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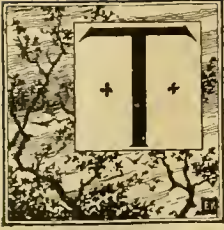
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## PREFACE.



THE greatest of English historians, MACAULAY, and one of the most brilliant writers of the present century, has said: "The history of a country is best told in a record of the lives of its people." In conformity with this idea, the BIOGRAPHICAL RECORD has been prepared. Instead of going to musty records, and taking therefrom dry statistical matter that can be appreciated by but few, our corps of writers have gone to the people, the men and women who have, by their enterprise and industry, brought this county to a rank second to none among those comprising this great and noble State, and from their lips have the story of their life struggles. No more interesting or instructive matter could be presented to an intelligent public. In this volume will be found a record of many whose lives are worthy the imitation of coming generations. It tells how some, commencing life in poverty, by industry and economy have accumulated wealth. It tells how others, with limited advantages for securing an education, have become learned men and women, with an influence extending throughout the length and breadth of the land. It tells of men who have risen from the lower walks of life to eminence as statesmen, and whose names have become famous. It tells of those in every walk in life who have striven to succeed, and records how that success has usually crowned their efforts. It tells also of many, very many, who, not seeking the applause of the world, have pursued the "even tenor of their way," content to have it said of them, as Christ said of the woman performing a deed of mercy—"They have done what they could." It tells how many, in the pride and strength of young manhood, left the plow and the anvil, the lawyer's office and the counting-room, left every trade and profession, and at their country's call went forth valiantly "to do or die," and how through their efforts the Union was restored and peace once more reigned in the land. In the life of every man and of every woman is a lesson that should not be lost upon those who follow after.

Coming generations will appreciate this volume and preserve it as a sacred treasure, from the fact that it contains so much that would never find its way into public records, and which would otherwise be inaccessible. Great care has been taken in the compilation of the work, and every opportunity possible given to those represented to insure correctness in what has been written; and the publishers flatter themselves that they give to their readers a work with few errors of consequence. In addition to biographical sketches, portraits of a number of representative citizens are given.

The faces of some, and biographical sketches of many, will be missed in this volume. For this the publishers are not to blame. Not having a proper conception of the work, some refused to give the information necessary to compile a sketch, while others were indifferent. Occasionally some member of the family would oppose the enterprise, and on account of such opposition the support of the interested one would be withheld. In a few instances men never could be found, though repeated calls were made at their residence or place of business.



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“Biography is the only true history.”—Emerson.

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### JOHN CORNELIS BROEKSMIT.

The best justification of our republican government lies in the fact that young men of other lands seeking homes in America have opportunity to demonstrate the power they possess, and, equally with the native-born sons of the country, work their way upward by diligence, earnest effort and perseverance, unhampered by the caste system which prevails in the old countries and which is certainly detrimental to the development of talent. Coming to this country, Mr. Broeksmit won recognition by his merit and has worked his way upward until he holds to-day the responsible position of auditor of the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad. His life has been an eventful and interesting one, and integrity, activity and energy have been the crowning points of his success. Such a career is well worthy of perpetuation on the pages of Iowa's history, and with pleasure we present this sketch to our readers.

Mr. Broeksmit was born in the city of Zierikzee, Holland, on the 25th of January, 1825, and is the son of Adrian F. and Gertrude (De Zwitter) Broeksmit, also natives of Holland. His ancestors have for many generations resided in that country. His

father was a merchant, dealing in grain and madder, the latter a commodity which has now fallen into disuse owing to the introduction of chemical dye stuffs, but which fifty years ago was in great demand all over the world.

Under the parental roof Mr. Broeksmit spent his boyhood days, and the public schools of the neighborhood afforded him his early educational privileges. Subsequently he entered the French Institute, where he studied engineering, algebra, the higher mathematics and the French language. His business training was received in his father's counting room, where he remained between the ages of eighteen and twenty-one years. During this time he became attracted by the reports which he heard of the United States and the advantages here afforded, and resolved to try his fortune in the new world. In 1847 he sailed for New York, arriving in the eastern metropolis after a voyage of several weeks, for it was not yet the era of steam navigation. In his native land he had demonstrated his ability as a young man of excellent capacity for business, possessing energy and sound judgment, and was given several letters of recommendation; but he was unfamiliar with the English language and it was therefore difficult

to obtain a situation where his services would prove of any material value.

Failing to obtain employment in New York, he went to Boston and secured a situation in the office of Thomas H. Dixon & Son, importers and ship-owners, located at No. 41 India Wharf. The senior member of this firm was Consul General of the Netherlands for the state of Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Maine. He took a personal interest in our subject, having received a letter from the mayor of Zierikzee, urging him to assist the young man and assuring him that Mr. Broeksmit was worthy of any trust. During the two years that he remained with that firm our subject gained the mastery of mercantile methods in America, and also learned to speak, read and write the English language. His next position made him assistant bookkeeper for the firm of George W. Warren & Company, extensive dealers in dry goods, doing both a wholesale and retail business. From 1851 until 1855 he was bookkeeper in the Nahant Hotel near Boston, and then traveled southward, his object being a desire to see the country.

Making his way to New Orleans Mr. Broeksmit became chief clerk for Samuel Van Loon, master mechanic of the New Orleans, Jackson & Great Northern Railroad, in Louisiana. He occupied that position until the breaking out of the Civil war in 1861. It happened that at that time a vessel of his own country lay in port at the Crescent City, the only ship flying the colors of that nation that had entered the harbor of New Orleans for twenty-three years. It was ready to start on the return trip to Holland, and Mr. Broeksmit, feeling a strong desire to visit his native land,

became one of its passengers, and thirty-two days later reached his old home.

In that country Mr. Broeksmit continued railroad work, being employed in various capacities and stationed at various places, including Breda and Zutphen. After a time he secured a clerkship for the railroad commission having in charge the construction and operation of the railroads in the Dutch East Indies, for which he sailed and saw service on the Island of Java, at Batavia and Samarang. There he witnessed the ceremonials attending the building of the first railroad, and saw the first spade stuck into the ground for the railroads on that island by Baron Sloet Van de Beele, Governor General of the Netherlands Indies. Subsequently our subject returned to his native land, where he spent a part of the year 1867.

America, however, had won his love and he determined to again identify his interests with this country. Accordingly, in 1868, he once more crossed the Atlantic and made his way to Chicago, where, through the instrumentality of George P. Lee, treasurer of the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad Company, he obtained the appointment of station agent at Cleveland, Illinois, where large coal mines of the company were located. Subsequently he was transferred to Coal Valley, Illinois, and later became agent of the Davenport & St. Paul Railroad under Hon. Hiram Price at Maquoketa, Iowa. In 1871 he was promoted to the position of assistant auditor of the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Minnesota Railroad and removed to Cedar Rapids, where he has since made his home. Two years later he was appointed auditor of the same road, and on its reorganization in 1876, when it became known

as the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad, his services were retained in the same capacity. He yet holds that position, but his duties are far more extensive and important, owing to the growth of the road. His position is indeed a responsible one, but he is fully capable of handling and managing its interests. That he has won and merited in the fullest extent the confidence of the railroad officials is demonstrated by his long continuance in this office, and his uniform courtesy and fairness to the employees under him has also gained their genuine respect.

Turning from the public to the private life of Mr. Broeksmit, we chronicle the event of his marriage, which was celebrated in 1873, the lady of his choice being Miss Laura Shaw, daughter of John Shaw, of Maquoketa, Iowa. She is a member by descent of an old New England family, members of which participated with distinction in the Revolutionary war. Four children have been born in their family—Gertrude, Eugene, Helen and John. By a former marriage he had one son, W. F. Broeksmit, the present freight auditor of the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad.

Mr. Broeksmit is pre-eminently a public-spirited citizen, devoted to the welfare of his adopted country and to the upbuilding of his community. He has been an important factor in advancing several business enterprises of importance in Cedar Rapids, and has been a director of the Merchants' National Bank, and secretary of the Cedar Rapids Water Company. The cause of education finds in him a stalwart champion, and he is treasurer of Coe College, which institution owes not a little of its advancement and success to his well directed efforts in its behalf. He is a consistent member

and active worker in the Presbyterian church and was president of the board of trustees of the Young Men's Christian Association. He votes with the Republican party, and though he has never sought or desired office he takes an interest in political affairs, as every true American citizen should do. His career has been one of honorable methods, and while it has won him prominence and success he has gained the respect and esteem of a large circle of warm friends, while he is a man of very genial and social nature.

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JOHN H. STEIN.

Since 1879 John H. Stein has been a resident of Cedar Rapids, and for fourteen years has successfully engaged in the transfer business here. He was born in Allegheny City, Pennsylvania, on the 6th of May, 1858, a son of John and Sarah J. (Johnston) Stein, the former a native of Germany, the latter of Ireland. When young they came with their respective parents to America and located in Pennsylvania. Our subject's paternal grandparents lived to be over eighty years of age, and the maternal grandparents were also well advanced in years at the time of their deaths. During his business career in Pennsylvania the father of our subject engaged in teaming and draying, and although meeting with many accidents he continued in active business for many years, but now, at the age of seventy-four years, is living a retired life in Cedar Rapids, where he located in 1884. His wife is about seventy-five years of age. Unto them were born seven children, of whom one died in early childhood, and William passed away at the age of



twenty-two years. Those living are Dora, wife of Thomas Crea, of Allegheny City, Pennsylvania; John H., the subject of this sketch; Jacob, a resident of St. Louis; Sadie, at home with her parents; and Jennie, wife of Charles Ward, of Missouri. The children obtained their literary educations in the common schools of Pennsylvania.

John H. Stein remained under the parental roof until he attained his majority, being engaged in teaming for his father, and then worked on a farm for a time. In 1879 he came to Cedar Rapids as previously stated, and was in the employ of his uncle James Johnston for two years, that gentleman being engaged in farming near the city, where he had taken up government land and improved a place. In 1881 our subject embarked in his present business, starting his dray line with one team, but as the city grew and his business increased he enlarged his facilities, and now uses nine wagons in his business, doing general teaming, draying and transfer work. Although he started out with no capital he has met with marked success through his own exertions and good management, and now has the leading dray line in the city, giving employment to eleven men.

Mr. Stein was married, September 28, 1885, in Cedar Rapids, to Miss Paulina J. Purnett, who was born in Ohio, in 1859, and is a daughter of George and Lovina Burnett, early settlers of Cedar county, Iowa, who are now living near Vinton, Benton county, this state. Mrs. Stein has one sister, Ida, wife of Mark Speake, of Cedar Rapids. Four children were born to our subject and his wife, but one died in infancy. Those living are Ollie, born in 1889; Harvey, born in 1892; and Hazel, born in 1894. All are now in school.

Mr. Stein purchased property on the west side of the river and there makes his home. The Republican party has always found in him a staunch supporter of its principles, and in his social relations he is a member of the Odd Fellows Lodge, No. 141. He gives liberally to church and charitable work, and never withholds his aid from any enterprise which he believes will prove of public benefit.

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#### GEORGE C. BLISS.

George C. Bliss dates his residence in Linn county from 1855, and for a third of a century he was actively identified with the business interests of Cedar Rapids, but is now practically living retired in his pleasant home at 1329 First avenue. He was born in Tioga county, Pennsylvania, January 9, 1841, and on the paternal side comes of an old English family, which was founded in America in 1635 by three brothers, Benjamin, George and Thomas Bliss, who were among the first settlers of Massachusetts. Of these our subject traces his ancestry back to Thomas. His grandfather, Stephen A. Bliss, was a native of Massachusetts, and a soldier of the war of 1812, and later moved to Pennsylvania.

Wilson S. Bliss, the father of our subject, was born in Springfield, Massachusetts, January 1, 1813, and was there reared and educated. When a young man he went to Pennsylvania, where he wedded Miss Julia E. Whitman, a native of Elmira, New York, and a daughter of Jacob Whitman, who was born in Reading, Pennsylvania. They continued their residence in the Keystone state until after the birth of their three children

and in 1855 came to Linn county, Iowa, where Mr. Bliss had entered land the year previous. He was a mechanic, following the carpenter's and cabinetmaker's trades in the east, but on first coming to this county he turned his attention to agricultural pursuits. After residing upon his farm for about two years, however, he removed to Center Point, where he engaged in the manufacture of furniture, and also in contracting and building, spending his last years at that place, where he died January 20, 1880, at the age of sixty-seven. His wife survived him for some time and passed away January 16, 1894. Their children were George C., the subject of this review; Elizabeth, a resident of Cedar Point, who married Victor B. Gibson, a soldier of Company K, Ninth Iowa Infantry, and who married second Dr. John W. Megee and for a time lived in Moberly, Missouri, where he died in the fall of 1894; and Edgar F., a business man of Center Point.

The first fourteen years of his life George C. Bliss passed in his native state, and acquired his primary education in the public schools. He then accompanied his parents on their removal to this state and remained at home until after the Civil War broke out. On the 30th of July, 1862, he enlisted in the Eighteenth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, but was soon transferred to Company B, Twentieth Regiment, which was assigned to the Western army. His first engagement was the battle of Prairie Grove, Arkansas, soon after which, at Fayetteville, Arkansas, he was captured, and held a prisoner there for a time, but was exchanged before the siege of Fort Morgan. At time of his capture he was detailed as commissary sergeant to a hospital, the patients of which were all captured, paroled and exchanged.

After his exchange he rejoined his regiment at Mustang Island, Texas, and later took part in the siege of Fort Morgan and the charge on Fort Blakesly. At the close of the war he went to Mobile, Alabama, where he was honorably discharged, and mustered out at Clinton, Iowa, July 30, 1865. For about a month in 1862 he was ill in the hospital at Springfield, Missouri, before going to Fayetteville, Arkansas.

After leaving the army Mr. Bliss returned to his home in Center Point, and on the 14th of December, 1866, embarked in merchandising in that place, opening a small grocery store. As his trade increased he enlarged his business, and later added to his stock dry goods, boots, shoes, clothing, etc., until he had a good general store, which he successfully conducted for thirty-five years. In 1896 he admitted his son, Willis O. Bliss, to a partnership in the business, the firm becoming G. C. Bliss & Son, he having been in the store for some years and therefore thoroughly familiar with the business. He is a well educated young man who completed a course in the Burlington Business College, 1895. In September, 1895, Mr. Bliss retired from active business, though still a member of the firm, and removed to Cedar Rapids, where he now makes his home, enjoying the competence secured in former years.

At Center Point he was married, June 9, 1872, to Miss Frances Lueretia Bartleson, a native of Berkeley county, West Virginia, and a daughter of Squire Bartleson, who died in that state during the infancy of Mrs. Bliss. During her childhood she went to Missouri, and was reared and educated at St. Charles, that state. Three children have been born to our subject and his wife, namely: Arthur S., a physician, now

in the south; W. O., who is still carrying on the business at Center Point; and George C., Jr., who holds a business position in Cedar Rapids.

(The Republican party has always found in Mr. Bliss a staunch supporter of its principles since he cast his first presidential ballot for Abraham Lincoln in 1864, but he has never sought official honors, though he served six years as councilman at Cedar Point, and was president of the school board the same length of time, having always <sup>had</sup> a <sup>marked</sup> interest in educational affairs and the welfare of his town and county. He holds membership in the Congregational church. For thirty years he has been a member of the Odd Fellows lodge at Center Point, in which he has filled all the chairs, is now past grand, and has represented the lodge in the grand lodge of the state. He is also a member of Denison Post, G. A. R., at Center Point, and has always been found a loyal and patriotic citizen, who is as true to his duties of citizenship in times of peace as in war. During his residence in Center Point he built two business houses and a number of residences at that place, and in other ways aided materially in the development and upbuilding of the town.



#### JOSEPH C. SMYTH.

Joseph C. Smyth, a prosperous agriculturist and leading citizen of Franklin township, residing on section 7, was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, February 28, 1857, and is a son of John and Sarah J. (Wilson) Smyth, natives of County Tyrone and County Donegal, Ireland, respectively. The father came to this country with his brother,

Colonel Robert Smyth, whose sketch appears on another page of this volume, and he was married in Philadelphia. In 1861 he came west and located in Franklin township, this county, where he had previously purchased a farm of over four hundred acres, and continued to make that place his home until his death, which occurred February 26, 1882. His widow then lived with our subject until she, too, was called to her final rest on the 9th of June, 1899, and she was laid to rest by the side of her husband in Mt. Vernon cemetery. They had a family of eight children, namely: Robert, who died at the age of nineteen years; John W., who married Ida Goudy and resides in Bertram township, this county; William, who married Emma Gurtzer and lives in Rockford, Floyd county, Iowa; Joseph C., of this review; Sarah J., wife of George W. Grove, a retired farmer of Mt. Vernon; Margaret A., wife of Fred Turner, a carpenter of Mt. Vernon; Elizabeth, who died at the age of three years; and George, who married Margaret Gormly and makes his home in Bertram township.

The early education of our subject, acquired in the country schools, was supplemented by a course at Cornell College, and on laying aside his books he returned to the home farm, aiding in its cultivation until after his marriage. On the 28th of May, 1884, at Marion, he wedded Miss Serena White, who was born near Cedar Rapids, this county, March 10, 1858, and is a daughter of John R. and Rebecca J. (Campbell) White, the former a native of Michigan, the latter of Indiana. Her parents were married in Cedar Rapids, near which city the father was engaged in farming for five years. He then bought eighty acres of land in Bertram township, where he made his

home for ten years. On disposing of that place he purchased another eighty-acre farm in the same township, and to it he has since added until now he has four hundred acres of rich and arable land, on which he and his wife continue to reside. Of their four children Mrs. Smyth is the oldest; Rosetta, the second in the order of birth, is the wife of William Parker, a farmer living four miles northwest of Bertram; Thomas J. married Ellen Snyder and is also engaged in farming in Bertram township; and Alice J. is the wife of Daniel Kleinknecht of the same township. Unto our subject and his wife were born three children, namely: Robert J., born March 5, 1885, died April 30, 1888; Harry W., born July 19, 1888, died April 10, 1891; and Raymond C., born October 24, 1897, is the only one now living.

For one year after his marriage Mr. Smyth had the management of his father's old homestead, and then bought the Josh Kudick farm of one hundred and twenty-four acres in Bertram township, but the following fall he sold that place and purchased the Joseph Gambel farm of one hundred and fifteen acres in the same township, making his home there for fifteen years. On the expiration of that time he disposed of that place and bought a portion of the old James Smyth farm on sections 7 and 8, Franklin township, taking up his residence there on March 4, 1901. Here he has a good two-story brick residence, large barns and cattle sheds. He has never sold but one load of corn in his life, but feeds all of his grain to his stock, believing that to be the most profitable method of disposing of it. He raises horses, cattle and hogs for market, and in his business affairs he has steadily prospered, until he is now numbered among the well-to-do, as well as the highly re-

spected men of his community. In his fraternal relations he is connected with Mt. Vernon Lodge, No. 551, I. O. O. F., and the Ancient Order of the Red Cross, of Mt. Vernon, and in politics is a staunch supporter of the Republican party and its principles.

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#### LEWIS H. ODELL.

This well-known and influential farmer residing on section 7, Franklin township, Linn county, Iowa, was born in Michigan on the 3d of September, 1848, and belongs to a good old colonial family of Scotch origin. His paternal great-grandfather fought for the independence of the colonies in the Revolutionary war, and his grandfather was a major in the United States army during the war of 1812. The latter was born in Kentucky, and removed to Michigan when it was still a territory, being one of the three who drew up the papers that it be admitted to the Union. He successfully engaged in farming, and also operated a large sawmill, and became quite wealthy.

Josiah Odell, the father of our subject, was a native of Ohio, and at an early day removed to Michigan with his family. He enlisted during the Black Hawk war, but his regiment only got as far as Chicago, when they learned that the war was over. Subsequently he came to Ohio and operated the large sawmills belonging to N. D. Brown, at Cedar Rapids, remaining here until 1861, when he returned to Michigan and afterward went to Ohio. In the latter state he enlisted in the Sixty-second Ohio Volunteer Infantry during the dark days of the rebellion, and was taken ill from exposure, dying in 1864. He was a Republican in



politics, and attended the Presbyterian church, of which his wife was an earnest member. In Michigan he married Elizabeth White, also a native of Ohio, who died in 1856, and was buried seven miles west of Cedar Rapids. They had only two children, of whom our subject is the older, and his sister, Sarah Elizabeth, died at the age of two years.

Lewis H. Odell was six years of age when he accompanied his parents on their removal to this country, and he was reared on a farm seven miles west of Cedar Rapids, his education being obtained in the district schools of Linn county. At the age of thirteen he went to live with his uncle, John White, and remained with him for twelve years, and then commenced farming on his own account. His first farm consisted of eighty acres in Bertram township, which he owned for five years, and to this he added eighty acres, and on disposing of it he bought two hundred and sixty acres in the same township, on which he made his home for ten years. When he sold that place in 1897, he purchased four hundred and twenty acres of land on section 7, Franklin township, where he now resides, but has since sold one hundred and twenty-eight acres of this amount to Jacob Smyth, retaining the balance, however. In connection with general farming he is engaged in buying and selling stock, and in all his undertakings has been quite successful.

At Cedar Rapids, Mr. Odell was married in 1886 to Mrs. Helen Dinniny, a native of Indiana. The Republican party has always found in him a staunch supporter of its principles, and he has taken quite an active interest in public affairs, serving as secretary of the school board for a number of years and also as road supervisor for some

time, his official duties having always been most capably and satisfactorily performed. He is a prominent member of the Presbyterian church of Mt. Vernon and is one of the trustees of the same.



#### HON. WILLIAM G. THOMPSON.

In the last half century the lawyer has been a pre-eminent factor in all affairs of private concern and national importance. He has been depended upon to conserve the best and permanent interests of the whole people and is a recognized power in all the avenues of life. He stands as the protector of the rights and liberties of his fellow men and is the representative of a profession whose followers, if they would gain honor, fame and success, must be men of merit and ability. Such a one is Hon. William G. Thompson, of Marion, who is now serving as judge of the eighteenth judicial district of Iowa.

The Judge was born in Centre township, Butler county, Pennsylvania, January 17, 1830, and is a son of William H. and Jane (McCandless) Thompson, also natives of that locality, the former born about 1790, the latter about 1796. Our subject's paternal grandparents, John and Martha (Humes) Thompson, were natives of Perthshire, Scotland, as were also his maternal grandparents, John and Mary A. (Smyth) McCandless, who on coming to America located within two miles of where our subject's parents spent their entire lives. The grandfathers both bought land and made for themselves homes. In religious faith they were strong Presbyterians. John Thompson lived to be ninety-eight years of age.



WILLIAM G. THOMPSON.



his death occurring in 1846. His land is now owned by the Judge's brother, Solomon R. The father, William H. Thompson, was a farmer by occupation. He, too, was a strict Presbyterian, and in politics was first a Whig and later a Republican. He died in 1865, his wife in 1866, honored and respected by all who knew them. In their family were three sons: John M. is a very prominent lawyer and is now at the head of the bar of Butler, Pennsylvania. He was a member of both the state legislature and congress, closing his term in the latter body March 4, 1880, on the day our subject took his seat there. The Judge is the next of the family. Solomon R. is engaged in farming in what is now Brady, but was formerly Centre township, Butler county, Pennsylvania.

Judge Thompson's primary education was obtained in the common schools near his boyhood home, and when not in the school room he assisted in the work of the farm. Later he attended the Witherspoon Institute at Butler, Pennsylvania, going home to work during harvest. He next read law at that place with William Timblin and was admitted to the bar October 15, 1853, Hon. Daniel Agnew, afterward chief justice of the United States, presiding at the examination.

On the 27th of November, 1853, Judge Thompson came to Marion, Iowa, traveling as far west as his money would carry him. Marion at that time was a new town and larger than Cedar Rapids. Here he was first engaged in the practice of his profession in partnership with Colonel Isaac M. Preston, under the firm name of Preston & Thompson, this connection continuing until 1858, after which the Judge was alone in business. In August, 1854, he was elected

prosecuting attorney and held that position for two years. He was elected to the state senate on the Republican ticket in 1856 for a two-years' term, which proved to be a very important year in framing the laws of the state that still exist, our subject being a member of the judiciary committee. The code of 1851 was revised during the session of 1856-7, and with additions is still in use.

On leaving the senate Judge Thompson was engaged in practice in Linn county until 1862, when he helped to raise the Twentieth Iowa Regiment for the Civil war, consisting of five companies from Linn and five from Scott counties, and he went to the front as major, but the colonel, being a regular army officer, was detailed for brigade commander, and the lieutenant-colonel being taken prisoner, the Judge was left in command of the regiment for some time. He saw service in Missouri, Arkansas, Louisiana, Texas and Alabama, and was commander of the post at Aransas Pass, Texas, for eight months. He was in the siege of Vicksburg, and at the battle of Prairie Grove, Arkansas, was severely wounded. Believing that the war was about over, he resigned his commission and returned home in the fall of 1864. During the presidential campaign of that year he stumped the state for Abraham Lincoln, and was elected one of the electors at large. He takes a just pride in the fact that he was able to cast his ballot at that time for the martyr president. Soon after this Judge Thompson was elected district attorney for seven counties of Iowa, and after creditably filling that office for six years he was tendered the renomination without opposition, but refused it. Without his knowledge or solicitation he was then appointed chief justice of Idaho by President Hayes, and held

that responsible position for one term, resigning in 1879, when he returned to Marion. That fall he was elected to congress and took his seat in December. He was a member of the committees on privileges and elections, which required much work, having twenty-two contested cases. He was re-elected and served in all four years. For party reasons he was then persuaded to accept the nomination for representative to the state legislature, and being elected was chosen chairman of the committee to re-organize the courts of the state, which business he successfully accomplished. In August, 1894, he was appointed judge of the eighteenth judicial district, and was elected to that position in November, 1894, and re-elected in November, 1899. His district comprises Jones, Cedar and Linn counties. He has won high commendation by his fair and impartial administration of justice. His mind is analytical, logical and inductive. With a thorough and comprehensive knowledge of the fundamental principles of law he combines a familiarity with statutory law and a sober, clear judgment, which makes him not only a formidable adversary in legal combat, but has given him the distinction of being one of the ablest jurists of the state.

On the 12th of June, 1856, Judge Thompson married Miss Harriet J. Parsons, a daughter of Chester and Phebe (Preston) Parsons, who came to Marion from New England in 1850. Mrs. Thompson died February 27, 1897, leaving one son, John M., who was graduated from Coe College and Law School of the State University, and has since been admitted to practice in this state. The Judge has a beautiful home in Kenwood Park on seven acres of ground and supplied with all modern improvements. He is a di-

rector of the Savings Bank and a stockholder of the First National Bank of Marion. Socially he belongs to Robert Mitchell Post, G. A. R.; the Loyal Legion of Des Moines; Marion Lodge, No. 6, F. & A. M., also the chapter, council and commandery of the same order at Marion; and Osceola Lodge, I. O. O. F., of which he is past grand.

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### JOHN CONE.

John Cone, ex-sheriff of Linn county and an honored veteran of the Civil war, is now living a retired life at his pleasant home, No. 998 Eleventh street, Marion. He was born in this county, November 2, 1841, his parents being Norris and Ann (Blaklee) Cone, natives of Connecticut and pioneers of Iowa. In the east the father worked as a farmer and mechanic, being employed in a wooden comb factory a part of the time. He lived for a time in Hendersonville, Illinois, and in the winter of 1838-9 came to Linn county, Iowa, locating first on a farm four miles southeast of Marion. On selling that place he bought another farm on the Mt. Vernon road, where he made his home until his removal to Marion on the 1st of March, 1854. He assisted his sons in the painting business for fifteen years thereafter and then lived retired until his death. For many years he was a deacon in the Baptist church, of which both he and his wife were life-long members, and they were people of the highest respectability. He was born in 1808, and died in 1885, while she was born in 1810, and passed away in 1883.

Of their seven children the two oldest were born in Connecticut, the others in this county. (1) Byron, a lather by trade, and



a resident of Marion, enlisted in 1862 in Company F, Twentieth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and after serving two years was discharged for disability. (2) Oliver B., like our subject, enlisted in 1861 in Company K, Ninth Iowa Regiment, and was shot in the battle of Pea Ridge after serving six months. At the end of a year he was discharged for disability and never regained his health, though he worked at the tinner's trade for a time and engaged in other pursuits, but lived retired mostly. He died in May, 1899, at the age of sixty-five years. (3) George W., a resident of Marion, was the first white child born in this county, his natal day being April 12, 1839. (4) John is next in order of birth. (5) Laura A. is the wife of Joseph Starbuck, who has a paint and paper store on Fifth avenue, Marion. (6) Lucius L. was taken ill while in the employ of the private bank of Judge Green, at Cedar Rapids, and returned to his home in Marion, where he died January 10, 1871, at the age of twenty-three years. (7) Norris R., born in February, 1850, died in 1880.

While living on the home farm during his boyhood John Cone had to walk two and one-half miles to the nearest school. His education, however, was completed in the schools of Marion. At the age of sixteen years he learned the trade of painting and paper hanging, which he continued to follow until six months before he entered the army. It was on the 14th of September, 1861, that he enlisted as a private in Company K, Ninth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, under Captain D. Carskaddon and Colonel William Vandever to serve three years or during the war. He was promoted to corporal and later to sergeant and participated in the following engagements: Sugar Creek,

February 17, 1862; Pea Ridge, March 5 to 8, where he was wounded in the head by a minie ball; Chickasaw Bayou, Mississippi, December 28 and 29, where he was again wounded, this time in the left foot by a piece of shell; Arkansas Post, January 11, 1863; Jackson, Mississippi, May 14; siege of Vicksburg, from May 18 to July 4; Lookout Mountain, November 24; Missionary Ridge, November 25; and Ringgold, Georgia, December 27. He was discharged December 31, 1863, by reason of his re-enlistment as a veteran January 1, 1864, in the same company and regiment. Later he was in the battles of Resaca, May 13-15, 1864; Dallas, May 27-30; Kenesaw Mountain, June 9; Chattahoochie River, July 6-10; Decatur, July 24; Atlanta, July 22-28; Jonesboro, August 30; Savannah; Columbia; and Bentonville. During the Atlanta campaign he was under fire almost constantly for one hundred days and nights. After the siege of Vicksburg, his regiment was a part of General Logan's corps, in General Sherman's army. Mr. Cone participated in the grand review at Washington, D. C., in May, 1865, and was honorably discharged at Louisville, Kentucky, July 24, 1865, after almost four years of active service on southern battle-fields.

Returning to his home in Marion Mr. Cone resumed work at his trade, which he continued to follow until appointed deputy sheriff January 1, 1890. He held that position until the fall of 1896, when he was elected sheriff of the county by a majority of two thousand four hundred and sixteen votes. So acceptably did he fill the office that he was re-elected by a handsome majority and continued to serve until January 1, 1900. During that time he never had to administer capital punishment, although he

felt that several who were sent to the penitentiary deserved hanging. Since his retirement from office he has lived a retired life. He has also served as a member of the city council and on the school board for many years, and his official duties have always been most capably and satisfactorily performed.

While home on a thirty days' veteran furlough during the war Mr. Cone was married in Marion, March 2, 1864, to Miss Caroline Mitchell, also a native of Linn county, and a representative of one of its prominent old families. Her parents were Matthew and Mary Mitchell, natives of Ireland and Pennsylvania, respectively. His people were the first of the family to come to America, but later many of their relatives came to this country. During his residence in Linn county Matthew Mitchell followed teaming and various other occupations as were needed in earlier pioneer days. He and his two oldest sons entered the army together, enlisting in July, 1861, in Company A, Sixth Iowa Volunteer Infantry. At the battle of Shiloh he was wounded in the foot, and lay on the battle-field for three days and two nights, but was finally picked up and taken on a hospital boat to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he died in 1862, at the age of forty-five years, being laid to rest in the national cemetery there. His wife died of cancer in 1882, at the age of fifty-six. Both were members of the Methodist Episcopal church and most estimable people. In their family were the following children: (1) Robert E., born in 1841, enlisted as a private in Company A, Sixth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, under Hosea W. Gray. Later was promoted to sergeant, and was killed while leading the third charge at Missionary Ridge in 1863. For bravery on the battle-field at Jackson, Mississippi,

he was breveted a lieutenant and soon after his death the papers were received by his family. He was a young man of fine physical appearance and wonderful promise. Robert Mitchell Post, G. A. R., of Marion, is named in his honor. (2) John K. served three years in the Union army, but did not re-enlist, as his father and brother had answered to the roll call in the great beyond, and he went home to care for his mother and sisters. He was only seventeen years of age when he participated in the battle of Shiloh. He married Susie Sayers and lives in Waseca, Minnesota. For thirty-six years he has been in the service of the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad, and is now a passenger engineer. (3) Caroline, wife of our subject, is next in order of birth. (4) Margaret died at the age of ten months. (5) Elizabeth is the wife of Elias Cope, of Philadelphia; Josephine is the wife of Andrew Grant, a grain and stock dealer of Iowa; and Elisha is a painter of Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. Cone are the parents of four children, namely: Maud L. is the wife of A. E. Chislett, of Denver, Colorado; Lucia May is the wife of F. A. Shumack, proprietor of the principal store of Marion, and they have one child, Caroline, the joy and pride of the home; Jessie Plummer is attending St. Joseph's Academy in Cedar Rapids; and John, Jr., is attending the high school of Marion.

In his social relations Mr. Cone is a member of the Masonic Lodge, No. 6, of Marion; the Modern Woodmen of America; and the Modern Brotherhood. He is also a charter member of the Grand Army Post and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of Marion, and has filled all the chairs in the latter lodge. Politically he has been an ardent Republican since the organi-

zation of that party, having been a member of the "Wide Awakes" and carried a torch in the parades when John C. Fremont ran for president in 1856. His first vote was cast for Abraham Lincoln. His duties of citizenship have always been most faithfully and conscientiously performed, and his patriotism has been manifest in days of peace as well as in time of war.

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WILLIAM M. SMITH.

William M. Smith, deceased, was for a number of years one of the most prominent and influential business men of Mount Vernon, Iowa, and his death came as a deep loss to the entire community. He was born in Penn township, Morgan county, Ohio, on the 29th day of May, 1848, and was a son of James Smith, whose birth occurred in Belmont county, Ohio, March 16, 1826. His paternal grandparents were Thomas and Nancy (James) Smith, both natives of Virginia and members of the Society of Friends, and the great-grandparents were Samuel and Sarah (Bishop) Smith, also natives of the Old Dominion and pioneers of Ohio. The grandmother, Nancy Smith, was a daughter of Samuel and Hannah (Smith) James, who spent their entire lives in Virginia. James Smith, the father of William M., was married April 21, 1847, to Ruth King, also a native of Ohio, and a daughter of Joseph and Mary (Morris) King. Three children blessed the union, all born in Morgan county, William M. being the oldest.

William M. Smith was reared and educated in Pennsville, Ohio. In the early years of his life, even in his boyhood days, he formed the habits of industry and econ-

omy that made his life and his business in later years a success. He was only thirteen years of age when the Civil war broke out but, boy as he was, he took an active interest in the struggle and kept himself posted on what was going on at the front. He determined to join the army, and if needs be give his life for his country; but he was too young to enter the service, and his friends did all in their power to discourage him, but to no purpose. Before he reached his sixteenth birthday he finally succeeded in being accepted as a member of Company E, Seventy-eighth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and joined his regiment at Vicksburg in March, 1864. The following summer they joined Sherman's command at Big Shanty, Georgia, and Mr. Smith took part in all the engagements of the Atlanta campaign, including the battle of Atlanta, where he received two gun-shot wounds on the afternoon of July 22, 1864, and lay upon the battlefield long hours before being removed or cared for; not through any fault of his soldier friends, but from the exigencies of war, which every true soldier is prepared to expect and meet. Even after he was found he was compelled to lie two days in the rear before his wounds could be dressed. In this painful condition he was taken on a wagon to Marietta, and ten days later to Rome, Georgia, where he remained in the field hospital until September. He was then unable to walk and was allowed to return home on a furlough, but he was almost destitute of clothing and there was none to be procured at any price. In this condition he proceeded on his journey home, and reached Marshall, Tennessee, having no other garb than his underclothing. At this place he was able to find suitable clothing and reached his home after enduring much suffering. His



wounds and subsequent suffering unfitted him for further service in the field, and he received an honorable discharge June 16, 1865, at Louisville, Kentucky.

