enlisted in Trenholm's battalion of cavalry, under Wade Hampton, and served until the close of the war, filling the position of orderly sergeant. The command was fighting Sherman continually from that time to the close of the war. Mr. M.'s father had served in the Mexican War as Captain of Company E, of the famous Palmetto Regiment. also took an active part in the late war, filling the position of colonel, and was killed at the second battle of Manassas Junction, in 1862. the close of the war, Foster returned to the home of his childhood, and in January, 1867, entered the University of South Carolina, situated at Columbia, from which institution he was graduated in 1868. He then went to Ocala, Florida, and was engaged in the cultivation of cotton, he owning a large cotton plantation on the famous Silver Run, where De Soto claimed old age could be restored to youth by bathing in its waters. In 1871, Mr. M. returned to the place of his nativity, and soon afterwards immigrated westward, arriving in Kansas City, Missouri, on the 29th of May of the same year. He soon engaged in civil engineering on the Kansas City, Memphis and Mobile Railroad, and assisted in building this road. In July, 1872, he settled at St. Joseph, where he remained for one year, and in 1873, he became located at Phelps, Atchison County, Missouri, where he formed a partnership with J. W. Osborn in the real estate and brokerage business under the firm name of Osborn & Marshall. They moved their principal place of business to Mound City in the fall of 1875, and continued the business until the spring of 1878, when they dissolved, and Mr. Marshall resumed the calling on his own account, with headquarters at Oregon, and a branch office at Mound City. He carries on a flourishing business, and has the respect of many acquaintances. He is no office seeker, but gives his attention strictly to his legitimate business. Politically he is a Democrat. His father was elected to the State Senate of South Carolina when twenty-five years of age, and filled the position for some fifteen years.

### MICHAEL MAY,

farmer and stock raiser, section 27. The subject of this sketch was born in Montgomery County, Indiana, March 14, 1830. His parents, John and Martha May, were both old citizens of that place. He accompanied them to Greene County, Missouri, when nearly nine years of age, and about this time his father died. After remaining some years his mother and her family moved to Lamar County, Texas, and after one year they returned to Jackson County, Missouri, and then came to Holt County in the fall of 1843. They settled at Iowa Point, on the Missouri side, raised one crop of corn after the high water had subsided in 1844, and

then sold out and moved to where Mr. M. now resides. The country was a wilderness and abounded in game. Hog and hominy was the principal diet, and it was very difficult to get grinding done. In 1861 he took a trip across the plains to Washington Territory and Oregon, and after spending some three years on the coast he returned by way of the Isthmus and New York City to Holt County, Missouri. He soon purchased his old farm, and has since remained upon it. He now owns 273 acres of fine bottom land, which is well improved, most of it being under cultivation. A handsome residence and a small orchard adorn the place. He has filled the position of school trustee, and was formerly a member of the Grange, his wife still holding her membership. Mr. May has been three times married: First, in 1854, to Olive Currier, a native of Wisconsin, who died in the spring of 1861. They had three children: Frances E., born January 8, 1857, now Mrs. James Harris, of this county; Warren, born December 27, 1858, and Jane, born October 26, 1860. He married again in 1864 to Sarah Pilkerton, a native of Missouri. She died in March, 1868. By this union there was one child, Flora A., born November 20, 1866. He married his present wife, Nancy Nolan, a native of Jackson County, Missouri, September 30, 1869. She was born March 12, 1833. They have two children: George, born February 11, 1872, and John E., born January 17, 1874. Mrs. May is a member of the Christian Church, of Forest City.

### HENRY MINTON,

farmer and stock raiser, section 8, is a prominent pioneer of Holt County. He was born in Wayne County, Kentucky, March 14, 1822, and was the son of Isaac and Ruth (Blevins) Minton, both natives of Kentucky. Henry was the fourth child in a family of eight children. He accompanied his parents to Tennessee when five years of age, and there his father died and his mother moved to Franklin County, Missouri, in 1835. Henry was reared to manhood in that locality, on the farm, receiving a common school education. In 1846 he volunteered in Jack Hayes' regiment of Texas Rangers, and assisted in the Mexican war. His company, with several others, was left to guard the Texas frontier. In 1848 he returned to Franklin County, arriving August of that year; then made a trip to Holt County. He went back to Franklin County, with the intention of moving to Holt in the spring, but taking the California gold fever in the spring of 1849, he crossed the plains to the land of gold. He was six months and four days on the way. He remained there until the fall of 1851, engaged in working in the gold mines, and returned by the Isthmus of Panama, Cuba and New Orleans. In the spring of 1852 he came to Holt County and settled in this township. An elder brother, his mother and sisiter accompanied him. The county was then an

unbroken wilderness, but since that time he has been engaged in agricultural pursuits. He owns at present 1,600 acres of fine bottom land, and on the home farm there are some 400 acres under cultivation. He has a good brick residence, and an orchard of some 250 bearing trees. This is one of the finest stock farms in the county. During the civil war Mr. M. enlisted in the Fourteenth Kansas Cavalry, and served some time, filling the position of second lieutenant. He was taken sick and left in the hospital at Camden Point, Arkansas, in April, 1864, and while there he fell into the hands of the rebels. After he had recovered, he was taken to Tyler, Texas, and kept until February, 1865. He was then exchanged at New Orleans, obtained thirty days' furlough, visited his family, and joined his regiment again at Pine Bluffs. They went to the Cherokee Nation, where they were finally discharged. Politically, he is an old-time Democrat. He is a member of the Ancient Odd Fellows. Mr. Minton was married December 15th, 1852, to Mrs. Lucretia A. Jeffries, whose maiden name was Lucretia Boyd, daughter of J. C. Boyd, an old pioneer of Holt County. She was born in Cooper County, Missouri, January 10th, 1837. They have had ten children, nine of whom are living. Joseph L., born November 23, 1853; Isaac M., born February 23, 1856; William E., born March I, 1858; John R., born September 30, 1860; Martha J., born February 18, 1864; George H., born September 23, 1866; Ida L., born December 8, 1872; Lucretia B., born September 9, 1876; David H., born January 20, 1881. Himself and wife are members of the Christian Church of Burr Oak, in which he holds the position of elder.

#### MINTON BROTHERS,

dealers in general merchandise, are among the enterprising business firms of Holt County. W. E. Minton, a member of this firm, was born in Holt County, Missouri, March 1, 1858. His father, Henry Minton, was one of the pioneers of this county. He was a native of Tennessee. Mrs. Minton's maiden name was Lucretia Boyd, a native of Cooper County, Missouri. William was reared to manhood at his birthplace, spending his boyhood days on the farm and receiving a preparatory education in the common school. In 1876 he commenced to attend the State Normal School, at Kirksville, Missouri, and, after a course of two years there, he entered the State University, at Columbia, in 1878, and graduated from the normal department. On March 10, 1881, he commenced the mercantile business at Forest City, in partnership with two brothers. They are located on Commercial Street and carry a large and complete stock, and do a flourishing business. William has the principal care of the business. In his manners he is much of a gentleman and is an excellent salesman. Having been raised in the county he is well known by all.

He is an active member of Forest City Lodge, No. 214, A. F. and A. M. He was married October 13, 1881, to Miss Minnie Dyer, a niece of Pat Dyer, of St. Louis. She was born in Warren County, Missouri, in November, 1859. She was principally raised and educated in St. Louis, by her uncle. She is a member of the M. E. Church.

### ROBERT MONTGOMERY,

of the firm of Montgomery & Roecker, bankers, was born on the 9th of August, 1837, in Bangor, Ireland. His parents, Hugh and Agnes Montgomery, were both natives of Ireland, and when seventeen years of age Robert crossed the ocean, landing at New York City, June 13, 1854. He soon became engaged as clerk in a wholesale house, and in December, 1854, he moved to Jackson County, Ohio, where he remained until 1860, making his home with an uncle, and attending school some two years. He then resumed the duties of a clerk at the Latrobe iron furnace, and in 1860, he located in Greenup County, Kentucky. One year later he returned to Ohio, and again engaged as clerk at the Keystone furnace. After remaining there some four months, in August, 1861, he volunteered in the Union army. He went to Greenup, Kentucky, where he assisted in recruiting Company C, Twenty-second Kentucky Volunteer Infantry, and held the position of second lieutenant. After serving some eighteen months, he accepted a position as Aid-de-camp, on General George W. Morgan's staff. In June, 1863, General Morgan resigned; the subject of this sketch also resigned, and accepted the position of sutler of the First Ohio Heavy Artillery, with which he continued until February, 1865. During his term of service he took part in the battles of Pond Gap, under General Garfield, at the taking of Cumberland Gap, in 1862, under General Morgan, the battle of Yazoo Bluffs, in the rear of Vicksburg, under General Sherman, then under General McClellan, of Illinois, at the capture of Arkansas Post, and back to Vicksburg, where Morgan resigned. In 1862, while they held Cumberland Gap, Mr. Montgomery, with a force of men, went to Barboursville, Kentucky, and paroled some four hundred prisoners. In February, 1865, he became a clerk at the Berkley iron furnace, where he remained for some nine months. On the 14th of November, 1865, he married Miss Frances S. White, daughter of Hiram W. White, of Olney, Richland County, Illinois. She was born in Jackson County, Ohio, March 28, 1841. They subsequently traveled one year in the west, then returned to Jackson County, Ohio, in the spring of 1866, where he was employed as clerk with the Lincoln iron furnace company. In April, 1870, he moved to Olney, Illinois, and in June, 1871, he immigrated westward, and settled in Oregon, Holt County, Missouri, where he purchased the interest of James Scott, in the banking business. This business was conducted under the firm name of R. Montgomery &

Co., until January 1, 1872, when Levi Zook became associated with them, forming the firm of Zook & Montgomery. In January, 1875, Mr. Zook retired, and M. S. Norman became a member; the name of the firm then becoming Montgomery & Norman. January 15, 1877, Mr. Roecker purchased Mr. Norman's interest, and the firm name was changed to Montgomery & Roecker. This bank does a flourishing business, and is on a solid basis. Mr. Montgomery is an active member of Oregon Lodge No. 139, A. F. and A. M., in which he has filled the position of Master for about three years. He also belongs to Keystone Chapter, No. 46, of Mound City. Himself and wife are both active members of the Presbyterian Church, of Oregon, in which he fills the position of elder and Sabbath School superintendent. They have one child, Hiram W., born July 14, 1868.

### SAMUEL W. MORRISON,

county collector, was born March 7, 1843, in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, and was the son of Alexander W. and Margaret Morrison, who were natives of the same state. Samuel was reared to manhood at his birthplace, spending his boyhood days on the farm and receiving an education in the neighborhood schools. During the war he served in the state militia of Pennsylvania when the state was invaded. In February, 1869, he moved westward and settled in Holt County on a farm. In 1870, he moved to Atchison County, and remained one year, and in 1871, he was made deputy county clerk of Holt County. In 1872, he became deputy county collector, and filled the position until the fall of 1876, when he was elected county collector for a two years' term. He was re-elected in the fall of 1881, and at present fills the office, discharging his duties with scrupulous care and fidelity. He is an active member of Oregon Lodge No. 139, A. F. and A. M., in which he at present holds the office of junior warden. He was formerly a member of the Grand Army of the Republic. Politically he is a staunch Republican, and is a public spirited and enterprising citizen. Mr. Morrison was married March 28, 1877, to Miss Flora Hahn, daughter of Richard Hahn, an old pioneer of Holt County. She was born and raised here. They have two children: Blanche, born January 9, 1878, and Kate R., born March 22, 1881. They are members of the Presbyterian Church of Oregon.

# JAMES B PAYNE,

proprietor of stave and heading factory. The subject of this sketch was born in Boone County, Missouri, June 3, 1834. His father, Ballinger Payne, was a native of Kentucky, and his mother, formerly Mary Hobbs, was born in Virginia. They moved to Missouri in an early day.

James passed his youthful days on the farm and received his education in the neighborhood schools. He accompanied his parents to Holt County in the fall of 1849, and here he remained until 1858, when he moved to Doniphan County, Kansas. He was engaged in farming up to 1864, when he commenced the general merchandise business at Lafavette, Kansas. This he followed some seven years. Returning to Holt County in the fall of 1871, he located at Oregon, where he continued the mercantile business until 1878, then purchasing the stave and heading factory in the spring of 1877. It is fitted up with a complete set of machinery and does superior work, being capable of turning out some two car loads of work per week. Mr. Payne owns some 900 acres of land in Holt County, most of which is improved. He owns his residence property in Oregon, the grounds surrounding which are decorated with evergreens and are the handsomest in the city. During the late war he served in the Kansas Militia and assisted in driving Price out of Missouri in 1864. He is a member of Oregon Lodge, No. 139, A. F. & A. M. Mr. Payne was married on the 27th of April, 1853, to Miss Mary E. Reed, daughter of Andrew J. Reed, of this county. She is a native of Johnson County, Missouri, and was born on the 30th of December, 1838. They have been blessed with nine children, eight of whom are living: Andrew B., born February 13, 1854; Emily J., born August 12, 1856, (now Mrs. Byron Edmonds, of this county); Minnie C., born November 28, 1858, (wife of Rev. P. M. Best, of Sidney, Iowa); Mary E., born April 11, 1861; James W., born March 15, 1864; David, deceased; Eva, born September 6, 1869; Johnnie E., born May 15, 1876, and Laura A., born July 13, 1881. Mr. P. and his wife are active members of the Christian Church of Oregon.

## HUGH PENNEL,

farmer, stock raiser and fruit grower, is the owner of 350 acres of land, his residence being in section 25. Mr. P. was born in Wayne County, Ohio, February I, 1821. His opportunities for attending school in youth were limited. In April, 1842, he came to Holt County and made a claim, where he now lives, and when the land came into market he entered it. He has made his farm, two miles east of Oregon, one of the finest of the township. He was among the early pioneers of the county, and for ten years he experienced many hardships and was deprived of many comforts. In 1842 he assisted to raise the first building in Oregon, which was a log store, built by William Zook, who had about \$800 capital to purchase goods. Mr. P. has a valuable orchard, with all kinds of fruit, and in 1868 he built his fine brick residence. His father, William D. Pennel, came here in the spring of 1843, and took the claim one-half mile west of his son, where he made a fine farm. In 1851 he

died. His wife died in Ohio in 1838. They left seven children, of which Hugh was the second. Hugh Pennel was married in Holt County to Miss Hannah Beeler, September 18, 1856. They have by this happy union four children living: John, William, Jennie and Cora Belle. Elizabeth died when eight years old, and Mary died at the age of six years. Mr. P. is an active Republican. He and his estimable companion are zealous members of the Presbyterian Church. Mrs. P.'s father was Israel D. Beeler. Her grandmother was formerly Hannah Drybread, and her grandfather Thomas Beeler.

#### IRA PETER,

dealer in general merchandise, was born in Washington County, Kentucky, April 1, 1836. His parents, Richard and Lucy Peter, were both natives of Kentucky. Ira spent his boyhood days on the farm and received his education in the neighborhood schools. He, with his father, came overland, in a buggy, in the fall of 1852, and settled in Oregon, and here he became engaged as clerk in a drug store. After remaining in the drug business some five years, in the spring of 1857, he embarked in general merchandising. In 1861 he opened a drug store, which he carried on until 1869. He then resumed the general merchandise business, in company with M. S. Norman, with whom he continued till 1875, when he purchased Mr. Norman's interest. Mr. Peter now carries one of the largest stocks of goods in town, and does a flourishing business. came here when the town was a mere village and has taken an active part in furthering its interests, always having been an open-hearted and public-spirited citizen. During the war he served in the Enrolled Missouri Militia. Politically he is a Democrat. Mr. P. has been twice married; first, in 1861, to Miss Susan Owsley, a native of Andrew County, Missouri. She died March 1, 1870, leaving four children: Charlie, born January 23, 1862; Bryant, born August 6, 1863; Frank, born September 16, 1865; Mary, born February 18, 1870. He was married again October 25, 1873, to Miss Betty Price, a native of Page County, Virginia. They have one child, Lucy, born August 14, 1876. Himself and wife are both active members of the Presbyterian Church of Oregon, in which he fills the position of deacon.

#### THOMAS L. PRICE,

dealer in hardware and agricultural implements, was born August 8, 1853, in Page County, Virginia, near Blue Ridge, where the famous cave has lately been discovered. His father, Peter Price, was born in 1798 in Virginia, and his mother, Mary Keyser, was also a native of that state. She is now some seventy-two years of age and she and her husband

are both residents of Oregon at present. The parents of Thomas moved west, settling in Oregon in 1855, and he was reared to manhood on the frontier and received his education in the schools of this place. In October, 1875, he commenced clerking with his brother-in-law, Mr. Ira Peter, with whom he remained four years, after which he engaged in dealing in clothing and gents furnishing goods in partnership with B. B. Frazer, of St. Joseph. After continuing the business one year at Oregon, they moved to Watson, where they remained one year. Mr. P. returned to Oregon in December, 1881, and in February, 1882, he opened a stock of hardware and agricultural implements at this point, the only house in this line in town. He is an enterprising young man, and, having been raised in the county, is well and favorably known. He is a member of the A. O. U. W. Lodge, No. 196, of Oregon. Mr. Price was married October 20, 1879, to Miss Sedora Wilson, a native of Indiana. She was born on the 14th of December, 1858. She is an active member of the Presbyterian Church of Oregon.

# JOHN PROUD,

farmer, section 13, was born in Ross County, Ohio, in 1807. He was raised a farmer, and at that early day his school advantages were limited. He married Miss Sarah H. King, in Fayette County, Ohio, in 1830. She was born in Ross County, Ohio, March 24, 1812. They had ten children: Bennett Colvin, born in 1831, died in 1853; William J., born in 1833, died in 1845; Timothy H., born in 1836; David K., born in 1838; Rachael A., born in 1841, died in 1862; Samuel W., born in 1844; Clark O., born in 1847; Laura R., born in 1849, died in 1864; Elizabeth A., born in 1852; Luella L., born in 1855. At her death Rachael Ann left her husband and three children. David K. enlisted in September, 1861, in the Thirty-fourth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and died at Camp Nelson, Kentucky, of typhoid fever, in March, 1862. In 1849, Mr. and Mrs. Proud moved to Howard County, Indiana, where they improved a heavy timbered farm, and made a fine home. In 1864, they sold out and moved to Holt County, Missouri, and here he bought a farm, on which he has made excellent improvements. This contains 130 acres, and now in his old age, he has a good, comfortable home, with all the comforts that he can desire. He took William H. Snow, when he was three years old, to bring up. He is now of age, and is a worthy and industrious young man, and is working the farm of Mr. P. Mr. Snow was born in Decatur, in 1861, and with his parents came to Holt County, where his mother died, leaving three children. To relieve Mr. and Mrs. Proud still further from care, they have for many years had Miss Louisa Mingers, from Athens, Ohio, who lives with them and takes full charge of the housework. She is a good housekeeper, and an excellent companion.