After his return home Mr. Smith came to Iowa with his parents in the fall of 1865, and accompanied them on their various removals in this state until September, 1872, when he returned to Ohio and became manager of a drug store belonging to Drs. Jennings & Kessler, at West Milton, Miami county, remaining with them until they sold in the following spring. Subsequently Mr. Smith was employed as a traveling salesman for E. F. Rinehart, wholesale manufacturing druggists of Troy, Ohio, and traveled for this house five years, selling goods in Ohio, Indiana and Michigan. In 1878 he became connected with Dr. Cary, who was engaged in the manufacturing drug business at Zanesville, Ohio, traveling in Iowa, Indiana, Wisconsin and Michigan until the fall of 1879, when he purchased stock in the Rinehart Medicine Company, and worked in the interests of that company until 1883, when he sold and came to Mount Vernon, Iowa. At no time in the history of the town no one business was so much needed as a bank. On the 21st of January, 1884, he formed a partnership with Dr. James Carson in the banking business, and to that enterprise he devoted the remainder of his life. On February, 1893, Col. H. H. Rood, of Mount Vernon, Iowa, entered the firm and the business was carried on under this partnership until February 1, 1897, when Dr. Carson sold his interest to Willard C. Stuckslage, of Lisbon, Iowa. The Mount Vernon Bank as organized at this date continued until the death of Mr. Smith in August, 1899. During these years of business activity the man-

agement of the bank devolved almost wholly on Mr. Smith, and its success was due in a large measure to his effort. He was a man of good business ability, sound judgment and keen discrimination, and withal a capable financier. Under his careful management the Mount Vernon Bank stands today a fitting monument to his great industry and worth.

As a recreation and rest from business cares Mr. Smith carried the breeding of fine stock on the farm owned by himself known as the Cloverland Farm. He attained a reputation as a breeder of fine Aberdeen Angus cattle and in his herd were some of the best of blood. Registered Shropshire sheep were also a specialty. His love for nature and the things belonging to nature was boundless and he was never more contented than on the farm among the animals he had watched and cared for.

Although Mr. Smith was in poor health for some time prior to his death he still continued to discharge his business and social duties with the same promptness and fidelity which characterized his whole life. It was finally decided that he, with his family, should spend the fall and winter where the climate would be less severe. Saratoga Springs, New York, was chosen for a stay during the fall on account of the benefit he hoped to receive from the use of the spring water. But Mr. Smith died on the day of his arrival there, August 23, 1899, and his remains were brought back to Mount Vernon for interment. In his death the community realized that it had lost one of its best citizens—a man active, energetic, earnest and diligent in business. A true friend, a genial neighbor, a progressive citizen and a tried and loving husband and father.

Mr. Smith was an honored member of W. C. Dimmitt Post, No. 400, G. A. R.; of Mount Vernon Lodge No. 112, A. F. & A. M.; and Ashlar Chapter, No. 122, R. A. M., of Mount Vernon. His brethren of the Masonic fraternity paid the following tribute to his memory: "Brother Smith has been a member of Mount Vernon Lodge for many years and of Ashlar Chapter since its formation. Throughout all these years he has been faithful in attendance, prompt in duty, and constant in friendship. In his business affairs he exhibited that stern and rugged honesty inherited from his ancestry in the Society of Friends, strengthened by the teachings of Masonry, and beautified by an unobtrusive adherence to the faith of the Gospel of the Son of Man. His Brethren and companions cherish his memory with sincere affection and part from his earthly presence with deep sorrow and regret. We commend his surviving relatives to the Inner light that will guide them safely through the rough pathway of their earthly pilgrimage, and to the Infinite Comforter that will abide with them in all life's sorrows."

Mr. Smith was married on the 9th day of September, 1884, to Miss Clara A. Brackett, who was born in Putnam township, Linn county, Iowa. A sketch of the Brackett family appears elsewhere in this work. To them were born two children, William Edgar, born January 19, 1891, and died April 14, 1893. In the loss of this loved son, the cherished plans of the father were broken and a sorrow entered his life to remain to the end. Ruth Elizabeth was born December 27, 1893, and with the wife, is left to cherish the memory of one whose life was all tenderness in his home, upright in his business, faithful in his friendship and perfect in his trust in God.

I cannot say, and I will not say  
That he is dead. He is just away!

With a cheery smile, and a wave of the hand,  
He has wandered into an unknown land,

And left us dreaming how very fair  
It needs must be, since he lingers there.

And you—O you, who the wildest yearn  
For the old-time step and the glad return,—

Think of him faring on, as dear  
In the love of There as the love of Here:

Think of him still as the same, I say:  
He is not dead—he is just away!

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#### CLARENCE E. HAHN.

Among the sturdy, energetic and successful farmers and stock raisers of Franklin township, who thoroughly understand the vocation which they follow and are consequently enabled to carry on their calling with profit to themselves, is the subject of this sketch, whose farm is on section 16, Franklin township. He was born in Northampton county, Pennsylvania, March 19, 1858, and in 1862 came to Iowa with his parents, Amos and Henrietta (Barnes) Hahn, whose entire lives up to that time had been passed in the Keystone state. On the paternal side our subject's ancestors came from Holland, but the Barnes family originated in Scotland. On coming to this state Amos Hahn first located near Lisbon, in Franklin township, Linn county, but later removed to section 3 in the same township, where he purchased a farm of one hundred and sixty-five acres, making it his home throughout the remainder of his life. He died February 12, 1897, and his wife departed this life December 20, 1896, both being buried in the Lisbon cemetery. They had five children: Sarah, now the wife of

William Dixon, of Linn Grove, Linn township; Clarence E., our subject; Frank, who married Hattie Leese, and is a carpenter and contractor of Mt. Vernon; Ella, wife of John Hoodmaker, who runs a dray and hack line in Mt. Vernon; and Philip, who married Ella Davis and is engaged in teaming in Mt. Vernon.

Clarence E. Hahn began his education in the Glenwood school, and completed it in the Mt. Vernon public school, and after laying aside his text books at the age of seventeen years he devoted his entire time and attention to the operation of the home farm. Six years later the family removed to the farm which he now owns and occupies, and he managed the same until his father's death. He has since purchased the interests of the other heirs, and has made many improvements upon the place, the model country residence being surrounded by beautiful trees, which forms a most attractive spot in the landscape.

At Anamosa, Iowa, August 31, 1899, Mr. Hahn married Miss Catherine McDonnell, who was born in Fairview township, Jones county, Iowa, January 22, 1865. Her father, John McDonnell, was a native of County Clare, Ireland, and in 1853 came to America on the British Queen, a sailing vessel, which was three months in crossing the Atlantic at that time. He landed in New York, and engaged in farming in the Empire state for seven years before coming to Iowa. Locating in Jones county, he worked as a farm hand until 1857, and then purchased eighty acres of land in Brown township, Linn county, where he still continues to reside. He has added to his original purchase from time to time, however, until he now has two hundred and forty acres of very valuable and

productive land. His parents, two brothers and two sisters also came to the United States. While in New York he became acquainted with Margaret Lynch, who was working in the same family where he was employed, and their friendship ripening into love they were afterward married at Cascade, Jones county, Iowa. She was born in County Kilkenny, Ireland, and came to the new world in 1855 on the steamer Lucy Thompson, which sailed from Liverpool to New York. Two years later she went to Dubuque, where she made her home until her marriage. She died November 18, 1891. The McDonnell family lived originally in Scotland, and from that country went to Ireland. Mrs. Hahn is the third in order of birth in a family of eight children, the others being Mary, who resides with her father; William, who died in 1889, at the age of twenty-seven years; Thomas, who died in 1893, at the age of twenty-eight; Margaret, also at home with her father; Alice, wife of Albert Dunn, of Linn township, this county; Lucy, at home; and Louis, who now manages his father's farm.

In his social relations Mr. Hahn is a prominent member of Bethlehem Lodge, No. 3, K. of P., of Mt. Vernon, of which he is past chancellor, and he also belongs to the Modern Brotherhood of America. In politics he is a staunch Democrat, and he has most capably and satisfactorily filled the office of road supervisor in his district.

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#### GARRY TREAT.

This well-known citizen of Marion, Iowa, is the possessor of a handsome property at the corner of Tenth street and Eleventh avenue, and is enabled to spend his



GARRY TREAT.





declining years in the pleasurable enjoyment of his accumulations. The record of his life, previous to 1889, is that of an active, enterprising, methodical and sagacious business man, who bent his energies to the honorable acquirement of a comfortable competence for himself and family.

Mr. Treat was born near Brockport, New York, December 17, 1831, a son of Oliver J. and Mary A. (Green) Treat, also natives of that state. His paternal grandfather, Charles Treat, was a Connecticut Yankee, who during the Revolutionary war enlisted as a drummer boy in 1775, and during his long service of over seven years rose to the rank of major, being mustered out as such in 1782. He was on duty at Tappan, New York, October 2, 1780, when Major Andre was hung as a spy at that place, but did not see the execution. He was married, May 1, 1788, in Wethersfield, Connecticut, to Hopeful Robbins, and in 1820 removed to Monroe county, New York, where in the midst of the wild unbroken forest he developed a farm. He died in that county in 1841, when nearly ninety years of age. In his family were eight children. Oliver J. Treat, the father of our subject, spent his life as a farmer in New York. He was born in 1809 and died in 1893, while his wife was born in 1812 and died in 1859. Both were earnest and consistent members of the Freewill Baptist church.

Our subject is the oldest in a family of twelve children, while the others now living are James B., who served three years during the Civil war as a member of Company F, Eighth New York Cavalry, and is now a farmer of Missouri; George, a farmer of western New York; and Emma J., wife of Andrew Gonzales, a ranchman of Arizona. Those deceased were Jerome W., a farmer,

who died at about the age of fifty years; Milton, who died in Portland, Michigan, at the age of thirty; Amanda, who married David Shreves and died in Brooklyn, Ohio, at the age of twenty-four; Rosina, who married Edwin Sowers and died at the age of forty; Adaline, who married Edwin Whitcomb and died at the age of thirty; Rachel, who married George Gott and died at the age of fifty-two; Willis, who died at the age of thirty-seven years; and one who died in infancy unnamed.

Mr. Treat, of this review, spent the first eighteen years of his life on the home farm, assisting in the labors of the fields during the summer season, while through the winter months he attended school. When his school days were over he served an apprenticeship to the carpenter's trade, which he followed for over ten years. About 1852 he went to Cleveland, Ohio, and later to Michigan City, Indiana, working at his trade on round and freight houses for the New Albany & Salem Railroad. In June, 1854, he went to Bureau county, Illinois, as foreman of a gang of workmen building bridges for the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, with headquarters at Princeton.

In October, 1854, Mr. Treat came to Marion, Iowa, and took up one hundred and sixty acres of government land in Spring Grove township, Linn county, after which he returned to Princeton. He worked for the same railroad company at Burlington in 1855, and in the spring of 1856 returned to Marion, where he engaged in contracting and building until the spring of 1861, when he removed to his farm two miles east of town. He followed agricultural pursuits with marked success for twenty-eight years, and in 1889 returned to Marion, where he has since practically lived a retired life.

Since 1890 he has been president of the Greeley State Bank, of Greeley, Nebraska, of which he owns most of the stock, and is also one of the charter members and directors of the Farmers & Merchants State Bank of Marion, while from its organization he has been chairman of the finance committee, consisting of three persons.

On the 17th of February, 1856, Mr. Treat was united in marriage with Miss Christine Wiltse, of Orleans county, New York, a daughter of Andrew S. Wiltse. She died in 1858, at the age of twenty-six years, and for his second wife Mr. Treat married Mrs. Delia J. (Lathrop) Basset, a native of Ripley county, Indiana, and a daughter of the late Augustus Lathrop. By this union was born one child, Mary Augusta, who married Edwin J. Esgate, of Marion, and has three children, Arthur T., Edith M. and Helen. Mr. Esgate is the cashier of the Farmers and Merchants State Bank, which position he has held since its organization.

Mr. Treat was one of the organizers of the Republican party in Linn county, of which he is still a staunch supporter, and he takes a commendable interest in political affairs. He served as township trustee ten consecutive years; county supervisor nine consecutive years; and school director and president of the township board for many years. He also served as justice of the peace one term and refused to become a candidate for re-election. His official duties have always been most faithfully and satisfactorily performed, and he is recognized as one of the most valued and useful citizens of his community. He has been an ardent supporter of those enterprises whose object is to advance the welfare of his town and county, or for the betterment of the people. He

is a member of the Iowa Legion of Honor, and his wife holds membership in the Baptist church.

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#### HORACE G. McMILLAN.

Whatever else may be said of the legal fraternity, it cannot be denied that members of the bar have more important actors in public affairs than any other class of American people. This is but the natural result of causes which are manifest and require no explanation. The ability and training which qualify one to practice law also qualify him in many respects for duties which lie outside the strict path of his profession and which touch the general interests of society. The subject of this record is a man who has brought his keen discrimination and thorough wisdom to bear not alone on professional paths but also for the benefit of the community in which he resides. He is now attorney for the northern district of Iowa, and makes his home in Cedar Rapids.

A native of Ohio, Mr. McMillan was born in Wayne county, May 29, 1854, and is a son of P. R. and Elizabeth (Cully) McMillan, the former a native of New York state, the latter of Wayne county, Ohio. His paternal great grandfather came to this country from Scotland in the latter part of the eighteenth century and settled in Washington county, New York, where the father of our subject was born. He was only six years old, however, when he removed with his parents to Seneca county, Ohio, and there in the midst of the forest he grew to manhood with little opportunity to attend school. He took an academic course after reaching his majority, and by thoroughly

applying himself to his studies at home he succeeded in acquiring a splendid education, becoming a fine Latin, Greek and German scholar, and mastering all the branches of higher mathematics. While a resident of Wayne county, Ohio, he taught school, and in 1846 he came to Iowa as the first principal of Washington Academy under Dr. George Vincent, the founder of that school and a very noted divine of the Presbyterian church. After teaching there for some years Mr. McMillan returned to Wayne county, Ohio, where he was married and engaged in farming four years. At the end of that time he again went to Washington county, Iowa, where he was engaged in mercantile business at Crawfordsville with two brothers four years, and then removed to a farm near Washington, the county seat, and turned his attention to agricultural pursuits. Throughout the remainder of his life he engaged in farming and raising fine stock. He died March 19, 1882, and his widow now resides with a daughter in Aberdeen, South Dakota. They were the parents of three children, namely: Alice is the wife of T. C. Rogers, who for some years has been engaged in the grain and milling business in Beloit, Kansas, and has served in the legislature of that state. Horace G., of this review, is the next in order of birth. Frances is the wife of A. W. Glenn, of Aberdeen, South Dakota, who is a conductor on the Chicago & Milwaukee Railroad between Aberdeen and Sioux City, and although he has been with that company for twenty-seven years has never been laid off a day. He has farming interests in South Dakota.

Horace G. McMillan received his primary education in the district schools, and later attended the Grandview Academy in Louisa county, Iowa, two terms, and the Washing-

ton Academy about one year. He was then engaged in raising fine stock as a partner of his father, handling horses, cattle, sheep and hogs of a high grade, and he continued in this business for five years after reaching his majority. In the meantime he commenced the study of law, and later entered the office of J. F. McJunkin, then attorney-general of Iowa, with whom he remained for a year, walking from the farm to the city each morning and returning home at night. After two years and a half devoted to study he was admitted to the bar in 1880, and was engaged in practice in Washington, Iowa, about two years. He then removed to Rock Rapids, Lyon county, where he successfully followed his chosen profession until coming to Cedar Rapids in July, 1898, having been appointed district attorney in February of that year.

During the first seven years spent at Rock Rapids, Mr. McMillan was in partnership with A. Van Wagenen, under the firm name of Van Wagenen & McMillan, at the end of which time his partner was appointed district judge by Governor Boies. Our subject then became connected with Mr. Van Wagenen's brother, who had studied with the firm, and this partnership lasted a year and a half. Mr. McMillan was then alone for two years, and at the end of that time formed a partnership with J. W. Dunlap, under the firm style of McMillan & Dunlap, which connection was continued until our subject's removal to Cedar Rapids. In the spring of 1898, in partnership with Cyrenus Cole, he bought out the Republican Printing Company, of which he is now president and business manager. He is also still interested in farming and stock raising. He first purchased a small farm in Lyon county, which he stocked, but has since bought a large



place, consisting of seven hundred acres, known as the Lakewood Stock Farm, to which he gives his personal supervision. Here he raises thorough-bred stock, his specialty being Percheron horses, Jersey cattle, of which he has one of the finest herds in the west, and he holds annual sales, disposing of his surplus stock. Besides this valuable place, which is one of the finest stock farms in the state, he now owns over five thousand acres of highly cultivated land, which he has purchased from time to time. Since 1895, he has been largely interested in raising both imported and home-bred registered Percheron horses, having now one hundred head, and in the future he proposes to make this his principal farm business.

On the 28th of August, 1877, Mr. McMillan was united in marriage with Miss Alice Van Doren, a native of Washington county, Iowa, and the third in order of birth in a family of five children. Her father, W. A. Van Doren, was for many years a prominent attorney and real-estate dealer of Washington, Iowa, and was one of the early settlers and pioneer lawyers of that section of the state. Unto Mr. and Mrs. McMillan were born six children, namely: Glenn V.; Viva; Stella, who died in infancy; Florence; James B.; and Horace G., Jr., all at home. The wife and mother is a member of the Presbyterian church; has always taken a deep interest in educational affairs; and was largely instrumental in founding the public library at Rock Rapids.

Before entering upon the duties of his present office Mr. McMillan had probably the largest private practice of any lawyer in his section of the state, and was retained as counsel either on one side or the other of all the important cases that came up. He has had large experience in trying personal

injury cases, both for and against railroad companies, and obtained one of the largest verdicts probably ever secured in this state. He was prominently connected with the bond litigation of Lyon county, when the county had been fraudulently bonded for one hundred and seventy thousand dollars, and various school districts had been bonded for from twenty to two hundred and fifty thousand dollars. Mr. McMillan tried these cases in both the state and United States courts, and the supreme court at Washington, D. C., decided in his favor. As a jury advocate he is very successful, and to-day ranks among the foremost attorneys of Iowa. Prominence at the bar comes through merit alone, and the high position which he has attained attests his superiority.

Since reaching manhood Mr. McMillan has taken an active and prominent part in political affairs; was three times elected a member of the Republican state central committee from the eleventh congressional district; and three times elected chairman of the same. He was alternate delegate at large to the national convention in 1896, and had charge of the campaign when Francis M. Drake was elected governor by an almost unprecedented majority. He also had charge of the McKinley and Hobart campaign in Iowa, which he conducted in such a manner as to win the praise of the Republicans and gold Democrats alike, and he managed the campaign when Leslie M. Shaw run for goernor. As a campaign leader Mr. McMillan has tenacity of purpose, persistence of effort and a wise spirit of conciliation, and under him the party has developed no factions nor has it wavered. The first office he was called upon to fill was that of assessor of his township, which he held when a young man. He served two terms

as city attorney of Rock Rapids; three terms as county attorney of Lyon county; and ten years as a member of the board of insane commissioners of that county. As a citizen he ever stands ready to discharge any duty devolving upon him; his public service has been most commendable; and he stands deservedly high in professional, political and social circles. Fraternally he is a member of the Knights of Pythias and the Modern Woodmen of America.

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ADAM HARRIER.

As a contractor and builder Adam Harrier was for over thirty years prominently connected with the business affairs of Cedar Rapids, and having met with excellent success during his residence here he is now able to lay aside all business cares and spend the evening of his life in ease and quiet, enjoying the fruits of former toil.

A native of Pennsylvania, Mr. Harrier was born in Bedford county, December 24, 1826, and is a son of Daniel Harrier, whose birth occurred in the same county in 1808. The paternal grandfather was of English descent and one of the pioneers of Bedford county, where he died in 1816. On reaching manhood the father was married there to Miss Elizabeth Dihel, who was born in the same township where her husband's birth occurred. By trade he was a carpenter and joiner, but devoted the latter years of his life to farming. For a few years he worked at his trade in Allegany county, Maryland, but about 1839 or 1840 returned to Bedford county, Pennsylvania, where he followed farming until his death in 1875. His first wife, who was the mother of our subject, died in 1844, and later he married again.

Adam Harrier passed the days of his boyhood and youth in Maryland and Pennsylvania, and not only became familiar with agricultural pursuits, but also learned the carpenter's and joiner's trade. In September, 1864, he joined the boys in blue of Company K, Eighty-second Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and joined his regiment at Petersburg. He took part in the engagements in front of that stronghold and Richmond, and assisted in driving Lee's army out. On the 6th of April, 1865, he was in the battle of Sailor's Run, and saw the flag of truce raised at the time of General Lee's surrender. He lost no time from illness or other causes during his army life, but was able to stake arms with his company each night. He was honorably discharged at Hall's Hill, Virginia, in May, 1865, but two or three days later when on the return march he was taken ill and sent to a field hospital in Virginia. Later he was transferred to Washington, and from there to Chestnut Hill hospital, Philadelphia, where he remained until sufficiently recovered to return home in July.

Mr. Harrier had only partially regained his health when he came to Cedar Rapids, Iowa, in March, 1866. After working at his trade for others for a short time, he formed a partnership, and commenced contracting and building on his own account in 1867. Later he was alone in business until his retirement in 1899. Many business blocks and private residences in Cedar Rapids show his architectural skill and handiwork, and he also bought lots on the west side and erected thereon five houses for himself.

In Bedford county, Pennsylvania, Mr. Harrier was married, October 28, 1851, to Miss Mary C. Valentine, also a native of

that county, and a daughter of Jesse Valentine, who was born there. Ten children blessed this union, but only five are now living, namely: Sarah Jane is the wife of George Hull, of Cedar Rapids; Louisa B. is the wife of Robert Stark, of Minneapolis, Minnesota, and they have one child, Harry A.; Loyal R. is part owner and foreman of the Cedar Rapids Lumber Company; James Albert is connected with the same company as yard foreman; Lora is at home. Those deceased were Anna Maria, who married Ira B. Taft, by whom she had three children, Lena, Ray and Inez. She died April 2, 1901; Martha, who died at the age of four years; Mary, who died at the age of thirteen; Minnie, who died at the age of sixteen; and Alice, who married Thomas A. Grist, of Cedar Rapids, and died in 1892, at the age of twenty-nine.

Jesse Valentine, who was born in Virginia in 1808, married Mary Ann Keefer, born in Bedford county, Pennsylvania, in 1809. He was a farmer in Pennsylvania, but later in life (1865) moved to Benton county, Iowa, where he died, and the mother also. Andrew Valentine, father of Jesse, was a farmer of Virginia. The grandfather was Jacob Keefer, a native of Somerset county, Pennsylvania, of German descent, but who after his marriage was a farmer of Bedford county, Pennsylvania.

Mr. and Mrs. Harrier were among the original members of St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal church, which they assisted in building, and they have led earnest Christian lives. Fraternally Mr. Harrier is an honored member of the Grand Army Post, of Cedar Rapids, and politically he is identified with the Republican party, having supported all of its presidential candidates since casting his first vote. He is a worthy represen-

tative of that class of citizens who lead quiet, industrious, honest and useful lives, and constitute the best portion of a community. Wherever known he is held in the highest regard, and is certainly deserving of honorable mention in the history of his adopted country.



#### JOSEPH BAIR.

Among the prosperous farmers and stock raisers of Linn county, the record of whose lives fill an important place in this volume, it gives us pleasure to commemorate the name of this gentleman, whose home is on section 20, Franklin township. He was born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, July 29, 1842, and is a son of Samuel and Sarah (Sager) Bair, the former also a native of Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, the latter of Virginia. They were married in the Keystone state, where they continued to reside until the father's death, which occurred in 1858. Subsequently the mother came to Iowa, and after residing for a time in Clinton county, went to Crawford county, Iowa, where she died in 1895. Their family consisted of ten children, namely: Andrew married Jane Kelly and died in Denison, Crawford county, Iowa, March 6, 1887, while his widow now resides in Manitoba, Canada; Susan is a resident of Crawford county, this state; Samuel married Emma Hamilton and lives in Denison, Iowa; Sarah is the wife of James Bohart, of Canon City, Colorado; Joseph is next in order of birth; Rachel married Henry Billheimer, of Clarksville, Butler county, Iowa, and both are now deceased; Lydia died at the age of fourteen years; Mary is the wife of M. Bohart, of Crawford county; Hannah is

the wife of John Rolland, of the same county; and one died in infancy.

During his boyhood and youth Joseph Bair attended the district schools during the winter months until sixteen years of age, and then commenced working as a farm hand at three dollars and a quarter per month. In October, 1862, he enlisted in Company H, One Hundred and Sixty-eighth Pennsylvania Infantry—a conscript regiment—as a substitute for his brother, and went to Washington, and from there to North Carolina, but when Lee invaded Pennsylvania, they were ordered back and participated in the battle of Gettysburg. When his term of enlistment expired Mr. Bair was discharged July 15, 1863, and returned home, where he worked until the following winter, when he came to Clinton county, Iowa, being employed on a farm there for six months. He then re-enlisted in Company F, Eleventh Iowa Volunteer Infantry, was mustered in at Davenport and joined his regiment at Marietta, Georgia, marching with Sherman to Savannah and remaining in his command until the close of the war. He participated in the grand review at Washington, D. C., and was mustered out of service at Louisville, Kentucky, being discharged at Davenport. Returning to Clinton county, he resumed the most quiet pursuit of farming.

On the 26th of May, 1869, Mr. Bair was married in Duluth, Illinois, to Miss Mary E. Kelly, who was born in Clinton county, Iowa, August 19, 1852, and is a daughter of Adam and Elizabeth (Sager) Kelly. Her father was born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, October 14, 1814, while her mother was born in Trumbull county, Ohio, August 25, 1816, and was the sister of our subject's mother. In their family were six children, namely:

Robert, a resident of Clinton county, married Catherine Bilheimer, who died May 2, 1896, and in the spring of 1898, he married Elizabeth McHenry; Richard H., born in 1843, was killed in the battle of Iuka, Mississippi, during the Civil war, September 19, 1862; Albert M., deceased, wedded Mary Young, now a resident of Bellefontaine, Ohio; Samuel married Anna Smith and resides in Clinton county, Iowa; Mary E. is the wife of our subject and Mary M., the oldest of the family, died in infancy. The Bair family is of German descent, while the Kellys came originally from Ireland.

Unto our subject and his wife have been born twelve children, as follows: Elsie E., born February 14, 1870, was married October 26, 1892, to James Milhollin, a farmer of Franklin township, Linn county, and they have four children, Harry, Jay, Florence and Glenn, who died April 1, 1901. Ora Myrtle, born September 13, 1871, was married June 16, 1894, to Dr. Thomas Wolf, of Mt. Vernon. John Torrence, born December 8, 1873, was married June 30, 1897, to Clara B. Carson, by whom he has one son, Meredith, and they reside in Mt. Vernon. Frances Belle, born March 8, 1876. Robert Clifton, born October 9, 1877; Adam Kelly, born March 5, 1879; and Samuel Earl, born January 22, 1881, are all at home. May Elizabeth, born May 28, 1883, died January 12, 1890. Clara Verona, born December 4, 1885; Rollie Glenn, born February 12, 1887, and Bessie V., born May 16, 1889, are also at home. Hazel M., born September 14, 1893, died February 14, 1893.

For two years after his marriage Mr. Bair engaged in farming upon a place belonging to his father-in-law in Center township, Clinton county, and then removed to another farm of Mr. Kelly's in Eden town-



ship, the same county, remaining there six years and making many improvements thereon. At the end of that time he returned to the old homestead in Center township, Mrs. Bair having been given this farm by her father. It consisted of one hundred and twenty acres, and our subject subsequently purchased eighty acres more, for which he paid eighty dollars per acre. To the further improvement and cultivation of that place he devoted his attention for ten years. On selling out in 1887, he came to Linn county and bought a farm of two hundred and fifty acres on sections 20 and 21, and has since purchased other land, having at one time three hundred and eight acres, but has since disposed of a portion of this, though he still retains two hundred and seventy acres. In 1896 he built a commodious residence in the Queen Anne style of architecture, and supplied with all the latest improvements and conveniences. He has also erected some large barns upon the place, and has one of the best improved farms in the locality. Mr. Bair is extensively engaged in the raising of stock, and handles more cattle than any other farmer in Franklin township.

In his political affiliations he is a Republican, but he has never cared for official honors, though he has efficiently served as a school director for a number of years. Fraternally he is an honored member of W. C. Dimmick Post, No. 400, G. A. R., and Eureka Lodge, No. 45, Legion of Honor, both of Mt. Vernon.

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#### SAMPSON C. BEVER.

Cedar Rapids has been the home and scene of labor of many men who have not only led lives that should serve as an ex-

ample to those who come after them, but have also been of important service to their city and state through various avenues of usefulness. Among them must be named Sampson C. Bever, who passed away August 22, 1892, after a life of industry, rich in those rare possessions which only a high character can give.

He was born in Columbiana county, Ohio, July 13, 1808; he was a son of James and ——— (Imbrie) Bever. His paternal grandfather was Sampson Bever, a native of Germany, who lived for a time in Ireland; in 1777 he emigrated to America. He took part in the Revolutionary war, and on the cessation of hostilities located in Fayette county, Pennsylvania; his last years were spent in Washington county, Pennsylvania. His maternal grandfather was James Imbrie, who was born in Scotland, coming to this country in 1780, settled in Washington county, Pennsylvania, where his death occurred.

In the spring of 1809 during the infancy of our subject his father, James Bever, removed to what is now Holmes county, Ohio, locating on a tract of wild land which his brother John had surveyed for the government and selected for him. It was the first entry made in the so-called "new purchase." He arrived at his destination by following an Indian trail and using pack horses for transportation. The new home of the family was at Oldtown on Salt creek, near the junction of that stream with the Killbuck river, the town having been vacated and burned by the Indians. The nearest cabin to their home was thirteen miles distant, it being the headquarters of the surveying party of which Mr. Bever's brother was at the head. That gentleman subsequently laid out the now flourishing town of Wooster, Wayne county,



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Ohio. The hardships of frontier life were too severe for the father of our subject, and he died April 22, 1811, in the little cabin he had built two years before, leaving a widow and two little boys in the midst of the wilderness. The following year, when the second war with England was declared, the Indians became troublesome, and this little family, with others in that locality, spent most of the time in a block-house, not daring to leave until the Indian depredations were over.

Sampson C. Bever had no opportunity to attend school until nine years of age, after which he pursued his studies in the subscription schools for about three months during the winter for a few years. He had previously learned to read and write, however, under his mother's direction. She was married again to a man who had several children, and our subject helped his step-father to clear and improve the home farm, occasionally working as a day laborer to procure the means to purchase clothes and pay his tuition at school. As the new family relations did not prove the most pleasant, he left home at the age of fourteen years and spent a few months with his mother's brother in Beaver county, Pennsylvania. Before he attained the age of fifteen years he walked one hundred and fifty miles to Brownsville, that state, where he clerked in a store for five years at four dollars per month. Mr. Bever always declared that this was the most important period of his life, as he was called upon to assume grave responsibilities, and he always proved competent and trustworthy. At the age of twenty he took charge of the Albany Glass Works near Brownsville, receiving one hundred and fifty dollars a year. He soon made arrangements to buy out the business of his employers at that place, in-

cluding their store, stock of goods and glass works, and in partnership with William Eberhart, an experienced glassblower, business was carried on under the firm name of S. C. Bever & Company for two years, during which time they prospered, and were not only able to pay off all indebtedness, but had a surplus left. When Mr. Eberhart withdrew from the firm Mr. Bever formed a partnership with George B. Woltz, who died three years later. Feeling sure that a panic would follow President Jackson's war with the United States bank, our subject sold out his business just in time to avoid the crash.

In the autumn of 1836 Mr. Bever formed a partnership with Goodlow H. Bowman, one of his former employers, and they started a mercantile establishment at Coshocton, Ohio, where business was carried on under the firm name of Bever & Bowman for ten years. He next removed to Millersburg, now in Holmes county, Ohio, where he continued to engage in merchandising for six years. This was near the old home where his father had died many years before. Later he had his father's remains removed to Cedar Rapids. Mr. Bever built a beautiful residence in Millersburg, but on determining to come west sold it. After traveling over several of the states in the Mississippi valley he decided to locate in Cedar Rapids, to which place he removed his family in 1852, the journey being made by way of the Ohio and Mississippi rivers to Muscatine, Iowa, and thence by private conveyance, arriving here on the 4th of April.

Mr. Bever had previously purchased six hundred acres of land, now within the corporate limits of Cedar Rapids, with the object of making farms for himself and sons, and he put two or three hundred acres under cultivation. In a few months, however, he



became dissatisfied with farming and returned to his old pursuit, that of merchandising, which he carried on here until 1859. During the last five years of his mercantile life he was also identified with the construction of the Chicago, Iowa & Nebraska Railroad, now a part of the Chicago & Northwestern system, which was the first road to cross Iowa. In 1859, when the road reached Cedar Rapids, Mr. Bever started a private bank, the oldest monetary institution in the city, forming a partnership with his son, James L., under the firm name of S. C. Bever & Son. This venture proved a success, and after the passage by congress of the National Banking Law the bank was re-organized as the City National Bank of Cedar Rapids, with a capital of one hundred thousand dollars.

For many years, and up to the time of the death of our subject, the officers of the bank were S. C. Bever, president; George W. Bever, vice-president; James L. Bever, cashier; and John B. Bever, assistant cashier, the last three being sons of our subject. At a meeting of the American Bankers Association in Philadelphia in 1876 he was chosen one of its vice-presidents.

On the 8th of August, 1833, Mr. Bever was united in marriage with Miss Mary Blythe, of Fayette county, Pennsylvania, who died June 14, 1885, having for nearly fifty-two years been a true helpmate to her husband, sharing with him the joys and sorrows, the adversity and prosperity of life. Unto them were born nine children, five of whom are still living, namely: James L., George W. and John B., and two daughters.

For many years Mr. Bever was closely identified with the growth and prosperity of Grace Episcopal church of Cedar Rapids, to which he made many generous donations.

In 1861 he was elected senior warden, and held that office until his death, when his son James L. was elected to succeed him. When the primary convention was held in 1853 for the purpose of organizing the Episcopal churches of Iowa into an independent diocese Mr. Bever was present, and was made provisional secretary of the diocese, and for years he represented the diocese in the general convention, being absent only once, in 1877, up to the time of his death in 1892. In 1889 ill health prevented him from taking an active part in the proceedings. The following year Griswold College of Davenport, Iowa, conferred on him the degree of LL. D. His well-known liberality went far toward the erection of St. Luke's hospital of this city.

As previously stated, Mr. Bever died August 22, 1892, at the advanced age of eighty-four years, and his death was most sincerely mourned by a host of friends as well as by the general public. He was a man of extraordinary business sagacity and acumen, his judgment seemed unerring, and every enterprise which enlisted his personal attention and encouragement succeeded. During a long life of commercial and financial success he accumulated great wealth, but he always gave liberally to various charitable enterprises and deserving institutions. He not only contributed to the support of the Episcopal church, but gave to other denominations as well, but he was so unostentatious in his giving that many of his deeds of benevolence were known only to himself and the recipient. During his residence in Cedar Rapids, he was probably the most conspicuous figure in the business and commercial life of the city, and his death was a great loss to the entire community.