P.'s father, John King, was born in Virginia, and was an able minister in the M. E. Church. Mr. Proud is a Republican in politics, and a Methodist in religious preferences.

## CLARK O. PROUD,

of the firm of King & Proud, druggists and stationers, was born near Kokomo, Howard County, Indiana, November 28, 1847, and was the son of John and Sarah Proud, who were natives of Ohio. Clark spent his boyhood days on the farm, and attended the neighborhood schools. He accompanied his parents west in March, 1864, they settling some three miles north of Oregon. Mr. Proud served for some time in the Enrolled Missouri Militia. He attended school in Oregon, and in 1867, commenced teaching, which profession he continued for some eight years. In 1875 he went to Atchison County, where he remained, following his calling, for about two years. In the fall of 1877, he came to Oregon and purchased the interest of Levi Owens in the drug store, and entered into partnership with Dr. King, under the firm name of King & Proud, they enjoying a liberal share of the patronage of the residents of this city, and deserve their success. In 1881 Mr. Proud filled an unexpired term as mayor of Oregon. He has also filled the position of councilman. He was married August 31, 1867, to Miss Rebecca Curtis, daughter of James Curtis, Sr., late of this county. She was born and raised here. They have two children, Willard C., born June 28, 1873; Effie, born September 1, 1877. Mrs. Proud is a member of the Christian Church of Oregon.

# JACOB QUICK,

farmer and stock raiser, section 22, was born on the 22d of June, 1837, in Callaway County, Missouri. His father, Thomas Quick, was a native of Kentucky, and his mother, whose maiden name was Rachel Johnson, was from North Carolina. Jacob was the fifth in a family of eight children. He spent his boyhood days on the farm, and has given his attention to agricultural pursuits through life. In August, 1850, he came to Holt County, with his parents, his father taking up a claim in section 26. During the war Jacob Quick espoused the Union cause, and enlisted in Company K, Fourteenth Kansas Cavalry, on the 19th of September, 1863. He served under Gen. Steel, on the frontier. He has filled the offices of school director and road overseer three years each, and is well acquainted all over the county. He owns 335 acres of fine bottom land, 160 acres of which is under cultivation. He has a handsome residence, a fine orchard of 100 trees, and his farm is well stocked. Mr. Quick was married February 14, 1867, to Miss Jane Cunningham, daughter of Isaac Cunningham, of this county. She was born in Edgar County, Illinois,

March 27, 1848. They have had eight children, seven of whom are living: Rachel M., born November 11, 1867; George W., born June 14, 1869; Becky A., born December 31, 1871; Florence T., born December 12, 1872; Hattie E., born January 5, 1874; Samuel J., born September 16, 1876; Lucy, born September 23, 1878.

# GEORGE W. QUICK,

farmer and stock raiser, section 22, the sixth child in a family of eight, was born September 1, 1841, in Callaway County, Missouri, and is the son of Thomas and Rachel (Johnson) Quick. The former was born in Kentucky, and the latter was a native of North Carolina. George accompanied his parents to Holt County, Missouri, in the fall of 1850. The country was then a vast wilderness, and inhabited by roving bands of Indians and wild game. It was in a log cabin on this frontier that the subject of this sketch was reared to manhood, his education being obtained in a log school house with a dirt floor. This school building was erected in about 1850, and was on the edge of Forbes Township. Chade Colcher was his first teacher. About the time George arrived at maturity the civil war broke out, and he enlisted in Company K, Fourteenth Kansas Cavalry, on the 19th of September, 1863, and served on the frontier. He took a trip to White County, Illinois, in 1864, thence through Iowa, and back to Holt County in the fall of 1865. Since then he has given his attention to agricultural pursuits. He owns 940 acres of fine bottom land, about 600 acres of which are under cultivation, there being upon it a good dwelling and a fair orchard of 150 trees. He has two thoroughbred Norman French horses, and other graded stock. Q. was married April 4, 1866, to Miss Flora Edwards, daughter of Thomas Edwards, of this county. She was born in Greene County, Georgia, October 12, 1849. By this union they have had eight children, seven of whom are living; James T., born February 13, 1867; William J., born October 18, 1868; Afton L., born October 18, 1870; Moses A., born February 27, 1873; Byron W., born April 17, 1875; Claude, born March 25, 1877, and George W., born November 9, 1881. Himself and wife are active members of the Christian Church. Mr. Q. is gifted with a retentive memory, and relates many anecdotes of his early trials here.

## CAPTAIN ALBERT ROECKER,

of the firm of Montgomery & Roecker, bankers, was born in the town of Leonberg, Wurtemburg, Germany, on the 9th of November, 1840. His parents, Frederick and Katherine Roecker, were also natives of that place. Albert lived there until eighteen years of age, receiving the benefits of a common education. He also learned the painter's trade.

In July, 1859, he crossed the ocean, landing at New York on the 18th of September, of that year. There he engaged in working at his trade, and there he remained until July, 1860, when he moved westward and settled at Forest City, Holt County, Missouri, assisting his brother-inlaw in the brewery until February, 1862. Mr. R. then enlisted as a private in Company B, Fourth Cavalry, Missouri State Militia, and served in Southern Missouri and Northern Arkansas, participating in all the important engagements of the campaign. He assisted in driving Price from Missouri in 1864, and took part in the battles of California, Brownsville, Little Blue, in Jackson County, and Marias des Cygne, Kansas, where they captured General Marmaduke and several hundred prisoners, and some pieces of artillery. The subject of this sketch was subsequently promoted to captain, filling every office, except that of second lieutenant. His company was mustered out in March, 1865, but he was retained and put in command of Company A. The staff officers were all mustered out, and he had full command. He was mustered out in July, 1865. At the battle of Little Blue, Mr. R. was acting adjutant under Major Kelly, his real position being first lieutenant under Captain Blair, who was killed in this battle. At the close of the war he returned to Forest City, and was again engaged with his brother-in-law in the brewery until July, 1866. In the fall of that year, he was elected sheriff and collector of Holt County, and was re-elected in 1868. In 1870, he was elected county clerk, and served one term of four years. In February, 1875, he crossed the ocean and visited the home of his childhood, but later returned to Oregon. In January, 1877, Captain R. became associated with R. Montgomery in the banking business, under the present firm name of Montgomery & Roecker. He is an active member of Forest City Lodge No. 214, A. F. and A. M., also of Keystone Chapter No. 46, of Mound City. He was married the 7th of February, 1867, to Miss Elizabeth Weber, who was born in Wheeling, West Virginia. She is the daughter of A. Weber, of Atchison County. They have been blessed with six children: Louisa, born May 18, 1868; Emma, born April 21, 1870; Annie, born March 26, 1872; Frederick, born May 24, 1874; Charles, born June 30, 1876; Frank, born February 18, 1880. Himself and wife are members of the Lutheran Church.

# CHRISTOPHER SCHLOTZHAUER,

farmer and miller, section 10, is one among the pioneers of Northwestern Missouri. His parents, Rudolph and Christiana, were both natives of Germany. Christopher was born on the 12th of April, 1828, in that country. He crossed the ocean with his father and mother about 1835, and landed at New Orleans. After remaining some two years in Louisiana, they came by steamboat to St. Louis and thence to Boonville,

Cooper County, Missouri; thence where the subject of this sketch was reared to manhood, spending his boyhood days on the farm and receiving fair educational advantages. He helped clear two farms in that densely wooded locality, and when seventeen he commenced to learn the carpenter trade, which he followed for several years. In 1852 he moved to Atchison County, Missouri, and settled at Irish Grove, continuing to live in that neighborhood engaged in farming for twelve years. He also operated a saw-mill two years. In the spring of 1864, he came to Holt County and settled where he now resides. He has since been engaged in agricultural pursuits and at present owns 160 acres of well improved land. His farm is well watered by two never failing springs and a branch. Curzon Station, on the Kansas City, St. Joseph & Council Bluffs Railroad, is only a short distance from his residence. In May, 1881, Mr. S. purchased the steam saw-mill located at that point. This mill does as much business as any in the county, is complete in its appointments, and when crowded is capable of cutting ten thousand feet per day. Mr. S. is a very enterprising and energetic citizen. Politically he is an Independent Republican and formerly voted the old Whig ticket. He was married on the 9th of April, 1848, to Miss Dorathy Snider, daughter of John P. Snider. She is also a native of Germany, and was born on the second of January, 1843. was brought across the ocean when about one year of age. They have had eight children, six of whom are living: Sarah E., born January 24, 1849, (now Mrs. Jacob Mart, of Oregon, Missouri); Rudolph, born November 13, 1850; Philip, born March 30, 1856; John, born October 8, 1858; Christopher, born September 13, 1862; Julia A., born July 3, 1865. Himself and wife are active members of the German M. E. Church. He has filled the position of a local preacher in this church for some twenty-five years.

#### RUDOLPH SCHLOTZHAUER

was born in Cooper County, Missouri, in 1850, and in 1866 came to Oregon. After attending school for some time, he entered the Sentinel office in Oregon, and learned the printing business, at which he worked for ten years. He married Miss Elizabeth B. A. Kunkel in 1876. She was the daughter of Daniel Kunkel, Esq., of this city. They have two children, Ina Alberta and Morton Virner. In 1878, Mr. Schlotzhauer abandoned the printing business and entered the mill and factory of Daniel Kunkel, with whom he has since remained. In the winter of 1832, Mr. Kunkel sold the mill and factory to three of his sons and the subject of this sketch. They are doing an excellent business, obtaining large quantities of wheat, and manufacturing fine brands of flour. Many of the neighboring towns are supplied by them. Mr. S. is an industrious man, and has hosts of friends.

## JAMES SCOTT

is prominent among the early settlers of Holt County. He is a native of Washington County, Virginia, where he was born October 26, 1821. His parents, Robert and Eleanor D. Scott, were both natives of Virginia. James passed his youthful days on the farm and attended the neighborhood schools. He accompanied his parents to Fountain County, Indiana, in 1834, but his father died, in 1838, and the care of the family fell upon James. In the fall of 1840 they moved to Cole County, Missouri, and settled near Stringtown, twelve miles from Jefferson City. In March, 1842, they came to Holt County, locating on a farm four miles north of Oregon, where they pre-empted a piece of wild land, and commenced to improve a farm. The county was almost totally uninhabited, save by Indians, and many were the hardships endured by those who first sought homes on the frontier. On the 15th of March, 1855, Mr. Scott married Miss Sophronia A. Johnson, a native of Morgan County, Missouri, and a daughter of Richard and Mary Johnson. She was born May 5, 1838. Her parents both died when she was about seven years of age, and she was adopted and raised by James Miller, one of the early pioneers of Holt County. Mr. Scott and his wife soon settled on a farm of their own, some three miles north of Oregon. In 1846 Mr. S. was elected county assessor of Holt County, and filled the office four terms. fall of 1859 he was elected county clerk, moved to Oregon and served in this office until compelled to retire by the convention ordinance, in 1864, which threw out all of the officers of the state. He then became engaged in the real estate business, which he continued until 1867, when he entered into the banking business with Levi Zook. They opened the first private bank in Oregon, under the firm name of Zook & Scott, but, in 1871, the latter member retired from the business on account of illhealth. In 1873 he moved on a farm, three miles east of Oregon, where he lived until the fall of 1880, when he returned to Oregon and engaged in dealing in real estate and loaning money. He purchased a handsome. residence, in the western part of the town, and has made it one of the best in the city. During the war Mr. S. remained a strong Union man. Politically he is a Democrat. Himself and wife are active members of the Presbyterian Church of Oregon, with which denomination they have worshipped since 1864. Mr. S. has filled the position of elder several years and is an active Christian worker. His mother is living with him now, and, though seventy-nine years of age, is still in the enjoyment of good health. She is one of the oldest pioneers now living in Holt County.

### HENRY SHUTTS,

attorney and counselor at law. Prominent among the rising young attorneys of Northwest Missouri, is the subject of this sketch. He was

born in Columbia County, New York, December 29, 1843, and is the son of John and Catharine (Cole) Shutts, both natives of York State. His parents early moved to Ulster County, New York, and settled near Kingston, and when Henry was thirteen, they moved westward, locating at Joliet, Will County, Illinois. There he remained until twenty years of age, having received a good academic education. In 1863 he took a trip west, and spent one season in Colorado. On his way home he stopped a short time in Atchison County, and finally became engaged in teaching. Going next to Forest City, Holt County, he resumed teaching, and also read law. In the spring of 1865, Mr. S. came to Oregon, and read law with Dan Zook. He was admitted to the bar in 1865, by Judge William H. Herren, of the then Twelfth Judicial District of Missouri, and since that date he has been a resident of Oregon. In 1866 he purchased the outfit of the old Missouri Valley Times, in partnership with Mr. Hasness. They started the Holt County Press, the only Democratic organ in the county, and after continuing the business one year, Mr. Shutts sold his interest to Mr. Irvine. He was elected mayor of Oregon, in 1866, and filled the position two years, and was the Democratic candidate for representative in 1867. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity. Mr. Shutts was married in 1868, to Miss Tilly Collins, daughter of S. C. Collins, an old settler of Oregon. She was born here on the 15th of June, 1845. She is an active member of the Presbyterian Church of Oregon.

### LAWSON SIPES,

farmer and stock raiser, section 13. The subject of this sketch, an early resident of the county, was born in Morgan County, Indiana, October 9, 1858, his parents, Daniel and Katie E. Sipes, being natives of Indiana. They moved to Missouri in the fall of 1841, and took up a claim, where Lawson now resides, built a log cabin and broke a small piece of ground. It was on this frontier that young Sipes was reared to manhood, he assisting in clearing the farm. He spent his spare moments in hunting, and during the war he espoused the Union cause, and served in the Enrolled Missouri Militia. He has ever been an enterprising citizen, always adhering to principles of honesty, integrity and attention to business. He owns a fine farm of 160 acres, upon which he has a new residence, a good orchard of some 1,500 peach trees and 200 apple trees. Mr. Sipes was married on the 20th of November, 1859, to Miss Melinda E. Hoffman. She was born in Ray County, Missouri. They have been blessed with eight children, Charles L., born October 24, 1862; Rebecca, born January 16, 1865; Richard D., born March 6, 1867; Mary E., born February 6, 1870; John R., born June 11, 1871; William L., born October 24, 1874; Joseph H., born April 1, 1877; and Eddie F., born September 11, 1879.

### SAMUEL STUCKEY,

proprietor of a livery and feed stable, also a pioneer of Holt County, was born in Berkeley County, West Virginia, April 3, 1831. His parents, Samuel and Hannah Stuckey, were both natives of Virginia. Samuel was reared at his birthplace, on the farm, and derived his education from the native schools. In 1852 he went to Champaign County, Ohio, where he remained three years, after which, in 1855, he moved to Iowa, settling in Jefferson County. On the 14th of February, 1857, he landed in Oregon, Holt County, Missouri, where he worked at various occupations until 1860. On the first of September, 1860, Mr. S. married Miss Virginia W. Russel, daughter of R. H. Russel, of Holt County. She was born in this county, June 4, 1844. Soon after they settled on a farm in Nodaway Township, on which Mr. S. remained until March, 1866. served one term as constable of that township, and in the spring of 1866 he took a trip to the home of his childhood. After visiting his parents he returned in the fall of that year and settled in Oregon. He was subsequently appointed constable of Lewis Township, and was marshal of Oregon for three years, serving one year by appointment, and was elected for two years, and in the spring of 1871 he was elected mayor and justice of the peace of Oregon. He served in this capacity four years, consecutively, then acted as deputy sheriff two years. In 1877 Mr. S. was re-elected mayor of Oregon, and re-elected in 1878. In 1879 he was appointed deputy sheriff, continuing to discharge the duties of that office until April, 1880, when he commenced the livery business in Oregon. He has one of the best livery outfits in the county, and is ever found ready to attend to the wants of the traveling public. He also runs a line of hacks to Forest City. Mr. Stuckey is a member of Oregon Lodge, No. 54, I. O. O. F., of which he fills the office of Left Support. Himself and wife are members of the Presbyterian Church, of Oregon, in which he holds the position of deacon. They have raised two orphan children: Hattie Adams (now Mrs. Samuel Simpson), and Miss Bertha Bonnell, born on the 10th of August, 1869.

# JOHN T. THATCHER,

physician and surgeon, was born in Lancaster, Schuyler County, Missouri, August 22, 1850. His father, William S. Thatcher, was from Kentucky, and by occupation was a merchant. His mother, formerly Miss Martha J. Gates, was a native of Illinois. John remained at his birth-place until twelve years of age, and in the spring of 1863, he accompanied his parents to Council Bluffs, Iowa, where he remained until 1865, thence to Plattsmouth, Nebraska, and in the spring of 1867, they moved to Missouri City, Clay County, Missouri. Three months later Atchison,

Kansas, became their home. In 1871, Mr. T. commenced the study of medicine under G. H. T. Johnson, of that place. In the fall of 1872, he attended a partial course of lectures at St. Louis, but on account of the institution suspending operations, he went to Detroit, Michigan, and attended the Detroit Homecepathic Medical College during the winters of 1872-3, and 1874. He graduated on the 12th of February, 1874, after which he returned to Atchison and entered into partnership with his preceptor for six months. In January, 1875, he went to St. Louis, and attended a partial course of lectures at the Missouri Medical College, an allopathic school. Returning to Atchison, he opened an office on his own account. In February, 1876, he embarked in the drug and book business, but after one year he removed to St. Joseph, and took charge of Dr. Hall's Homecepatic Pharmacy. In November, 1877, he returned to Atchison and opened an office, remaining in this place until the 22d of April, 1878, when he came to Oregon. A partnership was effected with Dr. J. A. Callen, under the firm name of Callen & Thatcher, but the relation was dissolved on the 23d of May, 1879. Since then Dr. Thatcher has continued the practice of his profession alone, in which he has been very successful, being cheerful and attentive to the wants of the afflicted. He is a member of Oregon Lodge No. 139, A. F. and A. M., in which he holds the position of secretary. He also belongs to the A. O. U. W., of Oregon, Lodge No. 197, and fills the offices of financier and medical examiner. He is a member of Friendship Lodge No. 5, I. O. O. F., of Atchison, Kansas, and was formerly a member of the Kansas State and Missouri Valley Medical Society. Dr. Thatcher at present fills the position of president of the Oregon City Board of Aldermen, and is also a member of the Oregon Cornet Band.