No better estimate of Mr. Bever's life

and character can be given than is contained in the words of those who knew him best—his associates on the vestry of Grace church, who concluded their tribute to his life in the following words:

“Mr. Bever’s character, as it was manifested to his associates of the vestry, was remarkable for its simplicity; he had great earnestness and concentration of purpose; in planning, he was deliberate and wise; in execution, deliberate, but forcible. His wisdom had been largely gained from observation and experience, but not a little from reading and study. He strove diligently to perform his every duty. As vestrymen, we feel Mr. Bever’s death as a personal loss. He was one at whose home it was often our privilege to meet; he was one from whom we could receive advice with pleasure and profit. We always turned to him when in conduct of parish affairs we most needed wise counsel or financial aid, confident of his willingness and ability to furnish both. He was a good man, a true friend, a loyal citizen, but we best speak that we do know, and testify to what we have seen, when we record that his church life was worthy to become an enduring example of faith and faithfulness.”

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#### BENJAMIN BOWMAN.

The subject of this sketch is one of the most successful and progressive farmers within the borders of Marion township, where he owns four hundred and seventy-five acres of valuable and well improved land. He has made his special field of industry a success, and is highly esteemed and respected by all who know him.

Mr. Bowman was born near Lancaster City, Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, Feb-

ruary 26, 1830, and is a son of Daniel and Mary (Smith) Bowman, also natives of that county, and both now deceased. The father made farming his life occupation. In the family were eight children, namely: Benjamin, of this review; David, a farmer of Cumberland county, Pennsylvania; Captain A., who is engaged in farming on section 35, Marion township, this county; Anna, wife of David Weaver, of Cumberland county, Pennsylvania; Mary, wife of David Mohler, of the same county; Daniel, a merchant of Shiremanstown, Pennsylvania; Lydia, wife of Scott Smith, a miller of the same place; and Reuben, foreman of one of the departments of the gas pipe works at Middletown, Pennsylvania.

Benjamin Bowman received only a limited education in the common schools of his native state, and on laying aside his text books he learned the miller’s trade in Cumberland county, Pennsylvania. In 1850 he removed to Licking county, Ohio, where he continued to follow that occupation until coming to Linn county, Iowa, in January, 1856. After working for four years in a flouring mill in Marion, he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land on section 36, Marion township, known as the Brody farm, and turned his attention to agricultural pursuits. Prospering in this venture he bought the Joseph Cooper place of one hundred and twenty acres, and in 1870 purchased one hundred and fifteen acres on section 26, Marion township; the McCurdy place of eighty acres on section 36, in 1880, and later forty acres south of his present home, making four hundred and seventy-five acres of land, all in Marion township. He is a thorough and systematic farmer, whose success is due entirely to his own energetic and well-directed efforts.

On the 13th of May, 1856, Mr. Bowman was married in Utica, Ohio, to Miss Eliza Wilson, of Licking county, a daughter of Abel and Mary (Forry) Wilson, the former a native of Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, the latter of Licking county, Ohio. By occupation her father was a farmer. To Mr. and Mrs. Bowman have been born the following children: May, born August 25, 1857, and died on September 28, 1858; Arthur Wilson, who married Dora Leonard, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and is now engaged in the retail shoe business in Omaha, Nebraska; James Wilbur, who married Ida May Gibson, and is now serving as clerk of the courts of Linn county; May E., at home; Nettie L., wife of George Strong, who is engaged in farming on our subject's old homestead, in Marion township; and Myrtle Estella, at home.

In connection with general farming Mr. Bowman has always carried on stock raising quite extensively, and has dealt in stock of all kinds. In 1891 he erected his present elegant home at a cost of four thousand dollars, and has made many other useful and valuable improvements upon his place which add greatly to its attractive appearance. The Republican party has always found in him a staunch supporter of its principles, and in religious belief he is a Presbyterian. He and his family are prominent in the social circles of their community, and have a host of warm friends throughout Linn county.

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#### JAMES D. HAYES.

This gentleman is one of Cedar Rapids' highly respected citizens, whose useful and well-spent life has not only gained for him the confidence of his fellow men, but has

also secured for him a handsome competence which enables him to lay aside all business cares and spend his declining days in ease and retirement. He came to Linn county in the spring of 1856 and located near Palo, in Fayette township. He was actively identified with her agricultural and industrial interests until the fall of 1900, when he removed to Cedar Rapids and is now living a retired life.

Mr. Hayes was born in Buffalo, New York, November 7, 1836, and is a son of William and Johanna (Kinney) Hayes, natives of Ireland, who came with their respective parents to this country during childhood. The father was reared and educated in New York, and made farming his life work. He removed to Wisconsin when our subject was nine years of age and purchased a tract of timber land near Sheboygan, which he improved and transformed into a good farm. Later he went to Texas, where he made his home until called from this life when about sixty-two years of age. His wife died in Wisconsin. Their children were James D., the subject of this sketch; Mary and Ellen, who both died in Wisconsin, unmarried; and William, who died in Texas. All were educated in the country schools near their home.

James D. Hayes remained at home until sixteen years of age, and then began life for himself as a farm hand. Later he learned the cabinetmaker's trade and afterward took up carpentering, which he has followed at intervals ever since. On first coming to Palo in the year 1856 he worked at his trade for several years, there being plenty of carpenter work to do at that time, as the county was then being settled up. For a time he was in the employ of the county, building bridges, and he did general contracting, both in

masonry and carpenter work. He purchased a farm on section 20, Fayette township, adjoining the village of Palo, and for several years gave his attention to agricultural pursuits. He still owns four hundred and fifty acres of fine farming land under a high state of cultivation and improved with good buildings erected by himself.

In 1859 was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Hayes and Miss Lovina McVey, who was born in Ohio in 1838, and to them were born six children, namely: (1) Hattie is the wife of Emery McArthur, who lives near the home farm in Fayette township, and they have four children, James, Carl, Minnie and William Lee. (2) Nettie is the wife of Stephen Mobry, also a farmer of Fayette township, and they have two children, Clifford and Della. (3) Anna is the wife of Lyman Carver, a farmer of the same township, and they have four children, Ervin, Alice, Leonard and Ruth. (4) Elizabeth is the wife of B. F. Childs, a laundryman of Mount Pleasant, Iowa, and they have three children, Russell, Neta and Gordon. (5) James M., who lives on the old homestead in Fayette township, married Minnie Rehder, and they have four children, Burman, Mary, Fayette and Esther. (6) Sylvanus is at home with his parents. The children were all educated in the public schools of Palo, the village being laid out adjoining their father's farm.

For four years Mr. Hayes conducted a general store in Palo. On coming to Cedar Rapids he purchased property on F avenue, and erected thereon a nice home. He also built a business block, which is now rented to a druggist, and now has four dwelling houses and four store buildings in the city, all located on the west side. When he came to Linn county much of the country was un-

broken prairie and swamp land, and Marion was its largest town. There being no bridges all streams had to be forded. Mr. Hayes has watched with interest the wonderful development of the county, and has ever borne his part in the work of upbuilding and advancement. He has always been among the first to assist any charitable enterprise, and has never withheld his support from any object which he believed would prove of public benefit. He was one of the most popular men of his township, and was called upon to fill a number of local offices, serving as township clerk several years and supervisor one term. His success in life is due entirely to his own well directed efforts, for without the aid of influence or wealth he started out to make his own way in the world, and to-day is one of the most substantial and prosperous men of his community, as well as one of its most highly esteemed citizens.

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#### JOHN MURPHY.

This well-known and honored resident of Mt. Vernon, Iowa, is a native of Ireland, and was a lad of fifteen years when he crossed the broad Atlantic with the intention of making his home in the new world. He landed at New York city, and proceeded at once to Erie, Pennsylvania, where he resided for eight years, being engaged in teaming. In 1856 he came to Iowa, arriving in Cedar Rapids on the 3d of November, but he remained in that city only a short time, and then went to Marion, where he spent a year. He next removed to Franklin township, this county, where he was engaged in general farming and stock raising for many years. On his retirement from active labor



in 1893 he removed to Mt. Vernon, where he has since made his home, enjoying a well-earned rest. In his farming operations he met with well-deserved success, and still owns a small farm near the city. Our subject's mother died in Ireland and his father came to this country at the same time that he did, but remained in Germantown, near Philadelphia, where he died.

Mr. Murphy was married, in Cedar Rapids, to Miss Mary Coleburt, also a native of Ireland, and to them were born four children, but two died when small. Those living are Alice, wife of Thomas Glancey, a farmer of Franklin county, Iowa; and Mary, wife of Thomas Phillips, who is now engaged in farming on Mr. Murphy's place in Cedar township, Johnson county.

While residing in the county Mr. Murphy efficiently served as school director for some years, and he has always taken an active and commendable interest in public affairs. By the improvement of his farm he has materially advanced the welfare of the community. In religious faith he and his family are Roman Catholics. In politics he has always supported the Democratic ticket.



#### J. RUDIS-JICINSKY, A. M., M. D., M. E.

Cedar Rapids has no more progressive or skillful physician and surgeon now engaged in practice there than the gentleman whose name introduces this sketch, and who is now serving as secretary of the Roetgen Society of the United States. He was born in Bohemia on the 16th of May, 1860, a son of Hynek and Agnes Rudis. The father was a well-educated man and an artist by profession, decorating glass for churches.

He took a very active and prominent part in political affairs in his native land, and being a leader of his party in the district where he resided he was elected to the legislature of that country. In 1890 he came from Bohemia to the new world and located in Chicago, where he made his home until his death, which occurred in January, 1901, when about sixty-eight years of age. Thus passed away a very good and useful man. His widow is still a resident of that city. Unto them were born ten children, of whom six daughters died in Bohemia. The others are John Rudis, our subject; Hynek, who is a well-educated man and is now editor of the Bohemian Daily of Cleveland, Ohio; Rosa, who lives with her mother in Chicago; and Hattie, wife of A. Ruzicka.

Dr. Rudis-Jicinsky acquired his early education in the public schools of Bohemia, and later attended a gymnasium and the Academy of Prague, where he was graduated in 1879, having pursued a literary course. Before completing his education, however, he went as a newspaper correspondent to the scene of action of the Turkish and Russian war, although a lad of only sixteen years, and remained there two years. He then returned home and completed his collegiate course. For some time he was identified with newspaper work in his country, and in 1884 he came to America as correspondent for Russian, Polish, Bohemian and German papers. In August of that year he accepted the position of editor of the largest Bohemian daily in America, published at Chicago, and remained there until 1891, when he went to Milwaukee and started a Bohemian daily at that place, but the venture did not prove a success.

On his return to Chicago Dr. Rudis-Jicinsky entered Rush Medical College,

where he was graduated in 1896, with the degrees of A. M. and M. D., and while there took up the study of the X ray diagnosis, to which he has since devoted considerable time and attention. After leaving college he was engaged in the practice of medicine at Crete, Nebraska, for two years, and while there was a contributor to the New York Medical Journal, the St. Louis Medical Mirror and the Journal of the American Medical Association. In 1899 he came to Cedar Rapids, and has already built up quite a large and lucrative practice here.

The Doctor was the first man in the west to demonstrate the X ray in the different medical societies of which he is a member, and is the inventor of a small portable apparatus to be used in cases of emergency. He has made the X ray diagnosis his special study since it first became known in 1895; has perfected many improvements on the same, and introduced many things to advance the interests of the same. He is considered one of the best representatives of this branch of the profession in the west, and is now serving his second year as secretary of the Roetgen Society of the United States, which position brings him in contact with two hundred members of the society in this country and Canada, all of whom have had over three years' experience in the line before being admitted to membership.

Dr. Rudis-Jicinsky was married, in Chicago, in 1885, to Miss Louisa Uler, also a native of Bohemia, and to them have been born three children, namely: Irma, Sylvia and Georgia. In politics the Doctor is a Republican, and has always adhered to its principles since coming to this country, advocating its policy in his newspaper work, and advancing its interests in every possible manner. In his religious views he is a free

thinker, and in his social relations is a member and examining physician of all the Bohemian benevolent lodges in Cedar Rapids, of the Modern Woodmen of America and the Woodmen of the World. He is also a member of the International Congress for Medical Electrology and Radiology of Paris, France, the American Medical Association, the Western Surgical Gynecological Association, the Tri-State Medical Association, and the Nebraska State Medical Society. He still continues his contributions to leading medical journals in this country, and is also a correspondent for French, German and Bohemian medical journals. He takes great interest in Bohemian gymnasium work, and is a liberal donator to charitable enterprises. He is a close and thorough student, a man of deep research, and his investigations into the science of medicine and surgery, and his skillful application of the knowledge he has thereby obtained has won him a place in the foremost ranks of the medical fraternity.



#### W. A. JONES.

The subject of this review, who is a worthy representative of the agricultural interests of Marion township, Linn county, Iowa, was born in Ross county, Ohio, on the 6th of July, 1843, a son of John H. and Mary (Carmeans) Jones, who were also natives of that state, the former born in Delaware county, the latter in Ross county. The family continued to make their home in the Buckeye state until the fall of 1845, when they came to Linn county, Iowa, and took up their residence on section 3, Marion township, where the father secured a tract of

government land. Our subject's paternal grandfather, Robert Jones, also came with the family to this county and took up land, they together owning two hundred and ten acres. In 1857 the family returned to Ross county, Ohio, where our subject passed the following seven years, and then again came to Linn county, Iowa. In the fall of 1869 he was joined by his parents, and here the father died in 1870. The mother has since made her home with her children, and she and her youngest son, J. E., own the old homestead in Marion township. In the family were seven children, namely: William Allen, of this review; Merritt, who died at the age of nineteen years; Susanna Jane, wife of William Hizer, of Johnson county, Missouri; Louisa, wife of B. F. Richards, of Marion; Addison, also a resident of that place; Adelaide, wife of David Gilmore, a farmer of Marion township; and J. E., also a farmer of that township.

During his boyhood and youth William A. Jones received a common-school education, and remained at home until he attained his majority, following different occupations. On the 25th of February, 1869, he led to the marriage altar Miss Matilda Hunter, of Cedar Rapids. Her parents were William and Mary Jane (Howe) Hunter, natives of Pickaway county, Ohio, who came to Linn county, Iowa, in 1841, and settled in Rapids township, where her father engaged in farming for some years. She died in October, 1882, and he departed this life in March, 1892.

After his marriage Mr. Jones commenced farming on his own account, and in 1869 purchased fifty acres of land on section 34, Marion township, to which he has since added until he now has one hundred and eighty-five acres of land. Of this amount

he has placed fifty acres under excellent cultivation, and in connection with its operation has successfully engaged in raising horses, cattle and hogs. He also deals in wood, and in his business undertakings has been quite successful, having always been a hard working, industrious man, and upright and honorable in all his dealings. He built his present home in 1869, and erected his barn in 1882. The neat and thrifty appearance of his place plainly indicates his careful management, and shows that he is a man of good business ability and sound judgment. In his political views he is a staunch Democrat, and both he and his wife are earnest and consistent members of the Christian church.



#### JAMES L. BEVER.

Few men are more prominent or more widely known in the enterprising city of Cedar Rapids than James L. Bever. He is an important factor in business and financial circles, and the high esteem in which he is held is well deserved. He is public-spirited, and thoroughly interested in whatever tends to promote the moral, intellectual and material welfare of the city where almost his entire life has been passed.

Mr. Bever was born in Coshocton, Ohio, March 4, 1838, and is a son of Sampson C. Bever, whose sketch appears on another page of this volume. At the age of six years his parents removed to Millersburg, that state, where he attended a private school, and for a time was a pupil of Josiah Given, then a young law student, now chief justice of the supreme court of Iowa. When twelve years of age he came with the family to Cedar





JAMES L. BEVER.



Rapids, the journey being made by carriage to Pittsburg, where they embarked on a side-wheel steamer, known as the Asia, and came down the Ohio and up the Mississippi rivers to Muscatine, Iowa. The remainder of the journey was made by carriage. The family arrived in Cedar Rapids on the 4th of April, 1852, in a blinding snow storm. The town at that time had a population of about three hundred, and a large camp of Indians on the west bank of the river. The country between Cedar Rapids and Muscatine was very sparsely settled. Mr. Bever often accompanied his father on trips in search of government lands, and on one of these trips they drove sixty miles over the prairie without seeing a single person, their destination being what is now Grundy county. On these trips they were guided by a pocket compass, and would estimate the number of miles traveled by revolution of the wagon wheels, a red cloth being tied on one of the spokes for this purpose.

On coming to Cedar Rapids, Mr. Bever continued his education under the direction of Rev. Williston Jones, who established a private school for boys, which has since developed into the prosperous institution known as Coe College. Later he returned to Ohio and entered Kenyon College, where he was a student for two years. On his return to Cedar Rapids, he became connected with the banking house of Green, Merritt & Company, as clerk, and subsequently was appointed cashier. In 1859 he and his father established a private bank under the name of S. C. Bever & Son, which in 1864 was re-organized as the City National Bank of Cedar Rapids, with S. C. Bever as president, and James L. Bever as cashier. On the death of his father in 1892, Mr. Bever

succeeded to the presidency. In 1898 the bank re-organized as the Citizens National Bank.

He was interested in and was one of the incorporators of the Cedar Rapids Water Company, of which he was vice-president for a number of years; he was also vice-president of the Electric Light & Power Company. He was one of the incorporators and directors of the Cedar Rapids Savings Bank, but sold his interest in these enterprises as there was too much responsibility resting upon him. At present he is a director of the American Trust & Savings Bank, president of the Citizens National Bank, and president of The Bever Land Company, and the success of these several financial concerns attest his eminent and pronounced ability as a financier. In the counting room he is resolute, possessing a firmness and decision of character, and the safe conservative policy he has inaugurated commends itself to the judgment of all.

Mr. Bever married Miss Lavinia Rathbone Silliman, of Rochester, New York. Four children have been born to them—Mary, wife of Ernest H. Norris, president of the Norris & Loring Hardware Company, of Cedar Rapids; Louis Rathbone, who is engaged in mining in the Black Hills, South Dakota; James Lorenzo, Jr., teller in the Citizens National Bank; and Pauline, aged eleven.

Fraternally Mr. Bever is a thirty-second-degree Mason, and for twenty years has been treasurer of Apollo Commandery, and was also treasurer of the Mystic Shrine until 1900. In his political affiliations, he is a Republican, but has never cared for political honors. He is a prominent member of Grace Episcopal church, where he succeeded

his father as senior warden. He is treasurer and one of the trustees of the Iowa Episcopate fund.

A genial polished gentleman of unswerving honesty and fidelity, Mr. Bever commands the highest respect and admiration of all who know him, both in business and social circles.

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### ROBERT SMITH.

Among the pleasantest rural homes of Franklin township is that of Robert Smith on section 4, the culture and artistic taste of its occupants being reflected in its appointments, while a gracious hospitality adds a charm to its material comforts. Our subject, who is one of the most successful farmers and stock raisers of his community, was born in Marion county, Ohio, May 31, 1831, a son of David and Elizabeth (Hurd) Smith, natives of West Virginia and Maryland, respectively. Our subject's paternal grandfather was born in West Virginia and served as a soldier in the Revolutionary war under General Washington, while the father of our subject took part in the war of 1812 as a member of the infantry commanded by General William Henry Harrison. The latter was married, in Marion county, Ohio, where he continued to live until Robert was two years old, and then removed to La Grange county, Indiana, where he followed farming throughout the remainder of his life. He died in the fall of 1850, and the death of his wife occurred in the same house in the summer of 1865, and they were laid to rest side by side in a cemetery at Lima, Indiana.

Robert Smith was reared in much the

usual manner of farmer boys of his days, though he was probably given better educational advantages, attending first the district schools of Indiana, and later the high school at Sturgis, Michigan. He was nineteen years of age when his father died and he then took charge of the farm, remaining on the old homestead until the fall of 1854, when he came to Iowa in a covered wagon, commonly called a prairie schooner, and traveled over forty counties in this state. In company with his brother he purchased one hundred and sixty-four acres of land in Will county, Iowa, which property is now owned by his brother's widow, and he spent one summer at that place. He then returned to Indiana, and later went to Floyd county, Iowa, where in partnership with his brother he bought four hundred and eighty acres of land, but has since disposed of the same. Mr. Smith remained a resident of Indiana, however, until the fall of 1858, when he came to Linn county, Iowa, and purchased two hundred acres of land on sections 25, 35 and 36, Linn township, which he still owns. He also has forty acres of timber land in that township, and one hundred and nineteen acres on section 9, Franklin township, which is just outside the corporate limits of Mt. Vernon and only a half mile from the center of the town. He removed to Franklin township in 1863, and in 1899 he built upon his place an elegant residence, which is supplied with all modern improvements, and furnished in a most approved manner. Mr. Smith has engaged in buying, feeding and selling stock, but is now practically living retired, while his son, James R., manages the farm.

At Lima, Indiana, August 7, 1855, Mr. Smith was united in marriage with Miss Maria L. Hamilton, who was born in that

place September 16, 1832, her parents being Robert and Alice (Caldwell) Hamilton, who were born, reared and married in county Donegal, Ireland. The Caldwell's were of Scotch-Irish descent, and her maternal grandfather was a clergyman of the Church of England. On their emigration to America in 1825 Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton located in Pennsylvania, but later removed to Lima, La Grange county, Indiana, where the former died in the spring of 1855. His wife made her home with our subject in Iowa for twelve years, but in July, 1873, went to New York state to visit her son, and while there was taken ill and died. She was buried at Lima, Indiana.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Smith were born five children: Alice C. is the wife of S. H. Harmon, a retired farmer of San Diego, California; Mary E. is a teacher of languages at Cornell College, Mt. Vernon; Helen M. is the wife of L. E. Imlay, chief engineer in the electric light plant of the Westinghouse Manufacturing Company at Niagara Falls, New York William H. died in 1894; and James R. Mrs. Smith died in 1884.

Mr. Smith has always taken a deep and commendable interest in educational affairs, and has most efficiently served as school director in Franklin township for twenty-one years, and in Linn township for three years. He was also county supervisor for three years, and filled the office of road supervisor for a number of years. Being a strong temperance man, he is an ardent advocate and supporter of the Prohibition party, and he is a member of the Methodist church, of which he has been a trustee and steward for a number of years. His life has been an upright, honorable and useful one, in which he has gained the confidence and re-

spect of his fellow citizens in a marked degree, and he is held in high regard by all who know him.



#### N. B. SHERK.

Franklin township has no more highly respected or honored citizen than the gentleman whose name introduces this sketch. He was born in Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, May 18, 1841, but was very young when he removed with his parents, Casper and Elizabeth (Basehore) Sherk, to Dauphin county, that state, and later to Lebanon county, and was only four years old when his father died in the latter county, in February, 1845. He had seven children, namely: Eliza, who died in infancy; Mary M., who died at the age of three years; Abraham, a resident of Carlisle, Pennsylvania, who first married Anna Light, second Sally Heisy, and third Maggie Frontz; Malinda, wife of Adam Runkle, of Lisbon, Iowa; N. B., our subject; and Catherine, wife of Samuel Hawk, of Franklin township, this county. After the death of the father the family remained in Dauphin county for some years, and our subject attended its public schools, but when the mother became the wife of Rev. A. Steigawalt the children became scattered.

Our subject then went to Mechanicsville, Pennsylvania, where he worked for a cousin of his father until fifteen years of age, and the following five years were passed at Mt. Nebo, that state. He next made his home in the city of Lebanon until the spring of 1863, when he came to Lisbon, Iowa, where he worked at his trade of blacksmithing and



attended school for a time. In the fall of that year, however, Mr. Sherk enlisted in Company K, Eighth Iowa Cavalry, and after being mustered in at Davenport went to Louisville, Kentucky, and from there to Nashville, Tennessee. The regiment went into winter quarters at Waverly, and did scout and guard duty until spring, when they returned to Nashville and later went to Cleveland, Tennessee. As a part of Wilson's cavalry they took part in all the raids and skirmishes in which that command took part. The second winter was spent at Waterloo, Alabama. Under command of Generals Croxton and McCook they traversed that state and later went to Macon, Georgia, where they remained until honorably discharged from the service in the fall of 1865, being mustered out at Clinton, Iowa.

Mr. Sherk returned to Lisbon, but in 1866 he went back to Lebanon, Pennsylvania, where he married Miss Lydia Behny, who was born at that place November 29, 1840, and is of German descent. Her parents, George and Mary (Walter) Behny, were also natives of that state, and there the father died in 1870, but the mother is still living and makes her home in Mt. Nebo, Pennsylvania. In their family were six children, namely: Matilda, deceased wife of Samuel Wengert, of Lebanon county, Pennsylvania; George, who married Amanda Mease and lives at Mt. Nebo; Lydia, wife of our subject; Henry, who married Savilla Peiper and resides in Steelton, Pennsylvania; Lizzie, wife of Thomas Fisher, of Schuylkill county, Pennsylvania; and Mary, wife of Ephraim Gingerich, of Lebanon county, Pennsylvania.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Sherk were also born six children: (1) Herman, born April 17,

1868, is engaged in farming at Spirit Lake, Iowa. He married Lizzie Koch and they have five children, Ruth, Hope, Dorothy, Gladys and Cecil. (2) Mary E., born November 10, 1871 is the wife of Rev. Samuel Streyffeler, of Alburnett, Linn county, and they have four children, Carrie, Earl, Harland and Florence. (3) Anna M., born January 19, 1873, died November 21, 1894. (4) Carrie P., born June 16, 1876, was educated at Cornell College and has become very proficient in music, which art she now teaches. She resides at home with her parents. (5) Ella R., born March 7, 1878, and (6) Cora L., born March 2, 1880, are also at home.

After his marriage Mr. Sherk went to Carlisle, Pennsylvania, where he followed coach making for five years, and then entered Dickinson College, where he spent two years preparing for the ministry. He then became connected with the Central Pennsylvania Conference of the Evangelical church, and took charge of the churches in the Jersey Shore circuit, where he remained one year. In the fall of 1875 he returned to Lebanon, and was there until the following spring. He was then assigned the church at Mt. Carmel, Pennsylvania, and remained there until the spring of 1877, when he again came to Lisbon, Iowa, and was assigned to the Buffalo circuit for one year. He then purchased a farm of eighty acres on section 16, Franklin township, and since his retirement from the ministry has devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits. He has made many improvements upon his farm and has added to it until he now has one hundred and nineteen acres under a high state of cultivation. He makes a specialty of stock raising, and feeds all his grain to his stock.



Fraternally Mr. Sherk is an honored member of W. C. Dimmick Post, G. A. R., of Mt. Vernon, and religiously is a member of the Evangelical church, of which he is one of the trustees and stewards. He still takes quite an active and influential part in church work, and his upright, honorable life commands the esteem of all who know him. In politics he is a Republican with prohibition tendencies, and he has filled the office of school director for a number of years.



#### LOUIS J. ZIKA.

This well-known contractor and builder of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, was born in Bohemia September 17, 1860, and was only four years old when brought to this country by his parents, Jacob and Anna (Petrovitsky) Zitka, who were also natives of Bohemia, where the father followed the millwright's trade until his emigration to the new world. Locating in Chicago, he worked as a carpenter in that city until 1869, when he came to Cedar Rapids. Here he engaged in contracting and building on a small scale for several years, but is now living a retired life. He is a well preserved man for one of his years, and is held in the highest respect. His wife died in Cedar Rapids in 1882. To them were born five children, namely: Carrie, wife of M. Stolar, a farmer of College township, this county; Louis J., the only son; Rose, who lives with her father in Cedar Rapids; Mary, a graduate of the public schools of this city, and now principal of the Madison school; and Anna, principal of the Taylor school.

The public schools of Cedar Rapids afforded our subject his educational ad-

vantages. At the age of fourteen years he commenced learning the carpenter's trade under his father's direction and worked with him three years. For the following ten years he was in the employ of L. Wallace & Son, and during that time became thoroughly familiar with every branch of the business. During the last six years he spent with that firm he served as foreman, and was given entire supervision of every department of their work. In 1886 Mr. Zika formed a partnership with F. J. Brown, and for nine years they engaged in contracting and building under the firm style of Brown & Zika, but since then he has been alone in business. He does general contracting and has been quite successful, although he started out with no capital save that which he saved from his wages. He took his first contract in June, 1886. He purchased lots on Sixteenth avenue and erected thereon two residences, and has also built two houses on First street for himself.

In September, 1886, Mr. Zika was married, in Davenport, to Miss Julia Lewis, who was born in McGregor, Iowa, in 1868, but was then living in Davenport where she had attended business college for eight months, taking a full course. He brought his bride to Cedar Rapids, where they have since made their home. They had five children, but Raymond, the only son and second in order of birth, died in 1895. The daughters are Addie, Mabel, Pearl and Esther. The two oldest are now in school. Mrs. Zika's parents were Henry T. and Sarah A. (Johnson) Lewis, natives of New York, who came to Iowa in 1859, and first settled near Independence, but later removed to McGregor. The father, who was a farmer by occupation, entered the service of his country when the Civil war broke out as a mem-

ber of Company G, Twenty-first Iowa Infantry, and while in the army contracted disease, from which he died at his home in McGregor in 1868. Mrs. Lewis was living with our subject in Cedar Rapids at the time of her death in 1892. In the family were four children: Helen, wife of M. Templeton, of Ames, Iowa; Charles and Edward, both residents of Davenport; and Julia, wife of our subject.

Since attaining his majority Mr. Zika has always affiliated with the Republican party, and has been a delegate to city and county conventions. Although never an office seeker, he has always been devoted to the interests of his party, and in 1893 was elected to the city council from the sixth ward. He was a member of the finance and park committees, and served his people faithfully and well for two years. Since 1898 he has been a member of the school board. He gives to the support of church and charitable work, and is an honored member of Crescent Lodge, No. 25, F. & A. M., and John Huss Lodge, No. 51, I. O. O. F.

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#### M. L. INK.

The subject of this sketch, who is one of the most enterprising and energetic agriculturists of Franklin township, owns and operates a beautiful farm on section 3. He was born in New York, November 5, 1825, a son of Peter and Rhoda (Weatherby) Ink, both natives of New Jersey, as were also his paternal grandparents, John and Anna (Bennett) Ink. His great-grandfather, however, was of German birth. The grandmother, who lived to the advanced age of eighty-seven years, was a resident of New Jersey during the Revolutionary war and was one

of the women who were forced to hide in the swamps from the British soldiers then encamped at Trenton. Her brother fought under Washington for the freedom of the colonies. The parents of our subject were married in Tompkins county, New York, and later removed to Knox county, Ohio, where they made their home throughout the remainder of their lives. The mother died in 1855, the father in 1872, and both were buried at Salem, Knox county. They had a family of nine children, namely: Abraham, who wedded Mary Ann Weider, now deceased, and resides in Monroe, Iowa; M. L., our subject; Hannah, who married James Ball and both died in Knox county, Ohio; Mary, widow of James Amerson, of Morrow county, Ohio; Delia, wife of William Hultz, of Morrow county, Ohio; Henrietta, who died of consumption at the age of thirty-five years; Diana, who married Schuyler Ball and both died in Knox county, Ohio; Henry, who married Jane Chandler and he died in Knox county; and Raymond, who died of consumption at the age of twenty-four.

M. L. Ink began his education in a stone school house in Tompkins county, New York. It was a subscription school, and the books used were English—the Cobb's speller, and Deball's arithmetic with its pounds, shillings and pence. At the age of ten years he accompanied his parents on their removal to Knox county, Ohio, where he continued his studies in the district schools until about twenty. He began his business career as a clerk for the firm of Hooker & Johnson, at Fredericktown, Ohio, and remained with them one year. The firm appreciating his ability as a horseman, he was sent to Lancaster, Pennsylvania, with a drove of horses, and while disposing of them he

received word from Mr. Hooker that the firm had dissolved partnership and for him to take the money from the sale of the horses and buy a stock of dry goods at Philadelphia under the firm name of Hooker & Ink, he being given a half interest in the business, which was a very pleasant surprise to him. For eight years he remained in business at Fredericktown, Ohio, but in 1854 he sold his interest and came to Mt. Vernon, Iowa, where he was engaged in mercantile pursuits for some years.

Before leaving Ohio, Mr. Ink was married at New Haven, Huron county, in September, 1853, to Miss Lucretia Johnston, who was born in New Haven, Huron county, that state, December 11, 1829. Her father, John W. Johnston, was born in Pennsylvania, June 6, 1802, while his father was a native of Belfast, Ireland, who on coming to the new world settled near Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. The latter's brother, Hirshal Johnston, was a soldier of the Revolutionary war. In New Haven, Ohio, April 13, 1829, John W. Johnston married Temperance Andrews, who was born in Southington, Connecticut, March 29, 1801, where her ancestors located on their emigration from England to America. Her father, Samuel Andrews, was also one of the men who took up arms against the mother country during the Revolutionary war. Mr. Johnston died in Ohio, May 1, 1835, and his wife passed away at Lima, that state, December 1, 1890. They had three children: Elizabeth M., born February 4, 1829, was married, September 16, 1847, to A. G. Stewart, now a resident of Rockford, Ohio, and she died December 3, 1891; Lucretia A., wife of our subject, is the second of the family; and John W., born December 21, 1834, died January 25, 1846.

Mr. and Mrs. Ink also had three children, namely: (1) Albert Worth, born August 30, 1854, resides on a farm adjoining that of his father. He was married, October 14, 1880, to Alice R. Platner, who was born in Mt. Vernon, Iowa, January 12, 1859, and died April 13, 1900. Unto them were born three sons: Florin Lewis, William Henry and Dwight Platner. (2) Clayton M., born March 29, 1860, is now living in Dakota. He was married, February 15, 1897, to Maud Hahn, and they have one child, Morris L. (3) Raymond P., born August 21, 1872, is a graduate of Cornell College, Mt. Vernon, and now assists his father in the management of the home farm.

When Mr. Ink came to Mt. Vernon it was a mere village containing only eight or ten houses, and he and his wife began house-keeping in one room of a log house on the main street, it being located where the M. K. Neff residence now stands. Later he built a store room and residence on the present site of the building of the Hawkeye Publishing Company, and he remained in the mercantile business at that place until 1864, when he traded his property in the village for a farm of eighty acres in Linn township, and has since engaged in agricultural pursuits. He has added to his landed possessions from time to time until he now has four hundred acres of valuable land, for which he has paid from twenty to seventy dollars per acre. He has placed the entire amount under a high state of cultivation and has made many excellent improvements upon the place. He has one of the best barns in Linn county, it being erected at a cost of nearly four thousand dollars, while his elegant brick residence cost two or three times that amount. He has every reason to be proud of his beautiful home surrounded by a fine grove of

forest trees and well tilled fields which indicate the industrious and progressive spirit of the owner. Mr. Ink makes a specialty of the breeding of Shorthorn cattle, and also raises a high grade of horses and hogs, feeding all his grain to his stock, as he has found stock raising the most profitable branch of farming.

In early life Mr. Ink filled the office of deputy sheriff, receiving the appointment owing to the following circumstances: His father had a horse stolen, and our subject, then sixteen years of age, got astride of another horse and started in pursuit. It was cold and rainy and the mud was up to the horse's knees, but he followed the trail of the thief night and day without rest for sixty miles until he overtook him at New Haven, Huron county, Ohio, on the night of March 2, 1842. The robber was in bed and heavily armed when Mr. Ink broke into the room and captured him. In the meantime neighboring farmers heard of the pursuit and rushed to his assistance. The thief was finally landed in jail. Our subject received the praise of the entire community, and on his return home was made deputy sheriff. It is needless to say that there was no more horse stealing in that community while he was in office, and it was said that the desperadoes were all afraid of "Ink, the human blood hound." No man in the county was more honored and respected than he when he came west. In all the relations of life he has made for himself an honorable record by his upright, straightforward course, and his word is considered as good as his bond. Charitable and benevolent, he is always willing to lend a helping hand to those in need or distress, and he well merits the high regard in which he is held by his fellow citizens. He is one of the oldest Masons of the

state, and is the oldest member of Mt. Vernon Lodge, No. 112, A. F. & A. M., in which he has filled all the offices.

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#### GEORGE W. BEVER.

Among the representative business men of Cedar Rapids is George W. Bever, who is a true type of Western progress and enterprise. Since attaining to man's estate, he has been prominently identified with the banking interests of the city, and as a public-spirited citizen he has given liberal support to all enterprises which he believed would prove of public benefit.

Mr. Bever was born in Coshocton, Ohio, in 1842, and was a lad of ten years when he came to Iowa with the family. He attended school in Cedar Rapids, and later he attended Kenyon College in Ohio, where his education was completed.

During the war of the Rebellion, he served as second lieutenant in Company E, Forty-Sixth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and is now a member of the Iowa Loyal Legion.

On the termination of the war, Mr. Bever became actively connected with the City National Bank of Cedar Rapids, of which his father, S. C. Bever, was president; his brother James L. cashier, and another brother, John B., assistant cashier. Mr. Bever was afterward elected vice-president, and filled that position for twenty years. He is now president of the American Trust & Savings Bank, and a director of the Citizens National Bank. He has also been connected with a number of different business enterprises which have materially advanced the welfare of the city, and was actively identified with the building of the Auditor-





GEO. W. BEVER.





ium and the Masonic Temple of Cedar Rapids.

Mr. Bever married Miss Ada E. Taylor, of Marysville, Ohio, and their home is conspicuous in the social life of Cedar Rapids. They are members of the Episcopal church, and in politics Mr. Bever is a Republican. He is a thirty-third-degree Mason, and has always taken an active interest in the work of that order. He is past commander of Apollo Commandery, and past potentate of El Kahir Temple of the Mystic Shrine, both of Cedar Rapids, and past grand commander of the Knights Templar of Iowa. He is also a prominent member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks.

Upon the declaration of war with Spain, he raised a company of Light Artillery, of which he was commissioned captain, and which was mustered into the United States service as the Fifth Iowa Battery, but the war being of short duration, the battery was mustered out without being in active service.

His loyalty as a citizen and his devotion to his country's interests have been among his marked characteristics, while all worthy objects for the good of the community in which he lives have received his heart support. He is honored and esteemed by all who have the pleasure of his acquaintance, or who have met him in a social or business way.

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### JOHN ENGSTROM.

Linn county has many wide-awake and energetic business men whose early home was on the other side of the Atlantic, and prominent among them is John Engstrom, a merchant tailor of Marion, whose place of business is over the postoffice. He was

born in Sweden April 14, 1853, and is the only one of his family to come to America. His parents were John and Anna Engstrom, the former of whom died in 1874, aged sixty-one years, the latter in 1894, aged seventy-seven. Both were earnest and consistent members of the Swedish Lutheran church. They had six sons, five of whom are still living in Sweden.

Mr. Engstrom, of this sketch, received a common school education in the land of his birth, and there learned the tailor's trade, which he followed as a journeyman for a time and later conducted a shop of his own. In 1883 he emigrated to the United States and first located in Chicago, where he worked one year. The following year was spent in Lacon, Illinois, and for over a year he lived at Storm Lake, Iowa. On the 21st of January, 1887, he came to Marion and has since engaged in business at this place as a merchant tailor. He keeps samples of all kinds and varieties of cloth from which his customers can select their suits, and his work always gives a high degree of satisfaction. He is therefore doing a thriving business and enjoys the largest trade of any establishment of the kind in the city.

At Storm Lake, Iowa, April 22, 1886, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Engstrom and Miss Christina Magnuson, also a native of Sweden and a daughter of Magnus Ingeborge, who spent his entire life in that country. By this union have been born six children, namely: George, Anna, Gust, Norma, and Ruth and Rudolph, twins. All are now attending the public schools of Marion. Mr. and Mrs. Engstrom are both members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and he also belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Modern Woodmen of America, and the Masonic fraternity. In

politics he is a supporter of the Republican party and its principles. He is an upright, reliable man and is held in high esteem by his fellow citizens.



#### DAVID McCLENAHAN, M. D.

Among Cedar Rapids' honored and highly esteemed citizens is numbered the subject of this sketch, who was for many years one of the leading physicians of the city, but is now practically living a retired life, enjoying a rest which he has truly earned. He came here in 1866 from Guernsey county, Ohio, and at once became prominently identified with the interests of the city.

The Doctor is a native of Ohio, born in New Athens, Harrison county, January 1, 1821, and is a son of John and Mary (Urey) McClenahan, who were born in Ireland of Scotch-Irish parentage. Throughout life the father followed the occupation of farming and died in Fairview, Ohio, at the age of seventy-four years. The mother was seventy-eight years of age at the time of her death. In their family were eleven children, one of whom died in early childhood, and all are now deceased with exception of our subject. His brother Robert died in De Witt, Iowa, in 1900, aged ninety-one years.

During his boyhood Dr. McClenahan pursued his studies in the log schoolhouses then common in Ohio, but his early educational advantages were rather limited. He remained on the home farm, assisting in its work until twenty years of age, when he entered Antrim College. Later he took a preparatory course at New Concord, Ohio,

and then studied medicine with Dr. James Campbell, of Middletown, Ohio, for three years. He subsequently took a course of lectures at the Starling Medical College of Columbus, Ohio, but during the rush to the gold fields of California in 1849 he made a trip overland with an ox-team, being enroute from May till September, 1849, and spent about a year in the mines. On his return to Ohio he completed his medical course and was graduated in the spring of 1853 with the degree of M. D. from Starling. He was then engaged in practice at Fairview, Ohio, until coming to Cedar Rapids in 1866.

Dr. McClenahan was married, in Fairview, Ohio, in 1855, to Miss Parmelia Grier, who died in Cedar Rapids July 20, 1894. They became the parents of four children: Mary, Thomas, Martha and Rob-Mary died in June, 1900, at the age of forty-one. William married Ella Cooper, and they have one child, Margaret; and Robert married Edith Shakaker, and they have four children; Mary, Thomas, Martha and Robert. Both are business men of Cedar Rapids.

The Doctor first came to Iowa in 1854 and entered land in Benton county, but did not locate here until his removal to Cedar Rapids in 1866. This city was then a small town of about five thousand inhabitants. Finding that there were good schools for his children to attend, he decided to make this his permanent home, and purchased property here. He was not long in building up a large and lucrative practice, which in early days extended to many surrounding towns and other counties, and he continued to successfully engage in general practice until 1898, since which time he has lived retired, though he still visits some of his old patients

who will have no other physician. For many years he was a member of Linn County Medical Society. He is one of the early stockholders in the Water Company.

In early life Dr. McClenahan was a Whig in politics and cast his first presidential vote for Henry Clay, and since the dissolution of that party has been an ardent Republican. He is an active and faithful member of the United Presbyterian church, and has always been a liberal contributor to the charitable institutions of the city. In manner he is quiet and unassuming, yet very popular, makes friends wherever he goes, and is held in high regard by old and young, rich and poor.



#### VERY REV. THOMAS F. GUNN.

Father Gunn, pastor of the Immaculate Conception church of Cedar Rapids, has for over twenty years ministered faithfully to the spiritual needs of his people here and has given powerful and effective aid to all influences which work for the advancement of the community. Revered and beloved by his own congregation, he has also won the honor and esteem of all others who have seen his devotion to his noble calling.

A native of Ireland, he was born in Roscommon county, December 3, 1840, and is a son of Thomas and Catherine (Murray) Gunn, who spent their entire lives in that country. The father, who was a farmer by occupation, died at the age of seventy-three years, and the mother only survived him three months, dying at the age of sixty-eight. Of their eleven children our subject is the fifth in order of birth. Eight are still living, and one brother, Francis Joseph, is now pastor of the Immaculate Conception church at Elma, Iowa.

While a boy in his native land Father Gunn attended the public schools of Roscommon, and also the classical academy at Longford, completing his classical course at Alphin, Roscommon county. In 1861 he came to America and located at Galena, Illinois, where a first cousin, John McGann, was serving as priest, remaining with him until the latter's death, two months later. He then came to Iowa, and by order of Bishop Smith was sent to St. Michael's College, at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, where he spent one year. He next took up the study of theology at St. Francis Seminary, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where he remained three years and a half.

On the 15th of February, 1867, Father Gunn was ordained a priest by Archbishop Haney, now deceased, and was first stationed at Cedar Falls, Iowa, where he spent three years. He was then called to Dubuque to take charge of the Cathedral in the absence of the bishop, who was attending the Vatican council in Rome, and on his return Father Gunn was retained at Dubuque to build the cathedral, which he accomplished, expending about forty thousand dollars. At the end of three years he was appointed pastor of St. Paul's church at Burlington, where the following seven years were passed and where he built the Academy of Lourdes, and in October, 1880, he came to Cedar Rapids as pastor of the Church of the Immaculate Conception, with which he is still connected. During his residence here he has expended about fifty-six thousand dollars in improving the church, and has established a school, a co-educational institution, which is conducted by the Sisters of Mercy, and is now in a flourishing condition. He has also erected a fine parsonage, and has put a new organ in the church, costing thirty-five hun-

dred dollars. He also built the priest's house and also the sister's house, and in fact all the improvements of the parish. These evidences of material progress, however, give no indication of the great work he has done in molding and shaping to higher issues the lives of those to whom he gives his best thought.

Father Gunn is now senior dean of the arch diocese of Dubuque, and has about ten churches in his district, to which he gives his active supervision in case of need. He is recognized as one of the ablest men in the Catholic church in Iowa. Personally he is very popular, not alone in his own church but with the people of all denominations, and is a man of fine personal appearance and a ready and eloquent speaker.

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#### JOSEPH POSPISHIL.

It is said that biography yields to no other subject in point of interest and profit, and it is especially interesting to note the progress that has been made along various lines of business by those of foreign birth who have sought homes in America—the readiness with which they adapt themselves to the different methods and customs of America, recognize the advantages offered and utilize the opportunities that the new world affords. Cedar Rapids has a number of prominent and successful business men whose early home was in Bohemia, and to this class belongs Joseph Pospishil, who after years of active labor is now living retired at No. 312 South First street west, where he has a most comfortable home.

Mr. Pospishil was born in the city of P. Ecca, Bohemia, April 17, 1832, and was

there reared and educated in his native tongue, his knowledge of the English language having all been acquired since coming to this country. It was in 1856 that he crossed the broad Atlantic on a sailing vessel from Hamburg, Germany, being six weeks and three days upon the water, during which time the vessel encountered some severe storms. He landed in New York in the fall of that year and came direct to Linn county, Iowa. He purchased a tract of wild land in Putnam township, consisting of eighty acres, and later added to it another tract of similar size, making a farm of one hundred and sixty acres, which he placed under excellent cultivation and improved with good buildings.

Renting his farm in 1871, Mr. Pospishil removed to Cedar Rapids, where he erected a business house and put in a stock of groceries, carrying on business here as a merchant until 1888, since which time he has practically lived a retired life. In the meantime he became interested in real estate, buying lots and building six residences, and in this way he has materially added to the growth and prosperity of the city. Besides his property he also owns five business houses, and is to-day numbered among the prosperous and substantial citizens of Cedar Rapids, though on coming to this county he had but little capital, his success being due to his untiring labor, perseverance and good management.

Mr. Pospishil was married, in Linn county, in February, 1862, to Miss Margaret Zeninshek, also a native of Bohemia, who was fifteen years of age when she came to America. They have become the parents of seven children, namely: Joseph L., a resident of Cedar Rapids, is married and has one daughter, Lenore. Anna is the wife of



J. J. Fackler, of Cedar Rapids, and they have one son, Clarence. Benjamin R. is married and engaged in business in Chicago. Emma is the wife of M. W. Houser, of Cedar Rapids, and they have two children, Alma and Helen. Margaret is the wife of Charles Petrovitsky, of Cedar Rapids. Lillian is now assistant librarian in the public library of Cedar Rapids and resides at home; and Mamie is also at home.

Mr. Pospishil cast his first presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln, but is now a supporter of the Democratic party. He and his family attend the Lutheran church. In 1890 Mr. and Mrs. Pospishil, accompanied by their daughter, Mrs. Houser, went to Europe, where they visited their old friends in Bohemia. They also stopped at Paris, London, Berlin, Prague and other places of interest, spending three and a half months most delightfully in this way. At this time they were only about ten days in crossing the ocean.

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#### WILLIAM P. SECRIST.

Among the progressive and enterprising agriculturists of Marion township none are more deserving of mention in this volume than William P. Secrist, who successfully follows his chosen occupation on section 4. He is a native of the Old Dominion, his birth having occurred in Augusta county, Virginia, January 28, 1856. His parents, David W. and Susan B. (Burkett) Secrist, were natives of Franklin county, Pennsylvania, from which state they removed to Virginia about 1853, and made their home in Augusta county until 1857, when they returned to the place of their birth. In early life the father engaged in business as a mer-

chant, but later followed farming. In 1859 he came to Linn county, Iowa, and located on section 12, Marion township, where he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of prairie land and forty acres of timber. He removed his family to that place the same year and at once commenced the improvement of his farm. He continued its cultivation until called to his final rest on the 12th of June, 1886. He was a prominent member of the Masonic fraternity at Marion. His wife is still living and continues to reside on the old homestead in Marion township.

Unto this worthy couple were born eight children, namely: A. M., a farmer of Marion township; Luther B., who was also engaged in farming there until his death, which occurred April 7, 1892; Alice, wife of C. M. Plummer, of Marion township; Daniel B., who died on his farm in that township August 12, 1882; William P., the subject of this sketch; John W., a farmer, who died in Cedar county, Iowa, June 7, 1896; Charles V., a farmer of Marion township, this county; and Benjamin F., a farmer, who died in Marion township September 20, 1899. The children were principally educated in the common schools of this county, while some of the family attended Cornell College and the Dubuque Business College.

On starting out in life for himself William P. Secrist took up the occupation of farming, to which he had been reared, having become thoroughly familiar with that pursuit while aiding his father in the operation of the home place. He was married, April 16, 1879, the lady of his choice being Miss Nancy E. Van Fossen, of Linn county, whose parents were Benjamin and Julia Ann (Matheny) Van Fossen, natives of Ohio. At an early day her family came to this

county, where her father, who was by occupation a farmer, died January 28, 1882, while her mother passed away in May, 1862. Mr. and Mrs. Secrist have six children: J. Earl, Susie Mae, Carl Owen, Bertha Alice, Julia Belle and Ruby Ellen.

Mr. Secrist engaged in farming on the old homestead until 1879, when he purchased ninety-six acres of his present farm, then known as the Durham place, eighty acres of which had been cleared, while ten acres were still covered with timber. In 1880 he bought the Goudy place, consisting of forty acres on section 9, Marion township; in 1882 purchased seventy-six acres of cultivated land and ten acres of timber, known as the J. S. Torrence farm; in 1894 purchased the Garry Treat place of forty acres on section 9; in 1898 bought forty acres of prairie land on section 12. He also purchased five acres of land in Linn township in 1884. In 1893 he rebuilt his residence on section 4, Marion township, and the year before erected a good barn. He has made all of the improvements upon his place, which is to-day one of the most valuable and desirable farms of the locality. He carries on general farming, but has made a specialty of the raising of cattle and hogs, and in all his undertakings has met with marked success.

In politics Mr. Secrist is an ardent Republican and takes an active interest in public affairs, especially along educational lines, having served as president of the school board for several years. He is also serving his third term as member of the board of trustees of Marion township. Religiously he is a faithful and earnest member of the Methodist Episcopal church. His life demonstrates what can be accomplished through industry, enterprise and fair dealing, his successful career being due entirely to his

own unaided efforts and good management. As a citizen he is highly respected and esteemed, and well merits the confidence so freely accorded him.

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#### ANTON HOLUBAR.

Many of Linn county's most progressive and successful citizens have come from beyond the sea, and through their own well-directed efforts have become prosperous men. To this class belongs Anton Holubar, who was born in Austria October 10, 1845, and is a son of Joseph and Frances (Hyake) Holubar, natives of the same country. There he attended school for four years, the children of Austria only being required to attend school seven years, but he came to America before the expiration of that time. It was in 1855 that the family took passage at Hamburg on the Johanna, a sailing vessel, which dropped anchor in the harbor of Quebec after a voyage of six weeks. By boat and train they at once proceeded to Rock Island, Illinois, then crossed the Mississippi to Muscatine, and from there went to Johnson county, Iowa, where the father purchased sixty-five acres of land, on which he resided until his death, which occurred November 21, 1896, his remains being interred in a Catholic cemetery near Solon on Thanksgiving day. His widow is still living and resides at Solon, Johnson county. Unto them were born five children, namely: Stephen married and went to California, where his death occurred; Joseph, who served for three years in Company K, Twenty-second Iowa Volunteer Infantry, during the Civil war, wedded Mary Chudachick, now deceased, and resides in Iowa City; Anton, our



subject, is next in order of birth; Ferdinand married Frances Kotaze and lives in Oelwein, Iowa; and Anna died at the age of two years.

Anton Holubar remained at home until his marriage, which was celebrated in Iowa City February 12, 1869, Miss Anna Smith becoming his wife. She was also born in Austria, September 1, 1849, and came to the United States in 1855 with her parents, Jacob and Mary (Kuchara) Smith, whose whole life had been spent in Austria up to that time. On landing in this country they came direct to Iowa, and took up their residence in Johnson county, where the father purchased forty acres of timber land, which he at once commenced to clear and improve. He died suddenly while at work in the field in the fall of 1858, and the mother departed this life in 1886, both being laid to rest in the Catholic cemetery near Solon. They had four children: Mary, who first married Jacob Kuchara, who was killed in the Civil war while serving as a member of the Twenty-fourth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and for her second husband she wedded George Schenischeck, of Johnson county; Barbara, deceased wife of John Elick, of the same county; Anna, wife of our subject; and one who died in infancy.

Mr. and Mrs. Holubar have become the parents of five children, all born in Johnson county with exception of the youngest, who was born in Linn county. In order of birth they are as follows: Ferdinand, born January 4, 1870, married Jennie Hildebrandt, by whom he has one child, Hilda, and they reside in Cedar Rapids. Anton, born November 12, 1872, married Anna Schenischeck, by whom he has two children, Roy and Maggie, and they reside in Johnson county. Frank, born August 23, 1880, as-

sists his father in the operation of the home farm. Joseph, born March 23, 1883, died at the age of eighteen months. Annie, born January 23, 1887, is still attending the home school.

After his marriage Mr. Holubar bought a farm of ninety acres in Johnson county, where he made his home for fifteen years, and then purchased one hundred and fifty-six acres of land on sections 14, 15 and 22, Franklin township, Linn county, where he has since resided. He has extended its boundaries until they now contain two hundred and sixteen acres, upon which he has made many substantial improvements, which add greatly to the value and attractive appearance of the place. He has a good modern residence and a fine barn. He raises a high grade of horses, cattle, sheep and hogs for market, and is meeting with eminent success in his undertakings. He has served as school director in his district, and has always taken an active and commendable interest in public affairs. In politics he is a Democrat, and in religious faith a Catholic.

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A. K. DAVIS.

This gentleman, who is now spending the closing years of a long and useful life free from business cares at his pleasant home in Marion, was for over thirty years prominently identified with railroad contracting, and was also engaged in mercantile pursuits in Marion for a time, but is now living retired. He was born in York county, Maine, on the 30th of July, 1829, and is a son of Thomas and Mary (Durgin) Davis, both natives of Newfield, that state. Throughout life the father followed the occupation of

farming and continued to make his home in the old Pine Tree state until called to his final rest in August, 1852, at the age of fifty-two years and five months. He was widely and favorably known and was a worthy representative of an old Maine family. His father, Daniel Davis, served as a private in the Revolutionary war for several years. The mother of our subject died at the home of her son Thomas M. in Missouri, in 1871, at the age of sixty-five years. Of the ten children of the family our subject is second in order of birth. The others who are still living are Thomas M., of Missouri; and Osborn, of the state of Washington.

During his early life A. K. Davis pursued his studies in the district schools of Maine, and aided in the work of the farm until after reaching manhood. Coming west in 1856, he located on a farm in Clinton county, Iowa, which he operated for several years. At the same time he also engaged in railroad construction in Illinois, and later rented his farm and gave his entire time and attention to the latter business. He helped build the Chicago & Northwestern road; the Sioux City road in 1867; and in 1870 built the first thirty miles of the Sabula, Ackley & Dakota Railroad, now a part of the St. Paul system. Later in 1870 he built the first ten miles of the Iowa Midland, from Clinton to Lyons; and a part of the road from Ottawa to Hedrick in 1882, employing many operatives. In 1887 he built a part of the branch of the B. & M. road in Cheyenne and Rawlins counties, Kansas, but since then has largely lived retired. In 1875 he removed to Marion and has since made this place his home. He first engaged in the hardware business, in which he continued for four years, when he sold out, and has practically since lived retired.

Mr. Davis was married, in 1857, the lady of his choice being Miss Octavia Challes, also a native of York county, Maine, and a daughter of Sumner and Susan Challes, life-long residents of that state. The father, who was a farmer and miller by occupation, died in 1871, aged sixty-four years, and the mother passed away in 1895, aged ninety-seven. They had seven children, of whom only two now survive, these being Mrs. Davis, and Albion, a resident of Maine. Mr. and Mrs. Davis have two children: Arathusa S., at home; and Tuillar J., a sketch of whom appears on another page of this volume. He married Nellie Elliott, of Marion, and they have four children, Larvona, Esther, Priscilla and T. J. Elliott.

Mr. Davis is a prominent Mason, having taken the thirty-second degree, and his wife holds membership in the Congregational church. His active business life shows him to have been a man of enterprise and public spirit, and as a pioneer railroad builder he materially aided in opening up a large amount of territory for civilization. After a well-spent and useful life he can well afford to lay aside all business cares and enjoy the fruits of former toil, surrounded by a loving family and a large circle of friends and acquaintances who appreciate his sterling worth.

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#### JOHN B. BEVER.

Prominent among the active business men of Cedar Rapids is John B. Bever, vice-president of the Bever Land Company, and stockholder and director in the Citizens National Bank of Cedar Rapids, and of the American Trust and Savings Bank of the same city. He is a native of the city, born



JOHN B. BEVER.



on the 15th of September, 1852, and a son of Sampson C. Bever, who is represented on another page of this volume.

In the public schools of Cedar Rapids Mr. Bever obtained his primary education. He later attended private institutions of learning in the same city, and for three years was a student in Griswold College, Davenport, Iowa. Leaving college, he commenced his business career as a messenger in the City National Bank of Cedar Rapids, and, after serving in various positions in the bank, was made cashier, and as such served until 1898. Not only the directors and stockholders of the bank, but the general public reposed in him entire confidence, and much of the popularity of the bank was attributed to him. He still retains an interest in the bank and is one of its directors.

On the organization of the Bever Land Company in 1891, he became identified with its interests, and in 1892, on the death of S. C. Bever, who served as president of the company, James L. Bever became president, and our subject was made vice-president, which position he still holds. On retiring from the position of cashier of the City National Bank, he assumed active work in the Bever Land Company, and to the advancement of its interests gives the greater part of his time. One of the original stockholders and organizers of the American Trust & Savings Bank of Cedar Rapids, he has served as one of its directors from its inception to the present time.

On the 12th of May, 1886, Mr. Bever was united in marriage with Miss Carlotta Morton, a native of New York, and a daughter of John Morton, who died when she was a small child. With his wife, he holds membership in the Episcopal church, and in the social circles of the city they oc-

cupy a prominent position and are highly esteemed.

Soon after reaching his majority, Mr. Bever was made a Mason in Mt. Hermon Lodge, No. 263, A. F. & A. M., and has steadily worked his way upward, taking each degree in the order. He is a member of Trowel Chapter, No. 49, R. A. M.; Apollo Commandery, No. 26, K. T.; and of Iowa Consistory, No. 2. He is also a member of El Kaber Temple, Mystic Shrine. Well posted in the workings of the order, he takes great interest in its principles. The Protective Order of Elks also numbers him among its members. Politically he is identified with the Republican party.

Public spirited and enterprising, Mr. Bever has done much for his native city and county, and is deservedly popular among all classes of its citizens. Since attaining his majority, he has been associated with his brothers, James L. and George W., in various enterprises, and the fact that they have worked harmoniously in the conduct of their business affairs is something that is very unusual among men with such large interests.

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#### PETER H. H. KEPLER.

Peter H. H. Kepler, deceased, was one of the foremost citizens of Franklin township for many years, and was a man highly respected and esteemed by all who knew him. He was born in Frederick county, Maryland, May 23, 1836, and was a son of Conrad Kepler, whose birth occurred in the same county January 5, 1811. His paternal grandfather, John Kepler, was a native of Pennsylvania, and had a family of six children, namely: Rachel, John, Peter, Mary,



Conrad and Henry. On the 16th of December, 1832, Conrad Kepler married Margaret Lingenfelter, also a native of Maryland, and a daughter of John Lingenfelter, who was born in the same state. By this union were born the following children: John W.; Peter H. H., our subject; Thomas S.; Charles W.; Edwin M.; Howard C.; Annie R., wife of George Riley, of Mt. Vernon; Elizabeth A., wife of Obadiah Cole, of Jones county, Iowa. In 1843 the father removed with his family to Iowa, the journey being made with four horses and a wagon, carrying their household effects and provisions with them. They camped and cooked by the wayside, and were forty-five days in making the trip. The father purchased two hundred and forty acres of land in Linn county, and at once turned his attention to its improvement. In politics he was a Democrat, and in religious belief both he and his wife were Methodists. She died December 29, 1879.

The subject of this sketch was about seven years of age when he accompanied his parents on their removal to Iowa. During his boyhood and youth he assisted his father in the labors of the fields, and attended the district schools near his home. He remained under the parental roof until twenty years of age, and then commenced farming on his own account on land belonging to his father. In 1858 he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land in Fayette county and eighty acres in Cerro Gordo county, but never located on either place, and sold them both before he had made many improvements. Three years later he bought fifty-eight acres on section 4, Franklin township, on the Marion road a mile west of Mt. Vernon, where he made his home throughout the remainder of his life. He was very success-

ful in his farming operations and added to his landed possessions from time to time until at the time of his death he owned many acres of well improved land. In connection with general farming he also engaged in stock raising to some extent.

On the 1st of December, 1861, Mr. Kepler was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Doty, a native of Defiance county, Ohio, and a daughter of Ephraim and Mary Ann (Snyder) Doty, who was born in Pennsylvania, but removed to Ohio at an early day and settled in Defiance county, where her father engaged in farming until his death. In 1844 Mrs. Doty and eleven of her children came to Linn county, Iowa, leaving a married daughter, Mrs. Rachel Richart, in Ohio. Mrs. Kepler's mother located in Franklin township, where she purchased a tract of government land, which her sons broke and improved. Upon that place she died at the advanced age of eighty-three years. Of her twelve children six are still living.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Kepler were born three children, namely: (1) Frank H., who now owns and operates a part of his grandmother's old homestead in Franklin township, married Isa Kleinknecht, a daughter of George Kleinknecht, whose sketch appears on another page of this volume, and they have two children, Glenn and Myrl. (2) Hester A. is the wife of Daniel Travis, a farmer of Franklin township, and they had five children: Fred; Clara, deceased; Flora, Jessie and Ruth. (3) Ada Estella is the wife of Theodore E. Stinger, a prominent farmer and stock raiser of Linn township, this county, and they have two sons, Lee and Arlo.

In his political views Mr. Kepler was a Republican, and for many years he served

as school director in his township, and a part of the time as president and secretary of the board. In 1862 he united with the Methodist Episcopal church, with which he retained membership until 1879, when he became identified with the United Brethren church at Lisbon. He was a devout Christian and his life was ever in harmony with his professions. He died upon his farm in Franklin township November 23, 1887, and his remains were interred in the Mt. Vernon cemetery. He was a man of the highest respectability, and those who were most intimately associated with him speak in unqualified terms of his sterling integrity, his honor in business and his fidelity to all the duties of public and private life. He was faithful to his church, to his country and to his friends, and in his home was a most exemplary husband and father. His estimable wife now resides in Mt. Vernon.

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#### NATHANIEL K. BEECHLEY.

One of the active and enterprising business men of Cedar Rapids is Nathaniel K. Beechley, who is now engaged in the real estate and insurance business. He is a native of Linn county, born in Linn township, August 3, 1855, and is a worthy representative of one of its prominent pioneer families. His father, Jesse Beechley, was born in Somerset county, Pennsylvania, in 1822, and came to this county in 1852. He purchased four hundred acres of land in Linn township, for which he paid eight dollars per acre, and still retains the same. It is now well improved and under a high state of cultivation. The father of our subject has been thrice married, his first wife being Miss Harriet F. Craig, who was born near Tiffin, Ohio, in 1833, and it was in 1838 that she

was brought to Linn county, Iowa, by her parents, Thomas and Margaret Craig, who were among the honored pioneers of Franklin township, where they spent the remainder of their lives. Her father died in 1860. He had a large family, of whom only three are now living, these being John, a resident of Shasta county, California; Mrs. S. Ellison and Mrs. D. L. Boyd, both of Mt. Vernon, this county. Mrs. Beechley died in 1861 while visiting in Somerset county, Pennsylvania, leaving three children, namely: Nathaniel K., the subject of this sketch; Thomas C., who lives on the old homestead; and Margaret J., wife of A. A. Palmer, of Cedar Rapids. For his second wife the father married Delia Holcomb, by whom he had one son, Jesse H., also on the home farm. She died in 1889. In 1891 he married for his third wife Mrs. Louisa C. Goudy, who is still living. By his ballot the father supports the men and measures of the Republican party; has always been an active party worker, and has capably filled a number of minor offices in his township. He is a faithful member of the Dunkard church, and is highly respected and esteemed by all who know him.

Mr. Beechley, whose name introduces this sketch, was educated at Cornell College, Mt. Vernon, where he pursued a classical course and was graduated in 1876. After leaving college he came to Cedar Rapids and entered the City National Bank, where he was employed as clerk and teller for ten years. In 1887 he opened an abstract office, having purchased a set of books, and was engaged in that business until 1899, when he sold out and turned his attention to the insurance and real estate business, writing fire insurance and representing some of the most reliable companies of the country.

In 1879 Mr. Beechley married Miss Mary B. Woods, who was born in Jackson county, Iowa, August 17, 1855. It was in 1844 that her father removed from Bath, New Hampshire, to Bellevue, Jackson county, and in 1889 came to Cedar Rapids, where he made his home until called to his final rest in August, 1900. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Lorette Woods, died in 1897. She was a native of St. Johnsbury, Vermont. In their family were only two children, of whom Mrs. Beechley is the older. Her brother, Frank A., is now engaged in business in Des Moines. Our subject and his wife have one daughter, Lorette Jessie, who was born July 27, 1880, and took a classical course at Coe College, Cedar Rapids, where she was graduated in 1900. She is now a student at Bryn Mawr College of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, pursuing a post graduate course.

As a Republican Mr. Beechley takes an active interest in political affairs, and has been a delegate to county and state conventions of his party, but has never been an office seeker. Fraternally he affiliates with Crescent Lodge, A. F. & A. M. He is one of the leading members of the First Presbyterian church, and is assistant treasurer of Coe College. For a quarter of a century he has been identified with the business interests of Cedar Rapids, and his life has ever been such as to win for him the confidence and high regard of those with whom he has been brought in contact.

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#### JOHN McHUGH.

John McHugh, deceased, was for many years one of the leading farmers and highly respected citizens of Franklin township. He

was born in county Sligo, Ireland, in June, 1825, and was educated in the national schools of that country, but his school privileges were very limited. At the age of nineteen years he emigrated to America, the voyage being made on a sailing vessel and lasting over two months. He landed in New York and soon obtained work on a fruit farm in New Jersey, though not far from the eastern metropolis, which was the market place for the farmers in the neighborhood. He remained there seven years, receiving four dollars per month for his services.

In 1855 Mr. McHugh came to Linn county, Iowa, and first located at Mr. Vernon, where he worked by the day, often being paid in chickens, pigs, etc., for his labor. At that time wild hogs, turkeys, prairie chickens and other game was plentiful, and much of the land in this locality was still in its primitive condition. He did his first farm work with a team of oxen. As soon as he was able Mr. McHugh purchased eighty acres of land in Franklin township, to which he subsequently added a tract of twenty acres, and after residing thereon until 1884, when he sold that place, and removed to the farm which his family still occupy. This consists of two hundred and one acres on sections 23 and 26, Franklin township, and to its cultivation and improvement he devoted his energies until called to his final rest June 29, 1892. He was a devout member of the Catholic church, and was buried in the Catholic cemetery at Lisbon. In politics he was a Democrat, and he filled the office of school director for a number of years.

About 1850 Mr. McHugh married Miss Ann Kilkinney, a native of county Galway, Ireland, who died in 1867 and was also

buried in Lisbon. By that union he had three children, namely: (1) Margaret, born August 20, 1857, is the wife of John Butler, of White Oak, Greenfield township, Jones county, Iowa, and they have three children, Edward, Mary and Alice. (2) Mary, born November 15, 1851, died at the age of thirty years. (3) Catherine, born January 3, 1862, is the wife of Fred Emerson, who lives south of Tipton, Iowa, and they have six children, Ross, Clara, Eva, Emily, Hiram and Stonerook.

Mr. McHugh was again married, at Tipton, Iowa, April 27, 1879, his second union being with Miss Annie J. Drury, who was born in Boyle, Roscommon, Ireland, June 24, 1844, a daughter of Edward and Bridget (Murray) Drury, also natives of Roscommon. The father died when Mrs. McHugh was only three years old, and the mother subsequently married Patrick McCauly, of Boyle, county Roscommon, where her death occurred in March, 1877. Mr. McCauly died in 1890. Of the four children born of the first union Mrs. McHugh is the only one now living. Those by the second marriage were Winnefred, who died in Los Angeles, California, in April, 1893, at the age of forty years; James died in St. Louis, Missouri, in the fall of 1887, at the age of thirty-eight years; Mary is the wife of Michael H. Duggan, of Los Angeles; Bessie is a resident of San Francisco, California; Patrick married Margaret Brown and lives at Delmar, Clinton county, Iowa; and Ann is the wife of Thomas Boyton, of Boyle, county Roscommon, Ireland.

By his second marriage Mr. McHugh had two children, but the older died in infancy. John Edward, born March 2, 1881, was educated in the district schools near his home and the Mt. Vernon high school.

He is now managing the home farm, and is one of the most energetic and successful young farmers of Linn county. He raises a high grade of horses, cattle, sheep and hogs for market, but notwithstanding his numerous farm duties he still finds time to devote to literary pursuits, and is a well-informed young man. He is a member of the Catholic church of Lisbon, and a supporter of the Democratic party.

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#### JOSEPH NICODEMUS.

For almost thirty years this gentleman was prominently identified with the industrial interests of Marion, Iowa, and as a blacksmith met with good success in business, accumulating a comfortable competence which now enables him to spend his declining years in retirement from active labor. He was born in Bedford county, Pennsylvania, on the 1st of March, 1838, a son of Joseph and Rebecca (Miller) Nicodemus, who spent their entire lives in that county. In early manhood the father followed the carpenter's trade, and later engaged in farming. In religious belief both he and his wife were Lutherans, and were people of the highest respectability. Their family numbered eight children, namely: Charlotte, now the widow of John W. Hull and a resident of Bedford county, Pennsylvania; Catherine, who married David Blackburn and died in October, 1899; Tena, who died unmarried; Susanna, a resident of Marion, Iowa, and widow of Benjamin Trott, who died in the Civil war; Rebecca, who married John Adams and both are now deceased; Maria, widow of Abraham Miller and a resident of Bedford county, Pennsylvania; John, who died at the



age of eighteen years; and Joseph, of this review.