#### E. VAN BUSKIRK,

an able attorney, counselor at law and notary public of Holt County, was born in Richland County, Ohio, February 25, 1822. His father, Lawrence Van Buskirk, was born in Hancock County, Pennsylvania, and his forefathers came from Holland. His mother, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Labor, was of Irish descent, and was born in Maryland. She died when young Van Buskirk was about four years of age. He lived with an uncle until twelve years old, then went to Marion County, Ohio, and joined his father, who had again married. When eighteen years old, he commenced to learn the printer's trade at Mount Vernon, Ohio, where he worked two years. In 1842, he immigrated west, and settled in Andrew County, Missouri, with an uncle. In 1845, L. D. Nash started the Western Empire—the first paper published in Savannah—and as he did not fully understand the business, he induced the subject of this sketch to take charge of the business, which he did for one year.

In 1846 he went to Weston, Platte County, Missouri, and published the Western Empire and the Regular Baptist for S. J. Lowe. In 1848, he returned to Savannah and published the Western Empire for one year on his own account. His health failing, he discontinued the business, and settled on a farm. He came to Holt County in March, 1852, and engaged in teaming, for the purpose of recruiting his health In August, 1853, he was elected circuit clerk and recorder of Holt County, and was re-elected in 1859, serving until the 5th of May, 1865. Mr. Van Buskirk had been engaged in the study of law for some time, and was duly admitted to the bar in June, 1865, and has continued the practice of his profession since that time. In February, 1861, he was elected a delegate to the state convention, to consider the relation of Missouri to the Federal Government. He served at five different sessions, or until July 1, 1863, when an election was called and elected a Legislature. Under an order from General B. F. Loan, he was made enrolling officer of Holt County. Accordingly he stumped the city, organized the militia and assisted in recruiting the Twelfth Missouri Cavalry. He drew the supplies for the regiment and was elected major, but fell sick, and when the regiment was called into service, was compelled to resign. He was afterwards appointed as agent to procure credit for enlistments in favor of Holt County. He has served on the town school board several years, and took an active part in the erection of the present school house. He is a member of Oregon Lodge, No. 139, A. F. & A. M., in which he fills the position of treasurer. Politically, he is a Democrat. He owns a handsome residence and property in the west part of town. Mr. Van Buskirk was married on the 25th of December, 1844, to Miss Eliza J. Hart, daughter of William and Priscilla Hart, of Andrew County, Missouri. She was born in Morrow County, Ohio, March 10, 1824. They have four children living, Priscilla, born February 6, 1846, (now Mrs. Martin Whitmer, of this county); Alexander, born November 17, 1849; John, born December 28, 1858, and Mary, born December 1, 1863. Two are deceased. Himself and wife are members of the Regular Baptist Church.

# JONES VAUGHAN,

farmer, section 11, was born in Culpeper County, Virginia, on the 19th of September, 1808, and was the son of John and Margaret Vaughan, both natives of Virginia. Jones was reared to manhood at his birth-place, spending his boyhood days on the farm and receiving a common school education in the subscription schools. In 1836 he emigrated westward and remained five years in the vicinity of Hannibal, Missouri. He then returned to Virginia and was located near his old home until 1854, when he came west with his father's family. They landed in Oregon on the 23d of November, 1854. He settled where he now

resides in 1855, and since that time has been engaged in agricultural pursuits. During the war he made one trip with the militia to Fort Scott, Kansas. He has always been a hard working man, and now owns a good farm of eighty acres, most of which is under cultivation. He has a comfortable residence, fair orchard, etc. He was formerly a member of the Grange. Great credit is due him for the care with which he watched over his aged parents. His father died in 1874, after having lived to the age of eighty-six years and six months. His mother is still living and is now in her eighty-ninth year, and though quite feeble, is tenderly cared for by her son and daughter. An unmarried sister presides over the household affairs for Mr. Vaughan. Being an old settler, he is widely known over this county.

### M. D. WALKER,

farmer and stock raiser, section I, was the youngest of a family of eight children. His father, Isaac Walker, was a native of New Hampshire, and was married to Jane Reno, who was born in Pennsylvania. moved to Indiana, about the year 1840. The subject of this sketch was born on the 29th of September, 1843, in Dearborn County, Indiana. He accompanied his parents to Mason County, Illinois, in 1848, and there passed his boyhood days on the farm, receiving a preparatory education in the high schools of Havana, Illinois. When he was preparing to enter college the civil war broke out, and he was among the first to respond to President Lincoln's call, although only eighteen years of age. He enlisted in Company C, Second Illinois Cavalry, in June, 1861, and served until the close of the war, taking part in many of the hardest fought battles of that conflict, among which were Ft. Henry, Ft. Donelson, Island No. 10, Davis' Bridge, Holly Springs, through the Vicksburg Campaign, in the battles of Black River Bridge, Champion Hill, Jackson, Mississippi, and many others. He participated in the celebrated raid from Baton Rouge to the mouth of the Pascagoula River, thence by steamer to New Orleans, and then to Pensacola, Florida, taking part in the capture of Spanish Fort and siege of Mobile. He served at Montgomery, went next to Vicksburg, and then on the expedition through Texas, being mustered out at New Orleans, in June, 1865. Mr. Walker then returned to Springfield, and devoted six months to the study of medicine. Upon moving to Peoria, Illinois, he entered Cole's commercial college, from which institution he graduated in February, 1866. After visiting St. Louis, Kansas City and Council Bluffs, he finally commenced the wholesale liquor business at Denver, Colorado, with a branch house at Central City. After remaining here some six months, he returned to Council Bluffs and embarked in the drug business. In August 1867, he came to Holt County, and bought and improved what is now

known as the Libby farm. This he sold in 1870, moved to Oregon, and opened a drug store, continuing this business one year, when he purchased his present farm in 1871. He has since given his attention to agricultural pursuits, and now owns a farm embracing a quarter section of fine land, 140 acres of which are under cultivation, upon it there being a good orchard. He takes a deep interest in educational matters, and has filled the various district offices. He is a member of Oregon Lodge No. 196, A. O. U. W. Mr. Walker was married in September, 1868, to Miss Olibia Fash, a daughter of James L. Fash, of Peoria, Illinois. She was born on the 7th of October, 1848, and was raised and educated at Peoria. They have had four children: Esther V:, born October 17, 1869; Lawrence J., born February 26, 1876; Ophelia, born April 23, 1878, and an infant, unnamed, born October 4, 1881. Himself and wife are active members of the Presbyterian Church, of Oregon.

### JUDGE SAMUEL WATSON.

Among the oldest pioneers and most respected citizens of Holt County is Samuel Watson. He was born in Richmond, Wayne County, Indiana, October 27, 1813. His parents were originally from Kentucky. Samuel was reared to manhood in his native village, receiving a common school education. He commenced to learn the cabinet trade when sixteen years of age, and this occupation he followed some eight years at his birthplace. In the fall of 1841 he came overland with a brother, to this then western country, and after crossing the Nodaway River on the 18th of October, 1841, he took up a claim one and a-half miles southeast of where Oregon now stands. He built a log cabin upon it in the spring of 1842, planting some eight acres of corn. Roving bands of Indians passed occasionally in those early days, and since then the subject of this sketch has been identified with the interests of Holt County. He assisted in building the first school house in the vicinity. In 1844 he was elected justice of the peace, and filled the position for four years. In 1846 he was appointed county judge, and served some nine years. In 1856 he represented his county in the State Legislature. Ray & Copeland built the first woolen mill in the county on his land, and in 1846 he purchased the mill, and after operating it ten years remodeled it and carried on the business until 1865. In 1862 he moved into Oregon. 1868 he embarked in the general merchandise business with a partner, and continued the business until 1878. He still owns his original claim of 160 acres, and has it well improved. Judge Watson was married in December, 1834, to Miss Ellen Edwards, a native of North Carolina. They have had seven children, two of whom are living, Nannie and Jonas. The five deceased are: William P., Richard C., James F. and Sarah E., twins, and Mary J. It is to such sturdy, bold pioneers as Mr.

and Mrs. Watson that the rising generations are indebted for the transformation of a wilderness to one of the most attractive and desirable locations in Missouri.

#### EMIL WEBBER,

of the firm of Graves & Webber, dealers in general merchandise, was born in Prussia, Germany, on the 20th of December, 1848, and was the son of Herman and Justine Webber, both natives of that place. Emil immigrated to the United States in October, 1865, landing at New York City, from whence he came to Forest City. He soon commenced clerking with George Webber, and, in January, 1874, he went to Mound City, where he entered into the general merchandise business, with a partner. After continuing there for three years he became associated with Mr. Graves, in January, 1877, in his present calling. Mr. Webber was married June 30, 1876, to Miss Mary B. Graves, daughter of Orville Graves. She was born in Nodaway County, Missouri, February 4, 1854. They have one child, Fannie C., born April 30, 1877. Mrs. Webber is a member of the M. E. Church, South.

### AMOS WEIS,

farmer and stock raiser, section 3, was born in Hessen Darmstadt, Germany, on the 15th of June, 1825. His parents, Jacob and Clara Weis, were both natives of Germany. Amos was the eldest of a family of seven children. He was reared on a farm at his birthplace and received excellent educational advantages. In 1848 he crossed the ocean and landed at New York City on the 10th of May. He soon settled at Cleveland, Ohio, remaining in that vicinity until 1855, when he moved to Dane County, Wisconsin, and improved a farm. In the spring of 1862 he came to St. Joseph, Missouri, and after a short time moved to Nebraska, locating in Otoe County, near Nebraska City. sold out in 1865, came to Holt County and settled where he now resides and since then has been steadily engaged in improving his farm. He owns 140 acres, well improved, there being two dwelling houses upon it. The residence he occupies is situated on an elevation and gives a fine view of the surrounding country and the city of Oregon, one mile distant. His farm is well adapted to stock raising. Mr. Weis is an openhearted and generous citizen and is endowed with a true spirit of manliness. He was married in December, 1849, to Miss Elizabeth Belar. She crossed the ocean in the same year as her husband—1849. They have had four children, three of whom are living: Henry, born September 1, 1850; Elizabeth, born June 13, 1852, (is now Mrs. Nicholas Stook, of Oregon), and Charlie, born November 22, 1865; lost one, Philip. Himself and wife are members of the German Reformed Church.

### CHARLES WYLIE,

farmer and stock raiser, is one of the enterprising citizens of this locality. He was born July 8, 1839, in Oneida County, New York. His father, Charles B. Wylie, was a native of Connecticut, while his mother, Lucinda Gridly, was born in the State of New York. Charles spent his boyhood days on the farm, at his birthplace, and received a common school education. He immigrated west, in 1859, and settled on Rush Island, which then belonged to Doniphan County, Kansas, but the river has since changed its course, leaving the island in Missouri. Mr. Wylie returned to New York, in 1861, and, after remaining for three years, he again came to Missouri, in 1864, and settled on the same island. He was engaged in the lumber and wood business at that time, when steamboats ran the river, and afterwards followed farming. In 1871 he moved to Forest City, and then upon his farm, on section 25, a short distance north of Forest City. His wife's health being poor he moved back to Forest City, in 1880. He owns a good residence property there, and has in his possession nearly all of section 25. This is well improved. He also owns a half interest in 1,000 acres on Rush Island, 240 acres near Craig, and some 300 acres in section 31, he being in partnership with Mr. Richardson of Forest City. The high water in the spring of 1881 damaged him to the extent of some \$4,000, washing away nearly five miles of fencing, destroying his fall wheat, damaging 1,300 bushels of corn in the cribs, and some 250 bushels of wheat in the bin. But, with the energy characteristic of the man, he soon commenced repairing his losses. Mr. Wylie was married on the 25th of December, 1866, to Miss Ellen March, a native of Essex County, New York. They have two children, Nellie and Frankie.

#### DANIEL ZACHMAN,

county recorder, was born in Marion County, Ohio, on the 20th of April, 1841, and was the son of Francis and Mariah Zachman, who were natives of Baden, Germany, but who crossed the ocean in 1829. Daniel was reared to manhood at his birthplace, spending his boyhood days on the farm, and receiving an education in the neighborhood schools. He also worked some at the carpenter trade. When the cloud of civil war enshrouded the country, Mr. Z. was among the first to respond to President Lincoln's call for three years' men. He enlisted as a private in October, 1861, in Company D, Eighty-second Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and served until the close of the war, taking part in the battles of second Bull Run, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, where the regiment was badly demoralized, Chattanooga, Missionary Ridge, siege of Atlanta, through with General Sherman to the sea, and through to Washington, where he took part in the grand review. He was discharged in July, 1865, having

been promoted to sergeant. At the close of the war, Mr. Z. returned to his old home, and in the fall of October, 1866, he came west and settled at Nickols' Grove, Holt County, Missouri, where he engaged in farming. He improved a fine farm of 160 acres, and now has a good residence, etc. In the fall of 1878 he was elected recorder of Holt County, and has since continued to fill the position, with credit to himself and all parties interested. Politically, he is a staunch Republican, and he has the respect and esteem of a large circle of friends. Mr. Z. was married March 6, 1866, to Miss Rebecca Anselment, daughter of Joseph Anselment, of this county. She was born in Marion County, Ohio, on the 12th of April, 1844. They have three children, John N., born December 28, 1866; Solomon O., born in December, 1873, and Flora A., born February 3, 1876. Mr. Zachman and wife are members of the Evangelical Association.

### LEVI ZOOK,

retired banker, and one of the leading business men of Holt County, is a native of Marion County, Ohio. His father Daniel Zook, and his mother, whose maiden name was Annie Forney, were natives of Pennsylvania. Levi was born on the 10th of May, 1831. He accompanied his parents to Missouri, in the Spring of 1842, and arrived in Holt County on the 1st of May, when the county was something of a wilderness. The sale of lots for the town of Oregon took place soon after they reached here, and his father purchased a few of these lots and erected the first business house in town. He soon started a general merchandise business in partnership with one of his sons. Here the subject of this sketch was reared to manhood. He received a fair education mostly by self application, and after becoming old enough, he assisted his brother in the store. His father died in the fall of 1842, and was the first person buried in the town. In the spring of 1850, Levi became a partner with his brother, and they remained in the business some five years, when they retired. Upon recovering his health, which had long been poor, Mr. Zook again entered into the general merchandise business, in partnership with Hiram Patterson, with whom he continued about six years, under the firm name of Zook and Patterson. In 1857 they moved to Forest City, and did business there until the fall of 1861, when the breaking out of the war demoralized this locality to some extent. Mr. Z. moved the stock of goods to Glenwood, Mills County, Iowa, where he closed it out. In the spring of 1862 he opened a stock of dry goods at Oregon, on his own account, but in 1864 he accepted as a partner, Mr. Jonas Lamar. They continued the business until 1868. In 1867, our subject, in connection with James Scott, opened a private bank, (the first one in Oregon) under the firm name of Zook & Scott. In 1870 Mr. Zook retired from the banking business, but still continued the merchandise business

at different points. January 1, 1872, he again resumed the banking business with Robert Montgomery, under the firm name of Zook & Montgomery, with whom he remained until January, 1875, when he retired from the banking business. He retained an interest in the merchandise business at different points, until 1881. During the summer of 1881, he superintended the improvements on the county court house. He has never sought for office, but has always given his attention to his legitimate business. During the war he was a strong Union man, and assisted in raising volunteers. He also served in the Enrolled Missouri Militia, his health not permitting his entering into the regular service. He is a member of Forest City Lodge No. 214, A. F. and A. M., and an active member of the Presbyterian Church, of Oregon. Mr. Zook was married on the 3d of November, 1859, to Miss Minnie Von Lunen, She was born in Prussia, Germany, but was brought across the ocean when quite young. Her parents settled in Pennsylvania, in which state she was raised. She died November 2, 1864, leaving one child, Charles D., born July 24, 1860.

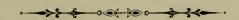


As an evidence of the rapid advance in the value of property in this section of Holt County, it is worthy of remark that the last piece of vacant land in Liberty Township sold in May, 1881, at the rate of \$20 per acre.

There are no towns in Liberty Township.



# ₩BIOGRAPHICAL.



#### WILLIAM G. ANDES,

farmer and merchant, section 32, was born on the 16th of February, 1848, and was a native of Shenandoah County, Virginia. His father, John Andes, a farmer by occupation, was born in Rockingham County, Virginia, and his mother, whose maiden name was Susan Glick, was also a Virginian by birth. In May, 1857, William G. came to Missouri, locating in this county. He passed his youth in Virginia and Missouri and received a common school education. He has been engaged in farming, principally, during life, and now owns 320 acres of land, with a young bearing orchard of 250 trees, and has an abundance of small fruits. He has some 400 peach trees. Mr. Andes is Democratic in his political views. He was married May 22, 1877, to Miss Elizabeth Moler, daughter of Samuel Moler. They have two children living: Jessie, aged four years, and Adam, five years old. Two are deceased. Mr. Andes' religious preferences are with the German Baptists.

#### L. I. BENNETT,

farmer, section 3, was born in Rockingham County, Virginia, on the 29th day of March, 1846. His parents, William and Melinda (Airy) Bennett, were both natives of Virginia. The former was a farmer by occupation, and L. I. passed his youth on the farm in his native state, receiving an education in the common schools. During the war he served for eighteen months in the Confederate service, being a member of Company E, Twenty-ninth Battalion of Virginia. In March, 1870, he moved to Missouri, and the same year became a resident of Holt County. He now owns 170 acres of land, with a young orchard of 130 apple and peach trees, besides smaller fruits. He has upon his place some fine graded stock. Politically, he is a Democrat. Mr. Bennett was married

November 18, 1866, to Ellen Hanley, daughter of Mr. Samuel Hanley. They have five children, Anna Florence, aged thirteen; John M., aged ten; Charles, aged eight; Maud Ellen, aged six, and Sidney, aged five years. Mr. B.'s religious preferences are with the Christian denomination.