During his boyhood Joseph Nicodemus had very little opportunity to attend school, as he had to work hard. He remained under the parental roof until he attained his majority, and then learned the blacksmith's trade, to which he devoted his energies throughout the remainder of his active business life. His labors were interrupted, however, by his service in the war of the Rebellion. In the fall of 1863 he enlisted as a private in Company I, One Hundred and Forty-ninth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, known as the Bucktail regiment, under command of Colonel White. He went first to Chambersburg and later to Carlisle, Pennsylvania, and from there to Virginia. He took part in several battles and skirmishes, including the engagements at Culpeper and Brandy Station, and was honorably discharged when his term of enlistment expired in 1864.

On the 19th of February, 1863, Mr. Nicodemus was married, in Bedford county, Pennsylvania, to Miss Catherine Elizabeth Nipple, of that county, of which her parents, John and Elizabeth Nipple, were also natives. The father was a miller by trade, and he and his wife always made their home in Bedford county. Their children were Catherine Elizabeth, Jacob, Amanda, David, Charlotte M., Ida Belle, and one who died in infancy.

In the fall of 1864 Mr. and Mrs. Nicodemus came to Linn county, Iowa, and took up their residence in Marion, where he purchased a small shop standing on the site of his present shop, and at once commenced work at his trade. He also bought real estate and erected several houses, building his own home. He still owns his blacksmith

shop, but has rented the same since 1893, while he now lives retired. In connection with general blacksmithing he also engaged in manufacturing wagons, buggies, etc., and was fairly successful in all his undertakings. His prosperity has come to him through his own industry, perseverance and determination to succeed, and by his upright, honorable course in life he has also gained the confidence and good will of all with whom he has been brought in contact. He is an active worker and consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and is also prominently connected with Robert Mitchell Post, No. 206, G. A. R., of Marion. Since attaining his majority he has always been a staunch Republican.



#### ISAAC H. SHAVER.

For many years this gentleman was one of the most active and enterprising business men of Cedar Rapids, but he has now laid aside all business cares and is spending the closing years of a useful career in ease and quiet at his home, No. 603 Second avenue. He was born in Sussex county, New Jersey, and belongs to a family of German origin, which was founded in the new world about 1775 or earlier, his ancestors being among the pioneers of Sussex county, New Jersey. His parents, Abraham and Mary (Carroll) Shaver, were also natives of that county, and the latter was descended from one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. At an early day the father removed with his family from New Jersey to St. Catharines, Ontario, where he purchased a farm and engaged in agricultural pursuits throughout the remainder of his life.



Isaac H. Shaver is the youngest son in a family of seven children, and was principally reared in Canada, his education being mainly acquired through his own unaided efforts. On leaving home when a young man he went to Rockford, Illinois, where he engaged in farming and also in buying and shipping produce. In 1856 he removed to Iowa and located in Vinton, where he had previously purchased land, making his home there for about eight years. During his residence there he traveled over the state as general agent for the C. H. McCormick Reaper Manufactory, overseeing the agencies in twenty-two different counties.

In 1863 Mr. Shaver came to Cedar Rapids and embarked in the cracker business. Later he built a factory and engaged in the manufacture of crackers here, and subsequently established a similar enterprise at Des Moines, carrying on that business successfully for twenty-five years. He was associated first with Sampson C. Bever and later with S. L. Dows in this industry. At the same time Mr. Shaver was also interested in other business enterprises, and erected several business houses and dwellings in the city. He is a stockholder and director of the Merchants National Bank, and also the Farmers Loan & Trust Bank on the west side. He was one of the organizers of the Merchants National Bank, and an original stockholder. Mr. Shaver was the first man engaged in manufacturing crackers west of the Missouri river, and had a very heavy output. He has a fine home at 603 Second avenue, where he has lived for twenty years.

In Williamsville, New York, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Shaver and Miss Esther C. Witwer, who was reared in that state, and to them were born five children, namely: John H., now manager of the

cracker factory, is married and has three children; Ella S. is the widow of George Umpstead, of Cedar Rapids, and has two children; Bessie S. is the wife of John S. Ely, of Cedar Rapids, and has four children; Frederick H., a business man of the same city, is married and has two children; Marie died in Vinton, Iowa, in 1859, at the age of four years.

Since casting his first presidential ballot for John C. Fremont in 1856 Mr. Shaver has been an ardent advocate of Republican principles, but at local elections he votes independent of party lines, supporting the men whom he believes best qualified for the offices. Religiously he and his estimable wife are members of the Christian church. Mr. Shaver's success in life has been by no means the result of fortunate circumstances, but has come to him through energy, labor and perseverance, directed by an evenly balanced mind and by honorable business principles. He has always made the most of his opportunities, and well merits the prosperity that has come to him.

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#### WILLIAM GAMBLE.

This well-known farmer and stock raiser residing on section 23, Franklin township, was born in Brooklyn, New York, July 19, 1847, and is a son of Samuel and Sarah S. (Steele) Gamble, both natives of Ireland, the former born in county Tyrone, in 1815, the latter in county Donegal. They were married in New York May 22, 1845, by Rev. H. H. Blair, and continued to make their home in that city and Brooklyn throughout the remainder of their lives. The mother died August 2, 1856, the father November

9, 1857. They had three children: Mary, born September 21, 1846, died in infancy; William, our subject; and Isabella, born September 29, 1849, died January 27, 1868.

Our subject was left an orphan at the age of ten years. He attended the public schools of his native city until eighteen years of age, and then commenced driving a truck, being thus employed for one year. He also drove a hack for the same length of time. In 1869 he came to Mt. Vernon, Iowa, and worked on a farm near that city for two years. He was next employed on the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad as a switchman and brakeman for the same length of time. Since then he has devoted his entire time and attention to agricultural pursuits.

On the 4th of April, 1871, in Cedar Rapids, Mr. Gamble was united in marriage with Miss Lucinda C. Moffitt, who was born in Cedar county, Iowa, November 12, 1850. Her parents, Andrew and Catherine (Smyth) Moffitt, were natives of county Tyrone and county Antrim, Ireland, respectively, and were married in Mt. Vernon, Iowa. For two years they resided on a farm in Cedar county, where the father died July 4, 1851, and the mother subsequently returned to Mt. Vernon, where her death occurred June 17, 1862. Of their two children Mrs. Gamble is the older. Andrew S., born in Mt. Vernon February 10, 1852, is still a resident of that place.

Mr. and Mrs. Gamble have become the parents of seven children, namely: (1) Sarah C., born August 15, 1872, is the wife of Albert Kohl, of Lisbon, and they have four children, Willis, Harry, Burt and Irene. (2) Samuel J., born October 29, 1874, resides with his parents. (3) Martha L., born March 19, 1877, is the wife of Ross Wilson, of Jones county, Iowa, and they have one

child, Elbert A. (4) Mary E., born December 13, 1879, is the wife of Charles Russell, a farmer of this county, and they have one child, Willa C. (5) E. W. Roy, born October 1, 1882, and (6) Maggie A., born October 2, 1887, are both at home. (7) Willard C., born October 29, 1890, died January 16, 1891.

In the fall of 1871 Mr. Gamble removed to a farm of one hundred and thirty acres in Cedar county owned by his wife, and on selling that place they bought eighty acres in the same county, which was their home for eighteen years. During that time Mr. Gamble was most successfully engaged in general farming and stock raising, making a specialty of the breeding of graded Hereford cattle. He then returned to Linn county, and after living for one year on the Robinson farm he removed to the Rose farm on section 23, Franklin township, where he still resides. Here he successfully operates one hundred and sixty acres of land, and also raises a high grade of horses, cattle and hogs. He attends the United Brethren church, and is a staunch supporter of the Republican party and its principles.

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#### COLONEL CHARLES A. CLARK.

Among the prominent attorneys and influential citizens of Cedar Rapids is Colonel Charles A. Clark, who devoted the opening years of his manhood to the defense of our country from the internal foes who sought its dismemberment, and his gallant service on field of battle won for him distinctive preferment in military circles. He was born in Sangerville, Maine, on the 26th of January, 1841, and belongs to a family which



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was founded in this country by Hugh Clark, who came from England in 1640 and located in Massachusetts. William G. Clark, the Colonel's father, was a life-long resident of the old Pine Tree state, and a prominent lawyer, who was noted for his great oratorical ability. As a speaker he took a very active and influential part in the national campaigns, and was one of the leading politicians of the Whig party of his state. In 1855 he was secretary of the state senate of Maine, when Hon. James G. Blaine and Chief Justice Fuller were members of that body, the latter being at that time editor of the *Augusta Argus*, the leading Democratic paper of the state. Throughout his active business career Mr. Clark continued to follow the legal profession, and died in Sangerville of typhoid fever at the age of forty-two years, honored and respected by all who knew him. In early life he married Miss Elizabeth White Stevens, a daughter of Dr. Whiting Stevens, who for over half a century successfully engaged in the practice of medicine in Limerick, York county, Maine. The Stevens family was of English origin and among the early Puritans who came to this country. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Clark were born eleven children, of whom the Colonel is third in order of birth. The four oldest sons were soldiers of the Civil war and all were wounded, while one was killed in battle, and another died from the effects of his wounds several years after the close of the war. Of the four our subject and his brother Frank A. are still living. He has four other brothers, namely: George E. and Eugene H., both prominent lawyers of Algona, Iowa; William G., who is now engaged in practice with our subject; and Frank A., who has served in the second auditor's office in the United States treasury

for many years. The mother of these children died in Algona, Iowa, at the age of sixty-eight years.

During his boyhood and youth Colonel Clark attended the Sangerville public schools and the Foxcroft Academy of Maine, where he pursued a literary course fitting himself for Harvard University; but when the Civil war broke out he laid aside his books and entered the service of his country, enlisting in April, 1861, as a private in Company A, Sixth Maine Volunteer Infantry. For his meritorious service and bravery on field of battle he won promotion rapidly, and was soon made adjutant of the regiment. Later he was successively commissioned captain and assistant adjutant-general, brevet-major and lieutenant-colonel. While serving as adjutant he received a congressional medal of honor by saving his regiment from capture through his personal gallantry and skill at Banks Ford, Virginia, just outside of Fredericksburg, May 4, 1863. He was severely wounded in a successful charge on the Confederate works at Rappahannock, November 7, 1863, when from his regiment sixteen out of the twenty-one officers that entered the charge were either killed or wounded, and in the official report it was recorded that Adjutant Clark fell "after he had driven his sword into an enemy" in the hand to hand contest which resulted in holding the works and capturing two thousand prisoners, seven pieces of artillery and five Confederate battle flags. He was also with his regiment in its successful charge upon the heights of Fredericksburg, May 3, 1863, a portion of Sedgwick's operation, while Hooker was engaged in the battle of Chancellorsville. Colonel Clark was in the successful charge upon the Confederate works at Petersburg, July 15, 1864, and upon Fort



Harrison, in front of Richmond, in September of the same year. He was with General Burnham, who led the victorious column, and received that commander in his arms when he fell mortally wounded within the assaulted fort. Thus Colonel Clark bore a conspicuous part in four out of the eleven successful charges made by the Union forces on earth works during the entire Civil war as recorded in Fox's work, "Regimental Losses." With exception of the first battle of Bull Run he participated in all of the important engagements in which the Army of the Potomac took part, including the battle of Yorktown, the "seven days' battles" in front of Richmond, under McClellan, the battle of Williamsburg, the second battle of Bull Run, and the battles of Antietam, Fredericksburg, Brandy Station, Gettysburg and Rappahannock Station. He was in the command of General Butler during his operations around Petersburg and Richmond, and was with General Grant at the battle of Cold Harbor, where ten thousand men were lost before breakfast. He was with Baldy Smith in his successful charge on the works of Petersburg and the engagements around that stronghold and Richmond. Being broken down in health and suffering from the wounds he had received, Colonel Clark resigned in the fall of 1864 and returned to his old home in Maine, with a war record of which he may be justly proud.

The Colonel then took up the study of law with A. W. Paine, of Bangor, one of the foremost lawyers of the state. Taking Horace Greeley's advice, he came west in May, 1866, and located in Webster City, Hamilton county, Iowa, where he made his home for about ten years, enjoying a large and lucrative practice, which extended all over north-

western Iowa, taking in fifteen or twenty counties. As there were no railroads in that locality at that time he traveled over the territory either on horseback or with livery teams and in stage coaches. He was instrumental in getting the first railroad through, acting as attorney for John I. Blair, when he built what is now the Illinois Central from Iowa Falls to Sioux City.

In 1876 Colonel Clark came to Cedar Rapids and formed a partnership with Judge N. M. Hubbard, which connection lasted for ten years. He was then alone in practice until 1898, when he admitted his son James W., to partnership under the firm name of Charles A. Clark & Son, and now his youngest brother William G. Clark is also with them. During his residence here the Colonel has been interested in much of the important litigation of the state, either on one side or the other, and has practiced in the United States courts of half a dozen other states; in the United States supreme court at Washington, D. C., since 1880; and in the United States circuit court of appeals since its establishment. He has argued in person a large number of important cases in the United States supreme court. He is a man who thoroughly loves his profession, and is eminently gifted with the capabilities of mind which are indispensable at the bar. He is also a man of deep research and careful investigation, and his skill and ability have won for him an extensive practice. He has a very valuable and complete law library.

On the 19th of December, 1863, in Sangerville, Maine, Colonel Clark was united in marriage with Miss Helen E. Brockway, a native of that town and a schoolmate of our subject. Her father, Cyrus Brockway, was a prominent and prosperous manufacturer, proprietor of Brockway's Mills at San-

gerville, and a representative of an old pioneer family of that locality. He had four children of whom Mrs. Clark is the youngest. Of the seven children born to the Colonel and his wife one son died in infancy. Those living are Mary A., at home; Laura A., wife of Robert I. Safely, of Cedar Rapids, whose sketch appears on another page of this volume; Helen and Florence, both at home; James W., who married Miss Messer and is now engaged in the practice of law with his father; and Atherton B., who is attending the public schools of Cedar Rapids.

Fraternally Colonel Clark is a prominent member of the Loyal Legion and was commander of the order in this state in 1899 and 1900. He is also a member of the Medal of Honor Legion of Washington, D. C., and the Grand Army Post of Cedar Rapids. He now belongs to the blue lodge, chapter and commandery of the Masonic fraternity, and was master of the lodge at Webster City during his residence there. Formerly he was a Democrat in politics, but in 1896 and 1900 he supported William McKinley for the presidency. He has always taken a very active and prominent part in political affairs, and has made many addresses in every important campaign in Iowa during his residence here. The bar of Linn county made him their candidate for supreme judge in 1900, and he received a good support from lawyers all over the state but was not nominated, very much to his own satisfaction, as he prefers to give his entire time and attention to his extensive private practice. He served one term as mayor of Cedar Rapids, during which time he made many improvements in the city, especially as to its cleanliness, driving the horses and cows from the streets, and the pig pens from the back yards. It is but just and merited praise to say that

as a lawyer Colonel Clark ranks among the ablest in the state, and as a citizen is honorable, prompt and true to every engagement. It is not alone because of special prominence at the bar that he has, and is justly entitled to, the respect and confidence of his fellow men, for his personal qualities are such as to make him loved and honored. He is a worthy representative of that class to whom more than to any other is due the continued growth and prosperity of many thriving cities of the west.

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PITNEY F. RANDALL.

Since November, 1856, this gentleman has been a worthy citizen of Cedar Rapids, and is one of the best known civil engineers in the west. He was born in Madison county, New York, on the 31st of August, 1832, and is a son of Asahel and Julia (Dykens) Randall, the former a native of Keene, New Hampshire, the latter of Elmira, New York. On the paternal side he is of Scotch ancestry, but the Dykens family is of Holland origin. The parents of our subject removed to Oneida, New York, and from a wild, unbroken tract of timber land the father developed a good farm, devoting almost his entire life to agricultural pursuits. He died there in 1880, at the age of seventy-two years, and his wife departed this life in 1888, at about the age of seventy years. In their family were five children, three sons and two daughters, one of whom died in early childhood. The others were Pitney F., our subject; Monzo, who died in Oneida, New York, in 1899; Andrew, a pioneer of Randalia, Iowa, which was named in his honor; and Malissa, deceased wife of Allen

R. Turner, of Oneida, New York. The father was a well-educated man for his day; was a Whig in politics, and a Presbyterian in religious belief, his wife being a member of the same church.

Pitney F. Randall spent the first eighteen years of his life on the home farm, and his early education, acquired in the public schools of the neighborhood, was supplemented by a two-years' course at an academy in Elmira. He took a special course in mathematics while attending the common schools, and at the age of eighteen joined an engineering party engaged in the construction of the Syracuse & Binghamton Railroad, now the D. L. & W. He remained with that company for three years, and then in 1855 came to Iowa, his destination being the present city of Lyons. He came to this state with his uncle, Jefferson Randall, a railroad contractor, and going to Clinton they became connected with the Chicago, Iowa & Nebraska Railroad, now a part of the Chicago & Northwestern system, our subject having charge of the construction of the first ten miles of the road out of Clinton.

In November, 1856, he came to Cedar Rapids to take charge of the construction of the road from this place to Mt. Vernon, and in 1862 when the road was extended to Belle Plaine, Iowa, he had charge of its construction from Cedar Rapids to that place. While engaged in that work he was injured in 1862, and was given a position in the railway mail service until he was able to re-join the engineering party. He had a number of offers to join the pioneer engineering corps of the Civil war. In 1866 Mr. Randall was given charge of the survey from Cedar Rapids to St. Louis for what is now the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad, and two years later was made engineer

in charge of construction on the now Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad, which position he held until the completion of the road in 1875. Since then he has been in the employ of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, and the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroads, having been connected with the last named corporation for ten years. He has had charge as engineer of location and construction on that road on many of its branches in the west, and for the last three years his work has been in Arizona on the Santa Fe & Grand Canyon Railroad, having just returned from there in 1901. He has made railroad location and construction his life work, and has been continuously connected with that business longer than most any other man in the country. His practical knowledge of all the details of the business, together with his reliability in all transactions, makes him one of the most popular railroad engineers in the west. From the fall of 1891 until the spring of 1893, he also had charge of the grading of Jackson Park, Chicago, for the World's Columbian Exposition.

Mr. Randall was married, at Binghamton, New York, in 1857, to Miss Josephine Smith, and brought his bride to the home he had prepared for her in Cedar Rapids. Of the five children born to them two died when quite young, the others being as follows: (1) Frank, a resident of Kansas City, Missouri, was educated in railroad building with his father, and is now employed on the extension of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad. He is married and has two children, William and Agnes. (2) Lulu is the wife of William Richardson, living near Kenwood, and they have three children. (3) John makes his home with

his father and is connected with him in all his railroad work. He came back from Mexico to join the army during the Spanish-American war, and enlisted in Company C, Forty-ninth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, with which he served one year in Cuba. The mother of these children died in November, 1875, and in 1880 Mr. Randall was again married, his second union being with Mary Beech, of Cedar Rapids. She is a native of Mineral Point, Wisconsin.

In political sentiment Mr. Randall is a Republican, but his business has ever been such as to allow him no opportunity to take an active part in public affairs. He was a charter member of the first lodge of the Legion of Honor in this state, and has always been an earnest member of the Presbyterian church, serving as treasurer and trustee when the church was being built at Cedar Rapids. He is to-day the oldest railroad engineer in continuous service in the United States with one exception, the other being a gentleman connected with the Union Pacific Railroad. He is a man of exemplary habits, commendable purpose and unbending integrity, and no citizen of Cedar Rapids is more honored or highly esteemed.

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JOSEPH DUSILL.

Among Cedar Rapids' honored residents is this well-known gentleman, who came to this city in 1856, and as a wagon and carriage manufacturer was actively identified with its industrial interests for many years, but has now laid aside all his business cares to enjoy a well-earned rest at his pleasant home, No. 703 Fourth avenue. He was born in Bohemia, on Christmas day,

1830, a son of Frank Dusill, whose life was devoted to the blacksmith's trade in his native land. There our subject acquired a fair education in the German and Bohemian languages, but his knowledge of English has been obtained through his own unaided efforts since coming to this country. In early life he learned the wagon and carriage maker's trade, working two years as an apprentice, and twelve years at his trade the later part of the time as boss, having charge of a factory at Borno.

In 1855 Mr. Dusill emigrated to the new world and in 1856 took up his residence in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, which was then little more than a crossroads village. After working at his trade for two years, he commenced the manufacture of wagons and carriages for himself, making carriages principally. He began business in a small way, but enlarged his facilities from year to year until he had a large factory located on Third avenue and Third street, and employed on an average of eight men for several years. His factory became noted for the superior quality of the work turned out, and he built up a large trade in this and adjoining states. After forty years in active business here, he retired in 1898 to enjoy the fruits of former toil. Besides his factory he built two good residences in Cedar Rapids, and is to-day quite well-to-do.

Mr. Dusill was married in Iowa City, June 4, 1857, to Miss Antonia Pecka, who was also born in Bohemia, April 24, 1838, and came to this country when a young lady on the same ship with Mr. Dusill, the voyage taking forty days. They have two children living: Josephine, wife of W. F. Severa, of Cedar Rapids; and Katie, wife of John Kale, a business man of that city. The children of the family now deceased



were Anthony, who was engaged in the drug business in Cedar Rapids at the time of his death in 1888; Francis, who was also married and living in Cedar Rapids when he died in 1894; and three who died in childhood. Forty-one years ago Mr. and Mrs. Dusill moved onto the block where they have since lived. It was then out in the country but now is in the best resident part of the city.

In politics Mr. Dusill is independent, endeavoring to support the best men for the office, regardless of party ties. He cast his first presidential vote for James Buchanan, and has never missed a presidential election since that time. He is a loyal and devoted citizen of his adopted country, and is always willing to give his aid and support to any enterprise which he believes will prove of public benefit.

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#### GEORGE A. COBBAN.

George A. Cobban has been one of the important factors in the business circles of Marion, Iowa, for many years, and his life is an exemplification of the term "the dignity of labor." The possibilities that the United States offers to her citizens he has utilized, and though he came to this country a poor boy he has steadily and perseveringly worked his way upward, leaving the ranks of the many to stand among the successful few.

Mr. Cobban was born on the 8th of May, 1834, in Inverness, Canada East, a son of Robert and Mary (Anderson) Cobban, both of whom were natives of Scotland, and the latter a daughter of Captain Anderson, of Aberdeen. In early life the father of our subject was connected with a publishing

house of that city, and for a number of years was editor of the Aberdeen Chronicle. In 1830 he emigrated to Canada, where he followed farming throughout the remainder of his life. Both he and his wife died there, our subject being only eight years old when the mother passed away. In the family were eleven children, namely: John A., Robert, William F., Mary Ann, Julia, Jessie, George A., Charles, Joseph, Simon and Joanna. Only four of the number are now living.

Being an ambitious lad George A. Cobban asked his father's permission to come to the United States when fifteen years of age, but was told that he was too young to start out in life for himself. Being given a small piece of land to work, he made fifty cents from the products he raised thereon, and with this capital he decided to come to the United States. Accordingly one night in June, 1850, he left home to seek his fortune, having first told his sister Jessie, who prepared him a lunch. The following day he walked thirty miles before sunset, and spent the night in a tavern. The second day he traveled forty miles, and after sleeping all night on the floor of an inn he walked thirty miles on the third day, arriving at Derby, on the Vermont line, at sundown. After buying five cents worth of crackers he found that he had only ten cents of his half-dollar remaining. He started out to look for work, but found none and slept that night on the floor of the Derby House. He was told by the clerk that there was a farmer living ten miles from town who was in need of a boy, and without a bite to eat he started for the place, only to find that the place had already been taken. He inquired for work at different places along the way, but found none. At length becoming discouraged, as well as tired and hungry, he entered a field



where a man was plowing, and again asked for employment. On being told that the man had no work for him he broke down, and large tears rolled down his cheeks. The kind-hearted farmer then questioned him, and on learning his story took him to the house and gave him something to eat. Mr. Cobban offered his last ten cents for the meal. On reaching town the hotel clerk told him that Colonel Kilbourne, across the line in Canada, might give him work, although he disliked to return to Canada he saw that this was his only chance and again started out. He was hired for one month at six dollars, and at the end of that time was persuaded to stay a few months longer at seven dollars per month.

Having saved twenty dollars from his wages, Mr. Cobban started for Boston on the 1st of October, 1850. He walked the first day to McEndos Falls, a distance of thirty miles, then the terminus of the Vermont Central Railroad. He met some boys who told him that there was a lumber train going that night to Wells River, fifteen miles below, and if he waited he could ride on the lumber. He had never seen a railroad or a car previous to this time. He rode to Wells River, and was not discovered by the conductor until arriving at that place. The following morning he decided to proceed to Boston, but arrived at the depot just in time to see the train pull out. He ran after it a short distance, calling for it to stop, but as it failed to heed him he had to wait until the next morning. On reaching Boston he purchased some new clothes, and then took a train for West Newbury, Massachusetts, where his brother William was living. He remained with him a short time and attended school. The following spring he joined his brother John, in Holliston, that state, and

there worked one year pegging brogands at five dollars per month for the first six months, and ten dollars per month for the remaining time. Mr. Cobban next found employment at cutting sole leather in a shoe factory, and from that time on he has steadily prospered, until he is to-day one of the most substantial and prominent business men of his community. He served for some time as foreman of a large boot and shoe factory in the east.

At the age of twenty Mr. Cobban visited his old home in Canada, and spent one evening with his father's family without being known, so much had he changed in the years of his absence. In 1860 he went to Scotland to see his relatives there, but not meeting with a kindly reception he soon returned a wiser and happier man. His relatives there belonged to the aristocratic classes, and did not take very kindly to American ideas. While calling on his mother's sister, he was asked what profession he followed, and on his replying that he was only a mechanic, he was told that he need not take the trouble to call again. He was glad to return to a country where any honest occupation was respected and where there was no such false ideas of respectability.

The shoe firm for whom Mr. Cobban worked failed in 1861 and he was compelled to take notes for the amount due him at that time. He had previously saved three hundred dollars, and with that and what was due him he had intended to embark in business for himself. He was greatly disappointed therefore on being unable to obtain the latter amount, but not discouraged. He decided to come to Iowa and select some growing town where he believed he could succeed in business. Believing that Marion would prove a good location, he bought about fif-

teen hundred dollars worth of boots and shoes on time and shipped the same to Cedar Rapids. The freight charges on the goods amounted to fifty-two dollars, and as he had only seventeen dollars, he proposed to leave a part of the stock as security in Mr. Bever's warehouse, but that gentleman being a good judge of human nature told Mr. Cobban he could take all his goods and give him a due bill for the amount, which our subject paid two days later. By extensive advertising and close attention to business he met all his obligations in this way before the bills were due, and built up a large and prosperous business. He removed his store to Cedar Rapids in 1880, but has always made his home in Marion, and continued in active business until 1889, being one of the largest wholesale boot and shoe dealers in Iowa. He also employed several shoemakers and in this way placed a large amount of custom-made shoes on the market. Since 1889 he has been interested in Butte, Montana, real estate, loans and mining, and in this undertaking has been also successful. He also deals largely in Cedar Rapids property, and is one of the leading business men of Linn county.

On the 16th of November, 1865, Mr. Cobban was united in marriage with Miss Marcia B. Todd, of St. Stephens, New Brunswick. Her father was Hon. William Todd, a highly respected and prominent citizen of that place, and a life-long member of the provincial parliament. He was appointed by the Queen as member of the executive council of the Confederation of Provinces, but owing to ill health never accepted. He was largely interested in railroads and other business enterprises, and was president of the St. Stephens Bank and of the New Brunswick & Canada Railroad. He died

August 5, 1873, at the age of seventy years. Mr. and Mrs. Cobban are the parents of five children, namely: Harry, born October 29, 1869, died at the age of seven and a half years; Mabel, born July 6, 1871, died at the age of one year and a half; Neva L., born July 2, 1873, is the wife of H. S. Scampton, who lives with our subject and is an engineer on the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad; Alice M., born May 5, 1879, is at home; and George T., born May 8, 1880, is now at home.

Mr. Cobban built his present home in Marion in 1866, and has since made a number of additions and improvements to the place. He also erected a brick business block in that city in 1872, and has been prominently identified with the growth and development of the place. In his religious views he is liberal and in politics is an ardent Republican. Coming to the United States without capital he deserves great credit for his success in life. He has always made the most of his opportunities, and by straightforward, honorable dealing has secured the public confidence and the public patronage. He has accumulated a handsome property, and his life illustrates what can be accomplished through industry, perseverance, good management and a determination to succeed.

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#### HON. JOHN T. HAMILTON.

Honored and respected by all, there is no man in Cedar Rapids who occupies a more enviable position in mercantile and financial circles than John T. Hamilton, not alone on account of the brilliant success he has achieved, but also on account of the hon-



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orable, straightforward business policy he has ever followed.

A native of Illinois, he was born in Geneseo, Henry county, on the 16th of October, 1843, and is a son of James Steele Hamilton, whose birth occurred in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, June 12, 1812. His paternal grandfather, Alexander Hamilton, was born in Ireland of Scotch ancestry. The father grew to manhood in his native state, and about 1839 removed to Henry county, Illinois, where he married Miss Mary E. Taylor, a native of Antrim, New Hampshire, and a daughter of Andrew Taylor, who was also one of the pioneer settlers of Henry county. There the father of our subject engaged in farming throughout the greater part of his active business life, and there he died in 1889, though he had lived for a few years in Benton county, Iowa. He was always a Democrat in politics and a Presbyterian in religious belief. His wife is still living. Of their five children John T., of this review, is the oldest; W. W. and Porter are also residents of Cedar Rapids; Sarah E. is the wife of William Orr, of Geneseo, Illinois; and James W. died at Coggon, this county, in 1895.

John T. Hamilton began his education in a small log school house, and later attended the Geneseo Seminary. He remained under the parental roof until reaching manhood, and from 1864 until 1868 was in the fire insurance business in Geneseo. On the 2d of February of the latter year he came to Cedar Rapids, and formed a partnership with A. T. Averill, under the firm name of Averill & Hamilton, as dealers in farm machinery, seeds and coal on North First street, where they continued to carry on business in a frame building until 1873, when they built a part of what is known as the Mer-

chants block, now a part of the Fair, and removed to that location. A year later Mr. Averill sold his interest to J. R. Amidon, and business was successfully conducted under the style of Hamilton & Amidon. Needing more commodious quarters, in 1883, they erected a larger block at the corner of First street and Third avenue, where they did business until 1891, when our subject's brothers purchased Mr. Amidon's interest, and the name was changed to Hamilton Brothers. In 1899 they built a fine four-story brick block, one hundred and twenty feet square, exclusively for their own use. They handle seeds, coal and all kinds of vehicles, and do a large wholesale business which extends throughout the state.

Mr. Hamilton has not confined his attention alone to this line of trade, but has become prominent in banking circles. He was a stockholder of the City National Bank, and one of the organizers of the Cedar Rapids Savings Bank, which was the first savings bank established in the city. Its capital stock has been increased from fifty to one hundred thousand dollars, and it now has a surplus of thirty-five thousand dollars, while its deposits amount to one million two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, which is the heaviest of any savings bank in the city. They began business at No. 8 First street, but in 1896 removed to their new six-story building, the two lower stories of which are of Sioux Falls jasper. The vaults are all steel lined. Mr. Hamilton has served as president of this bank since its incorporation, and not a little of its success is due to his able management and sound judgment. In 1898 the old City National Bank was re-organized as the Citizens National Bank, of which he was a director, but he finally sold his interests there, and bought



stock in the Merchants National Bank, of which he was elected president in July, 1899. It has a capital stock of one hundred thousand dollars and is the oldest national bank in the city, as well as one of the most solid financial institutions in the state. Mr. Hamilton was one of the re-organizers of the Cedar Rapids Light & Power Company, of which he was president from January, 1893, until selling out his interest in the same in December, 1899, and he made the enterprise an eminent success.

On the 16th of October, 1873, Mr. Hamilton married Miss Sarah A. Jones, of St. Andrews, Quebec, and of the four children born to them two are still living, namely: James E., who is now assistant cashier of the Merchants National Bank; and Mabel Faun. Our subject attends and supports the Episcopal church, of which his wife is an earnest member, and he has served as vestryman in the same. The family is quite prominent socially.

In his fraternal relations Mr. Hamilton is a member of Crescent Lodge, No. 25, F. & A. M., of which he was master three years; has also served as high priest of Trowell Chapter, No. 49, R. A. M.; is a member of Iowa Consistory, No. 1; and Apollo Commandery, No. 26, K. T., of which he was the first commander, and held that office two terms. He was also a charter member of Star of the West Lodge, No. 1, K. P. He is one of the prominent Democrats of the city and in 1878 was elected mayor, in which capacity he served for one year. He was a member of the board of supervisors for three years early in the '80s, and during that period bridges were built across the Cedar river at First avenue, Cedar Rapids, Center Point and Palo. For six years he was a prominent member of

the Iowa legislature, and was speaker of the twenty-third general assembly. In 1890 he was elected to congress from the fifth district of Iowa, and took his seat in December, 1891, becoming a member of several important committees. He was a candidate for re-election, but his district being strongly Republican he was defeated. As a business man he possesses untiring energy, is quick of perception, forms his plans readily and is determined in their execution; and his close application to business and his excellent management have brought to him the high degree of prosperity which is to-day his.

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#### JOHN B. SCOTT.

After many years of active labor, first as a contractor and builder, and later as a farmer, John B. Scott is now living a retired life in Marion, Iowa, enjoying a well-earned rest. He was born in Knox county, Ohio, on the 12th of August, 1825, and is a worthy representative of a prominent pioneer family of that state. His father, Allen Scott, was born in York county, Pennsylvania, April 17, 1780, of Scotch-Irish ancestry, and was married, January 21, 1808, to Jane Newell, who was born in Washington county, Cross Creek village, that state, November 8, 1784. Soon after their marriage they removed to Ohio, making the journey on horse back, and settled on a heavily timbered tract of land in Knox county, where they endured many of the hardships and privations incident to pioneer life. In those early days people coming west always settled in the woods, shunning the prairie land where fever and ague was more prevalent. To clear the land and convert it into well

cultivated fields was an arduous task, but the spirit of adventure which filled the sails of the Mayflower has ever been the soul of American pioneer enterprise, and has been the means of making this nation one of the greatest on earth. Largely by his own work Allen Scott opened up farms in Knox county, Ohio, where he continued to make his home until death. He had a fine orchard of thirty acres of apple and peach trees, and in those early days gave away thousands of bushels of his best fruit to those who had none. He always took a great delight in fruit culture, and was never more happy than when distributing his apples and peaches among the poor. At present in that part of Ohio peaches cannot be raised, and the apple crop is poor. Mr. Scott was a very kind-hearted man of generous and noble impulses, and no one ever had a truer friend or better neighbor than he. For a number of years he was an elder in the Presbyterian church, but on account of the slavery question the elders of the church to which he belonged formed a free church, which was later merged into the Congregational church, which is now the leading church of Mt. Vernon, Ohio. He was a strong abolitionist, and a soldier of the war of 1812. His wife was a member of the same church and was a most estimable lady. She died while on a visit to her son in Marion, Iowa, in 1855, at the age of seventy-two years, but his death occurred in Mt. Vernon, Knox county, Ohio, in 1848, when sixty-eight years of age.

In the family of this worthy couple were ten children, of whom only our subject and his oldest sister, Mary, are now living. She is the widow of Israel Murphy, and the mother of ten children. Although ninety years of age she is well preserved both in mind and

body, except that her hearing is somewhat impaired. Recently she came alone from Hastings, Nebraska, to Chariton, Iowa, and is now spending the winter with her brother. The names and dates of birth of those of the family now deceased are Hugh, March 27, 1809; Margaret, February 19, 1813; Eliza J., married George W. Madden, and died in Plumas county, California, in 1815; Eleanor, 1817; James A., a farmer of Linn county, March 24, 1820; Thomas S., October 2, 1822; and Harriet, March 15, 1829, died in the spring of 1900.

John B. Scott's early educational advantages were somewhat meager, as it was then believed by most people that the study of the "three R's" was sufficient for most boys. When nearly grown, however, he attended an academy for three months. While there he boarded with his uncle, Judge McGibboney, who kept a station on the famous "underground railroad." For nine days nine negroes were concealed under hay in the Judge's barn, and our subject carried food to them. They were almost white, having very little African blood in their veins, and were among the finest looking men physically that Mr. Scott has ever seen, but their mother was a slave and consequently they were held in bondage. They had escaped from their master in Virginia and were on their way to Canada, when cared for by Judge McGibboney.

At the age of twenty-one Mr. Scott commenced learning the brickmason's trade, which he followed in Mt. Vernon, Ohio, for about nine years. He then, in February, 1853, located in Muscatine, Iowa, where he remained until July 3, 1854. It was on that date that he came to Marion. Here he followed his trade for five years, and among the buildings he erected is the Hotel Daniels.

In October, 1859, he located on his farm in Marion township, where he has four hundred and twenty acres of valuable land on sections 8 and 17, well improved with good buildings. In connection with farming he engaged in stock raising, his specialty being shorthorn cattle, of which he had a fine herd. He continued active farming until the spring of 1890, when he removed to Marion and purchased a comfortable home on the corner of Eleventh street and Fourteenth avenue, where he has since resided.

On the 14th of April, 1855, in Washington county, Iowa, Mr. Scott married Miss Mary E. Rissler, who was born twelve miles from Winchester, in Clark county, Virginia, July 29, 1825. Her father, John Rissler, was born March 6, 1790, and died November 24, 1878. He was married December 14, 1814, to Catherine Madden, who died June 28, 1832, when Mrs. Scott was quite young. The father's people being mostly of the Quaker faith. In their family were seven children, namely: Sarah J. and Harriet C., twins, the former of whom married Harrison Wiggins, and lived in Pennsylvania, where her death occurred, while the latter died young; Phebe A., who married Stephen Snider, and both are now deceased; William L., a resident of Tarkio, Missouri; Mary E., wife of our subject; John, who died at the age of seventeen years; and Eliza, wife of Brown Hadden, who lives near Uniontown, Pennsylvania.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott have four children: (1) Henry A., residing on the home farm, married Sarah Wiggins, and they have three children, Bertha, Harry B. and Donald. (2) Edward, who has been cashier of the Security Savings Bank of Cedar Rapids since its organization, married Jessie Loper, and they have one child, Dorothy. (3) Lucy

E. married W. W. Vaughn, a prominent stock dealer of Marion township, and they have four children, Howard, Edward, Mary and Ruth. (4) John B. is a resident of Tacoma, Washington.

Mr. Scott and his wife both hold membership in the Congregational church, and he is also connected with the Masonic fraternity. At one time he was also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and took an active interest in the same. He was one of the organizers of the Republican party in this county, and has always been one of its staunch supporters, but never a politician in the sense of office seeking. He has served as road master and school director for many years, but has never cared for political honors. He has also been a director of the First National Bank of Marion and of the Agricultural Society. As a citizen he ever stands ready to discharge any duty devolving upon him, and justly deserves the high regard in which he is held by all who know him.

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#### JAMES DAVIS.

Among those who valiantly fought for the preservation of the Union during the dark days of the Civil war were many who were only adopted sons of America. To this class belonged James Davis, who is now living a retired life in Mt. Vernon. He was born in County Donegal, Ireland, August 12, 1829, his parents being George and Susannah (Fisher) Davis, natives of the same county, who emigrated to America in October, 1854. They landed in Philadelphia, and made their home in that city until the father's death in the spring of 1856. The

following fall the mother and children removed to Jones county, Iowa, where she died in 1894. Both parents were faithful members of the Presbyterian church. Of the eleven children born to them nine are still living, namely: James, of this review, is the oldest; Thomas F. married Jane Kepler and is a retired farmer of Mt. Vernon; William married Ruth Fisher and is a retired farmer of Cedar Rapids; Martha is the wife of John McPherson, of Jones county, Iowa; Ruth is the wife of John Fink, of Lisbon; George W. is represented on another page of this volume; Belle is the wife of Daniel Connor, who lives near Mechanicsville, Cedar county, Iowa; Jane is the wife of John Oldham, of Pierre, Oklahoma; and John A., born in the old court house at Marion, wedded Jude Chapman and resides in Dorchester, Nebraska.

James Davis received but a limited education in the public schools of his native land. In 1848, in company with his brother Thomas, he came to the United States, and spent some time in Philadelphia, where he engaged in teaming. He then came to Mt. Vernon, Iowa, in 1852, and was engaged in farming upon rented land until the Civil war broke out.

Mr. Davis enlisted in Company F, Thirtieth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and after being mustered in at Davenport went to Jefferson Barracks, St. Louis, and from there to Cairo. With his command he next went up the Tennessee river by steamboat and landed at Hamburg Landing. They took part in a number of skirmishes and the battle of Corinth under General Halleck. They were next in the engagement at Jacinto, and then marched back to Corinth, and later went into winter quarters at La Grange. In the spring they were with General Grant in

Mississippi, proceeding as far as Abbeyville, and then returned to La Grange, where they remained four months. They next joined little Phil Sheridan, and took part in the battles of Bonnevillie and Johnstown. On the 11th of October, 1864, Mr. Davis received an honorable discharge and returned to Mt. Vernon and resumed farming. After his marriage he operated a farm belonging to his wife, three miles west of Mt. Vernon, and remained there for twenty years. On selling the place at the end of that time he removed to Mt. Vernon, and has since lived retired on account of ill health.

At Springville, Iowa, January 23, 1868, Mr. Davis was united in marriage with Miss Mary Ann Clark, who was born in Loraine county, Ohio, December 7, 1837. Her parents, Oliver and Electa (Wilcox) Clark, were born, reared and married in Connecticut. Later they spent some time in Ohio, and in 1840 came to Iowa, locating on a farm in Franklin township, Linn county, two miles west of Mt. Vernon, making their home there until death. The father died January 13, 1871, and the mother passed away January 13, 1881. They had twelve children, namely: Julia married Elisha Williams, and both died in Franklin township; Julius was killed in the war of the Rebellion; Oliver, deceased, married Barbara Brice, who lives on a farm in Franklin township; Jane married Chauncey Neal, of Linn township, and both are now deceased; Luther, deceased, married Mildred Wilhoit, a resident of Franklin township; Elizabeth married Thomas Macleheany, and both are now dead; Huldah married Dennis Tryon, of California, and both are now deceased; David wedded Mary Ann Boxwell, and resides in Linn Grove; Edwin married Margaret Jordan and resides near Marion;



one died in infancy; Mary Ann is the wife of our subject; and Caroline is the wife of Jacob Easterly, of Kossuth county, Iowa.

Politically Mr. Davis is identified with the Republican party, and socially is a member of W. C. Dimmick Post, G. A. R., of Mt. Vernon. He and his wife attend the Presbyterian church, and are people of the highest respectability who have a large circle of friends and acquaintances in Linn county.

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#### W. F. SEVERA.

A brilliant example of a self-made American citizen and a grand exemplification of the progress that an ambitious foreigner can make in this country of unbounded opportunities, is shown in the case of W. F. Severa, a well-known manufacturing pharmacist of Cedar Rapids. His singular success is due to his own energy and the high ideal which his lofty and laudable ambition placed before him. Success in any walk of life is an indication of earnest endeavor and persevering effort,—characteristics that he possesses in an eminent degree.

Mr. Severa was born in Bohemia, September 3, 1853, and is a son of John and Anna Severa, also natives of that country, where the father devoted his entire life to farming and died at the age of fifty-three years. Subsequently the widowed mother came to America and spent her last days in Cedar Rapids, where she passed away when nearly eighty years of age. Our subject is the youngest in their family of seven children, all of whom grew to maturity and came to the new world.

Mr. Severa of this review was educated in the common schools of his native land and

was fifteen years of age when he crossed the broad Atlantic and settled at Racine, Wisconsin, where he first worked as a farm hand for his board, but later was given five dollars per month. After two years spent in this way he learned the trade of trunk manufacturing in the city of Racine, and devoted his time to that occupation for seven years.

In 1876 Mr. Severa came to Cedar Rapids, where he engaged in the trunk business for one year, and for the following four years clerked in a drug store in Belle Plaine, Benton county, during which time he thoroughly mastered the business. Having saved a little money, he embarked in the drug business on his own account at Cedar Rapids, in 1880, with a very limited stock, which he gradually increased as his means permitted and his trade grew. After a time he commenced manufacturing proprietary medicines and doing a wholesale business, and now employs two traveling salesmen, who cover the western and central states. He also sells to druggists in all of the large cities of the country, including New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Boston and Chicago, and his mail order trade is quite extensive. In 1892 he started the Bohemian State Bank at Cedar Rapids, which was afterward changed to the Bohemian American Savings Bank, and in 1898 was consolidated with the City National Bank and the name changed to the American Trust & Savings Bank. For six years he was president of the Bohemian American Savings Bank, and is now a stockholder in the American Trust & Savings Bank, and Citizens National Bank. He was a director of the Security Savings Bank until 1893, when he resigned to take charge of his own banking business. He conducts a printing office in connection with his drug business, publishing his own



circulars and small bills, and issues an almanac of over one-half million copies printed in nine different languages.

On the 6th of July, 1881, Mr. Severa married Miss Josephine Dusil, a native of Cedar Rapids, and a daughter of Joseph Dusil, one of the early settlers of the city, who is represented on another page of this volume. Prior to her marriage Mrs. Severa taught in the public schools of Cedar Rapids for some years. Our subject and his wife have two children: Lumir and Zulina, both now in school.

Politically Mr. Severa is a Democrat, but in 1896 voted for William McKinley, the Republican candidate for president. As a boy of fifteen years he came to America alone empty-handed, in fact he had to borrow the money to pay his railroad fare from New York to Racine, Wisconsin. He was not only without means but was unable to speak the English language. While working as a trunk maker in Racine, he managed to save a little from his meager wages to buy books, and attended a private night school for a time, it being his ambitious desire to become conversant with the ways and language of America. From a humble position he has steadily worked his way upward to a position of affluence, and his success is due entirely to his own well-directed, energetic efforts for he is a man of good business ability, sound judgment and keen discrimination.

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#### MARTIN ZINKULA.

This well-to-do and successful farmer, whose home is on sections 18 and 19, Franklin township, was born in Austria, November 10, 1849, and was five years of age when

he came to the United States with his parents, Jacob and Barbara (Pesek) Zinkula, also natives of Austria. The family located in Johnson county, Iowa, where the mother died April 12, 1884, but the father is still living at the age of eighty years. In their family were four children, namely: Joseph, who married Josephine Kral and resides in Cedar township, Johnson county; Martin, our subject; John, who married Frances Krob, and lives on the old homestead farm in Johnson county; and Mary, wife of John W. Brush, of Bertram township, Linn county.

On first coming to this country the family located in Iowa City, where they spent eight years, and our subject attended its public schools. They then removed to a farm in Cedar township, Johnson county, where the father purchased sixty-eight acres of land, and Martin assisted in its cultivation until twenty-two years of age. On the 8th of February, 1872, in Iowa City, he was married by Father Emmons to Miss Josephine Vetengle, who was born in Bohemia, Austria, August 15, 1853, and they have become the parents of four children: Mary F., born in Cedar county, Iowa, March 11, 1875, was married, April 27, 1898, to James Marshak, a farmer of that county; Emma F., born March 12, 1880; Ludwig, born March 10, 1889, and George, born March 1, 1891, are all three at home.

James Vetengle, Mrs. Zinkula's father, was born in Bohemia, in 1817, and married Josephine Ruschek, also a native of that country. In 1866 they emigrated to America and took up their residence on a farm in Johnson county, Iowa, but later lived with Mrs. Zinkula, at whose home the mother died January 13, 1884, at the age of sixty years. The father is still living, how-

ever, and continues to reside with our subject and his wife. In the family were three children of whom Mrs. Zinkula is the youngest. The others were James, who married Rosie Bebee, and resides in Cedar county, Iowa; and John, who married Josephine Majer, and died in Linn county, November 1, 1889.

After his marriage Mr. Zinkula bought seventy acres of land in Cedar county, a log house being the only improvement upon the place at that time, but he soon placed the land under a high state of cultivation and erected a good set of farm buildings thereon. At the end of fifteen years he sold that farm and purchased one hundred and twenty-three acres of land on sections 18 and 19, Franklin township, Linn county, upon which he built a commodious and pleasant residence, a large barn and other outbuildings, making it one of the best improved farms in the locality.

When Mr. Zinkula first came to Iowa there were no railroads in the state, and the family made the trip from Davenport to Iowa City in a covered wagon. At that time a large number of Indians used to visit the latter city several times each year. Many of the early settlers lived from five to ten miles apart, and would have to drive to Davenport to mill, it requiring one week to make the trip. All farm work was done with oxen, and it usually took four yoke of cattle to break prairie. After his marriage Mr. Zinkula did his trading in Iowa City, and although the distance was only sixteen miles he would start from home about one o'clock at night and arrive there at one the next day with his team of oxen. In early days wild game was plentiful, including wild goats and hogs, besides feathered game, and wolves often prowled round the

house at night, stealing chickens, etc. At one time they attacked a young man, Joe Brand, who fought them off by shaking his coat at them until he reached the house, when his friend ran out with a gun and dog and saved his companion. When they first began farming all the planting, cutting of grain and hay was done by hand as it was some years later before farm machinery was introduced into this section of Iowa. Such was the life of the early pioneers in this section of the state. Mr. Zinkula is a wide-awake, progressive business man, who has prospered in his farming operations, and besides his home place he now owns a tract of seventy-four acres of land east of his farm. He votes the Democratic ticket, and is a member of St. Peter's and St. Paul's Catholic church in Johnson county.



#### A. B. DUMONT.

For over half a century this gentleman has been a resident of Linn county, and has been prominently identified with its commercial and political interests. He is now a leading business man of Marion, where he is engaged in the undertaking and furniture business. His life has been one of industry, and his business interests have been so managed as to win for him the confidence of the public and the prosperity which should always attend honorable effort.

Mr. Dumont was born near New York city, July 19, 1824, a son of John B. and Elizabeth (Welch) Dumont, both of whom were natives of Greene county, New York, and of French Huguenot extraction. In 1845 the family came to Iowa and settled near Martelle, Jones county, Iowa. At that time



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Cedar Rapids contained only three or four houses and a sawmill, and most of the land was still in its primitive condition. The father died at the age of eighty-two years and the mother passed away two years later at the same age. They were the parents of five children, three of whom are still living: A. B., of this review; Frederick S., who resides on the old homestead near Martelle; and Elida, wife of W. J. Patterson, of Cedar Rapids. Those deceased were Waldron B., who died in Cedar Rapids; and Sarah, who died in the early '30s.

Our subject was adopted by his father's sister and was reared near Auburn, New York. At the age of fourteen he commenced learning the carpenter's and millwright's trades, to which he devoted his attention for some years. At Baldwinville, New York, he was married, October 13, 1844, to Miss Julia A. Leffingwell, who was born near Rutland, Vermont, and the following year they removed to Marion, Iowa. The same year her parents, Joseph and Bethia Leffingwell, also came west, and first located five miles east of town, and in 1849 took up their residence in Marion.

During his early residence in Marion Dumont worked at his trade, and erected many of the early buildings of the town, but since 1860 has engaged in his present business. He drafted the frame work for the old court house, for which he never received any pay, though it was not the fault of the county. When he first came to Marion the place contained about a dozen houses which were widely scattered, and he has therefore witnessed almost its entire growth and development.

During the gold excitement in California, in 1849, Mr. Dumont, in company with four other men, started from Marion with an ox-

team, on April 27, and in October they made their first stop near Portland, Oregon, where he worked for six months, receiving five dollars per day and board. On arrival at Fort Vancouver they disposed of their cattle. Six miles above Portland he erected a saw and gristmill for a large firm, and continued in their employ till June, 1850, when he went by water to San Francisco, as a passenger on a lumber vessel. It was a very unpleasant trip as the weather was stormy, and it required six weeks to make the voyage. After spending a few days in San Francisco, Mr. Dumont went to Sacramento on a prospecting tour, but not being pleased with the country he decided to return home. He then took passage at San Francisco, and on reaching the isthmus walked across to the Schagris river, a distance of twenty-four miles, thence by canoe to the eastern coast. He then proceeded by boat to New York, and after visiting friends in the Empire state for a few weeks returned to Marion after an absence of two years. He had been fairly successful while in the west and had no occasion to regret his trip.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Dumont were born four children: Elizabeth married Emory Eggleston and died six months later at the age of twenty-one years; James W., an employe of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad, residing in Marion, married Rhoda E. Lake, and they have one child, Elizabeth, who was married on Thanksgiving Day, 1900, to Charley Frantz; John E., also a resident of Marion, wedded Julia E. Waters, and they have one child, John E.; and Charles W., who is with his father in the store, married Rebecca E. Reicherd, and they have five children: Maude A., May, Amasa B., Jr., Frederick S. and Dorothea.

Mr. Dumont and his family are all



members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and he has been officially connected with the same for years. Since 1846 he has affiliated with the Masonic fraternity; has filled all the offices in the blue lodge, including that of worshipful master; is also a member of the chapter and commandery; a thirty-second-degree Mason, and has been a delegate to the grand lodge many times, being well known in Masonic circles. Politically he is an ardent supporter of the Republican party, and his fellow citizens recognizing his worth and ability have called upon him to fill important official positions. He was elected county judge and while serving in that capacity the law was passed creating an auditor's office, and all county judges then in office were appointed to fill the position, as our subject was the first auditor of Linn county. From 1858 until 1866 he was connected with the county recorder's and county treasurer's offices, and served as justice of the peace from 1858 until 1864. His official duties were always most capably and satisfactorily discharged, winning for him the commendation of all concerned. He studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1862, but has never engaged in the practice of that profession. However, he has never employed an attorney in his own affairs, but has attended to his own legal business. He is a man of more than ordinary ability, sound judgment and keen discrimination, and generally carries forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes.

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#### SAMUEL A. KURTZ.

In part ages the history of a country was the record of wars and conquests; to-day it is the record of commercial activity, and those whose names are foremost in its annals

are the leaders in business circles. The conquests now made are those of mind over matter, not man over man, and the victor is he who can successfully establish, control and operate extensive commercial interests. Prominent among the enterprising, energetic and prosperous business men of Linn county is Samuel A. Kurtz, whose whole life has been spent at Lisbon.

He was born in that place, December 15, 1854, a son of John E. and Esther (Hershey) Kurtz, both natives of Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, in which state the family was founded over two centuries ago. In the east the father worked at the cabinet-maker's trade and engaged in the manufacture of lumber. It was in the spring of 1847 that he came to Linn county, Iowa, and took up his residence on the present site of Lisbon, where he followed farming for several years and later engaged in merchandising and milling, though his last days were spent in retirement from active business. He built what was known as the Golden Sheaf Mill. During the Civil war he served as postmaster of Lisbon, and represented his district in the state legislature in 1856. He died in May, 1900, honored and respected by all who knew him. The mother of our subject passed away in 1876. They were the parents of nine children, namely: Christian H., who is represented on another page of this volume; John H., who died in 1860, at the age of nineteen years; Barbara A., wife of Joel C. Ringer, of Lisbon; Henry Clay, also a resident of that place; Abraham E., of Chicago; David H., of Cedar Rapids; Lizzie, wife of J. F. Halm, of Cedar Rapids; Mary, who died when about nine years of age; Samuel A., our subject.

Samuel A. Kurtz obtained his early education in the district schools of Lisbon, and

later spent two years at Cornell College, Mt. Vernon. He entered upon his business career as a clerk, and in 1876 became a member of the firm of H. C. & S. A. Kurtz, dry-goods merchants of Lisbon, being connected with that business until 1892. For several years he was engaged in getting out railroad ties and lumber, during which time he cleared over two thousand acres of timber land within a radius of six miles of Lisbon, and kept constantly in his employ from fifty to seventy-five men, cutting, hauling and piling the wood. Most of this he sold to the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad Company, and furnished to the same company its piling used between Clinton and Jefferson, Iowa, a distance of two hundred miles. He continued in that business until 1897, and still does something along that line but not so extensively. He is now carrying on business in Lisbon as a dealer in lumber, wood, coal, sewer pipe, fire brick and fire clay, and has built up an excellent trade. For the past ten years Mr. Kurtz has also been interested in real estate and owns a large amount of land in the city and surrounding country. He has improved considerable property in Lisbon which he has sold on contract, and has recently platted one of the finest additions to the city, it being known at Kurtz & Stuckslager's addition, which embraces about ten acres. Our subject has several other pieces of property which he eventually intends to lay out in town lots, and has made many substantial improvements in various parts of the city. He is also connected with the Lisbon Telephone Company, and is a member of its board of directors. This company is now constructing a line from Lisbon to Solon, and has a large patronage among the farmers of Franklin township.

On the 21st of February, 1878, at Lisbon, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Kurtz and Miss Ellen M. Auracher, a native of Pennsylvania, and a daughter of Gottlieb Auracher, who was a prominent man of Lisbon, now deceased. By this union were born three children who are still living, namely: Clara, wife of T. Macey Lee, a druggist of Lisbon; Bessie and Esther, both at home.

The Republican party has always found in Mr. Kurtz a staunch supporter of its principles, but he has never cared for political honors. He has held nearly all of the township offices, and has served as alderman of the city for several years and is still filling that position. As a citizen he is pre-eminently public-spirited and progressive, and his connection with various business enterprises and industries have advanced the interests of his town and county in no uncertain manner. The history of such a man cannot fail to be of wide-spread interest for he ranks high in commercial circles.

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#### MARTIN BECK.

Martin Beck, of the firm of Beck & Son, manufacturers of all kinds of business wagons, wagonettes, carriages and omnibuses, at Cedar Rapids, with also a department for the manufacture of automobiles, was born in Stein Buckenheim, the province of Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, on Christmas day, 1842, and is a son of Chris Beck, who spent his entire life there and was engaged in business for himself as a blacksmith. Our subject is the youngest in a family of six sons, of whom only two are now living, the other being Mark, a well-to-do resident of Albion, Noble county, Indiana.

During his boyhood Martin Beck attended the schools of his native land, and on completing his education learned the blacksmith's trade with his father. Later he traveled over the country working as a journeyman, and in 1860 at the age of eighteen came to the United States, taking passage on a sailing vessel at London, and landing in New York after forty-six days spent upon the water. He remained with his brother William in the latter city for a time and worked at his trade, at the same time learning to speak a little English. He then went to Janesville, Wisconsin, where he worked as a blacksmith for one firm for nearly ten years, and in 1870 removed to Broadhead, that state, where he was engaged in business in partnership with John Laube. Subsequently he was alone in business at that place, manufacturing hearses, wagonettes and delivery wagons, having there an extensive business till 1891, when he came to Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and embarked in business at this place in partnership with his son, Martin P., under the firm name of Martin Beck & Son. They started in a modest way, but have gradually increased their facilities to meet the growing demands of their trade, and now employ eighteen to twenty men, in the various departments of their manufactory. On coming to Cedar Rapids, they built a fine three-story brick building, 72x140 feet, on the corner of First avenue and Ninth street, west, the building being particularly designed for their business. On the ground floor is the blacksmith and wood work departments, together with the offices. On the second floor is the paint shop and trimming rooms, while the third floor is occupied as a store room. In addition to their manufacturing business they give special attention to repainting and trimming, and

they now practically have the only shop in this section of the state. Since the introduction of the automobile, they are working into the manufacture of that vehicle, and will manufacture a high grade of work.

In 1864 Mr. Beck was married at Watertown, Wisconsin, to Miss Augusta Rhoda, and to them were born three children: Emma, who married William Rogers, of Cedar Rapids, and died in 1898; Martin P., who is now in business with his father; and William, who died at the age of eight years. The mother of these children died, and in 1882 Mr. Beck married Hettie Cortelo. He was again married, in 1898, his third wife being Mrs. Ellen Gleason, of Broadhead, Wisconsin.

Mr. Beck was reared in the German Lutheran church. In 1872 he was made a Mason at Broadhead, Wisconsin, and now belongs to Crescent Lodge, No. 25, F. & A. M. He is also a prominent member of the Germania Club and for the past two years has served as its president. On national issues he always supports the Democratic party, but at local elections votes for the man whom he believes best fitted for the office regardless of party lines. He is an upright, reliable business man, whose success in life is due entirely to his own well-directed efforts, for he came to this country empty-handed and by his industry and economy has acquired a comfortable competence and a prominent position in the business world.

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#### JOHN PERLEY MESSER.

Prominent among the business men of Cedar Rapids is numbered John Perley Messer, who has been engaged in real estate and loan business for some years, with offices



J. P. MESSER.





located at present in the Granby block. Mr. Messer was born at Bow Center, in the town of Bow, New Hampshire, on the 9th of December, 1843, and is the second son of Silas and Nancy (Hadley) Messer, who are also natives of the old Granite state. His father was a farmer in early life, and later was a railroad man, but is now living retired in St. Paul, Minnesota. The mother died in that city in 1894, and was buried in Oak Hill cemetery, Cedar Rapids.

John P. Messer was reared on the home farm, and received his education in the public schools. At the age of sixteen he left the farm and went to work as a locomotive fireman on the Concord Railroad. At eighteen he was promoted to the position of locomotive engineer, and at that time was the youngest man who had ever been entrusted with an engine on that road. He continued in that employment until 1862, when he resigned to enter the service of his country as assistant engineer in the navy, and was ordered to the United States steam frigate Colorado, on which he served for nearly three years. He participated in both bombardments and in the capture of Fort Fisher. At the first battle Mr. Messer had charge of the fire department (a department of sixteen men to extinguish fires), and at the second battle he served under B. F. Garvin, chief engineer, and Lieutenant George Dewey, executive officer as one of Commodore Henry K. Thatcher's staff officers. In these engagements the Colorado suffered severely and was ordered to the New York navy yards for repairs. Mr. Messer was then transferred to the U. S. S. Trefoil. He was on that vessel when she "accidentally" collided with and sunk the Confederate privateer

Florida. Also at the capture of Spanish Fort and Fort Blakely in Mobile bay, and continued to serve on her until the close of the war, when he resigned and received an honorable discharge from the United States navy.

At Bow, New Hampshire, September 1, 1866, Mr. Messer married Miss Carrie E. Evans, who was also a native of that state and a daughter of Stephen W. and Emma (Veazy) Evans. Shortly after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Messer removed to the then new state of Minnesota, the journey occupying a full week and requiring twelve changes of cars and boats. They are the parents of three children, namely: Walter S., who died April 5, 1881, at the age of eleven years; Emma Evans, now Mrs. James W. Clark; and Florence V., who is at home. They also have one grandchild, Charles A. Clark, Jr.

On his removal to Minnesota Mr. Messer at once entered the employ of the Minnesota Valley Railroad as a locomotive engineer. He was with that road about two years and ran the first freight and passenger trains into the towns of St. Peter and Mankato, Minnesota. From that state he came to Cedar Rapids in 1869, and has made his home here ever since. He was the first regular engineer and master mechanic at Cedar Rapids in the service of the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Minnesota (now Northern) Railroad, and he remained with that road for about ten years as engineer, master mechanic and passenger conductor. As engineer he was in charge of the first regular trains into each of the towns along the line from Cedar Rapids to Rockford, Iowa, as the road was completed to those points.

Mr. Messer resigned his position with

the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad in 1879 to take the superintendency of the Memphis, Kansas & Colorado Railroad, then in course of construction and built some twenty miles of this road besides opening about forty-five miles from Parsons to Messer. This road was an enterprise of the late Judge Greene and the late C. S. Bennett, both of Cedar Rapids, and was sold by them to the Kansas City, Fort Scott & Gulf Railroad, at which time Mr. Messer resigned. As superintendent of the old City Street Railway Company, of Cedar Rapids, he built the largest part of their road, building the first line across the river.

After about twenty years in the railway service, Mr. Messer entered the real-estate business in Cedar Rapids in 1881, and is still actively engaged therein. He has met with well-deserved success in this business, as he had formerly done in the railroad business, and has acquired a comfortable competence. In his political affiliations Mr. Messer is a Republican, but has never sought office. As a public-spirited citizen, however, he takes an active interest in public affairs and gives his support to all enterprises which he believes calculated to advance the social, moral or material welfare of Cedar Rapids.

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#### JOSEPH BARNHILL.

For almost a third of a century this gentleman has been a resident of Linn county, and is to-day numbered among the highly esteemed citizens of Marion, his home being on Sixth avenue. He is engaged in the fire insurance business and in fruit culture, but

gives considerable attention to the duties of his office as justice of the peace.

Mr. Barnhill was born near old Fort Findlay in Hancock county, Ohio, October 18, 1846, and is a son of Robert and Mary A. (Keel) Barnhill, both natives of Pennsylvania, the former born near Harrisburg, the latter near Allegheny City. When a small boy the father accompanied his parents on their removal to Wayne county, Ohio, and later became one of the pioneers of Hancock county, where he owned and operated a farm, making it his home until called to his final rest in 1890, at the age of eighty-three years. His wife died in 1896, at the age of eighty-six years. Both were members of the Christian Union church, and were highly respected by all who knew them.

Joseph Barnhill is the seventh in order of birth in a family of nine children, seven of whom are still living. He acquired his education in the common schools of his native state, and when not in school worked on the home farm. On leaving the parental roof at the age of sixteen years he went to Oregon with Hiram Smith, the latter, however, going by the overland route with horses in his charge to be sold, while our subject went by way of New York, across the isthmus of Panama, and up the coast to San Francisco. Mr. Barnhill spent three years in Oregon as foreman in charge of the horses on a large ranch of sixteen hundred acres on the Columbia river. Financially his trip was a success, and he thoroughly enjoyed his experience in the far west. Returning to his Ohio home at the end of three years he resumed farming.

On the 28th of September, 1868, Mr. Barnhill married Miss Sarah E. Loy, a native of Morrow county, Ohio, and a daughter of George Loy. Five children blessed this

union, namely: Eva Nellie, born August 2, 1869, died from the effects of measles February 16, 1887. Sylva M., born in 1871, married Burt S. Bailey and died June 25, 1899, leaving one child, Morrell. Wilfred L., born in 1874, died in December, 1894, in New Mexico, where he had gone with the hope of benefiting his health. Harold died May 15, 1899, at the age of eighteen years just fifteen days after his return from Florida, where he had spent the winter. Margaret, a graduate of the Marion high school, is at home.

In 1869 Mr. Barnhill came to Linn county, Iowa, and first located on a farm near Marion, where he engaged in agricultural pursuits for three years. He was next engaged in mercantile business in Palo until 1887, and at the same time served as postmaster of that place for eleven years. In the fall of 1887 he was elected county treasurer of Linn county, and so acceptably did he fill the office that he was re-elected, serving until January, 1892. Subsequently he was engaged in the grocery business in Marion for a short time, and on disposing of his store bought a small farm of twenty acres on the boulevard in Marion, where he has quite a beautiful home near the bridge. Here he has engaged principally in raising fruit, and at present also gives some attention to the fire insurance business. He has now entered upon his third term as justice of the peace, the duties of which position he has most capably and satisfactorily performed. He is a man of high standing in the community, and is widely and favorably known throughout the county. With his wife and daughter he holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, with which he was officially connected until recently, and he is also a member of the blue lodge, No. 6, A. F. &

A. M., and Mariola Lodge, No. 8, K. P., and the Unformed Rank of the latter order. He is past chancellor and a trustee of the Knights of Pythias lodge. In politics he is an ardent Republican.

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#### LADURNIA LARRABEE, M. D.

For several years the subject of this review was a well-known and successful physician of Cedar Rapids, and his widow now resides in Kenwood Park. He was a native of New York and a son of Willett Larrabee, who was born in the same state and for many years was super-cargo or purser on a vessel plying between New York and Cuba. He was in Cuba when last heard from some years ago and is supposed to have been lost at sea.

Dr. Larrabee obtained his early education in the common schools of his birth place and was fitted for his chosen profession at the New York medical colleges, becoming an eclectic practitioner. He was quite a young man when he came to Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and commenced the practice of his profession. He soon established a large and lucrative practice which he continued to enjoy for over twelve years, when, on account of failing health, he removed with his family to Andrew county, Missouri, where he resided for ten years, his death occurring there in January, 1879, when he was about fifty years of age.

In 1861 Dr. Larrabee was united in marriage with Miss Willerminia McKee, a daughter of Joseph and Sarah (Sample) McKee. Her father was a native of Fayette county, Pennsylvania, where he continued to reside until 1841. By trade he was a potter and followed that occupation during his residence in his native state. After

coming to Iowa in 1841 he was unable to find suitable clay to carry on that industry, and accordingly turned his attention to farming, which he followed until called to his final rest in 1878 at the age of seventy-nine years. The death of his wife occurred in 1894. He was an active member of the Masonic fraternity and took a deep interest in all that pertained to Masonry. He was a prosperous and successful man, and was upright and honest in all his dealings. In his family were seven children, of whom four died in infancy, and three are still living, namely: Daniel, born in Fayette county, Pennsylvania, June 3, 1837, came with his parents to Iowa in 1841, and as soon as old enough to be of any assistance he commenced to aid his father in the operation of the home farm near Cedar Rapids. He now lives with his sister in Kenwood Park. Mrs. Larrabee is the next in order of birth. John is a brick maker and small farmer living in Cedar Rapids. He served through the Civil war as a member of Company K, Ninth Iowa Volunteer Infantry. He is married and has a family.

Shortly after her husband's death Mrs. Larrabee returned to this county, and is now residing with her older brother in Kenwood Park, where they have a comfortable home. She has one daughter, Calphurnia, wife of Frederick Beall, who has a large department store at Aspen, Pitkin county, Colorado. They have two children, Hazel and Frederick. Mr. Beall is a son of Jeremiah Beall, a prominent farmer and highly respected citizen of this county, who lived east of Marion for many years, and who died about three years ago at an advanced age. His wife still survives him and continues to reside on the old homestead in Marion township.

Dr. Larrabee was a successful physician and accumulated considerable property. He was a Republican in politics and a believer in spiritualism. A public-spirited man, a devoted husband and a kind and indulgent father, he was held in high regard by all who knew him. He ever maintained a high standard of right and wrong, and being kind-hearted and generous with his fellow men, he made many friends and no enemies. He was also a man of strong character and determined will power, and was ever ready to assist the weak or oppressed.

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#### WILLIAM G. BARGER.

William G. Barger, of Cedar Rapids, is now living a retired life in the enjoyment of a rest which he has truly earned and richly deserves by reason of his industrious efforts of former years. He is now one of the highly respected citizens of Cedar Rapids, and his long residence in Linn county and the active part he has taken in its development well entitles him to representation in its history.

Mr. Barger was born in Putnam county, New York, September 17, 1834, a son of David J. and Susan (Tompkins) Barger, both of whom were natives of the same county and representatives of pioneer families of that locality. There our subject's paternal grandfather, John Barger, spent his entire life and died at about the age of ninety years. The maternal grandfather, Ananias Tompkins, was also a native of Putnam county.