# J. S. CHAPIN,

section 3, was born in Washington County, New York, October 4, 1832. His father, Alvin Chapin, was a native of Massachusetts, and his mother, formerly Mary Brewster, was born in Rutland County, Vermont. J. S. Chapin spent his early youth on a farm, and obtained a common school education. In 1845 he moved to Illinois, and from there came to Holt County, Missouri, in 1869. He now has in his possession 210 acres of land, with an orchard of 300 apple trees, some cherry, plum and pear trees, and 200 grape vines, besides other fruit. Mr. Chapin makes a specialty of fattening and shipping cattle. He was married February 10, 1870, to Helen J. Bradt, daughter of Richard Bradt, Esq. She was born in New York State, but was raised in Wisconsin. Mr. and Mrs. C. have six children: Charles B., born March 9, 1871; Frank H., born November 10, 1873; Harry C., born January 20, 1876; Mable E. and Grace E., born June 7, 1879, and an infant born January 28, 1882. He is Republican in politics.

# JOHN T. COTTIER,

a son of Thomas Cottier, Esq., was born in Holt County, Missouri, January 24, 1854. His youth was spent on his father's farm, near Oregon, and his primary education was obtained in the common schools. He also attended some time later the high school at Oregon. He is a Republican in his political views. Mr. Cottier has a fine farm of 160 acres of as good land as is to be found in this county, situated in section 20. His young orchard contains some 300 apple trees, besides peaches, cherries, plums, etc. His religious preferences are with the Christian Church.

# JAMES COTTIER,

farmer, section 19, was born at Oregon, Holt County, Missouri, December 13, 1855. His father, Thomas Cottier, a farmer by occupation, and a native of the Isle of Man, and his mother, whose maiden name was Minerva Bealer, was born in Indiana. James passed his younger days on the farm at home, and attended the common schools and also the high school at Oregon. He owns 171 acres of excellent prairie land, improved, upon which are 150 young apple trees. Mr. Cottier is a Republican. He was married December 22, 1880, to Miss Alice King, daughter of O. H. King, Esq. He religiously inclines toward the Christian denomination.

## HENRY CRANSLIN,

farmer and stock feeder, section 4, is a native of Germany, where he was born September 10, 1830. His parents were both born in Germany, and the father was a farmer by calling. Henry left his native country when five years of age, in 1835, and for four years was a resident of New Orleans. When he was nine years old he went to Morgan County, Missouri, in 1839, and after living there for seven years he located in Lafayette County. In the spring of 1862 he came to Holt County, where he now owns 800 acres of land. He has a good orchard of 200 trees. His educational advantages were much neglected in early life, but by self application in later years he has obtained a liberal knowledge. Mr. Cranslin was married in June, 1851, to Sarilda Nicholas, who was born September 13, 1836, in Madison County, Illinois. Her father was William Nicholas. They have four children: Nancy J., born January 2, 1865; Margaret A., born December 3, 1867; Henrietta, born July 17, 1870, and Louisa Ellen, born September 1, 1871. In politics Mr. C. is a Republican, and religiously a German Baptist.

#### PETER DEARMONT,

farmer, stock feeder and shipper, section 14, is a native of Virginia, and was born in Clarke County, of that state, April 17, 1835. His youth was spent in tilling the soil, and his education was such as could be received in the common schools. During the war he was in service for four years, and was in the battles of Gettysburg, Petersburg, first and second Bull Run, the seven days fight around Richmond, and several minor engagements. In 1871, he removed to Missouri, locating in Holt County, and here he now owns 190 acres of land, his orchard embracing apple, peach, cherry and plum trees. Mr. Dearmont was married in St. Joseph on the 12th of November, 1858, to Miss Mary E. Bell, daughter of Strother Bell, Esq. She was born in Clarke County, Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. D. have six children: Washington, born September 22, 1859; Beauregard, born September 22, 1861; James Lee, born June 3, 1863; Lucy, born March 5, 1866; Hays, born April 14, 1869, and Claude H., born September 15, 1875. Mr. Dearmont is a Democrat, and religiously a Methodist.

# JOSEPH T. DEARMONT,

farmer, section 11, was born in Clarke County, Virginia, on the 19th of November, 1844. His parents, Michael and Lucy (Ferguson) Dearmont, being natives of the same state. The youth of Joseph was passed on a farm, and for a time he attended the common schools. In the fall of 1871 he came to Missouri and located in this county, where he now resides, having in his possession 100 acres of land, upon which is a good

though young orchard, of the various varieties of fruit. During the late war, he was for three years a member of Company D, Sixth Virginia Cavalry, of the Confederate army. He was in the battles of Manassas, Brandy Station, Winchester, and several smaller engagements. Mr. D.'s religious preferences are with the Presbyterian denomination. He has been twice married; first, October 1, 1865, to Matilda A. Bell. His second marriage was to Ellen E. Piper, January 17, 1878. She was born and raised in Frederick County, Virginia. Mr. D. has two children, Charles H., born February 5, 1868, and Mary Maud, born July 27, 1871. He is a Democrat in his political views.

#### FOUNTIN DONAN,

farmer, section 18, was born on the 1st day of September, 1830, in Hart County, Kentucky, and was the son of David C. and Elizabeth (Gillaspy) Donan, both natives of Virginia. The former was a farmer by occupation, and Fountin passed his boyhood days in his native county, obtaining a good common school education. He was also an attendant of a Masonic college. In 1850 he took a trip to California, returning to Kentucky in 1852, and in March, 1856, came to Missouri, locating in Holt County, in September of that year. In the fall of 1858 he went to Colorado, returning to Missouri in 1859, and in 1863 he again went to Colorado, and from there to Montana. Mr. D. now has 560 acres of land, with an orchard of 600 apple trees, cherries and other fruit, and upon his place he keeps good graded stock. In 1859-60-61, he held the position of deputy surveyor, and during the war he belonged to Colonel Slayback's regiment of the Missouri Confederate service. He was in two engagements, those of Blue Mills, and Lexington, Missouri. September 10, 1871, Mr. D. was married to Mary Ashby, daughter of Lloyd Ashby, Esq. Their family consists of John, aged eight; William Henry, aged seven; Anna L., aged six, and Robert A., two years old. He is a Democrat, and religiously, a Methodist.

#### WILLIAM DRURY,

farmer and stock feeder, section 11, is a native of Hart County, Kentucky, where he was born in May, 1836. His father, T. B. Drury, was born in New York, and his mother, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Walden, was a Kentuckian by birth. The younger days of William were passed on a farm and in attending the common schools. In 1856 he moved to Minnesota, where he lived until October, 1859, then locating in Illinois. After residing in that state for two years he returned to Minnesota, in the spring of 1862, and then entered the army, becoming a member of Company F, Second Minnesota Cavalry. He was in several engagements with the Indians, and remained in service two years.

Mr. D. continued to live in Minnesota until October, 1868, when he came to Holt County, Missouri, and here he now owns 160 acres of land, upon which is a good bearing orchard of 250 apple and 300 peach trees, with a choice variety of small fruits. He also has some good graded cattle, and feeds and ships large quantities of stock. May 11, 1856, Miss Sarah Herron, daughter of John Herron, became his wife. She was born in Ohio, on the 8th of July, 1837. They have a family of four children: M. W., born March 6, 1859; S. F., born August 13, 1861; Hannah M., born January 17, 1865; George Samuel, born March 8, 1878. Mr. D. is a Republican in politics.

## THOMAS J. FEASEL,

section I, was born in Darke County, Ohio, on the 13th of August, 1844, and was the son of Joseph Feasel, a native of Tennessee, and Matilda nee Templeton. Thomas spent his earlier youth on a farm, and at the common schools in Indiana. When only thirteen years of age, in September, 1857, he came to Holt County, Missouri. During the late war he served for three years in Company D, of the Seventh Iowa Cavalry, and was in numerous conflicts with the Indians, among which were the battles of Horse Creek and Julesburg, Nebraska. Politically, he is a Republican, and is a member of the Baptist Church. Mr. Feasel was married November 10, 1867, to Miss Nancy J. Watson, daughter of Mr. Henry Watson. They have five children: Sarah J., born November 10, 1868; Mary E., born September 16, 1870; Nathan D., born January 12, 1876; Alberta May, born October 14, 1879, and Nettie L., born May 24, 1881. Mr. F. has 240 acres of land, with a young, bearing orchard of 150 apple, 100 peach and 40 cherry, besides a few plum trees.

# JOSEPH FLORY,

farmer, section 12, was born in Augusta County, Virginia, on the 20th of January, 1844, his parents being Daniel and Christena (Sniteman) Flory. The former, a farmer by occupation, was a native of Rockingham County, Virginia, and the mother of Germany. The early life of Joseph was passed on a farm in his native county, and he was educated in the common schools. He took a trip to the Rocky Mountain country, and spent two years in that region, previous to his coming to Holt County, Missouri, in May, 1874. Mr. F. now has eighty-five acres of land, and one hundred apple and fifty young peach trees, with other varieties. His religious preferences are with the Latter Day Saints, and in December, 1875, he was ordained by his church to preach. On the 2d of May, 1867, he was married to Miss Susan A. Coffman, a native of Virginia, and daughter of Mr. Joseph Coffman. They have three children: Sarah C., born August 27, 1868; Mary Alice, born March 10, 1875, and Isaac T., born May 7, 1877. Mr. F. is independent in his political views.

### HENRY FLORY,

farmer, section I, a native of Augusta County, Virginia, was born on the 17th of September, 1848, and was the son of Daniel Flory, who was born in Virginia, and an agriculturist by calling. His mother's maiden name was Christena Sniteman, and she was a native of Germany. Henry was raised in his native county, on a farm, obtaining a common school education. In the spring of 1887 he came to Holt County, Missouri, began tilling the soil, and now owns a farm of forty acres, well improved, and with a small, good bearing orchard. Mr. Flory was married in Augusta County, Virginia, to Miss Eliza A. Fauber, daughter of Peter Fauber, of that county. She was born on the 18th of October, 1849. Politically, he is a Democrat, and his religious preferences are with the German Baptists.

LEMUEL FOUNTAIN,

farmer, section 15, was born in the town of Perin, Clermont County, Ohio, on October 9, 1830, his parents being Matthew and Patty P. Fountain. His father, who was engaged in the occupation of farming, was a native of New York, and his mother of Massachusetts. Lemuel spent his youth in Indiana on a farm, there receiving an education such as the common schools afforded. In 1867 he moved to the state of Minnesota, and on the 9th of April, 1868, came to Missouri, locating in Holt County, where he now owns eighty acres of good land. He has 300 young bearing peach and other varieties of fruit trees. Mr. F. is an advocate of the principles of the Republican party, and his religious preferences are with the Methodist denomination. October 16, 1851, he was married to Miss Martha Coburn, daughter of Mr. John Coburn. Their family consists of Amanda Hazlett, aged twenty-eight; Edwin, aged twenty-five; William, aged twenty-three; Ezra, aged twentytwo; Anna, aged eighteen; James, aged sixteen; Lemuel, aged fourteen; Matta May, aged twelve years, and Guy, six years old.

# LEVI GILLIS,

farmer and stock dealer, section 18, postoffice, Mound City, is a son of George Gillis, and was born in Clinton County, Missouri, July 7, 1839. He came to Holt County with his parents, and here he has since resided, except a short time during the war. He has made farming his principal occupation, and now has 300 acres of land, on which he erected a fine residence in the year 1881. April 12, 1865, Mr. G. was married to Miss Martha Morrow, who was born in Greene County, Ohio, April 15, 1843. They have five children: Olive, Cordelia, Thomas, Nettie, and Laurania. Mr. G. is a member of Mound City Lodge No. 294, A. F. and A. M.

# JOSEPH GLICK,

farmer and stock raiser, section 33; was born on the 25th of August, 1830, in New Market, Shenandoah County, Virginia, the son of Joseph and Susan (Wampler) Glick. The former was a farmer by occupation, and a native of Virginia, and the latter of Maryland. Joseph was raised on a farm, in his native county, and received a good common school education. In 1857 he came to this state, and on October 14th of that year, located in Holt County, where he is now the owner of 165 acres of land. He first settled in Benton Township, and for sixteen years lived on one place, and has been an occupant of his present farm for eight years. During the late war he served for three months in the State Militia. He is a Democrat. Mr. Glick was married February 20, 1868, to Lucinda Palmer, a daughter of Mr. Martin Palmer. Mrs. Glick was born in Benton Township, Holt County, Missouri, November 1, 1852. They have four children, Lucinda Ann, born July 27, 1871; William J., born August 30, 1874; Ida May, born October 27, 1876, and Maggie V., born July 19, 1880. On the 13th of April, 1873, Mr. G. was ordained to preach the gospel by the German Baptist Church, of which he had so long been a member. He has upon his farm some fine Berkshire hogs. His orchard contains 125 apple and 200 peach trees, besides other selections.

## JOEL GLICK,

farmer, section 4, is a native of Shenandoah County, Virginia. where he was born on September 14, 1839, his parents being Joseph, a farmer, and a native of Virginia, and Susan (Wampler) Glick, the latter of Maryland. Joel spent his youth on a farm in Virginia, and for some time attended the common schools. In 1857 he came to Missouri, and the same year located in Holt County, and here he now owns 170 acres of land. Mr. Glick's religious preferences are with the German Baptist denomination, and in September, 1875, he was ordained as clergyman. Politically is a Democrat. March 20, 1862, he was married to Achsah Pearson, daughter of James Pearson. They have five children: Martina Bell, aged seventeen; William J. S., aged fifteen; Ann Eliza Susan, aged eleven; George L., aged five, and David Casper, aged two years.

#### GEORGE W. KELLER,

farmer, section 15, was born on the 7th of January, 1838, in Morrow County, Ohio, and was the son of John and Matilda (Sames) Keller. The former a native of Pennsylvania, was an agriculturist by occupation, and the mother of George was originally from Ohio. Young Keller was raised in his native state, on a farm, receiving his education there and

in Missouri. In the fall of 1857 he came to this state, and settled in Holt County, where he now has in his possession 40 acres of land, with 150 young apple trees, and an abundance of small fruits. For four years in the late civil war Mr. K. was a member of Company F, Fourth Missouri State Militia. He was in several conflicts, among which were the battles of Springfield, Missouri, and Mine Creek, besides minor engagements. He is Republican in politics. On the 11th of February, 1865, he was married to Rebecca Ann Thornton, a daughter of Franklin Thornton, Esq. Their family consists of Armina E., twelve years old; Della M., aged ten; William J., aged six; George A., four years of age, and Alta M., eighteen months old. Religiously, Mr. K. inclines toward the Methodist faith.

## JACOB R. KELLER,

farmer, section 32, was born on February 11, 1852, in Baltimore County, Maryland. His father, David Keller, a farmer by occupation, was born in Maryland, and his mother, formerly Rachel A. Bowl, was from the same state. The early life of Jacob was passed in Pennsylvania on a farm, and he obtained a common school education. In 1871, he removed to Missouri, and the year following (1872) came to Holt County. His landed estate consists of 168 acres, and upon his farm he has 115 apple trees, with a great quantity of peaches, pears, cherries, etc. Politically he is a Democrat. Mr. Keller was married September 9, 1875, to Miss Virginia Andes, daughter of John Andes, Esq. They have two children living; John Elmer, aged four years, and Charles Marvin, born April 18, 1880. One child is deceased. Mr. K. religiously is a German Baptist, and in the fall of 1881, he was ordained a minister of his church.

# WILLIAM G. MCINTYRE,

farmer, section 10, a native of Holt County, Missouri, was born on the 20th of May, †847, his parents being Lewis and Mariah (Blair) McIntyre. The former was born in Fairfield County, Ohio, and was a tiller of the soil, and William's mother came originally from Indiana. Young McIntyre's youth was spent on a farm, he receiving his education in the common schools of Holt County. During the war he was in service for three years and five months in Company K, Thirteenth Missouri, and he participated in the campaign of 1864 against Price. Politically he is a Republican and has served this county as its sheriff and collector. In the fall of 1872 he was elected sheriff and served for one term, and in 1874 he was the choice of the people for the position of collector. He is an Old School Presbyterian. Mr. McIntyre has a fine farm of eighty-five acres, with 130 young apple and fifty peach trees, with small fruits. He was married March 12, 1871, to Miss Anna Miller, daughter of

Henry C. Miller, of Liberty Township, Holt County, Missouri. Mrs. McIntyre was born in Cincinnati, Ohio. Two children have been born to them: Guy E., born April 18, 1878, and Bertha A., born May 6, 1880.

## JOHN P. McMURRAY,

farmer, section 36, was born in the Shenandoah Valley, within the limits of Clarke County, Virginia, on January 23, 1839. His father, Peter, was a native of Virginia, as was also his mother, whose maiden name was Catharine Sample. John was educated in the common schools of his native state, and he subsequently moved to Missouri, locating in Holt County, in October, 1871. His estate consists of 160 acres of land, and a good young orchard of 120 apple, with peach, pear and other fruit trees; also 100 grape vines. Mr. McMurray is a member of the Masonic fraternity. During the late war he was in the Sixth Virginia Cavalry, of the Confederate service, and was in both of the battles of Bull Run, and all of the principal engagements around Richmond. He is a staunch Democrat. He has been twice married: First, on November 3, 1859, to Sarah E. Dearmont, and the second marriage occurred to Ellen G. Crebs, daughter of John H. Crebs, of Virginia. Mrs. McMurray is a native of that state, and was educated at Dunbar Seminary, of Winchester, Frederick County. Their family circle embraces: Wilton, born November 18, 1860; Willie, born May 21, 1863; Walter, born October 3, 1865; Wade, born May 30, 1867; Edgar, born February 11, 1872; Edith, born September 7, 1873; Ella, born February 17, 1876; Stonewall Jackson, born May 13, 1878, and Eola, born July 7, 1880. Mr. McMurray's religious preferences are with the Presbyterian denomination.