In the county of his nativity William G. Barger grew to manhood, and as his school privileges were meager, he is almost wholly self-educated since reaching mature years. On leaving home he went to Poughkeepsie,







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MRS. W. G. BARGER.



where he went to learn his trade in a sash, blind and door manufactory, and engine manufactory, for about two years, and in 1855 came west to Chicago. In May of that year he became a resident of Cedar Rapids, where he worked one season for H. L. Bryan, a gardener and dairyman. The winter of 1855-6 was very severe, it being extremely cold and snow covering the ground to a depth of two feet on the level. In the spring of 1856 Mr. Barger accepted a position as stationary engineer, to which occupation he devoted his attention for five or six years, and later was engineer in a sash factory for two years. He was next in the employ of the Chicago, Iowa & Nebraska Railroad in various capacities for two years, and for the same length of time he engaged in clerking for H. L. Bryan on Second avenue. In 1866 he embarked in the dairy business in a small way in the central part of the city, and later extended his business to meet the growing demands of his trade, keeping about forty cows and furnishing milk to a large number of families. In the meantime he bought the property where he now resides. He continued to successfully engage in the dairy business until 1890, when he sold out and has since practically lived retired, though he continues to look after his property interests. He bought a fine farm of one hundred and seventy acres three miles from the city, where he kept his stock and where he also engaged in farming. Mr. Barger is also extensively interested in city real estate, and has owned about twenty buildings in Cedar Rapids, including fifteen residences which he himself erected. The property where he now lives consisted, when he bought it, of an undivided half of out-lots 18, 19 and 22. When it was divided he had about twelve acres fronting on South Tenth

street, and also on Fifth avenue. This he subdivided and sold, retaining, however, all of out-lot 19, or six and a half acres, the largest out-lot in Cedar Rapids.

In the spring of 1859 Mr. Barger was married, in Cedar Rapids, to Miss Mary Swab, a sister of Charles H. Swab, a hardware merchant of this city. She died in June, 1890, leaving two children: John, a real-estate dealer of Cedar Rapids; and Mary, wife of A. J. Hickey, of Brooklyn, New York. Mr. Barger was again married in Cedar Rapids, February 9, 1892, his second union being with Eleanora, daughter of William Reed, who was born and reared in Fayette, Iowa. By her former marriage she has one child, Clara Edna Cavanaugh, and by her present marriage she also has a daughter, Georgia Eleanora.

Politically Mr. Barger was formerly a Jacksonian Democrat and cast his first presidential vote for James Buchanan, but in 1860 he voted for Abraham Lincoln, and continued to support the Republican party for some years, but for some years independent of party lines. He began life in Cedar Rapids with a capital of only fourteen dollars, and his wonderful success is due to his own energy, good business ability and sound judgment. He is a worthy representative of our best type of American civilization and well merits the prosperity that has come to him.



H. S. HALE.

Among those who fought so gallantly for the preservation of the Union during the dark days of the Rebellion and have always been numbered among the most public-spirited and loyal citizens of the com-

munity in which they reside is H. S. Hale, of Mt. Vernon, Iowa, who was for many years identified with the business interests of that place, but is now living a retired life.

A native of New Hampshire, he was born June 3, 1833, and is a son of Joseph W. and Susan (Emerson Hale, both of whom were born in Barrington, New Hampshire, and died in Conway, that state. In order of birth their children were as follows: Lorenzo T., who married Hannah Hill, served fourteen months in the Fourteenth New Hampshire Volunteer Infantry during the Civil war, and is now a resident of Conway; Lydia married Silas Van Dexter, and both are now deceased; Susan died unmarried; John married Ann Willey and lives in Mt. Vernon, Iowa; Mary is the wife of George Perry, of Des Moines, Iowa; H. S. is the next of the family; and Thomas married Addie Holman, and during the Civil war enlisted in Company F, Twenty-fourth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and was discharged on account of illness at Helena, Arkansas, and died soon after his return home; and Edgar is engaged in the mining business in Colorado.

During his boyhood H. S. Hale attended the district schools of his native state through the winter. On leaving home at the age of eighteen years he went to Boston, Massachusetts, and obtained employment in the ship yard, where he worked on the Great Republic, the largest sailing vessel which had been built up to that time. He remained there from 1852 until 1859, and in the fall of the latter year came to Mt. Vernon, Iowa, where he worked as a laborer until after the Civil war broke out.

In 1862, Mr. Hale enlisted at Mt. Vernon,

in Company F, Twenty-fourth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and went into camp at Muscatine, Iowa, whence he went to St. Louis and later to Helena, Arkansas, where the regiment remained through the winter. While in camp the regiment made three expeditions first to Moose Lake, then up the St. Francis river and up the White river to DuBall's Bluff. In April they started the Vicksburg campaign, and took part in the skirmishes at Grand Gulf and Port Gibson; the battles of Champion Hills, Raymond and Jackson; and the siege of Vicksburg. After the surrender of that stronghold July 4, 1863, the regiment went in pursuit of General Johnston's forces, to Jackson, Mississippi, but on the 17th of that month returned to Vicksburg. They next went to Natchez, Mississippi, and later to Carrollton, Louisiana, and were in a number of skirmishes during the fall and winter. The next spring they went with General Banks on the Red river expedition, and returned to New Orleans in June, 1864. There they embarked on a large vessel, known as the Star of the West, and went down the Mississippi, across the Gulf and up the coast to Washington, D. C. They joined General Sheridan in the Shenandoah Valley in July, and were in and around Harpers Ferry until the battle of Winchester, September 19. They also took part in the famous engagement at Cedar creek on the 19th of October, when General Sheridan made his memorable ride. Our subject heard the General say, "We will camp this evening where you left this morning." He went with his command to Harrisburg, and from there to Stephenson's Station, where they remained in camp through the winter. In April, 1865, they went to Washington, and there took passage on board a ship for



Morehead City, North Carolina, and from there went to Gouldsburg, that state. On their return to Morehead City they shipped for Susannah, and on reaching there were ordered to Augusta, Georgia. They finally returned to Savannah, where they were mustered out of service July 17, 1865. They returned to Davenport, Iowa, by way of Washington, D. C., and were discharged on the 2nd of August.

On again taking up his residence in Mt. Vernon, Mr. Hale was engaged in the lumber and grain business for three years, and later followed contracting and painting. He purchased six acres of land in what is now the heart of Mt. Vernon, which was divided into town lots. He has steadily prospered owing to the increase in value of his property, and his good business ability, and is now able to lay aside all business cares, and spend the remainder of his life in ease and quiet. He still owns some property which he rents.

On the 25th of November, 1859, Mr. Hale was married in Chicago, Illinois, to Miss Abbie Hill, who was also born in New Hampshire, January 16, 1837. Her parents, Charles and Nancy (Russell) Hill, spent their entire lives in that state, and their remains were interred at Conway, New Hampshire. They had six children, namely: Hannah D., wife of Lorenzo T. Hale, of New Hampshire, brother of our subject; Richard, who wedded Mary Chase, now deceased, and lives on the old homestead in Conway, New Hampshire; Eunice, who married Joseph Cloutman and died in Conway in 1884; Abbie, wife of our subject; Charles, who was a member of the Fourteenth New Hampshire Volunteer Infantry and died in 1900; and Sarah, a resident of Conway, New Hampshire.

Mr. and Mrs. Hale are the parents of six children: Homer, born November 4, 1861, died July 9, 1863; Jesse, born April 28, 1867, was married August 16, 1893, to Mary Motherall, a native of this state, and is now a contractor in painting at Sioux Rapids, Iowa; Charles, born in a log house at McMinnville, Warren county, Tennessee, August 1, 1870, and is engaged in painting at Mt. Vernon. He was married, December 2, 1897, to Roxey Easterly, a native of Linn county, and they have one child, Mary M., born in May, 1899; Grace A., born June 3, 1872, was married, March 3, 1900, to George Towne, who is bookkeeper in a bank in Chicago; an infant born December 30, 1874, died December 3, 1875; Sadie M., born September 14, 1876, lives with her parents.

Mr. Hale was reared a Wh'g and became a Republican on the organization of that party, casting the first presidential vote for John C. Fremont. He is an honored member of the Legion of Honor and W. C. Dimmock Post, No. 400, G. A. R., while his wife is connected with the Woman's Relief Corps and is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. For over forty years they have been numbered among the leading residents of Mt. Vernon, and they have a large circle of friends and acquaintances throughout the county who esteem them highly for their sterling worth.

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AMOS DIEHL.

It was in the fall of 1867 that Amos Diehl came to Cedar Rapids, and with its interests he has since been closely identified. In business affairs he has prospered

during his residence here and is now able to spend his last years in ease and comfort, free from the worries and trials of business life.

Mr. Diehl was born near Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, January 25, 1825, and is a son of George and Elizabeth (Mickley) Diehl, also natives of that state and worthy representatives of two of its prominent old families. The father, who was a soldier of the war of 1812, lived to the ripe old age of seventy-eight years, and both he and his wife died in Pennsylvania. In their family were six sons but only two are now living, these being Amos, our subject and Hamilton, who married and reared a family, and is now living retired on the west side of Cedar Rapids.

In early life Amos Diehl was given the advantages of a common school education. He grew to manhood on the home farm and worked at the carpenter's trade. When the Civil war broke out he enlisted in 1862 for nine months in Company D, One Hundred and Sixty-fifth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, which was assigned to the Army of the Potomac, and he participated in the battle of Weldon Railroad, Virginia; a skirmish at Black Water; and the siege of Suffolk. He had several narrow escapes but fortunately was never wounded and when his term of enlistment expired was honorably discharged at Gettysburg, in July 1863, soon after the battle at that place.

After the war Mr. Diehl engaged in the manufacture of lumber in Adams county, Pennsylvania, where he carried on the milling business for eight or ten years. Disposing of his interests in that state he came west in the fall of 1867 and located in Cedar Rapids, where he was engaged in teaming for several years. He purchased property

on the west side and built thereon a house which he subsequently sold. Later he improved other property, and in this way did much toward the development of the city, always taking an active interest in its prosperity. By his ballot he supports the men and measures of the Republican party, but has never cared for official honors. He is well known and is held in the highest esteem by his fellow townsmen.



#### MAJOR JACOB H. CAMBURN, M. D.

More than forty-seven years have passed since this gentleman arrived in Cedar Rapids, and he is justly numbered among her honored pioneers and leading citizens. As a physician and surgeon he was actively identified with her professional interests in early life, but is now living retired. His is an honorable record of a conscientious man, who by his upright life has won the confidence of all with whom he has come in contact.

The Doctor was born at Macedon Centre, Wayne county, New York, December 8, 1823, and comes of good old Revolutionary stock, his paternal great-grandfather, the father of Levi Camburn, having fought for the independence of the colonies as a soldier of the Continental army. The great-grandfather was from Glasgow, Scotland, and was a child of seven years when brought to this country by his father, who was one of the pioneers of New Jersey. There Levi Camburn made his home until the father of our subject, J. K. Camburn, was seven years old, and then removed to the Genesee country, New York, finally locating in Macedon, Wayne county, remaining in that county

until 1835, clearing and improving a farm on the Holland purchase. In later years he removed with his son, J. K., to Michigan, the family becoming pioneer settlers of Lenawee county, that state, where they engaged in agricultural pursuits, buying two hundred acres of land. In 1842 they moved to Moscow Plains, Hillsdale county, Michigan, where the death of both occurred. The Doctor's father was married in Wayne county, New York, to Miss Rebecca Champion, a native of New Jersey, who died in Franklin, Lenawee county, Michigan, in 1840. He spent his last years in Hillsdale county, Michigan, where he died in 1895, at the advanced age of ninety-one years.

Dr. Camburn was reared in Michigan, and there acquired his primary education in an old log schoolhouse, such as was common on the frontier at that time. Later he attended one of the four branches of the State University at Tecumseh, all of which have since been consolidated, forming the university at Ann Arbor. After reading medicine with Prof. A. B. Palmer, M. D., who was practicing at Tecumseh, he attended lectures at the medical department of the Western Reserve College, Cleveland, Ohio, and entered upon the practice of his chosen profession at Tecumseh, Michigan, in partnership with Professor A. B. Palmer, of the medical department of the university at Ann Arbor, remaining there some years. At an early day the University of Michigan was controlled by regents, appointed from each church denomination, and ministers, who were not practical, usually being the ones appointed. Witnessing the bad effects from such a course, the Doctor, with others, got a bill through the legislature to have the regents elected by the people of the state, and from that time on the school

has been broadening all the time. In 1854 Dr. Camburn came to Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and was engaged in practice here for some years. He is one of the two pioneer physicians of this place who are still living here. During the Civil war he received the appointment as regimental surgeon of the Sixteenth Iowa Infantry, and went to the front with his regiment in February, 1862, but soon afterward was taken ill and was forced to resign in June of that year. Subsequently he again entered the service as surgeon of the Sixth Iowa Cavalry, with the rank of major, and went to Dakota, where he served as medical director on the staff of General Sully, a son of the noted painter, who was sent to that section to quell the Indian outbreaks. When the war was over the Doctor was honorably discharged in November, 1865, and returned to Cedar Rapids. He has practiced very little since then except among old friends.

At Moscow, Hillsdale county, Michigan, Dr. Camburn was married, December 27, 1848, to Miss Eleanor Blackmar, who was born near Buffalo, New York, a daughter of Judge Lyman Blackmar, who was one of the early settlers of Hillsdale county, and a prominent probate judge for many years. Four children blessed this union, namely: Thomas A.; James F. and Myron O., both residents of Cedar Rapids; and Eleanor C., wife of Charles L. Martin, of St. Louis, Missouri. The wife and mother departed this life July 21, 1891. Originally, Dr. Camburn was an old Jacksonian Democrat, but voted for Abraham Lincoln in 1860, and has since been a staunch supporter of the Republican party, but never a politician in the sense of office seeking. He served as justice of the peace for about fifteen years, but never would accept other political

positions. He assisted in organizing the Grand Army Post, of Cedar Rapids, of which he was the first commander. Prior to the Civil war he also affiliated with the Masonic fraternity, having joined that order in Michigan, being a member of the blue lodge, chapter and council. At Iowa City, Iowa, he became a Knight Templar, and with one exception, he is the oldest Knight Templar now living in Cedar Rapids. For some years, however, he has not actively affiliated with the order. In manner he is courteous, kindly and affable, and those who know him personally have for him warm regard. As a pioneer he has witnessed almost the entire growth and development of Cedar Rapids, and has always taken an active interest in its welfare.

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#### ROBERT A. WALLACE.

This well-known contractor and builder in one of Cedar Rapids' native sons and a worthy representative of one of her old and honored families, being a son of Leroy Wallace, who for many years was a prominent business man of the city. The father was born in Vermont, February 24, 1831, a son of Austin and Mary Wallace, and the second in order of birth in a family of four children, the others being Mary, who died when about fifty-five years of age; William, who died in Tennessee; and Mrs. Minnie Storms, a widow of Fort Madison, Iowa. The Wallace family is of Scotch origin and was founded in Vermont in early colonial days. Our subject's paternal great-grandfather was a soldier of the Revolutionary war, and took part in the battle of Bennington. The grandfather, Austin Wallace, was an old

time tradesman, who about 1835 removed to Pagetown, now Columbus, Ohio, and became identified with the building interests of that locality, working at the carpenter's trade, when it was the custom of those following that pursuit to go into the woods, hew down the trees and prepare their own building material before erecting a house. His death occurred at Columbus.

Leroy Wallace was reared under the parental roof and after reaching the age of twelve years worked in the timber cutting wood. He learned what he could of the carpenter's trade with his father, and through his own unaided efforts bettered the knowledge thus acquired. He was a self-educated man and a great reader even in early life, thus becoming a broad-minded, well-informed man. On the 8th of January, 1835, he was married at Columbus, Ohio, to Miss Mary Barnes, who is also of Scotch lineage and a native of the District of Columbia, where her family had large land holdings. She is now the only survivor in a Cedar Rapids. In 1855 Leroy Wallace brought his family to Cedar Rapids, the journey being made by stage from Davenport. At that time this region was mostly wild and unimproved, and as a contractor and builder he became prominently identified with its development. During his long residence here he erected many of the buildings of Cedar Rapids, and the excellence of his work was a convincing test of his own personal worth. He met with success in business affairs, and his course was ever such as to commend him to the confidence and esteem of those with whom he was brought in contact. By his ballot he supported the Republican party, though he never took any active part in politics aside from voting. extensive book bindery in Helena, Montana;



He was a great church worker and an official member of the First Baptist church, to the support of which he gave liberally. Although a very conservative man he always kept up with the times in all things, and in his death the community lost a valued and useful citizen, his family a devoted husband and father, and his associates a staunch friend. He departed this life on the 20th of December, 1898.

Unto Leroy and Mary (Barnes) Wallace were born nine children, all of whom reached years of maturity with the exception of one son. In order of birth they were: Virginia, wife of Frank Listenwalter, of Cedar Rapids; Robert A., the subject of this sketch; Gertrude, who lives with her mother in Cedar Rapids; Leroy, who was drowned in 1873 at the age of fourteen years; Lincoln, who was drowned in 1892; Florence, wife of Colon B. Leibkicher, who has an extensive book bindery in Helena, Montana; William, of the Cedar Rapids Paving & Construction Company; and Bertha and Eurydice, both at home. All received good common-school educations.

Robert A. Wallace was born in Cedar Rapids, November 13, 1856, and was educated in its schools. He learned the carpenter's trade with his father, and in 1883 became associated with him in business under the firm name of L. Wallace & Son. They did general contracting in both stone and carpenter work, and were interested in and operated what was known as the Cedar Rapids Planing Mill. They also engaged in railroad construction, their first contract being with the Illinois Central Railroad. Our subject still carries on the business under the name of L. Wallace & Son, and is doing a large amount of work throughout the state, being recognized as one of the

most reliable, as well as one of the best contractors and builders in this section. He has put up a number of the larger blocks in the city, and is spoken of as the pioneer contractor. November 15, 1893, Mr. Wallace led to the marriage altar Miss Kate Hughes, who was born in Galena, Illinois, in 1861, a daughter of John Hughes and wife. Her father was a native of Wales, and on coming to this country, first located in Illinois, but later became a resident of Scotch Grove, Jones county, Iowa, where he died at the age of sixty-six years. He was a very active man throughout life. His wife died in 1898. They were the parents of two children: Leroy Austin and John Hughes.

Although not a politician in the sense of office seeking, Mr. Wallace is a strong Republican, and is now acceptably serving his second term as alderman of the third ward. He is a member of the Baptist church and also of Star of the West Lodge, No. 1, K. of P. He has a wide circle of friends and acquaintances, and is held in high regard wherever known.

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#### JOSEPH GRANGER.

For over forty years this gentleman has been prominently identified with the agricultural interests of Linn county, and is still actively engaged in farming and dairying in Marion, having forty acres of land within the corporate limits of the city. His home is on Eleventh street.

Mr. Granger was born in Windsor county, Vermont, August 28, 1843, and is a son of Samuel T. and Martha Jane (McIntosh) Granger, also natives of the Green Mountain state. The mother, who was a devout and



zealous member of the Methodist Episcopal church, died there September 17, 1859. In the spring of 1860 the father removed to Iowa and took up his residence in Marion, Linn county, where he owned a farm, all of which is now within the corporation. He also had another farm in Marion township, upon which he spent the last two years of his life, and throughout his business career followed farming. He was born July 25, 1808, and died in 1882. He took a very active and prominent part in church work, and filled all the layman offices. During the Civil war he served two years as wagon master in the Sixth Iowa Cavalry, and was on duty among the Indians in the Dakotas, but he longed to take part in the active operations in the south, where he believed he could do more good. Although he was ill from exposure on his return home and never fully recovered his health, he would not apply for a pension.

Joseph Granger is the fourth in order of birth in a family of six children. He was reared to agricultural pursuits upon the home farm, and acquired his education in the common schools of Vermont. On laying aside his text books he devoted his time and energies solely to farming. In the fall of 1859 he came to Marion county, Iowa, where his father had previously purchased a farm, but had not removed here on account of his wife's health. After her death he came west in the spring of 1860, as previously stated. Here our subject has engaged in farming, butchering and dairying and now keeps thirty milch cows.

On the 5th of October, 1870, Mr. Granger was united in marriage with Miss Caroline W. Cooper, who was born in Morgan county, Ohio, in 1849, but was brought to Linn county in the spring of that year by her

parents, William and Laura Cooper. A sketch of her father appears on another page of this volume. Her mother died in 1855, at the age of thirty years, leaving four children, namely: Augusta M., wife of John Stockburger, of Marion; Caroline W., wife of our subject; Plymet P., wife of Fergus Cooper, of Buchanan county, Iowa; and Elizabeth, wife of Charles Eddy, of Seattle, Washington. Mr. and Mrs. Granger have three children: Charles, a resident of Marion, has been twice married, and by his first wife had one son, Herbert Carlton, a most interesting and lovely child. His present wife was in her maidenhood Anna Day. Laura Ann is the wife of Herbert Shafer, of Cedar Rapids. Mary B. will graduate from the Marion high school in the class of 1901.

The Republican party has always found in Mr. Granger a staunch supporter of its principles, and he is a most worthy and valued citizen of Marion, such a one as renders excellent service in any community. His wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and both are held in high regard by all who know them.

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#### MAJOR JOHN DANCE.

Although born on the other side of the Atlantic, Major Dance is thoroughly American in thought and feeling, and his patriotism and sincere love for the stars and stripes was manifested by his distinguished service in the Civil war. He is now an honored resident of Lisbon. A native of England, he was born at Sapperton, Lincolnshire, November 24, 1823, and is a son of Henry and Mary (Winslow) Dance, the former a



JOHN DANCE.



native of Barram, Rutlandshire, the latter of Somerby, Lincolnshire. She was a grand niece of General Winslow of Revolutionary fame. Both parents died in England. In their family were nine children, of whom our subject is the eldest son, but all are now deceased with exception of the Major and two sisters, both residents of England.

Major Dance attended first the primary schools of his native land, and later the Brasby school, and the Newton subscription school, his education being completed at the age of twelve years. During the following two years he assisted his father on the home farm, and then commenced working for others as a farm hand, receiving fifteen dollars the first year and twenty-five dollars the second, out of which he saved enough to buy himself a good watch. He continued to work in that way for ten years.

On the 28th of May, 1849, Major Dance was married at his native place to Miss Phebe Harriet Hodson, who was born at Handly Green, Staffordshire, England, January 23, 1819, a daughter of Jonathan and Ann (Moss) Hodson, also natives of England, the former born in Mecklesfield, while the latter was reared in Handly. The father was twice married and had fifteen children, none of whom came to America with the exception of Mrs. Dance. Unto our subject and his wife were born four children, namely: John Henry, born July 12, 1850, died the same day. Mary E., born July 12, 1851, is the wife of Captain James Treichler, of Orient, Adair county, Iowa. John Henry, born July 12, 1854, died August 7, 1860. Franklin W., born August 16, 1857, married Lizzie E. Beese and lives on the old homestead in Linn township, Cedar county, Iowa.

On the 4th of October, 1849, Major

Dance and wife sailed from Liverpool, England, on the Old Java, a sailing vessel, which was seven weeks in crossing the Atlantic. On their arrival in New York they took a steamboat up the Hudson river to Albany, thence by railroad to Buffalo, and by the steamer Anthony Wayne to Cleveland. They then went to Kenton, Hardin county, Ohio, and located ten miles west of that place at Huntersville, where the Major operated a rented farm for a time. On the 3d of October, 1851, he and his wife started for Iowa in a covered wagon, and reached Rochester on the 4th of November. There he rented a part of the George Moore farm until the following spring, when he entered eighty acres of wild land in Linn township, Cedar county, which he placed under a high state of cultivation, and to which he later added another eighty-acre tract. There he successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits until three days after the presidential election in November, 1888, when he removed to Lisbon, and has since lived a retired life.

Major Dance's farming operations, however, were interrupted by his service in the Civil war. On the 24th of September, 1861, he enlisted in Company K, Eleventh Iowa Volunteer Infantry, which was mustered in at Davenport, and then sent to St. Louis, and later to Jefferson City and California, Missouri, where they did patrol and scout duty for a time. Returning to St. Louis, they next went down the Mississippi and up the Ohio and Tennessee rivers to Pittsburg Landing, where they joined Governor Oglesby's brigade and General McClelland's division March 28, 1862. In the battle at that place on the 6th of April, Major Dance was wounded in the right arm by an ounce rifle ball, and was taken to the surgeon's tent; but when the enemy began shelling the

camp he and the other wounded were placed on a steamboat and taken to Evansville, Indiana, where he remained in the hospital for one month. He then received a furlough and returned home, where he remained until September 30, 1863. He was then made captain of Company K, Eighth Iowa Cavalry, and on the 17th of October was ordered to Louisville, Kentucky, where the regiment remained twelve days. They were then ordered to march to Nashville, a distance of two hundred and twenty miles, which they covered in twelve days, and there guarded the Nashville Railroad, which was then being built, and patrolled from that place to Waverly Landing, where the command went into camp, remaining there until March 13, 1864. They then marched back to Nashville, where they were refitted with horses, arms and accoutrements, and then proceeded to Cleveland, Tennessee. On the 1st of May, 1864, the regiment was assigned to the First Brigade, First Division, commanded by General E. M. McCook, and started on the Atlanta campaign, being in almost constant action until the 27th of July, when they started on the McCook or Stoneman raid in the rear of Atlanta. They marched to Jonesboro, where they waited for the return of General Stoneman, but as he failed to appear General McCook had to fight his way out as best he could. They next went to Mariette, Georgia, which place Major Dance and seventeen men reached in safety, but four hundred of the command were either killed, wounded or captured by the rebels. They remained in camp at that place for six weeks, during which time four companies were collected under our subject's command. Later they took part in the battles of Pulaski, Campbellsville, Florence, Columbus, Spring Hill, Franklin and Nashville,

and then followed General Hood to Waterloo, Alabama, where they went into winter quarters, remaining there until March 22, 1865. They next went on the Wilson raid. At Montgomery, Alabama, the command was divided, and Major Dance's brigade was detached and sent to Tuscaloosa, that state, to decoy General Jackson and West Adams so that General Wilson could succeed in his raid on Selma, Alabama. They found themselves between two rebel brigades, but fought their way to Tuscaloosa, where they destroyed a large amount of rebel property. They then continued on their way to Macon, Georgia, and meeting General Hill they captured his battery and three hundred men, besides destroying other rebel property. It was while on this march that they received the news of President Lincoln's assassination. They reached Macon May 1, 1865, where they awaited the result of the armistice until the 13th of August, when they were mustered out of service. Major Dance then returned home with an army record of which he may be justly proud. He has always held some office in the Grand Army of the Republic, and is now an honored member of John A. Buck Post, No. 140, of Lisbon, and is also a member of Crocker's Brigade of Iowa. Since the time he was wounded in battle the Major has always been a staunch supporter of the Republican party.

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#### CHARLES M. SESSIONS.

The subject of this biography is serving as justice of the peace in Mt. Vernon, a position which he has filled for eighteen years with credit to himself and satisfaction to his constituents. He is thoroughly impartial in



meting out justice, his opinions being unbiased by either fear or favor, and his fidelity to the trust reposed in him is above question. He is regarded as one of the leading and most highly respected citizens of the place, and it is, therefore, consistent that he be represented in a work whose province is the portrayal of the lives of the prominent men of this county.

Mr. Sessions was born in Cortland county, New York, September 28, 1827, and is a son of Uriel and Nancy (Price) Sessions, natives of Connecticut and New York, respectively. When a young man the father located in Cortland county, New York, where in the midst of the forest he cleared and improved a farm. The greater part of his life was devoted to agricultural pursuits, but he also taught school in New York for some years, and served as justice of the peace in Cortland county. He died at the age of sixty-seven years upon the farm where he had located when only twenty-one. His wife survived him some years and also died in Cortland county. All of their six children married and reared families, but only two of the number are now living, these being Charles M., of this sketch; and Sallie A., wife of Rev. O. L. Torry, of Marathon, Cortland county, New York, by whom she has one son, Jay.

Charles M. Sessions obtained his early education in the common schools near his boyhood home and at Cortland Academy in Homer, New York. On completing his education he taught school during the winter, and aided his father in the work of the home farm through the summer months until twenty-five years of age. On the 14th of January, 1852, he was married, in Marathon, New York, to Miss Mary J. Armstrong, who was born in Pennsylvania, but her life

was largely spent in the Empire state prior to her marriage. Her parents, John and Harriet (Hornbeck) Armstrong, are both deceased, her father being killed in Jones county by lightning in 1863. By trade he was a stone mason. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Sessions, as follows: (1) Frank J., a resident of Waterloo, Iowa, was county superintendent of schools in Linn county for a number of years, and for eleven years was superintendent of the East Waterloo schools, but resigned that position in the fall of 1900, and is now in the employ of Rand, McNally & Company, of Chicago, as their agent in thirteen counties of north-eastern Iowa. He has been superintendent of the Chautauqua Assembly at Waterloo since its organization. In the fall of 1900 he began lecturing on Liquid Air and has since devoted considerable of his time to that wonderful discovery. He married Clara Fisher and they have four children, Alvina M., Thomas, Charles and Harriet. (2) Ida M. married A. T. Bartholomew and has one child, Mary. (3) George W., agent for the New York Life Insurance Company at Los Angeles, California, is married and has two children, Romaine and Samuel. (4) Harriet married John H. Merritt, now a grocer of Mt. Vernon, Iowa, and died at the age of thirty-five years. (5) Charles E., who is with the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad Company at De Kalb, Illinois, married Huldah A. Richardson and has four children, Grace, Bertha, Georgiana and Edward.

In May, 1852, Mr. Sessions came to Iowa and located at Fairview, Jones county, where he engaged in farming for two years, though the summer of 1852 was spent in Mt. Vernon, where he aided in the construction of the first building erected by Cornell Col-

lege, it being now known as science hall. On leaving Fairview he entered the Methodist ministry and traveled for seventeen years throughout Iowa and New York. Later he was engaged in the harness business in Hopkinton, Delaware county, Iowa, for three years, and in 1872 located in Mt. Vernon, where he has since made his home. For about ten years he was engaged in the grocery business at this place, and for the past eighteen years has filled the office of justice of the peace. He is an earnest and consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and has led an upright, honorable and useful life, well worthy of emulation.

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#### STEPHEN A. SHATTUCK.

One of the pioneer business men of Cedar Rapids is Stephen A. Shattuck, now retired from commercial activities and enjoying the competence acquired in former years. He has many interesting reminiscences of early days in this county, Cedar Rapids being a mere village of about four hundred inhabitants when he located here in the spring of 1852. With its growth and development he has been actively identified and takes a just pride in its prosperity as it now ranks among the leading cities of the state.

A native of Worcester county, Massachusetts, Mr. Shattuck was born thirty miles west of Boston, on the 12th of June, 1824, his parents being Captain Stephen and Hannah (Carter) Shattuck, also natives of the old Bay state. The mother was born in Reading, of which place her father was an early settler. The original ancestor of the Shattuck family in America was William, who was born in England in 1620 or 1621,

and who came to this country about 1641, locating in Massachusetts. He died at Watertown, Massachusetts, August 14, 1672. Our subject's paternal grandfather, who also bore the name of Stephen Shattuck, was born in one of the New England states, and fought for American independence as a soldier of the Revolutionary war. Captain Shattuck, the father of our subject, grew to manhood in Massachusetts, and as captain of a company of cavalry was one of General LaFayette's escorts when he visited the United States in 1824. He was always handy with tools and for several years worked at the carpenter's trade, always making his home in his native state. In his family were four children, namely: Mrs. Miranda Holt, a widow, who was born in 1818, and now resides in Fort Scott, Kansas; Elijah, who died in 1899, when nearly seventy-nine years of age; Hannah, who died in St. Louis, Missouri, at the age of seventeen years; and Stephen A., of this review.

The early life of our subject was passed in Massachusetts, and he had fair educational advantages, attending both the common schools and an academy. From the age of ten to sixteen years he spent most of his time upon a farm, and then turned his attention to learning the carpenter's trade, serving a three-years' apprenticeship. During the following four years he worked as a journeyman in his native state, and then entered a furniture factory at Dedham, Massachusetts, where he was employed at cabinet work for three or four years.

• In 1851 Mr. Shattuck came west and after visiting a sister in Iowa City for some time, he located in Cedar Rapids in June, 1852, and soon afterward embarked in merchandising with his uncle, Henry A. Carter, under the firm name of Carter & Shattuck.

This relation was continued for about three years, when George Dewey purchased the interest of Mr. Carter, and the title of the firm was changed to Shattuck & Dewey. The first place of business occupied by Mr. Shattuck was on First street, between First and Second avenues, it being a frame building one story in height. At that time there were not over four or five brick buildings in the place. They continued on First street until Mr. Carter sold his interests. In 1856 he built a brick block, forty feet front and eighty feet deep, three stories in height, which building is still standing. Mr. Shattuck was subsequently interested in other enterprises, and continued in active business until 1890, when he laid aside business cares, and has since lived a retired life. In 1856 he erected the third brick block in the city, it being located on First avenue, and in 1855 built his present brick residence, into which he moved in the spring of the following year. It is believed that no man in the city has so long resided in one house, it having been his home for the long period of forty-five years.

On the 1st of January, 1856, Mr. Shattuck was married in Berlin, Massachusetts, to Miss Harriet Rice, who was born in Northboro, April 2, 1831, that state, which was also the birthplace of her husband. Her parents, Captain Seth and Persis (Bartlett) Rice, were also natives of Massachusetts. Soon after his marriage Mr. Shattuck brought his bride to the new home he had prepared for her reception in Cedar Rapids. They had two children. William Lemuel, who was well educated in the Cedar Rapids high school, died in Los Angeles, California, March 3, 1886, at the age of twenty-six years. Nellie L. is at home.

In early life Mr. Shattuck voted with

the old Free Soil party, and he assisted in organizing the Republican party, voting for John C. Fremont in 1856, and for all the presidential candidates since that time. He has never sought political honors, but served as alderman of the city two years; township assessor one year; and township trustee three years. He has been a delegate to numerous conventions of his party, and has always taken a deep and commendable interest in public affairs. For some years he was a member of Oak Lodge, No. 53, I. O. O. F. Wherever known he is held in high regard, and as an honored pioneer and highly respected citizen he is certainly deserving of honorable mention in the history of his adopted county.

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#### EDWIN GARRETSON.

Among the honored and highly respected citizens of Marion is this well-known retired farmer, whose home is at the corner of Eleventh street and Fourteenth avenue. He was born in Bedford county, Pennsylvania, May 8, 1838, a son of Aaron and Hannah (Miller) Garretson, natives of the same state. When a young man the father went to Ohio, making the journey on foot, and took possession of a farm near Dayton which his father had given him. That region was then all wild and unimproved, and after spending one year there he returned to the Keystone state. After his marriage he purchased a farm in Bedford county, Pennsylvania, at the foot of the Allegheny mountains, and to the improvement and cultivation of that place devoted his energies until called to his final rest, at the age of fifty years.



Both he and his wife were members of the Society of Friends, but after his death she united with the Dunkard church. For almost thirty years she made her home with our subject, where she died in 1892, at the age of ninety-one.

In the family were nine children, of whom five are still living, namely: Thomas, a resident of this county; Mary, a widow and a resident of Marshall county, Iowa, who first married Moses Rogers, and after his death wedded John Merry; Mrs. Deborah Snyder, a widow of Benton county, Iowa; Edwin, our subject; and George, a resident of California. The family has always been a patriotic and loyal one, and during the Civil war four of the brothers were numbered among the boys in blue. Thomas served four years in the Eighty-fourth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, which was a part of the Army of the Potomac. Moses and George were both members of Company H, Fifty-fifth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. The former was overseer of a fort in South Carolina until he received a sunstroke on the battlefield. This brought on quick consumption. He was first taken to Baltimore and later to Philadelphia, from which city our subject brought him to Iowa, where he died eight days later at the age of twenty-five years. He was a Quaker by birthright, but belonged to no church. Prior to entering the army he took care of his mother. After serving two years George was also taken ill and returned home, but eight months later he had so far recovered as to be able to re-enlist, and he remained in the service until the close of the war. He was once wounded in the right shoulder. The sisters who have passed away were Sarah, who died at the age of twelve years; Martha,

who died at the age of twenty-one; and Edith, who died at the age of nineteen.