#### HENRY C. MILLER,

section 9, was born in Germany, October 23, 1821, and his parents were each natives of that country. His father was a farmer, and Henry was raised and received a common school education at his birthplace. He is a machinist by trade, the greater part of his youth having been spent in a machine shop. In December, 1844, he emigrated to New Orleans, and after residing there for eighteen months, in December, 1846, he moved to Cincinnati, Ohio. From thence he went to Vicksburg, and after nearly a year, returned to Cincinnati, and until 1852 he worked at the machinist trade. In that year, Edgar County, Illinois, became his home, and there he was engaged in farming. In the spring of 1865, Mr. Miller came to Holt County, Missouri, and now owns a farm of 160 acres of land. He has a fine bearing orchard of 150 apple and 140 peach trees and a good vineyard of 600 grape vines, besides smaller fruits. Mr. M. was married in Cincinnati in December, 1847, to Christena Heyer,

daughter of John Heyer. She was born in Germany, December 25, 1826. Their family consists of Annie, (wife of William G. McIntyre), born January 18, 1852; Franklin, born August 29, 1855; Louisa, (wife of O. M. Kelly), born April 1, 1858, and John, born April 12, 1861. Mr. Miller's religious preferences are with the Lutherans, and his political views are Republican.

# JOHN A. MILLER,

is a native of Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, where he was born February 19, 1837. His parents, Martin and Margaret (Halter) Miller, as well as both of his grandparents, were born in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, and there John was raised, being educated in the common schools. He resided in his native county until 1869, when he came to Holt County, Missouri, and settled near Oregon, where he lived for about eight years. He then moved to this township, and located where he now resides, having a good farm of 160 acres of land in what is known as Minnesota Valley. His orchard includes 200 apple, 100 peach and some cherry trees. Mr. Miller was married in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, in January, 1855, to Miss Catharine, daughter of Abram Severs, Esq. Mr. and Mrs. M. have ten children: Alfred A., born May 26, 1858; John A., born February 14, 1860; Margaret C., born January 22, 1862; Amanda M., born April 17, 1864; Martin A., born June 6, 1866; William H., born August 5, 1868; Eva May, born November 7, 1871; Mira Belle, born April 1, 1873; Mary Ann, born April 8, 1875, and James A. G., born July 12, 1878.

# J. P. NORMAN,

farmer and stock raiser, section 6, was born on the 15th of May, 1847, being a native of Page County, Virginia. His father, John, was an agriculturist by occupation, and was born in Virginia, and his mother whose maiden name was Lucy A. Peterfish, was from the same state. The youth of J. P. Norman was spent in his native state, on a farm, his education being received in the common schools of Indiana. In March, 1869, he removed to Missouri, locating in this county, and now owns 126 acres of land, upon which is some good graded stock. He also has a young bearing orchard. For eighteen months during the war, he was in Company K, Second Virginia Infantry of the Confederate service, and participated in the battles of Gettysburg and Chancellorsville, besides minor engagements. He is a Republican in politics. Mr. Norman was married December 15, 1872, to Rachael A. Flinn, daughter of Adam Flinn. They have three children: Minnie A., aged eight years; Lura A., aged seven years, and Walter, three years old. Religiously, Mr. N. is a German Baptist.

## WILLIAM R. OWENS,

farmer, section 3, owes his nativity to Saline County, Missouri, where he was born on the 29th of March, 1849. His father, John Owens, a native of Tennessee, was engaged in farming, and his mother, formerly Mary Bright, was a Kentuckian by birth. William passed his youth in Missouri on a farm, and during his early life attended the common schools. In April, 1875, he came to Holt County and here he now owns 120 acres of land and a young orchard of seventy-five apple trees and some small fruits. Politically Mr. O. is a Democrat. March 10, 1870, Miss Elizabeth Anderson, daughter of William Anderson, became his wife. His religious preferences are with the Christian denomination.

#### F. S. PEARCE,

farmer, stock feeder and shipper, section 17, was born on the 16th day of January, 1845, in Baltimore County, Maryland, and was the son of William and Elizabeth (Hartman) Pearce, both natives of Pennsylvania... In March, 1855, young Pearce came to Missouri, locating in Holt County. He was raised on a farm, partly in Maryland and also in thisstate, he receiving a common school education. During the late war he enlisted in Company D, Twenty-eight Illinois Regiment and served for nearly four years, participating in the battles of Belmont, Shiloh, the surrender of Vicksburg and several minor engagements. The landed estate of Mr. Pearce consists of 130 acres of land, upon which is a young orchard of 120 apple, peach and pear trees, etc. He has been twice married, first, in 1866, to Rebecca J. Penrose, daughter of Mr. John Penrose, and by this union there was one child, A. E., now fifteen years of age. On the 16th of January, 1873, Emma J. Bender became his wife. Her father was Elias Bender, Esq. They have one child, U. S., aged five years. Mr. P. is Republican in politics, and religiously is a Methodist.

#### I. C. PEARCE,

farmer and feeder and shipper of hogs and cattle, section 27, is a native of Baltimore County, Maryland, where he was born on the 27th of August, 1847. His parents were William Pearce, a farmer, who was born in Pennsylvania, and Elizabeth Pearce, whose maiden name was Hartman, of the same state. In 1855, I. C. was brought to Missouri and settled in Holt County, and here his youth was principally spent, and his common school education mostly obtained. During the late civil war he was in the State Militia for twelve months. His farm contains 160 acres of land, with a young orchard of 250 apple and 200 peach trees, and some grapes, etc. He devotes much attention to his stock interests. Religiously, Mr. Pearce's preferences are with the Methodists. He was married in

January, 1868, to Mary A. Kunkel, daughter of Henry Kunkel. They have five children, Ida, aged ten years; Lilly, aged eight; Nellie, aged six; Hayes aged four years, and Gertrude, aged two years. In politics, Mr. P. is a Republican.

#### R. K. ROSS, SEN.,

farmer, sections 4 and 6, was born in Guilford County, North Carolina, February 25, 1810, being a son of Andrew Ross and Anna, nee Kimmons, both natives of North Carolina. Young Ross passed his early days in Tennessee, on a farm, but was denied the privileges of acquiring an education in the schools of pioneer fame. He was an early settler of Missouri, and especially of Holt County, to which he had moved in 1847. He now owns a farm of 140 acres. Mr. Ross is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and also belongs to the Latter Day Saints. October 1, 1831, he was married to Jane Bird, daughter of Mr. John Bird, and a native of Tennessee. Their family consists of ten children: Andrew J., Nancy, Mary H., Eliza J., Lucinda, Rachel, George W., Isaac, R. K. and Frances. They have lost five children. Mr. R. is a Democrat.

#### R. K. ROSS, Jr.,

section 4, is a son of R. K. and Jane (Bird) Ross, the former of North Carolina and the latter of Tennessee, and was born in Holt County, Missouri, November 26, 1852. He here spent his youth on a farm, obtaining a common school education, and has always made this county his home. His landed estate consists of eighty acres of land, well improved. Politically, Mr. Ross is a Democrat, and his religious preferences are with the denomination of Latter Day Saints. In March, 1878, he was married to Miss Mary Worley, whose father was Peter Worley. They have two children: William Thomas, two years old, and an infant son, Robert K.

# JUDGE GEORGE P. SKEELS,

farmer, stock feeder and shipper, section 15, was born in Scipio Township, Seneca County, Ohio, August 8, 1833, his parents being Silas and Anica (Beardsly) Skeels. The former was a native of New Haven County, Connecticut, and the latter was born in the same state. George was reared in his native county on a farm, and received a liberal education at the Seneca County Academy, located at Republic. When he was seventeen years of age, he began teaching school, and with one exception taught every winter until 1860. March 27, 1856, he removed to Kansas, where he remained until October 26, 1857, when he came to Holt County. In 1859, he returned to Ohio, but after being there for four years, came again to this county in 1864. Since residing here he has taught school four years. In the fall of 1866, Mr. Skeels was elected

county judge, was re-elected in the fall of 1868, and has served in this capacity for eight years, thus showing the esteem, as an official, in which he is held by the community. He is a staunch Republican in his political views, and is a member of the Masonic order. In the fall of 1866, he commenced farming, and has given much attention to agriculture and the feeding and shipping of stock, having upon his place some good graded cattle and thoroughbred hogs. His farm contains 220 acres, and he has a bearing orchard of 300 apple and 100 peach trees, besides cherries, plums, grapes and other fruit. Judge Skeels was married January 1, 1860, to Miss Serilda A. Caton, daughter of Mr. Christopher P. Caton. She was born in Carroll County, Missouri, but was brought to Holt County when a child. Their family consists of six children: Dora H., born August I, 1862; Frank B. and Flora E. (twins) born October 26, 1865; Myrtie E., born July 12, 1868; May F., born January 24, 1871, and George P., born September 25, 1872. The judge's religious preferences are with the Universalists.

#### WILLIAM SMITH,

farmer and stock raiser, section 16, is a native of Northumberland County, Pennsylvania, and was born on the 13th of July, 1835, his parents, John and Rachael A. Smith, both having been born in Pennsylvania. The former was an agriculturist, and William passed his youth on the farm, and also worked at the trade of blacksmithing. His education he received in his native state. In 1856 he moved to Michigan, for one year followed his trade, and then worked on a farm until the spring of 1869, when he came to Missouri, locating in Holt County. He now owns 340 acres of excellent land, with a superior orchard of 230 apple trees, also cherries, plums, grapes and small fruits in abundance. Smith is Republican in politics. On the 15th of March, 1860, Miss Catharine Shunkweiler, daughter of Henry Shunkweiler, became his wife. Their family consists of nine children: Lydia A., aged twenty-one years; Mary E., aged nineteen; Amelia C., aged seventeen; George H., aged fourteen; William E., aged eleven; John W., aged nine; Benjamin F., aged five; Charles Ira, aged two, and Andrew T., born December 23, 1881. Religiously, Mr. Smith's preferences are with the Evangelical Association.

#### ELIAS SMITH,

farmer, section 16; was born on the 24th of December, 1837, in Schuyl-kill County, Pennsylvania, and was the son of John and Rachel Smith, who were natives of Pennsylvania. His father was a tiller of the soil, and the early life of Elias was passed on the farm, he also attending the common schools of his native state. During the war he was in service

for three years in the Second Iowa Battery, and participated in the siege of Vicksburg, the battles of New Madrid and Corinth, Tennessee, and several minor engagements. February 5, 1879, he came to Missouri and now has a landed estate of 160 acres, with 150 young bearing apple trees and some small fruits. Mr. Smith is Republican in politics. He has been twice married; first, on the 15th of March, 1866, to Elizabeth Shunkweiler, and March 2, 1872, to Angeline Shunkweiler, a sister of his first wife. Mr. Smith has three children: John H., aged fifteen years; Franklin, aged seven, and Hattie E., three years old. Religiously he worships with the Evangelical denomination.

#### LEWIS C. SMITH,

section 7, is a native of St. Joseph County, Indiana, where he was born December 24, 1845. His father, Michael Smith, was born in Germany, and his mother, whose maiden name was Margaret Rhodes, was a native of the same country. Lewis spent his youth in Indiana on a farm, and was educated in the common schools. In June, 1865, he came to Missouri, locating in Holt County, and is now the possessor of 140 acres of good land. His bearing orchard includes 300 apple and fifty peach trees, with 100 grape vines and other fruit. Politically, he is a Republican, and he belongs to the Latter Day Saints. On the 12th of August, 1871, Mr. Smith was married to Lucinda Ross, daughter of R. K. Ross, Esq., of this county. He is one of the enterprising farmers of this vicinity, and is successful in his business.

#### THOMS TEAR,

farmer, section 24, was born on the Isle of Man, on the 12th day of May, 1843, his parents, Thomas and Isabella (Lace) Tear, both having been natives of that place. The former was a farmer, and young Tear was raised at his birthplace on a farm, and during life has received a good common school education. He emigrated to the United States, and for one year previous to coming to Holt County, Missouri, he was located in Kansas. In August, 1866, he settled in this vicinity, and now owns eighty acres of land, with a fine orchard of 100 apple and 1,000 peach trees, besides 200 grape vines. Mr. Tear is a member in good standing of the Masonic fraternity. He was married on the 9th of November, 1870, to Miss Caroline Hogland, daughter of John Hogland. By this union they have four children: Eddie Allen, born July 10, 1871; Dellie Bell, born February 12, 1873; John Thomas, born March 13, 1874, and Charles Oscar, born December 15, 1875. Mr. Tear's political views are Republican, and his religious preferences are with the Methodists.

#### HENRY D. WALKER,

section 14, was born March 20, 1831, in Germany, and was the son of John and Catherine (Jacobs) Walker, who were both natives of that country. When he was fifteen years old, Henry left his native place and emigrated to America, settling in Pennsylvania. He was brought up principally on a farm, obtaining an education such as the common schools afforded, and in 1851 he moved to Ohio. On leaving there, in 1856, he went to Iowa, and thence to Andrew County, Missouri, in 1859, coming to Holt County, Missouri, in February, 1866. His farm embraces 190 acres of land, and upon it are 400 fine bearing apple and 150 peach, besides pear, cherry and plum trees. Mr. Walker is a member of the I. O. O. F. fraternity. He was united in marriage July 28, 1863, with Miss Mary J. Mann, daughter of James Mann, Esq. She was born in Highland County, Ohio, and was reared in Ohio and Illinois. Their family consists of James W., born June 14, 1864; John Henry, born September 27, 1867; Margaret A., born March 29, 1869; Flora E., born December 25, 1871; Emma J., born April 25, 1874; Mary P., born August 6, 1875; Louisa M., born November 6, 1878, and George M., born March 15, 1881. Mr. W. is independent in politics, but religiously, is a Cumberland Presbyterian.

# PETER E. WHITMER,

section 10, is a native of Miami County, Ohio, and was born on the 7th of July, 1840, being the son of Samuel and Barbara (Brubaker) Whitmer. His father was born in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, and his mother was also from that state. The early life of Peter was passed on a farm and for some time he attended the public schools. He also received a good education at Jaysville Institute. In the late war Mr. W. served for two years and four months in Company B, Ninety-fourth Ohio Infantry, and was in several engagements. In politics he is Republican, and he is also a minister of the German Baptist Church, having been ordained in the fall of 1881. His landed interests embrace 160 acres, with an orchard of 200 apple, 300 peach, 200 of which are fine budded trees, and a few cherry, plum and pear trees, besides small fruits. He has also 1,000 European larches and 200 cedar trees. Mr. W. was married on the 23d of December, 1870, to Miss Cynthia Ann Cable, daughter of Jacob Cable. She was born in Ohio, September 26, 1846, and was there reared. They have four children: Minnie Lloyd, born November 8, 1871; Bertillie E., born December 25, 1876; Venilla May, born May 14, 1878; Warren F., born April 22, 1879. One child died in 1874.

# JONAS WHITMER,

farmer, section 5, was born on the 15th of September, 1842, and owes his nativity to Miami County, Ohio. His parents, S. B. and Elizabeth

Brubaker, were both natives of Pennsylvania, the former having been born in Lancaster County. Jonas was raised on a farm in his native state, receiving a common school education. When the war broke out he enlisted in Company B, Ninety-fourth Ohio, as private, and after being in the service for three years, he was discharged as first sergeant. In 1866 he removed to this county, and for eleven years has been located on his present farm, consisting of 245 acres. He has 150 apple trees, and choice varieties of peaches, cherries, etc. Mr. Whitmer has been engaged in teaching in the schools of Holt and Atchison Counties, for several years, and as an instructor is very successful. Religiously, he is a Methodist, and in politics a Republican. In 1874 he was married to Miss Jane Pollock, daughter of Mr. David Pollock. Mr. W. is an energetic and prominent agriculturist of this township.

#### H. L. ZACHARY,

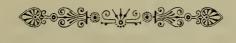
farmer, section 7, is a native of Pulaski County, Kentucky, and was born on December 4, 1854. His father, B. J. Zachary, a tiller of the soil, was a Kentuckian by birth, as was also his mother, whose maiden name was Nancy Paschal. In 1864 H. L. Zachary came to Missouri, and one year later, in 1865, he located in Holt County. His youth was spent partly in Kentucky and also in Hancock County, Illinois, and Nodaway and Holt Counties, Missouri. After living in this county for three years he moved to Graham and made his home in Nodaway County for nine years, at the close of which period he returned to Holt County in 1877. His education was obtained in the common schools of his different places of residence. Mr. Zachary is the owner of eighty acres of land. His marriage occurred April 19, 1881, when Miss C. C. Norick, daughter of Jacob Norick, became his wife.



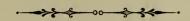
tioned flows in a northerly direction into Hickory Township, whence it flows in an easterly course into the Nodaway River.

Carroll's Branch heads in the southern part of the township and flows in a northeasterly direction, emptying into the Nodaway near the south boundary of the southeast quarter of section 14, township 60, range 37.

Mill Creek, a considerable stream of the county, rises in the south-western part of Nodaway Township and flows in a southwesterly course into and through Lewis Township into the Little Tarkio, which it enters two and a half miles south by east of Forest City.



# ♣BIOGRAPHICAL.♣



#### RICHARD ACTON,

section. 17, was born January 14, 1828, and is a native of Richland County, Ohio. His parents, Henry and Sarah Acton, were both born in Maryland, the former being a farmer by occupation. Richard passed his earlier days in learning the carpenter and joiner's trade. In 1847, he came to Missouri, and on the 14th of July of that year, located in Holt County, where he now owns 170 acres of land. Since living here, he has been a very successful builder, having erected many of the best residences and barns in this part of the county, and has contributed much towards the enterprise of the county. During the war he belonged to the State Militia, and was a strong Union man. In 1863, he was elected justice of the peace, and has continued to discharge the duties of that position very acceptably. During the fall and winter of 1881, he spent some six months traveling through California, Oregon and Washington Territory. He is a member of the Odd Fellows' fraternity, and politically is a Republican. Mr. Acton was married to Mary E. Brockman, of this county, who was born in Kentucky, July 26, 1828. Her father, Willis Brockman, was born in Virginia, reared in Kentucky, and in 1828, came to Monroe County, Missouri, and to this county in October, 1843. He married Harriet F. Clemmins, in Kentucky, and by this union there were nine children. Upon coming here, Mr. B. settled on section 15, and toiled hard to improve a farm. He died in 1858, and his wite in 1868. Mr. and Mrs. Acton have nine children living: David W., John H., Jennie, George W., Dora S., Benjamin F., Emma P., James W., and Martha S. Mrs. Acton is a member of the Baptist Church.

## JOHN BOWER,

section 16, was born in Hessen, Germany, on the 13th of August, 1842, and was the son of John and Anna (Beach) Bower, both natives of Germany. John Jr., received a common school education. When he was a small boy his father died, and the mother marrying again, he was reared by a shiftless step-father. In 1851, he was brought to this country, and worked at home until he was eighteen years of age. In 1861 he enlisted in the Eighty-second Ohio, and in 1864 veteranized, and continued in service until the surrender of Johnston, in 1865. He was in the battles of Bull Run, Chancellorsville and the principal engagements until that of Mission Ridge. After returning from the war he was married September 4, 1866, in Ohio, to Sarah A. Anselment, daughter of Joseph Anselment, who was born in Wurtemburg, Germany. In 1867 he came to Missouri, settling in Holt County, and located on the section where he now resides. He has made a valuable farm of 130 acres, and has an orchard of five acres. In 1881 he erected a commodious residence, and has made many improvements upon his place. In 1877 Mr. Bower was ordained to preach the gospel, and joined the Kansas Conference, after which he traveled for four years, when he returned to his farm. He is a close student, devoting much time to books, and is well informed upon leading topics of the day. Mr. and Mrs. Bower have four children, Emma C., Henry Edward, Claretta and Bertha R. He is a Republican in politics, and belongs to the Evangelical Association.

# JOHN BRODBECK,

deceased, was born in York County, Pennsylvania, in December, 1814. His father, John Brodbeck, was a blacksmith by occupation, and the son also learned the trade and worked with his father until he was 25 years old. In April, 1841, he married Miss Susan Linn, in Ohio. She was the daughter of Samuel Linn of Baltimore County, Maryland, who moved to Columbiana County, Ohio, in 1840. Of this union there are now four children living: Amelia B., married Samuel Nash; Ann Rebecca, wife of Josiah Hershaner; Mary Alice, (now Mrs. Jacob Maple,) and John Henry. Mr. B. first started a blacksmith shop in Richland County, Ohio, and for twelve years did a large business. Desiring to move west, in 1854 he came to Holt County, Missouri, and bought a large farm, which he improved. He afterwards bought and sold land until he had in his possession some 400 acres. He made substantial improvements upon his place, erected a good residence, and had everything around him desirable, at the time of his death, which occurred March 1, 1874. left an affectionate wife and family, and a large circle of friends to mourn his loss. Mr. B. was for many years a justice of the peace, and was a

peace-maker, as a neighbor and friend, rather than as a justice of the peace by law. Since his death Mrs. B. has conducted the farm, which is located on section 26.

#### MATHEW GELVIN,

farmer and stock dealer, section 19, was born in Franklin County, Pennsylvania, December 11, 1838. His father was James Gelvin, a large farmer and dealer in stock in Pennsylvania, and his mother, formerly Mary Zimmerman, was born in Franklin County, Pennsylvania. Mathew's youth was spent at school and in assisting his father. When ten years of age he was taken to Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, and in 1868 he came to this state and county, and bought a farm where he now lives. This contains 237 acres. He is a Republican in politics and a Presbyterian in his religious preferences. Mr. G. married Miss Mary Elizabeth Tritt, December 20, 1860. She is the daughter of George Tritt, formerly of Franklin County, Pennsylvania. They have seven children: Sarah C., James Tritt, Elia May, Anna Bell, George Edgar, Mary Zarilda, and Orrin Dixon Garfield. Mr. G. came here with a small colony of relatives, from Pennsylvania. They bought farms, and are among the substantial farmers of the county. He was taught, from early boyhood, by his father, to buy stock and has made it the study of his life. His reputation as a stockman is a prominent one, and his counsel and advise is often sought for by those less experienced in the business. He is always prompt in fulfilling his contracts, even if sometimes at a great sacrifice. He takes a great interest in educational matters, and is endeavoring to give his children superior advantages for acquiring the same.

#### SAMUEL HARDY,

farmer and fruit grower, section 34, was born in Loudoun County, Virginia, December 27, 1831. His father afterwards moved to Decatur County, Indiana, and settled on a farm which he improved. In 1854 Young Samuel went to Iowa to seek his fortune, but after remaining for two years he came to this county and bought a small place, to which he has added from time to time until now he has a good farm of 184 acres. He has devoted much time to his fruit, and has an orchard of about 1,000 trees, of choice varieties. Connected with his fruit business is a fine Zimmerman Fruit Dryer, which dries apples and peaches to perfection. His enterprise in this business is quite commendable, and he is succeeding in his undertaking. Mr. Hardy married Miss Sarah Ann Castledine, in Decatur County, Indiana, February 19, 1852. They have five children living: Oliver Perry, William Arthur, John Torrence, Alnora and Orlando Guy. Oliver P. married Catharine Comer, and lives at home. Mr. Hardy was a member of the Ninth Regiment Missouri

State Militia during the war, and served faithfully to the close. In politics he is a Democrat.

#### ISAAC H. IDDINGS,

deceased, was born in Guilford County, North Carolina, March 2, 1813, and in 1836 moved to Indiana. He learned the wagonmaker and also the gunsmith trades in youth, and first opened a wagon shop near Peru, Indiana, where he worked until 1843, when he sold out and moved to Holt County, Missouri. Here he bought a farm and improved it, and after six years sold out and purchased the one where he lived and died, in section 27, consisting of 261 acres. He erected a house and otherwise improved the farm, and also worked more or less at his trades. He married Miss Sarah Ann Burnett, in Miami County, Indiana, August 28, 1838. There are from this union five children living: Mary Ellen, (who married Mr. A. Louks); Sarena Frances, (wife of H. H. Livengood); James Madison, Isaac and Frank S. Four are deceased. Julian A. enlisted in Company A, Seventh Kansas Cavalry, during the war and died at Corinth, Mississippi. Mr. Iddings died April 16, 1868. He was for several years county judge and filled the office ably and honorably. His advice and opinion were often sought for and respected, and he was beloved by all who knew him. He was a member of the M. E. Church, was an active Republican and a Mason. He was in the Mexican War and proved himself to be a valiant soldier.

# JAMES KNEALE,

farmer and stock raiser, is the owner of 800 acres of land, his home being on section 16. He was born on the Isle of Man, April 7, 1824, and received a common school education. During his youth he was apprenticed for five years to the shoemaker's trade, but not being able to work at that calling, was engaged in a bonded ware house in Liverpool for two years. In 1849 he emigrated to this country, and came directly to Holt County. He worked for four years by the month, then rented a farm in Andrew County for several years, and in 1860, went to Brown County, Kansas, where he bought land, remaining in that locality for five years. Upon selling out, he bought 160 acres of the farm where he now lives. This he improved, toiled hard, and by economizing, has obtained one of the best farms in the township, ten acres being devoted to an orchard. He is active in his business transactions, and very energetic. Mr. Kneale married Miss Ruth Ann Wickham, in 1853. Her father, Thomas Wickham, was born in New Jersey, and was brought up in Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. K. have eleven children living, William, Edward, John J., Mary Ann, Sarah Jane, Martha Elizabeth, Robert, Frank, Isabel, Luella and Daniel

Thomas. William was married to Clara Nevens; Edward married Lizzie Banc; John married Anna Buckston; Sarah is the wife of John Carrol; Mary is now Mrs. William F. Driher. Mr. K. is a Republican in politics, and contributes toward the support of the Methodists. He is genial in manners and has hosts of friends.

### ISAAC KURTZ,

farmer, section 19, was born in Baden, Germany, February 6, 1833, and in 1855 came to this country, settling in Holt County, and in this township. Soon after he rented a farm for three years, after which he purchased it, and since that time has made all his extensive improvements, erected his fine residence and made several additions to his farm, now having 380 acres of good land. He has a fine orchard of all varieties of fruit. Mr. K. was married in Holt County, to Miss Mary Seamann, of Germany, in 1857. They have a family of thirteen industrious children: George F., Jacob, Fredrick, William Henry, John Wesley, Albert, Daniel, Mary Ellen, Charles, Isaac, Lydia, Lewis and Elliot. Arriving in the United States, Mr. K. had just money enough to get to St. Louis, and was obliged to remain there and work in order to obtain means sufficient to reach his future home. He has risen gradually to his present enviable position, and is a worthy example of what energy and a determined spirit can do, when coupled with ambitious desires.

### OAKLEY MORRIS,

farmer and stock raiser, section 10, was born in Sussex County, New Jersey, in September, 1812. He received a limited education, and was brought up to the business of farming, which has been his life work. 1839 he came to Buchanan County, Missouri, worked in a sawmill on the One Hundred and Two River, and in 1840 was employed on a farm in Holt County, near where he now lives. In 1841-2 he worked in a mill northeast of St. Joseph. The county of Holt was organized in the fall of 1842, and in the spring of 1843 he moved on the land where he now lives. He owns 547 acres. Mr. Morris married Miss Hannah Campbell, April 6, 1843. She was the daughter of Ezekiel Campbell, of East Tennessee, and there Mrs. M. was born. They have eight children living: William. M., Mary Jane, Robert F., Andrew H., Margaret Ellen, James C., Martha S., and John W. Mr. M. has given his children excellent opportunities for an education, at the State University and other noted places of instruction. All but three are and have been very successful teachers; William M., if possible, excelled as such, and gained for himself and enviable reputation. He has for several years been the efficient county surveyor, filling the position to the satisfaction of all. Mr. Morris came: here poor, and his large possessions are the products of his hard labor and industry. He has always been prompt in his business engagements, and being one of the pioneers, has seen the growth of the county from the first. He sawed the lumber to cover the first court house, which is still used as a business house in the city of Oregon. He is a Republican, and was brought up a Presbyterian. Mrs. M. is a member of the M. E. Church.

#### HENRY PATTERSON,

section 32, was born in County Donegal, Ireland, June 14, 1814, and was the son of William and Catharine (Lucas) Patterson, both natives of Ireland. Henry passed his youth in his native country, and received his education there. Immigrating to the United States, he, with Edwin Toole, located on the present site of Savannah, in August, 1837, when it was said that there were but twelve actual settlers in the Platte Purchase. He there entered a claim within one mile of the town, and also owned the land where the depot now is, improving a good farm. he sold in 1858, and came to this (Holt) County, locating in Nodaway Township, where he bought his present place. This he has cultivated and beautified until he now owns 280 acres of land, with a fine orchard, and a good residence. Mr. P. is a natural mechanic, and while in Savannah, he commenced the cabinet business, doing a large trade for many years. He now does his own blacksmithing and carpenter work. He is Democratic in politics, a Universalist, and belongs to the Masonic fraternity. Mr. Patterson has been twice married: First, in February, 1840, to Miss Cinderilla Ann Coble, who died in November, 1863, leaving a family of: William H., Robert L., George T., Charles Albert, Cinderilla Ann Williams, John C. and Emma J. His-second marriage was in 1865, to Elizabeth Mackey, widow of James Mackey. She died on April 3, 1876. Mr. Patterson's son, Charles A., is managing the farm business, and taking charge of the place in a satisfactory manner. The household affairs are presided over by the youngest daughter, Emma J., who is a capable young lady.

#### HENRY B. YOUNG,

farmer and stock raiser, owns 198 acres of land, his home being in section 20. He was born in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, March 26, 1833. He was raised a farmer and remained in his native state until he came west. In November, 1860, he married Miss Margaret Jane Tritt, in Pennsylvania. They have ten children living: Ida Belle (who married William Derr), Sarah Alice, Isadore A., John Alfred, Mary C., Margaretta, George Calvin, Lotta Myrtle and Laura Ellen (twins), and Emma Mable. In April, 1868, Mr. Young came to this county in com-

pany with his father, John Young, George Tritt, his wife's father, Mathew Gelvin, a brother-in-law, and Thomas Fry, all with families and relatives. They all bought farms except Mr. Fry, who has a meat market in Oregon. Mr. Young purchased some land, much of it being unimproved, but has obtained a desirable farm and home. He has made many improvements, fixing over, and has a fine residence. He has set out an orchard of 500 apple trees and 1,000 peach trees, with pears, cherries, etc. He has been an industrious, hard-working man, and is one of the successful farmers of the county. Politically he is a Republican, and religiously is Presbyterian. John Young, the father of Henry B., was born in Adams County, Pennsylvania, April 15, 1809, and was raised in York County until 1828, when he moved to Cumberland County. He learned the masons' trade in youth, which has been his life work. He married Catherine Baker, of Cumberland County, in 1832. They have three children living by this union: Henry B., Susan J., (wife of James W. Green), and Kate M., (who married Thomas Fry, of Oregon). They lost three: Charles died in 1857, Thad Stevens died in 1861, and Sadie Ellen died in 1873. Mrs. Young died in 1854. He married for his second wife Miss Ellen Bush in 1859. In 1868 he came to Holt County, Missouri, and bought a farm near his son Henry. Mr. Y. has been a contractor and builder for many years. As a brick mason his reputation stood very high, and as a man of integrity and honor he is respected by all. He is Republican in politics and a Presbyterian in religious faith.



Johnstun, J. L., M. D., notary Widman, J. T., butcher. Williams, J. T., boarding house.

Waggoner, George T., manufacturer and dealer in furniture.

The legal learning of Craig is represented by E. J. Kellogg, Esq., formerly of Rock Port, Missouri, and J. W. Stokes, Esq.

The medical profession at present includes: Dr. J. L. Johnstun, established in the town in 1870; Dr. W. M. Parrish, 1876; Dr. R. H. Smith, 1877; Dr. E. D. W. C. Wing, 1881; Rev. Dr. J. W. Bain, 1881.

#### SHIPPING INTERESTS.

Corning is an important shipping station, on the line of the Kansas City, St. Joseph and Council Bluffs Railroad. In 1880 there was sent by rail, from this point, one thousand and ten car loads of corn, wheat, cattle, hogs and other products. In view of the shortage of crops, consequent on the high water and other unforseen causes, there was a considerable decrease in the following year. It continues, however, to hold its rank as a shipping point.

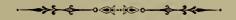
#### NEWSPAPERS.

The first newspaper published in Craig was the *Enterprise*, an independent sheet, which made its first appearance June 14, 1871. It was started by C. H. Clark, who, after publishing the paper for some time, sold it October 3, 1878, to H. S. Hogue, who published it as a Republican sheet till June 19, 1879, when it suspended.

The Craig Gazette was afterward started, under the auspices and editorial management of G. A. Bryant. It expired June, 1881.



# ₩BIOGRAPHICAL.₩



#### ALLEN & FRAZER,

dealers in hardware, tinware, agricultural implements, etc., commenced business in Craig in 1880, under the firm name of Allen, Frazer & Co. In 1882, it was changed, the style then becoming Allen & Frazer. They have one of the largest stocks of goods in their line in this county, and are doing an extensive and profitable business. The gentlemanly manager of the concern, Frank K. Allen, is a native of Cumberland County,

Pennsylvania, and was born November 22, 1857. At the age of three years he was brought to Missouri by the family, who located in this county, where they resided nine years. They then emigrated to Waukesha County, Wisconsin, and after a residence there of one year, they returned to this county. The subject of this sketch was here reared to manhood and received his education, following in his youthful days the occupation of farming. In 1876, he engaged in mercantile pursuits at Bigelow, holding a clerkship with Fleming & Frazer, of that city. He remained in their employ three years, after which time he became associated with Mr. Frazer in the present business. Mr. Allen's parents, James L. and Sarah (Frazer) Allen, now of Oregon, are old residents of this county. The former has been prominently identified with the farming interests of this district since his early settlement here. Mr. Frank Allen, although a young man, is one of the representative business men of this city, and his principles of honesty and fair dealing have made for him the confidence and patronage of the public. He was united in marriage November 16, 1881, to Miss Ella McKee, a native of Missouri.

## JAMES W. BAIN,

physician and surgeon. Among the members of the medical fraternity of this city, the subject of this sketch deserves more than a passing notice. He is a native of Ireland, and was born September 3, 1832. When only five months old, he was brought by the family to America, they settling in New York City. There he was reared to manhood and received his education. At the age of nineteen years, he emigrated to Hannibal, Missouri, resided there one year, then went to Berry, Illinois, where he began the studies of his chosen profession, at the same time clerking in a drug store. He continued his studies under the tutorship of Drs. Parker & Long, till 1859, when he attended a course of lectures at McDowell's College, St. Louis, Missouri, and he is a graduate of the Cincinnati Medical College. In 1859 he began the practice of his profession in Pike County, Illinois, and after living there till 1867, he removed to Ray County, Missouri. Dr. Bain followed his practice in that locality till 1878, when he was ordained a Methodist divine, and giving up his practice, he was assigned by the conference to the Craig circuit. He labored in this good cause for two years, next being appointed to the Fillmore circuit. Two years later he resumed his medical relations, and began practicing at Craig, in November, 1881. Although a new practitioner in this city, he is enjoying a very good patronage, which is on the increase. Dr. Bain has been three times married; first, to Miss Emma Mason, 1861. They had one child, Katie L. Mrs. B.'s death occurred in 1863, and he was married the second time in 1865, to Miss Rebecca A. Foster. Her death occurred in 1875.

The Dr. was again married January 25, 1881, to Miss Hattie Bradford, a native of Missouri. They have one child, Julia. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity.

#### WILLIAM BEEK,

dealer in saddles, harness, etc., is a native of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, and was born March 19, 1840. When at the age of four years he removed, with his family, to Victor County, Indiana, where he resided for ten years, going from there to Bureau County, Illinois. He was a resident of that county for two years, after which he returned to Indiana, where he began the business he now so successfully follows. Four years later Iowa County, Iowa, became his home and, after a residence there of four years, he was engaged in working at his trade through the principal cities of Iowa, for some time, finally settling in Rock Port, Atchison County, Missouri. He remained for eight months at this point and then came to Craig, and established his present business, in 1877. Here he continued in this business three years, when he disposed of his store and engaged in farming, till 1882, when he again opened business in this city. Mr. Beek was married April 18, 1877, to Miss Agnes Davis, a native of Missouri. They have one child, James. Mr. B. is a member of the A. O. U. W. fraternity, and also belongs to the M. E. Church. During the late war, in 1861, he enlisted in Company K, First Missouri Regiment, and served for ninety days.

### BILBY & HEATON,

bankers. This prosperous banking firm was organized in 1877, and since that time has done an excellent business. They have lately removed to their new bank building, which is a model of neatness, and we can safely say is in every respect equal, if not superior, to any building in the county devoted to that important business. William H. Heaton, a member of this firm, is a native of Pike County, Illinois, where he was born March 16, 1840. At the age of twelve years, he was taken by the family to McDonough County, where he was carefully reared to manhood, receiving his education from the schools of that vicinity. He passed his youthful days in agricultural pursuits, and at the age of twenty-two, he became engaged in the book and stationery business at Bushnell, Illinois, the firm being known as Heaton & Cummings. They continued the business for three years, after which Mr. Cummings retired, Mr. Eakle then being associated with Mr. Heaton, and the business was carried on under the firm name of Heaton & Eakle very successfully for two years. Mr. Heaton then became sole proprietor. He continued the business till 1874,, and during four years of the time he was in business in that city, he was its postmaster. In 1874, he immigrated to Missouri, and took charge of a general stock of goods at Fairview, Nodaway County, for his present partner. There he remained till 1877, when he became associated with Mr. Bilby in their present calling. Mr. Heaton was united in marriage November 16, 1865, to Miss Catharine Eakle, a native of Ohio. They have two children: Edwin and George. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and belongs to Craig Lodge No. 374, of this city, in which he has held the office of senior warden.

#### WILLIAM M. BOYER,

dealer in drugs, medicines, paints, oils, books, stationery, etc. In 1873 this gentleman began business in Craig, and since opening he has had a large and increasing patronage. He carries a well assorted stock in his line, and deserves his success. He is a native of Clark County, Illinois, and was born March 1, 1856. He remained in that locality till he attained his twelfth year, when he was taken by the family to Champaign County, Illinois, where he was reared to manhood, and secured the advantages of a good common school education. From his youth he has been engaged in the business which he now so successfully follows. In 1873 he came west and settled in Craig, and embarked in his present calling. Mr. Boyer was united in marriage November 10, 1881, to Miss Mary E. Clayborn, a native of Virginia. He is a member of the A. O. U. W. order, of this city.

# JAMES BRADDY,

section 2, was born in Rutherford County, Tennessee, December 22, 1818, and was the son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Anderson) Braddy, the former a native of Tennessee and the latter a Virginian by birth. Joseph Braddy removed to Posey County, Indiana, in 1822, where he lived for about six years, then going to White County, Illinois, in 1828. The youth of James was spent on a farm, he receiving very limited educational advantages. When thirteen years old he commenced to learn the trade of wheelwright, at which he worked for five or six years, after which he was engaged in carpentering some seven years. In the fall of 1850 he was married to Mrs. Mary McKown, daughter of E. Randolph. She was born in White County, Illinois, in the spring of 1821. In the spring of 1851 Mr. B. moved to Iowa, settling in Wapello County, and for six years was engaged in the carding business at Eddyville. In April, 1855, he located at Braddyville, Page County, and was the founder of that town now known under the same name. Here he was occupied in the flouring and saw mill business for about twelve years, after which, upon selling out at Braddyville, he moved to Holt County and settled in Union Township near Craig. He now owns 160 acres of land, about 150 acres under fence and 100 acres in cultivation, a good

orchard being upon the place. Mr. and Mrs. Braddy have four children living: America (wife of James McKinnon), Marietta (now Mrs. Samuel Ecker), Melvina (who married Oliver Grooms), and John S. Braddy.

#### KIMBREL CARLTON,

section 35, was born on the 31st of May, 1833, in Hardin County, Kentucky. His parents, John Carlton, and Rachel, nee Spellman, were natives of that state. Kimbrel passed his boyhood days on a farm in his native county, receiving a common subscription school education. In March, 1856, he removed westward to Illinois, but returned to Kentucky in the following fall. In the spring of 1857 he again came to Illinois, and for some time was occupied in farming and carpentering in Coles County. He was there married, October 4, 1869, to Miss Sarah L. Jones, daughter of John Jones, Esq. She was born in Greene County, East Tennessee, May 8, 1846. In February, 1871, Mr. Carlton moved to Missouri and located at Craig, Holt County, where he followed the trade of carpentering. He also engaged in the drug business with E. D. Richmond, at that place for about three years. In 1880 he moved upon his farm, which consists of eighty acres of land, sixty acres being under good cultivation. A fair house is upon the place, and good improvements surround it. Mr. and Mrs. Carlton have four children: Bertha M., Mattie E., John W. and Minnie A. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Church.

### T. NELSON CLAIBORNE,

justice of the peace. The subject of this sketch is the son of Dr. George and Mary (Craig) Claiborne, both natives of Virginia. Like his forefathers, he is a native of Virginia, and was born August 23, 1827. At the age of five years he was taken by the family to Richmond, where he was reared to manhood and received his education, following civil engineering as his profession. He was at different times engaged in that capacity on the Richmond and Danville Railroad, branch of South Side Railroad, Manassas Gap Railroad, also the Harper's Ferry branch. In 1857 Mr. C. immigrated to Holt County, and settled in Oregon, where he resided for eighteen months. He then became a resident of Forest City, where he was occupied in teaching till 1859, when he returned to Virginia, there remaining till 1863. At that time he again came to Forest City. In 1875 he came to Craig. Here he was engaged in teaching in and about the city, till 1881, when he accepted a clerkship with Mr. Boyer, in the drug business, which position he now holds. Mr. Claiborne was married May 15, 1860, to Miss Mary E. Sedwick, a native of Virginia. They have six children: Mary E., George T., Ella A., Robert

L., Guy H. and Hugh L. He is a member of Forest City Lodge, No. 214, A. F. and A. M. Mr. C. held the office of city recorder of Forest City for three years in an acceptable manner. He was appointed justice of the peace of this township during the present term and is now filling this position.

#### PERIAM B. COOK,

proprietor of Craig Hotel. The subject of this sketch is a son of Anson and Hannah Cook nee Wheeler, the former a native of Massachusetts, and his mother of Connecticut. Mr. C. is a native of Greenwood Township, Steuben County, New York, and was born June 2, 1833. At the age of four years, he was taken by the family to Monroe County, New York, where they resided till 1844, when he emigrated to Hillsdale County, Michigan. Periam was here reared to manhood in the occupation of farming, and received a good education from the common schools. In 1851, he emigrated to California, remaining till 1853, when he returned to Michigan, there being occupied in teaching. In 1859, he began a course of studies at the Hillsdale College, and was graduated from that institution in 1863. During this time he was preaching the gospel in 1859, and was ordained a Baptist minister in 1861. He has been engaged in that good work and teaching, for the most of his time since then. 1869, Mr. C. removed to Webster County, Iowa, of which locality he was a resident till 1879, when he immigrated to Missouri, and settled in Craig. On his removal here he purchased the hotel, and after refurnishing and enlarging it, he opened it under its present name. He remained in the hotel business one year, and then engaged in teaching, but again, in 1881, he took charge of the hotel. Mr. C. was united in marriage November 28, 1855, to Miss Mary Byron, a daughter of Elder Joseph Byron, of Michigan. They have had six children: Helen M., Ransom A. (deceased), Clarence J. (deceased), Elvia L., Edmund B. (deceased), and Mabyn A. Mr. C. was at one time superintendent of schools of Hillsdale County, Michigan. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity.

# JOHN J. CREWS

was born in Monroe County, West Virginia, July 25, 1835. Thomas D. Crews, his father, was born near Lynchburg, Virginia, and his mother, whose maiden name was Eveline Alderson, was a native of Monroe County, West Virginia. John J. spent his youth on a farm at his birth-place, his opportunities for acquiring an education being very limited. During the war he enlisted, in 1862, and served till the close, in Clark's Battalion of Sharpshooters. He participated in some important engagements, among which were the battles of New Market, Spottsylvania, Cold Harbor, Winchester, Cedar Creek, Fisher Hill and others. After the

close of that conflict he returned to Monroe County, Virginia. In January, 1866, Mr. C. was married, in Monroe County, to Miss Mary A. Ballard, daughter of William Ballard. Mrs. Crews was born in Monroe County, Virginia. After this event he lived some two years in Monroe County, engaged in farming. In the fall of 1868 he located in Buchanan County, Missouri, but moved to Andrew County the following spring, living there some two years. In the fall of 1870 Mr. Crews came to Holt County and settled in Union Township, moving on his present farm in 1871. He has 120 acres of land, all fenced, with fair improvements, and a young bearing orchard. Mr. Crews has a family of three children living, William Thomas, Archie A. and Henry Ballard Crews. One is deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Crews are members of the Baptist Church. He resides on section 8.

#### CHARLES A. DOUGHTY,

business manager of Hoblitzell Bros.' lumber yard at Craig. The subject of this sketch is a native of Steuben County, New York, and was born April 22, 1838. He was there reared to manhood, receiving his education from the Genesee College, of Lima, that state. In 1858 he, with the family, emigrated to Kansas, where he resided for two months, and in July of that year he came to Holt County and engaged in teaching, following that profession with great success for two years. In 1861 he removed to Richardson County, Nebraska, where he was occupied in freighting for three years, after which he returned to this county and engaged in farming, which he still continues. December 6, 1881, he accepted his present position. He has a fine farm of 150 acres near Craig, and is one of our most prosperous farmers and is well and favorably known in this district as an honest, enterprising business man. Mr. D. was married in January, 1866, to Miss Harriet S. Price, a native of Virginia. They have four children: Fannie B., Vena B., Zua H., and Cora A. They are members of the M. E. Church. Mr. Doughty is a member of Craig Lodge, No. 371, A. F. & A. M., and was its first master. He was justice of the peace of this township six years and is now a notary public. He was president of the school board of the district four years. He is the superintendent of the M. E. Sunday School and was one of the trustees of the first church erected in Craig.

#### CHARLES DAVID.

Prominent among the pioneer merchants of Craig, and men who have been identified with the development and prosperity of the county, may be mentioned the subject of this sketch. He is a son of Daniel and Rhoda (Cook) David, who are old pioneers of this county, and who now live near Oregon. Charles is a native of Switzerland County, Indiana,

and was born July 1, 1831. When at the age of thirteen years, with the family he emigrated to Holt County, where he was reared to manhood, and received his education, following the occupation of farming. In 1865, and for two years thereafter, he was engaged in mercantile pursuits, and after that time he resumed farming, at which he worked seven years. Mr. David then exchanged his place, one mile east of Oregon, for a farm near this city, working the latter place one year. He then traded for a stock of goods in Craig, and did a large business, for six years, when he took a trip to Colorado, where he engaged in mining for one year. Upon returning to this city, he remained until the spring of 1881, when he removed to Andrew County, Missouri, where he was occupied in farming for six months. He then again came here and opened his present store. Mr. David was united in marriage August 7, 1850, to Miss Harriet Kelso, a native of Indiana. They have six children: Victoria L., Artinsia, Laura, Coleman, Lou and Mollie. Mr. D. is a member of Craig Lodge, No. 371, A. F. and A. M., and also of Oregon Lodge, No. 54, I. O. O. F., and the Encampment of that city. He has held all the elective offices of these lodges. He is a member of the M. E. Church. Mr. D. has one of the finest residences in this city, it being splendidly furnished and its surroundings are fully in keeping with it.

# ALFRED P. DAVENPORT,

dealer in dry goods, clothing, boots, shoes, hats, caps, and gents furnishing goods. In 1868 Mr. Davenport established himself in his present business. He has a very large and complete stock of goods, and is doing the leading business of his line in this city. He is a native of Ohio, in which state he was born, November 5, 1832. When one year old he was taken by the family to Michigan, where he resided for five years, after which time he immigrated, with them, to La Harpe, Illinois. After living there for seven years they removed to Mills County, Iowa, where his father, James, was an old settler, and a man who was closely identified with the interests of that locality from an early date. Here the subject of this sketch was reared to manhood, receiving the advantages of a good common school education. He followed farming as an occupation till 1866, when he engaged in mercantile pursuits, in Bartlett, there doing a general business for two years. Not being satisfied with such comparatively small prospects, he sold out and went in search of a larger field of action more suited to his ambition and energetic nature. He finally chose this city as a place of settlement, and in 1868 engaged in his present extensive business. In 1874 he built the large and spacious mills at this point, known as the "Holt County Mills," and operated the same with success till 1878, when he sold to the present firm. Mr. D., as a business man, is well and favorably known in this

and neighboring counties, and in private life is a genial gentleman, and social to all. It is to such men that Holt County owes much of its enviable reputation. He was united in marriage November 18, 1858, to Miss Mary E. Fiester, a native of Missouri. They have been blessed with eight children: Mary J., Almira A., Jeremiah, Sarah, Martha, Dora, James M., and Lena. Mr. D. is a member of Craig Lodge, No. 211, I. O. O. F., of this city, and has held all the offices within the gift of the lodge.

#### M. F. DAWSON,

farmer, section 31, was born February 4, 1844, in Buchanan County, Missouri, and is a son of L. H. and Jane (Morrow) Dawson, both natives of Ohio. The former was a farmer by occupation, and, in 1851, young Dawson was taken to Mills County, Iowa. He was reared to manhood on a farm and, after living in the State of Iowa for sixteen years, he returned to Holt County, Missouri, in 1869. His education was obtained in the common schools. Mr. Dawson now has a farm of 180 acres of land, in Union Township, and upon his place is a young bearing orchard of 100 apple, and a few peach, cherry and plum trees. He is Democratic in politics. January 3, 1864, he was married to Martha E. Simpson daughter of Thomas Simpson. She was born December 13, 1848, in Buchanan County, Missouri. Their family consists of: Elizabeth, born August 12, 1866; Charles, born March 4, 1868; Lucas H., born March 12, 1869; George W., born January 3, 1879. Religiously Mr. D. is a Cumberland Presbyterian.

#### R. W. DAWSON & CO.,

dealers in dry goods, groceries, clothing, boots, shoes, hats, caps, gents' furnishing goods, etc. In 1878 R. W. Dawson became the senior member of this firm. They have a large and choice stock of goods in their line, and are enjoying a liberal patronage. Besides being connected with this house, Mr. D. is interested in the firm of Caton & Dawson, who do a large business as stock and grain buyers, and he is largely engaged in mining claims in the Needles Mountains. Robert W. Dawson is a native of Holt County, Missouri, and was born April 26, 1849. At the age of three years he accompanied the family to Mills County, Iowa, where he was reared to manhood and received his education. In 1867, he returned to this county, and was engaged in farming till 1874, when he embarked in the drug business, which he continued one year. After this time he entered into the stock business, and in 1878 he became connected with Mr. Ward, in their present business. Mr. D. was married May 28, 1872, to Miss Minerva Wise, also a native of this county. They have had three children, one of whom is now living, Humboldt. Mr. D.

is a member of Craig Lodge No. 371, A. F. and A. M., of this city. He is the present mayor of Craig, and fills his position in a highly satisfactory manner.

#### GEORGE W. GASKILL,

section 7, one of the leading farmers of Union Township, was born in Greene County, Ohio, February 17, 1834. Nehemiah Gaskill, his father, was born in New Jersey, as was also his mother, formerly Charlotta Branson. The subject of this sketch was raised in Montgomery County, Ohio, on a farm, obtaining common school advantages. In 1850, he went to Indiana, and located in Whitley County, where he engaged in farming. During the war, in September, 1862, he enlisted in the Fortyseventh Indiana Infantry, and served for three years, participating in the battles of Fort Gibson, Champion's Hill, and Vicksburg, and other smaller engagements. After he was discharged he returned home and engaged in farming. Mr. Gaskill was married October 25, 1866, to Miss S. A. Fast, daughter of F. J. and M. K. Fast. She was born in Jefferson County, Ohio. Mr. Gaskill subsequently moved to Missouri, locating in Union Township in the spring of 1869. He has 220 acres of land in his home place, all fenced, with fair improvements, two bearing orchards, and an abundance of small fruits. He also makes a business of feeding and handling stock. Mr. and Mrs. Gaskill have two children: F. J., born May 3, 1870, and George W., born May 27, 1874. They have lost one child, Charley, born in September, 1867, and died March 5, 1870. and Mrs. G. are members of the Old School Presbyterian Church.

#### ADRIAN HOBLITZELL.

The subject of this sketch is one of the pioneer settlers of Northwestern Missouri, and is the father of the members of the well known firm of Hoblitzell Brothers. He is a son of John and Rebecca (Cary) Hoblitzell, and is of French-German descent. Mr. H. was born June 27, 1809, in Alleghany County, Maryland. He was there reared to manhood, and received his education, also learning the trade of tailoring. At the age of 21 years he emigrated to Huron County, Ohio, where he resided till 1840, when he removed to Platte County, Missouri. After remaining there till 1844, he came to this county, and was engaged in various branches of business, among them being farming, tailoring, and merchandising. In 1855 he removed to Nemaha County, Nebraska, where he lived till 1860, then returning to this county, and in 1876 he became interested with his sons in their extensive business. Although quite an old gentleman, Mr. H. is yet actively engaged in business, and would, by his energy and sprightliness be taken for a much younger man. He was married August 30, 1830, to Miss Elizabeth Darland, a

native of Pennsylvania. They have had seven children, four of whom are now living: Julia A. (deceased), William, Christenia, Eunice (deceased), Cornelius, Josephand James (deceased). They are members of the M. E. Church. Mr. H. was one of the original members and trustees of the first church of that denomination built in Oregon. He was at one time constable of Lewis Township, and was county judge of Nemaha County, Nebraska, for one term.

#### ALEXANDER M. HUNTER

is agent of the Kansas City, St. Joseph and Council Bluffs Railroad, and is also a member of the firm of Hunter & Smith, druggists. Foremost among the representative men of this vicinity, and those who have been identified with the commercial interests of this city, for the last few years, may be mentioned A. M. Hunter. He is a native of Aberdeen, Scotland, and was born August 6, 1839. He was there reared to manhood and received his education, and at the age of fifteen years, he accepted a clerkship in a dry goods house at his native city. In this he remained till his twenty-first year, at which age he emigrated to this country, and settled in Detroit, Michigan, residing there till the breaking out of the late war. In October, 1861, he enlisted in the First Michigan Artillery and served four years and six days, and was a participant in the well known battles of Island No. 10, siege of Corinth, Mississippi, Iuka, battle of Corinth, Town Creek, Fort Pillow, and many others of lesser note. At the last named engagement he was taken prisoner, and remained as a prisoner of war for one year, during which time he was a prisoner in fifteen southern prisons, prominent among them being Macon, Andersonville and Savannah, Georgia; Charleston, South Carolina; Columbia and Charlottsville, North Carolina; Danville and Libby, Virginia. He was paroled from this latter mentioned prison April 2, 1865. During his confinement he escaped five times from the prison, each time being recaptured, and had the thrilling experience of being tracked by blood hounds. At the close of the war he was mustered out a lieutenant of his battery. Mr. Hunter then returned to Detroit, Michigan, where he resumed his chosen calling for two years, and in 1868 he removed to Holt, Clay County, Missouri, where he engaged in the railroad business. He remained at this point for six months, and from there went to New Cambria, Missouri, and accepted the position of telegraph operator. After about six weeks, he was stationed at Breckenridge, Missouri, in a like capacity, for three weeks. - Thence to Lathrop, and after two weeks there, he went to Bigelow, Missouri, taking charge of the railroad company's interests at that point. He resided here five months, and then was located at Bartlett, Iowa, going from this place in two months to Amazonia, and three months later he returned to Bartlett, and after one

and one-half years, he went to Hopkins, Missouri, being the first railroad agent at that point. In 1872, he came to Craig and accepted his present position. In 1877, he became associated with Mr. Smith in the drug business at this point. They have a large and varied stock, and are doing a remunerative business. Mr. Hunter was united in marriage November 14, 1871, to Miss Delia Gillett, a native of New York. He is a member of Craig Lodge, No. 371, A. F. and A. M., and also belongs to the Presbyterian Church.

#### JOHN L. JOHNSTUN,

physician and surgeon, Craig, is a prominent leader among the most successful practitioners of this vicinity. He is a native of Hamilton County, Ohio, where he was born May 18, 1818. His father was Robert Johnstun, and his mother's maiden name was White. She was the daughter of Jacob White, a captain in the Revolutionary War. The subject of this biography was reared to manhood and received his education in the schools of his native state. In 1841, he began the study of his chosen profession under Doctors Alexander Duncan and John B. Slemon. He continued under their instructions till 1844, when he removed to Greene County, Indiana, and soon settled in Fair Play, where he began the practice of his profession. He there resided till 1849, when he located in Knox County, Indiana, and after remaining till 1850, he returned to Greene County, near his former residence. He resided at this point six years, after which time he immigrated to Carlisle, Indiana, and engaged in the practice of his profession. In 1860, he went to Mattoon, Coles County, Illinois, and lived in that city till 1867, when he came to Missouri and settled in Atchison County. He was a resident of that locality till 1870, when he came to this city, where he has since resided. Since that time he has been closely identified with the commercial as well as the professional interests of this county, having been at one time a member of the firm of Myers & Johnstun, grain buyers, and also Johnstun & Myers, druggists. He is now of the firm of Johnstun & Wing, physicians. They command a very large practice in their profession, and enjoy the esteem of the public. Dr. J. has ever proved himself an active and energetic worker in the interests of his state, and has devoted no inconsiderable portion of his valuable time to the development of the resources of Holt County, where he is universally regarded as an enterprising and progressive citizen, and an upright man. He is a member of Craig Lodge No. 211, and has held all the offices within the gift of the lodge. He is a notary public, and has been such for the past ten years. The doctor is a staunch Greenbacker and is one of the well known and influential leaders of the same. was one of the electors that nominated General Weaver in 1881.

## EDGAR J. KELLOGG,

lawyer. The subject of this sketch is the second son of Alonzo and Nannie (Burt) Kellogg, the latter a native of Maryland and the former of New York. Edgar was born in Jefferson County, Kentucky, September 16, 1851. When he was at the age of nine years the family emigrated to Linn County, Iowa, where he resided, attending the Cornell College, at Mt. Vernon, Iowa, till 1866, when he became a student of the Southern University, at Carbondale, Illinois. He graduated from that institution in 1869, after which he returned home, remaining only one month. He then removed to Kansas and accepted a position with the United States Survey Department, in whose employ he continued three months, next going to Osage County, Kansas. There he was engaged in teaching till June, 1870, when he removed to St. Joseph, Missouri, where he was occupied in the study of his profession. After residing there four months he located in Marysville and continued his studies under Fred D. Snyder till 1872, when he was admitted to the bar. In November, of that year, Mr. Kellogg began his practice at Rock Port, Atchison County, but in 1879 he came to Craig. Since his arrival here he has had a good practice and is deserving of his success. He was united in marriage with Miss Carrie D. Bond, a native of Kentucky, September 5, 1877. They have one child, Edgar A.

#### DENNIS LOWER

was bern in Columbiana County, Ohio, January 1, 1836. John Lower, his father, was born in Pennsylvania, and his mother, whose maiden name was Anna Firestone, was from Columbiana County, Ohio. spent his youth on a farm, and in attending the common schools. He was married in Columbiana County, Ohio, October 8, 1857, to Miss Mary A. Shaffer, daughter of Peter Shaffer. She was born in the same county as her husband, November 18, 1837. After he was married Mr. L. located in that vicinity, and was engaged in farming some two years. In 1859 he moved to Indiana and settled in Kosciusko County, where he resided about nine years. In 1868 he moved to Missouri, locating in Holt, and has since been a resident of this county. In June, 1881, he moved on his present farm, which consists of 160 acres of land, all fenced, with good improvements, and an excellent young orchard of 300 apple, also, peach, cherry, plum and pear trees, besides some small fruits. This place is located in section 32, township 62, range 39. Mr. Lower has a family of six children: Solomon F., Marion W., Sidney E., Peter L., Dennis and Galen. Mrs. Lower and daughter are members of the Missionary Baptist Church.

### ROBERT LYONS,

postmaster, is a native of Ireland, and was born December 26, 1841. At the age of ten years he, with the family, immigrated to America, settling in Summit County, Ohio. There he was reared to manhood and educated, and, in January, 1862, he became engaged in the trade of shoemaking, which he continued till 1875. Mr. L. then removed to Missouri and located in Craig, following his trade till 1879, when he became assistant postmaster, and, in 1880, he was appointed postmaster, which position he now holds, discharging his duties with credit. He is a member of the school board of Craig and a member of the Presbyterian Church, and is its treasurer. He is also treasurer and secretary of the Sunday School. Mr. Lyons is a member of Howard Lodge, No. 62, I. O. O. F., of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.

#### FRED. MYERS,

of the firm of Myers & Ward, grain and stock dealers, is a native of Germany, and was born September 12, 1840. When he was seven years of age the family emigrated to America, and settled in Cook County, Illinois, where Fred. was reared to manhood. He there received his education, spending his youthful days on a farm. In 1858 he removed to Porter County, Indiana, of which locality he was a resident till 1861, when he enlisted in Company K, Seventy-third Indiana regiment, and served four years. He participated in the well known battles of Richmond, Kentucky, Perryville, Stone River, and many others of lesser note. He was one of the members of Colonel Streight's expedition, which was captured near Rome, Georgia, was in prison at Belle Island and Libby Prisons for three months, and was then released on parole. In 1865 Mr. M. returned to Indiana, but after remaining there only two months, he again went to Illinois, residing there two months. He then came west, settling in St. Joseph, Missouri, November 12, 1865. made his home in that city till 1868, when he came to Craig, which has since been his home. Mr. M. is one of the best known men of our county. He was collector of this county for the term of 1879-80, and filled that office with honor to himself and credit to all interested, and in all the relations of life he has been an honest and enterprising business man, a good citizen and a genial gentleman He was united in marriage April o, 1872, to Miss Annie Lawrence, a native of Ohio. They have one child, Carric. He is a member of Craig Lodge No. 211, I. O. O. F., of this city, and has passed all the chairs in that lodge. He is also a member of the Oregon Encampment, and belongs to the A. O. U. W., of Oregon, Missouri.

# JACOB R. NAUMAN.

a native of Page County, Virginia, was born June 29, 1850. Reuben Nauman, his father, and his mother, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Dovel, were both born in Virginia. The youth of Jacob R. was spent in Page County, on a farm and attending the common schools. He was married in that county March 28, 1871, to Miss Lena J. Long, daughter of A. J. Long. Mr. N. moved west, in 1872, and located in Cedar County, Iowa, where he was engaged in farming for some five years. In September, 1877, he moved to Missouri and settled on his farm in Holt County. His estate is located in section 29, and consists of 320 acres of good land, lying partly in Union and partly in Liberty Townships. This land Mr. Nauman has improved himself and has it all fenced, some 280 acres being in cultivation. Mr. Nauman makes a specialty of handling and feeding stock. Mr. and Mrs. N. have six children living: Mary E., William, Oscar, Thomas, Estella and Baby Nauman. One is deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Nauman are members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

## JAMES A. ORANGE,

wagon maker and blacksmith, was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, on the 26th day of April, 1826. When at the age of four years, he with the family, emigrated to McLean County, Ill., where he was reared to manhood, and received his education, there learning the trade he now follows. In 1850 he removed to Indianola, Warren County, Iowa, where he resided two years and a half, then going to Greene County, Iowa, making his home in that locality till 1861. At the commencement of the war, he enlisted in Company E, Thirty-ninth Iowa Volunteers, and participated in the battles of Cape Girardeau, Springfield, Missouri, Bird's Point, Pilot Knob, Fort Donelson, Pittsburg Landing and Corinth, Mississippi. 1864, he was captured near Bloomington, Virginia, while on his way to Washington, and was paroled. After being exchanged, he was assigned to Company E, Eleventh Virginia Cavalry, and was on duty in several places as guard of government property, till October, 1865, when he obtained his discharge. He arose from the ranks to the position of sergeant major of his company. In 1865, Mr. Orange returned to Iowa, where he resided till 1867. He then came to this county and built the hotel now known as the Craig Hotel, which has since been enlarged, and was its genial host for some time. He was also at that time engaged in his present business. In 1873 he went to Jule County, Kansas, from whence, after remaining three years, he returned to this county. Mr. O. was married December 3, 1847, to Miss Minerva J. Smith, a native of North Carolina. They had one child, William J. Mrs. O.'s death occurred February 22, 1860. He was again married September 15, 1866, to

Miss Elizabeth Crumley, a native of Pennsylvania. They have one child, Martha W. Mr. O. is a member of Craig Lodge, No. 371, A. F. and A. M., also of Craig Lodge, No. 92, I. O. O. F., and has held all of the elective chairs. In 1868 he was elected mayor of Craig, and served for two terms.

#### WILLIAM M. PARRISH,

physician and surgeon. The subject of this narative is the fourth son of Abel and Bersheba Parrish, nee Rush, who were both natives of North Carolina. Dr. P. is a native of Putnam County, Indiana, and was born December 17, 1844. At the age of ten years he was taken, by the family, to Clarke County, Iowa, where he was brought up and received his education, following, in early life, the occupations of farming and milling. In 1867 he began the study of his profession, under the tutorship of Dr. Sherrick, of Osceola. After studying for one year he removed to Holt County, and further prosecuted his studies, under Dr. Goslin, of Oregon, for one year. Dr. P. then spent one term at the Keokuk Medical College, after which he began the practice of his profession at New Point, this county, where he resided till September, 1874, when he attended the Hospital Medical College, of Louisville, Kentucky. From this institution he was graduated the following year, after which he returned to this county and began practice in Craig. He now has a good business and is a popular man, both professionally and socially. Dr. Parrish was married September 6, 1877, to Miss Alice L. Patterson, a native of Ohio. They have one child, Chloe O. He is a member of Craig Lodge, No. 371, A. F. and A. M., and also belongs to Craig Lodge, No. 90, I. O. O. F., and the A. O. U. W. Lodge of this city. In the Odd Fellows' order he has held all the offices within the gift of the lodge. The family are members of the Christian Church.

#### GEORGE W. SMITH,

proprietor of billiard hall and saloon. The subject of this sketch is the youngest son of Sheldon and Sarah (Courier) Smith, who are natives of Ohio. George is a native of Holt County, Missouri, and was born September 22, 1861. He was reared to manhood in this county, and received his education from the schools of this vicinity, following in youth the occupation of farming. At an early age he became engaged in the saloon business and in 1880 he came to Craig and embarked in his present calling. He now has one of the best fitted places in this county and is keeping an exceptionally orderly house. Mr. Smith was united in marriage July 3, 1881, to Miss Sophronia S. McCoy, a native of Illinois..

#### ANDREW P. STEELE,

one of the pioneers of the northern part of Holt County, was born in Orange County, Indiana, January 10, 1831. His father, Samuel Steele, was born in Virginia, and his mother, formerly Sarah Stanfield, was from Tennessee. In 1839, the family moved to Owen County, Indiana. The subject of this sketch spent his youth on a farm, with very limited chances for schooling. He went to Illinois in 1854, and located in Edgar County, and was long engaged in farming. There he resided until he moved to his present farm in this township, in March, 1865. He has 160 acres of land, with a good house and fair improvements, and a young bearing orchard, his place being located in section 7, township 62, range 39. Mr. Steele makes a business also of feeding stock for the market. He was married February 2, 1854, in Edgar County, Illinois, to Miss Sarah A. Bandy, a native of Illlinois, and a daughter of Ambrose Bandy, Esq. They have a family of six children: Mary Jane, wife of Lewis Woods; Elizabeth A., wife of Joseph Newlon; W. A., Andrew F., Albert G., and Elmira E. They have lost one child. Mr. and Mrs. Steele are members of the Missionary Baptist Church.

#### JOHN W. STOKES,

attorney at law. The subject of this sketch is a native of Caroline County, Maryland, and was born June 25, 1839. At the age of eleven years he with the family emigrated to Morgan County, Illinois, where he was brought up and received his education. In 1858 he began the study of his profession under I. Ketchum and J. M. McConnell. In 1859 he removed to Colorado and was engaged in keeping a ranche. After residing there six months he returned to Illinois and was elected constable, and while acting in that capacity was also occupied in the study of the law. In 1862 he was in the service of the government as detective, for a season, after which he enlisted in Company K, Twenty-eighth Illinois Regiment, and served till April, 1866, being mustered out as captain of his company. He participated in the battles of Fort Morgan, Forts Gaines and Blakeley and Spanish Fort. After his discharge Mr. S. returned home, and in 1867 he removed to St. Louis County, Missouri, where he embarked in the stock business. In 1869 he came to this county and interested himself in farming, which he continued till 1872. He then began the practice of his profession in Craig. Mr. Stokes as a man is well and favorably known in this county and has a host of friends and patrons. He was married June 27, 1860, to Miss Sarah H. Parker, a native of Morgan County, Illinois. They have six children: Fannie, Emma, Albert B., James H., Stella, and Lathrop C. He is a member of Craig Lodge, No. 211, I. O. O. F. and has passed all

the elective chairs. He is also a member of the Oregon Encampment. He belongs to the Christian Church and is one of the trustees of the Craig schools.

## JOHN STROUGH,

one of the leading farmers of Union Township, was a native of Henry County, Indiana, born January 28, 1842. John Strough, Sr., his father, and also his mother, whose maiden name was Sarah Miller, were born in Rockingham County, Virginia. The youth of the subject of this sketch was spent on a farm and in attending the common schools of Henry County. He was there married, January 3, 1867, to Miss Sarah A. Bowers, who was born in Henry County. After his marriage Mr. S. lived in his native county for two years, engaged in farming. He came west in the fall of 1869, and settled in Holt County, Missouri, and came to Union Township the following April, locating on his present farm in September, 1870. He has 160 acres of land in his home place, all fenced, and with fair improvements, a good new residence and a young, bearing orchard, located in section 32, township 63, range 39. Mr. and Mrs. S. have five children: Laura Alice, George W., Mary Belle, Joseph L., and Dora E. They are members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

## JUDGE DANIEL VAN WORMER,

one of the leading citizens of Holt County, was born in Allegany County, New York, July 29, 1829. His father, Aaron Van Wormer, and also his mother, whose maiden name was Phileta Wagoner, were born in the same county. In the fall of 1846, the family moved to Miami County, Indiana. The youth of the subject of this sketch was passed on a farm, he receiving a common school education. He was married in Miami County, Indiana, April 14, 1853, to Miss Martha Hetzel, daughter of Samuel Hetzel. After his marriage, Mr. W. moved to Missouri, and settled in Jackson County in the fall of 1853, where he engaged in farming. He resided there until the fall of 1862. From this date he was unsettled for three years, and was during that time again a resident of both Ohio and Indiana. In 1865, he returned to his farm, on which he remained three years. In the spring of 1869, he moved to Holt County, and settled in Union Township, on his present place. He has 185 acres of land, all in cultivation, with fair improvements, and a young, bearing orchard. He makes a specialty of handling and feeding stock. Mr. and Mrs. Van Wormer have seven children: William, Albert, Phileta, India, Jennie, Eunice and Martha. Mr. Van Wormer is Republican in politics, and at the general election of 1874, he was nominated and elected by his party as one of the judges of Holt County, and served in this capacity four years. He resides on section 17, township 62, range 39. They are members of the Missionary Baptist Church, and Mr. Van Wormer belongs to the Odd Fellows' order.

#### GEORGE T. WAGGONER,

dealer in and manufacturer of furniture, coffins, etc. The subject of this sketch is a son of Martin and Jane (Davis) Waggoner, who were both natives of Virginia. George is a native of Barren County, Kentucky, and was born July 23, 1849. At the age of four years he was taken by the family to Missouri, they settling in this county. He resided here till he was thirteen years old, when they emigrated to Falls City, Nebraska. Mr. Waggoner lived there for seven years, and after an extended tour over the west he returned to this county, in 1876, and settled in Craig. He soon became engaged in the restaurant business, and, although starting with very little, he worked his way up, step by step, till, in 1880, he embarked in his present business. Mr. W. was married August 20, 1872, to Ellen DeLong, a native of Iowa. They have two children, Martin R. and Lulu.

## ASHLEY J. WILLIAMS,

one of the pioneers of this county, was born in Clay County, Missouri, June 9, 1832. S. Williams, his father, and also his mother, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Ramsey, were born in Bedford County, Virginia. The former was one of the first settlers of Clay County, having located there in 1824, and he it was who laid out the town where Missouri City is now located. The subject of this sketch was raised on a farm and attended the common schools; he also afterward spent one year at Chapel Hill College. In 1850 he went overland to California, and was there some four years, engaged mostly at mining. He returned to Missouri, in the spring of 1854, and settled in Holt County, and has since been a resident of Union Township. In 1865 he moved to his present farm, which consists of 240 acres of land, with 160 acres fenced, with fair improvements, and a young bearing orchard of apple, peach, cherry and pear trees. This place is located in section 5, township 62, range 39. Mr. Williams makes a business of handling and feeding stock. He was married in Holt County, January 7, 1855, to Mrs. Eliza J. Dodge, daughter of G. W. Taylor, of Holt County. Mrs. W. was born in Alabama, in 1832. They have six children living: George, Philip, Nancy E., (wife of James Shew), Haley, Jeremiah and Fannie E. Two are deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Williams are members of the Missionary Baptist Church, and Mr. W. belongs to the Odd Fellow and Masonic Orders.