During his boyhood Edwin Garretson attended the common schools of his native state and assisted in the labors of the farm. He was only ten years old when his father died, and he then started out in life for himself as a farm hand, working for two dollars and a half per month. He continued to follow farming until after the inauguration of the Civil war. Laying aside all personal interests, he enlisted in July, 1863, in Company E, Twenty-first Pennsylvania Cavalry, his command being one of four companies which were placed on detached duty. During his service he contracted typhoid fever, but remained at the front and did not return home until chronic diarrhea set in, when he was granted a two-weeks' furlough. As his term of enlistment had expired, he never returned to the front, but was mustered out in February, 1864.

It was on the 29th of April, 1864, that Mr. Garretson landed in Cedar Rapids, and has since made this county his home. He was accompanied by his mother and older brother, Eli, his wife and three children. The brother died at the age of forty-five, leaving a widow and eight daughters who now reside in Toddville, this county. For several years after coming to Iowa our subject engaged in farming upon rented land.

On the 17th of May, 1865, Mr. Garretson married Miss Angela W. Andrews, a native of Morgan county, Ohio, and a daughter of C. C. and Delilah (Jordan) Andrews, who were also born in that state, and came to Iowa in 1850, locating three miles west of Marion. Her mother was born December 26, 1819, and died July 27, 1877. She was a member of the Baptist

church. The father served as captain in the Ohio Militia, but took no active part in war. Mr. and Mrs. Andrews were married February 7, 1840, and were the parents of seven children, namely: Sarah T., widow of D. S. Hindman, and a resident of Cedar Rapids; Angela W., wife of our subject; Wallace, a farmer of Buchanan county, Iowa; Emeline, wife of Henry Fleming, of Marion township, Linn county; Rachel, wife of Paul Stevens, a farmer of Tama county, Iowa; Francis, a farmer of this county; and Mary, wife of Brooks Stevens, of this county. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Garretson were born three children: Ella, who died in 1880, when nearly twelve years of age; Etta M., wife of C. A. Plummer, who is engaged in farming in the northeast part of Marion township, and by whom she has one child, Geraldine C.; and Della, at home.

Mr. Garretson's first purchase of land consisted of forty acres in Spring Grove township, and on selling that bought an eighty-acre tract, which he subsequently disposed of. For seventeen years he and his wife efficiently carried on the county home, and so acceptable were their services that the board of supervisors were loath to have them give it up. On retiring from that position Mr. Garretson bought one hundred and fifteen acres of well improved land in Marion township, which he still owns. He operated the farm until February, 1899, when he removed to Marion and has since lived a retired life, enjoying a well-earned rest. He rents his farm on the shares, but still looks after his business interests, and is now feeding a carload of cattle upon the place. He buys both steers and hogs which he fattens for market.

In his political views Mr. Garretson is an ardent Republican, and he has filled the

offices of assessor and school director, having taken an active interest in educational affairs in his locality. He and his estimable wife are active and prominent members of the Christian church, in which she is now serving as deaconess. They have a large circle of friends and acquaintances throughout the county who appreciate their sterling worth and many excellencies of character.

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### JOSEPH P. GRISSEL.

Among the leading representatives of the industrial interests of Cedar Rapids is Joseph P. Grissel, who came to this city in 1889, and has since been quite extensively engaged in the manufacture of cornice. He was born in New York city, on the 7th of July, 1859, and is a son of Vincent and Annie (Katzerosky) Grissel, both natives of Germany. The father was born November 22, 1828, and remained in the land of his birth until 1852, when he came to the United States, accompanied by his wife and one son, John. He first located in New York, where he followed farming until about 1862, when he came to Iowa, and here worked as a farm hand for several years, but was finally able to purchase a farm near Iowa City, and to its operation devoted his time and energies for several years. He is now living retired in Iowa City, enjoying a rest which he has truly earned. As a voter he has always been an active worker in political circles, and has held minor offices in his township and city. Fraternally he affiliates with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. During his long residence in this state he has watched with interest its wonderful development, has seen towns and cities



spring into existence, and in the work of up-building and advancement he has ever bore his part. His wife died in February, 1897.

Of the nine children born to this worthy couple one son, Frank, died at the age of four years, and John, the oldest, died at the age of thirty-five. The latter was admitted to the bar and engaged in the practice of law for some time before his death. Those of the family still living are Rudolph, a general merchant of Woonsocket, Sanborn county, South Dakota; Charles, a farmer of Iowa City; Joseph P., our subject; Annie, wife of J. J. Cerney, an employe of the Golden Eagle Clothing Company, of Iowa City; Mary, at home with her father; Vincent M., a traveling salesman, and George, a tailor by trade, who is also at home. The children were educated in the public schools.

Joseph P. Grissel is indebted to the schools of Iowa City for his educational advantages. At the age of sixteen he began his business career by learning the tinner's trade, which he has since followed, doing general repair work and manufacturing cornice. He remained at Iowa City until coming to Cedar Rapids in 1889, and has since conducted business at this place. He formed a partnership with V. W. Maresh, a resident of Iowa City, who sold his interest in the business in 1895 to his son, S. E. Maresh, and the latter was a member of the firm until 1900, since which time Mr. Grissel has been alone in business, though V. W. Maresh is still connected with him in the ownership of what is known as the A. O. U. W. block on First avenue. For a number of years he was the only manufacture of galvanized iron cornice, roofing, etc., in Cedar Rapids, and has met with excellent success in this enterprise.

In 1884, in Iowa City, was celebrated

the marriage of Mr. Grissel and Miss Annie Pisha, who was born in Bohemia, in December, 1859, and came to this country with her parents when only a year old. Six children bless this union, namely: Walter R., Ella M., Clarence, Earl, Elmer and Annie.

Fraternally Mr. Grissel is a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, the Masonic fraternity, and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and in the last named lodge he has passed through all the chairs. He is a supporter of church work and gives his influence to all enterprises which he believes will prove of public benefit. On coming to Cedar Rapids he at once became identified with the Democratic party of this city and has taken an active part in its work. In 1899 he was appointed to fill a vacancy in the city council, and the following year was elected alderman for the sixth ward for a term of two years. He is now serving on the fire, parks and cemeteries committees, and is proving a most popular official.

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#### JOSEPH G. BERTRAND, D. O.

This gentleman has gained a wide reputation throughout Iowa as a successful osteopath, and is now enjoying a large and lucrative practice at Cedar Rapids, where he located on the 1st of October, 1900. He was born in Saratoga, New York, on the 12th of December, 1862, a son of John and Frances Amanda (Deyo) Bertrand, also natives of the Empire state, while the former was of French and the latter of German extraction. The Doctor's paternal grandfather came to this country from France, where he had served as a general in Napoleon's army. By trade the father of our subject



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was a carpenter, but spent his last years in retirement from active labor. He was born in 1815, and died in March, 1898, and his wife, who was born in 1832, departed this life on the 29th of December, 1862. The Doctor is the youngest of their three children, the others being Fanny, wife of William I. Scidmore, of East Line, Saratoga county, New York; and Edward, who removed to Princeton, Minnesota, in 1883, and died there ten years later.

The common schools of New York afforded Dr. Bertrand his early educational privileges. He grew to manhood under the parental roof, and for a number of years was variously employed. In September, 1884, he went to Minneapolis, Minnesota, where he engaged in clerking in a grocery store for two years, and then entered the United States mail service as a letter carrier, in which capacity he served for thirteen years. During that time he took a business course and fitted himself for his chosen profession. For two years he was a student at the Minnesota Institute of Osteopathy, where he was graduated in 1899. For eight months he was engaged in practice at Decorah, Iowa, and then came to Cedar Rapids through the influence of some friends he had treated at Decorah. Here he has already built up a large practice, which is constantly increasing. He makes a specialty of chronic and acute diseases, but treats all cases, and has been wonderfully successful, having established for himself an enviable reputation in his chosen calling.

At Minneapolis, in 1887, Dr. Bertrand was united in marriage with Miss Nettie A. Tanner, who was born in Minnesota in 1866, and they have become the parents of three children, Floyd S., Harold W. and Ora A., now attending the public schools of Cedar

Rapids. In his political views the Doctor is a Republican. Socially he is a member of Cedar Lodge, No. 1, Legion of Honor, and religiously is an active member of the Episcopal church.

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#### CHARLES BRACKETT.

The subject of this sketch was for some years one of the most energetic and progressive business men of Mt. Vernon, Iowa, but is now practically living a retired life at that place. He was born in Saratoga county, New York, October 17, 1855, and is descended from a good old colonial family of Scotch origin, from whose coat of arms it is supposed they belonged to the agricultural class. The first to come to America was Captain Richard Brackett, a native of Scotland, who was one of the fifteen hundred people composing the Massachusetts Bay colony, who came to the new world with Governor Winthrop about 1629, and settled near Boston. The family has always been a patriotic and loyal one, and among its representatives have been soldiers of the Revolutionary war, the war of 1812, and the war of the Rebellion.

James S. Brackett, father of our subject, was born in Pittstown, Rensselaer county, New York, January 29, 1823, and is a son of John Adams and Eliza (Chase) Brackett, who were natives of New York and Rhode Island, respectively, and were married in Rensselaer county of the former state. There Eliza Brackett died and for his second wife John A. Brackett married Elizabeth Sturgis. Later he removed to Saratoga county, New York, where his death occurred in 1871. He had eight children,

three by the first marriage and five by the second, namely: James S., father of our subject; William, who married Elizabeth Sherman and died in Mt. Vernon, Iowa, in 1896; Henry, who married Mary Ott and resides in Saratoga county, New York; Polly, wife of Elisha Sherman; Eliza, wife of Cornelius Ott, of New York; Hattie, who married John Fryer, and is dead; George, who married Elizabeth Perry and died in Glens Falls, New York, in February, 1901; and John, who was wounded at Gettysburg, and died in the army during the Civil war.

At the age of five years James S. Brackett began his education in the district schools near his boyhood home, and at the age of twelve accompanied his father on his removal to Saratoga county, New York. He assisted his father in the operation of the farm and sawmill and made his home there until coming to Mt. Vernon, Iowa, in January, 1873. Here he was engaged in the meat business with our subject for some time, and since disposing of their market he has lived retired. He and his son erected the building now owned by the Wolf Brothers, and took a very active and prominent part in the business affairs of the city.

On the 15th of September, 1844, in Saratoga county, New York, was celebrated the marriage of James S. Brackett and Nancy Sherman, who was born in that county, January 4, 1823, and died there April 5, 1865, her remains being interred at Wilton, New York. The only child born of that union was our subject. His maternal grandparents were Sylvanus and Clara (Slatter) Sherman, who were married in Rensselaer county, New York, and were the parents of the following children: Caroline, who married Smith Carr and both died in

Saratoga county, New York; Nancy, mother of our subject; Elizabeth Ann, who married William Brackett and both are now deceased; Elisha, deceased, who married Polly Brackett and lived in Washington county, New York; and James, who died in that county.

Reared in his native county, Charles Brackett attended first the district schools and later the high school at Saratoga Springs. In the spring of 1874 he came to Mt. Vernon, Iowa, and for one year was a student at Cornell College. He embarked in the meat business with his father in the fall of 1876, and successfully conducted a market here until 1892, when they sold out. In December of that year he purchased a two-story brick block, and in January following opened a clothing store, which he carried on until his retirement from business in 1898, when he sold out to the firm of Bair & Kyle. In 1899 he built one of the best residences in Mt. Vernon, it being supplied with all modern improvements and furnished in a most tasteful manner. He also owns other city property and is quite well-to-do, having accumulated a comfortable competence through his good business ability, sound judgment and untiring perseverance.

Mr. Brackett was married at Saratoga Springs, New York, September 6, 1876, to Miss Jane E. Springsted, who was born at that place January 31, 1857, a daughter of John and Martha F. (Owen) Springsted. The Springsted family was founded in America by her great-grandfather, who came from England in 1790, and settled in Coeymans, Albany county, New York. Her grandfather, Stephen Springsted, was born at that place January 16, 1799, and married Abigail Terry, who was born March 1, 1801.



They had nine children, all born in Coeymans, namely: Jeremiah, born February 19, 1820, died September 22, 1879; Lydia, born November 25, 1821, still resides in Coeymans; Oliver, born November 14, 1823, died in December, 1896; Henry, born January 18, 1826, resides in Coeymans; John, father of Mrs. Brackett, is next in order of birth; Jane E., born July 20, 1830, died May 16, 1851; Sally Ann, born February 2, 1833, died December 14, 1834; Mary, born May 14, 1835, resides in New Bethlehem, New York; and Stephen, born October 31, 1837, died April 30, 1891. Mrs. Brackett's maternal grandfather was William C. Owen, who was born in East Line, Saratoga county, New York, June 14, 1807, and died in Saratoga Springs, April 28, 1893. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Hannah Bliss, was born in Greenfield, the same county, July 22, 1809, and died in Saratoga Springs January 2, 1883. She was a cousin of Senator P. P. Bliss. In the Owen family were the following children: Mary M., born March 20, 1831, died July 22, 1859; Martha F., mother of Mrs. Brackett, was the second of the family; Phebe E., born October 18, 1834, died February 19, 1858; Henry W., born February 22, 1836, resides in Mt. Vernon, Iowa; William J., born February 27, 1837, died October 28, 1866; James B., born December 1, 1838, died February 26, 1839; Eliza J., born February 11, 1840, died September 17, 1885; Charles, born November 15, 1841, died August 1, 1842; Harriet Emma, born October 30, 1844, resides in Saratoga Springs, New York; and Charles A., born July 1, 1850, died November 19, 1872. John Springsted, Mrs. Brackett's father, was born in Coeymans, New York, February 29, 1828, and was married at

Martha F. Owen, who was born in Greenfield, that state, January 8, 1833. In 1857 they came west and located near Peru, Illinois, where the father followed farming until his death, which occurred September 9, 1861. By trade, however, he was a tinner. After her husband's death Mrs. Springsted returned to Saratoga Springs, New York, where she was married, September 3, 1869, to Samuel Ainsworth, a native of Vermont, by whom she had one son, Samuel W., who was born in Saratoga Springs April 23, 1871, and still resides at that place. He was married, in Mt. Vernon, Iowa, September 15, 1894, to Sally Courtney. Mrs. Brackett is the older of the two children born of the first marriage, the other being Mary J. Etta, who was born in Illinois January 8, 1862, and is now the wife of Daniel Barbey, a journalist of Saratoga Springs, New York. The mother died at that place May 21, 1899. Mr. and Mrs. Brackett have two children: Frank J., born September 15, 1883; and Florence Etta, born January 15, 1897. The former is now attending Cornell College.

Politically Mr. Brackett is a Republican with prohibition tendencies, and religiously is a member of the Methodist church. Socially he belongs to Mt. Vernon Lodge, No. 112, F. & A. M., and Ashlar Chapter, R. A. Saratoga Springs, November 11, 1855, to M., and is also connected with Star of Bethlehem Lodge, K. P. Social, educational and moral interests have been promoted by him, and anything that tends to uplift and benefit humanity secures his hearty co-operation. Both he and his father enjoy a wide acquaintance and marked popularity in the city where they have made their home for over a quarter of a century.

## GEORGE L. STEARNS.

George L. Stearns, who has efficiently served as city weighmaster of Marion, Iowa, for many years, was born in Vienna, Ontario county, New York, September 10, 1825, a son of Joel W. and Nancy (Edminston) Stearns, the former a native of Conway, Massachusetts, the latter of Maryland. Throughout his active business life the father was engaged in hotel keeping, and lived for some time in Palmyra and Vienna, New York. Both he and his wife died in the latter place. Their children were: Alonzo, who died in Chicago, Illinois; John, who is now living a retired life in that city; William, who died in Wisconsin; George L., our subject; Owen, a physician, who died in Freeport, Illinois; Henry, who lives with our subject in Marion, Iowa; and one who died in infancy.

Mr. Stearns of this review acquired his education in the common schools of his native state, and when his school days were over he engaged in teaching for two winters. He was then employed as clerk in the postoffice at Geneva, New York, until 1849, when he entered the service of the Wells & Company Express, as agent, and later was messenger between Albany and Buffalo, New York, until 1858, when he received the appointment as agent for that company at Saratoga Springs, New York, where he remained one year. He was next in the employ of the New York Central Railroad at their freight depot in Rochester until coming to Cedar Rapids, Iowa, in 1861.

Prompted by a spirit of patriotism, Mr. Stearns enlisted in July, 1861, as sergeant in Company B, Thirty-first Iowa Volunteer Infantry, under Captain Spear and Colonel Smythe. The regiment went first to Du-

buque, and later to Davenport, and from there proceeded to Helena, Montana, where they took part in an engagement in the winter of 1863. They next went to Arkansas, and for a time they were stationed opposite Vicksburg, and were also in the rear of that stronghold, taking part in a number of engagements around there until the surrender of the fort. They next went to Jackson and Canton, Mississippi, and then returned to Vicksburg. Mr. Stearns was confined to the hospital at St. Louis for a time, and was then transferred to Quincy, Illinois, being off duty for twenty days. After rejoining his regiment at Woodville, Alabama, he participated in the battle of Chattanooga, and all of the engagements of the Atlanta campaign. Subsequently he was transferred to the commissary department of his division, with which he was connected until mustered out of service at Louisville, Kentucky, June 27, 1865, being paid off at Davenport, Iowa.

After leaving the army Mr. Stearns returned to his home in Cedar Falls, and the following year entered the employ of the American Express Company as messenger on the stage line between Boone and Sioux City. In the same capacity he made the first trip on the railroad after it was built through to Council Bluffs, in February, 1867, and in April was transferred to Dubuque, running as messenger between there and Centralia and Cedar Rapids. In November, 1867, he was appointed agent at the last named place, and held that position until 1872, when he served as street commissioner of the city for one year. Subsequently he was agent for the United States Express Company at this place until 1878, and later served as clerk of the courts of Linn county, for eight years. For two years he was

deputy oil inspector for the state, and at the end of that time was appointed city weigh-master at Marion, which position he has since most creditably filled.

On the 7th of November, 1849, Mr. Stearns was married in Vienna, New York, to Miss Helen A. Streeter, of that place, a daughter of Dexter Streeter, who was a woolen weaver and carder. Five children blessed this union, namely: Charles G., who has been Agent for the American Express Company at Waterloo, Iowa, since 1870; Helen A., wife of E. S. Young, clerk of the courts of Greene county, Iowa; George, deceased; Henry, who is engaged in the abstract business in Marion, Iowa; and Theorada A., wife of J. E. Brownwell, an attorney of Marion.

In his religious views Mr. Stearns is an Episcopalian, and in politics is a staunch Republican. He is a prominent member of Robert Mitchell Post, No. 206, G. A. R., and is now serving as adjutant. As a citizen he has always been true and faithful to every trust reposed in him, so that his loyalty is above question, being manifest in days of peace as well as when he followed the old flag to victory on southern battle-fields. As one of the representative men of his community he is also worthy of the high regard in which he is uniformly held.

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### JOHN E. GOODRICH.

The subject of this sketch needs no special introduction to the readers of this volume, but the work would be incomplete without the record of his life. No man in Cedar Rapids has been more prominently identified with his business interests or has

taken a more active part in its upbuilding and progress. He has cheerfully given his support to those enterprises that tend to public development, and has been connected with various interests that have promoted general welfare, though he is now practically living a retired life.

Mr. Goodrich was born in Utica, New York, December 15, 1826, and belongs to an old colonial family of Welsh origin which was founded in Berlin, Connecticut, at a very early day in the history of this country. His paternal grandfather, Leonard Goodrich, was a native of that state and was a pioneer of New York, settling near Utica. He fought for American independence as a soldier of the Revolutionary war, and lived to the advanced age of ninety-four years.

Curtis Goodrich, the father of our subject, was born near Albany, New York, in 1801, but reared on his father's farm near Utica, and during his active business life engaged in farming and stock raising, making a specialty of sheep and cattle. He married Sophia Brigham, a native of Massachusetts. In October, 1855, they came to Linn county, Iowa, where they spent their last days, his wife dying in 1878, while his death occurred in March, 1884. All of their ten children reached mature years, but only three now survive, these being John E., the subject of this sketch; Francis, a florist of Ocala, Florida; and James C., who was a soldier of the Civil war, and after that struggle went to California, but is now a resident of Montana, where he is interested in mining.

Mr. Goodrich, whose name introduces this review, grew to manhood on the home farm and received a good academic education, after first attending the common schools. He began his business career as



a hardware merchant in Utica, but soon sold out and went to Buffalo, where he engaged in clerking for the firm of Jewett & Root for two or three years. In 1845 he went to Hillsdale, Michigan, where he was similarly employed for about a year, and then came to Iowa, locating first at Iowa City, where he engaged in teaming and railroad construction for a time. He next conducted a hotel at that place, it being a favorite stopping place for those emigrating westward. Subsequently he had charge of the Shields House at Vinton, Iowa, for one year, and in the fall of 1856 came to Linn county, locating at Lisbon, where he conducted the New York House until 1869, when he took charge of the Valley City House at Cedar Rapids, and carried on the same for thirteen years. He continued to successfully engage in the hotel business in this city for thirteen years, and then sold out. In the meantime he had become interested in other enterprises, and bought and improved a large amount of city property. In 1876 he purchased a lot and erected the house where he now resides, and at different times has owned about twenty houses in Cedar Rapids. In advancing his own interests he has materially aided in the growth and upbuilding of the city, and is to-day numbered among its most public-spirited and enterprising citizens.

On the 1st of June, 1865, at Des Moines, Iowa, Mr. Goodrich was united in marriage with Miss Harriet E. Speck, who was born, reared and educated near Chambersburg, Pennsylvania. They have become the parents of six children, who are still living, namely: Minnie, wife of J. R. Morrin, of Chicago; Almeda, wife of J. E. Byers, of Cedar Rapids; Belle, wife of E. E. Marquis, of Hastings, Nebraska; Fred, who holds a business position with Swift & Company,

of Chicago; Gertrude, at home; and Garfield, also with Swift & Company, of Chicago.

In his political affiliations Mr. Goodrich was originally a Whig, and cast his first presidential ballot for Zachary Taylor. He joined the Republican party on its organization, voting for John C. Fremont in 1856, and for every presidential nominee of that party since that time. He has never cared for the honors or emoluments of public office, preferring rather to give his undivided attention to his business interests. He and his wife are earnest and consistent members of St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal church and stand high in public esteem. He is always mentioned as one of the invaluable citizens of Cedar Rapids, and on the rolls of Linn county's most honored pioneers and representative citizens his name should be among the foremost.

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#### WILLIAM BURNS.

William Burns, a highly esteemed citizen of Franklin township residing on section 14, was born in Trumbull county, Pennsylvania, May 23, 1840, and is of Scotch-Irish descent. His ancestors, however, came to America at an early day and his great-grandfather took part in the Revolutionary war. His parents were Solomon and Margaret (Faulk) Burns, also natives of Pennsylvania, whence they came to Iowa in 1857, and after spending three years in Appanoose county located in Marion, where they continued to make their home throughout the remainder of their lives. The father died May 26, 1899, at the age of eighty-one years, nine months and twenty-three days, and the mother passed away May 19, 1887, at the

age of sixty-six years, five months and two days. In their family were twelve children, namely: Marcus married, first, Dora Hayhusk, and second Ellen Minnea, and resides in Marion; William, our subject, is next in order of birth; Sylvester married Anna Fanlings, and lives north of Marion; Wallace married Annie Thompkins, and lives in Marion; Emeline is the widow of Ephraim Andrews, and resides on a farm near Springville; Sarah is the wife of Peter Kessler, of Marion; Anna is the wife of Passmore Knight, of Center Point, Iowa; Jane is the wife of George Knight, a brother of Passmore, and a resident of Marion; Hester is the wife of Aaron Taylor, of Mt. Auburn, Iowa; Ella is the wife of Philip Bunton, of Marion; George married Barbara Kohnkie, and lives north of Marion; and Effie, wife of William Alexander, of the same place.

The first seventeen years of his life our subject passed in his native state, and he received his education in its public schools. He then accompanied his parents on their removal to Appanoose county, Iowa, where he worked on a farm until the family came to Marion, Linn county. On the 28th of May, 1864, he enlisted in Company G, Forty-sixth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and after being mustered into the United States service at Davenport went south to Memphis, Tennessee, where he remained until discharged on the 23d of the following September. On his return from the war he lived in Marion for two years, and then removed to Mt. Vernon.

At the latter place he was married, December 20, 1866, to Miss Nancy Painter, who was born February 28, 1850, in Armstrong county, Pennsylvania, of which her parents, Lawrence and Mary (Orner)

Painter, were also natives and of German descent. Her father followed the shoemaker's trade until his death, which occurred in December, 1858. The following year the family removed to Marion county, Missouri. The mother afterward became the wife of Sylvester Hodges, and died in 1895. She was born in 1809, and died October 5, 1900, being laid to rest in Mt. Vernon cemetery.

Mrs. Burns is the tenth in order of birth in a family of eleven children, the others being Michael, who married Maggie Hopkins and lives in Hannibal, Missouri; Lewis, who married Jane Briney and makes his home in Sciota, Illinois; Martha, wife of John Carnet, of Mt. Vernon, Iowa; Mary, who died at the age of eight years; Catherine, wife of Herman Otten, of Hannibal, Missouri; Johnnie, who died at the age of three years; Joseph, who died at the age of one year; one who died in infancy; Leonard, who married Matilda Wyant and lives in Schuyler county, Illinois; and David, who wedded Mary Bryant, now deceased, and resides in Oklahoma.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Burns were born seven children: Lewis, born December 13, 1867, at home; Lydia, born December 14, 1870, was married, in November, 1896, to Orley Walmer, a farmer of Cedar county, Iowa; Addie, born July 25, 1875, died February 13, 1878; Nellie, born January 30, 1878, William J., born July 4, 1881, Grace, born May 21, 1884, and Earl, born February 16, 1890, are all four at home with their parents.

For six years after his marriage Mr. Burns engaged in farming on rented land near Mt. Vernon, and then lived on the Chauncey Dill farm for a year. For a year and eight months he made his home on the Smith farm, and when that place was sold



he removed to the Gamble farm, remaining there one year. The following five years were passed on the Riddle farm, and the next three years were spent in Cedar county, Iowa. At the end of that time he bought twenty acres of land on section 14, Franklin township, Linn county, near Lisbon, where he has since continued to reside. His wife has been to him a true helpmate and has always contributed her share to the support of the family. She is an expert carpet weaver, weaving all kinds of fancy rugs and carpet, and has often turned out over one thousand yards of carpet in a year. Both Mr. and Mrs. Burns are members of the Evangelical church, and are held in high regard by all who know them. Fraternally he affiliates with W. C. Dimmit Post, No. 126, G. A. R., of Mt. Vernon, and politically is a gold Democrat. For a number of years he served as school director in his district.

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#### THOMAS ANDRE.

Thomas Andre, who after the labors of a long and busy life is spending his later years in ease and retirement at his pleasant home on East Main street, Lisbon, was born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, October 25, 1817, and is a son of Nicholas and Catherine (Sobers) Andre, both natives of Northampton county, that state. The father, who was a farmer by occupation, died when our subject was about sixteen years of age, and later the mother passed away at her home in Pennsylvania. The paternal grandfather came to this country from Germany.

Our subject is the youngest in a family of nine children and the only one now liv-

ing. The others were as follows: (1) John, born in Northampton county, Pennsylvania, served as a private in the war of 1812, and died in 1848 in Pioneer township, Cedar county, Iowa, where he had lived for five years. His wife is now deceased, but his children still reside in that county. (2) Joseph, who was connected with salt works, died in Indiana county, Pennsylvania, at the age of sixty-two years. (3) Michael, also a salt manufacturer, died in Susquehanna county, that state. (4) Jacob, born in 1800, was a weaver by trade. He resided first in Westmoreland county, and later in Armstrong county, Pennsylvania, where he died at the age of fifty years. (5) Peter spent most of his life as a farmer in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, but later removed to Ohio, where he died at the age of sixty-three years. (6) Lydia was the wife of Henry Klin, a farmer of Mahoning county, Ohio, where both died. (7) Elizabeth was the wife of John Lauffer, a farmer of Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, and both are now deceased. (8) Mary was the wife of William Ringer, a farmer of Stark county, Ohio, where their deaths occurred.

Mr. Andre of this review remained at the place of his birth until twenty-six years of age, and is indebted to the district schools of Westmoreland county for his educational advantages. In early life he learned the mason's trade, and also worked in the coal mines for some time. On coming west in 1844 he settled in Pioneer township, Cedar county, Iowa, where he purchased land and successfully engaged in farming until 1892, when he laid aside active business and has since lived retired in Lisbon, enjoying the fruits of his former toil.

At Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, Mr. Andre was married, in 1841, to Miss Mary Owens,



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who died on the old homestead in Pioneer township, Cedar county, Iowa, in 1891. Of the six children born of that union three are still living, namely: (1) Hugh, a capitalist of Lisbon, married Elizabeth Owens, of Pioneer township, Cedar county, and they have one child, John. (2) Lazarus, a prominent farmer and stock raiser of Pioneer township, Cedar county, married Wildy Wilson, and they have three children, Clara, Charles and Lee. (3) William is successfully engaged in farming on the old homestead of over three hundred acres, and is also extensively engaged in stock raising. He married Sarah Morton, and they have six children, Samuel, Cora, Alice, Minnie, Lula and an infant.

Mr. Andre was again married, in Greensburg, Pennsylvania, November 14, 1893, his second union being with Mrs. Sebyla Kunkle, widow of John Kunkle and a daughter of Daniel and Mary (Berlin) Gressman, both of whom died in Pennsylvania. By occupation the father was a farmer. By her former marriage Mrs. Andre has three children, two of whom are still living: Mary, wife of William Kline, of Greensburg, Pennsylvania; and Sarah, widow of William Remally, and also a resident of Greensburg.

When Mr. Andre first came to Iowa he found this region near all wild, unbroken prairie land, and has witnessed almost its entire development and upbuilding. At that time there were only one or two houses in Lisbon and but one in Mt. Vernon. In 1850 he went to California, where he was engaged in mining for some time. He left Council Bluffs on May 13 and reached Placerville on August 10. The trip was made in covered wagons. Returning he took a sailing vessel at San Francisco and after

a seventy-two-day voyage reached Panama, and from there, after walking across the isthmus, took a steamer at Aspinwall to New Orleans, and then up the Mississippi river to Muscatine. He has traveled quite extensively, having visited twenty-seven states of the Union. When the country became involved in civil war he enlisted, in 1852, at Mechanicsville, Cedar county, in Company H, Thirty-fifth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and was in the service twenty-seven months, taking part in a number of important battles, the sieges of Vicksburg and Jacksonville, and the Red river expedition. He received an honorable discharge at Memphis, Tennessee, in November, 1864, and returned to the more quiet pursuits of farm life. For a number of years he served as assessor of Pioneer township, Cedar county. In business affairs he has prospered, and he belongs to that class known as self-made men, his success in life being due entirely to his own untiring industry, indomitable perseverance and good management. He has the respect and confidence of all who know him and well deserves their high regard. In politics Mr. Andre has always supported the principles of the Democratic party.

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#### HENRY W. OWEN.

This well-known and highly-esteemed citizen of Mt. Vernon was born at Saratoga Springs, New York, on the 22d of February, 1836, his parents being William C. and Hannah B. (Bliss) Owen, also natives of that state. The latter was an own cousin of Colonel P. P. Bliss, who was connected with the Moody and Sankey revivals, and was killed in a railway disaster at Ash-

tabula. Ohio, while trying to save his wife. The father, who was a carpenter by trade, continued to make his home at Saratoga Springs until called to his final rest in 1893, at the age of eighty-six years. His wife died in 1883, at the age of seventy-four. They were the parents of ten children, but only our subject and his sister, Mrs. Emma Harrington, of Saratoga Springs, are now living.

At the age of sixteen Henry W. Owen left home and went to western New York, where he worked for an uncle for five years, and then returned to Saratoga Springs, where the following year was passed. In 1858 he removed to Illinois, and was engaged in farming near Peru for a time, afterward locating in Livingston county, that state. While there he enlisted, in 1864, in Company F, Thirtieth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, at Peoria, and was in the service until the close of the war, being discharged at Washington, D. C., in 1865.

On his return to Illinois Mr. Owen engaged in farming in Bureau county for one year, and at the end of that time settled near Chatsworth, in Germanville township, Livingston county, where he followed the same occupation until his return to New York in 1875. The following two years were spent in Saratoga Springs, and at the end of that time he came to Mt. Vernon, Iowa, where he has since made his home, an honored and highly respected citizen. At present he is serving as commander of W. C. Demmitt Post, No. 400, G. A. R., and is a supporter of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Mr. Owen was married, November 1, 1860, the lady of his choice being Miss Rachel S. Davis, by whom he had four children, three born in Bureau county, Illinois, and the youngest in Saratoga Springs, New

York. In order of birth they are as follows: Llewellyn is at home with her parents; Una E. is the wife of W. G. Power, a book dealer of Mt. Vernon, a sketch of whom appears in this work, and they have two children, Ruth and Wilbur; Adelbert, an engineer residing in Kewanee, Henry county, Illinois, is married and has two children, Hazel and Isla; and Charles W. married Vera Vaughn, of Wyoming, Iowa, and is clerking in a store at Mt. Vernon.

Mrs. Owen is a native of Pennsylvania, and a daughter of Benjamin and Unity (Smith) Davis. Her father was born in Chester county, Pennsylvania, and continued to make his home in that state until Mrs. Owen was fourteen years of age, when he removed with his family to Bureau county, Illinois, where he was engaged in farming many years. During his last days he lived retired at Peru, Illinois, where he died at the ripe old age of eighty-seven years. Mrs. Owen's mother had passed away twenty years previous. In their family were nine children, six sons and three daughters, eight of whom are still living and reside in various parts of the country. The oldest son, Llewellyn, was born in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, in 1835, and was a soldier of the Union army from 1861 to 1866, serving as first lieutenant of his company. In 1867 he was appointed deputy United States revenue collector for La Fayette and Saline counties, Missouri, and held many offices of honor and trust in the former county, being a prominent lawyer of Lexington, the county seat of that county. In 1868 he was elected state senator. He was killed in a railroad accident in California. His brother, Thomas, was also in the Civil war, and is now a resident of Washington, Kansas. On the paternal side Mrs. Owen is of Welsh ex-



traction, her grandfather, Thomas Davis, having come to this country from Wales at an early day and settled in Chester county, Pennsylvania, where he followed farming for many years. He died there at the advanced age of ninety-six years.

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### BENJAMIN MATHES.

This well-known resident of Marion is one of the leading German-born citizens of the place, and in his successful career he has shown the characteristic thrift and enterprise of his race. Beginning with no capital except that acquired by his own industry, he met with excellent success in his farming operations for many years, and is now living retired.

Mr. Mathes was born near Frankfort-on-the-Main, Germany, February 11, 1831, and is a son of Nicholas and Barbara (Fischer) Mathes, natives of the same place, where as farming people they spent their entire lives, the father dying at the advanced age of ninety-six years, the mother at the age of eighty-eight. Religiously they were members of the Lutheran church. They were the parents of six children, namely: Margaret, Mary and Philip, all deceased; Nicholas, who came to Linn county, Iowa, in 1856, and died here in 1889; Dorde, wife of Lewis Cager, of Johnson county, Iowa; and Benjamin.

The subject of this sketch was reared and educated in his native land, and prior to coming to America he worked for one firm four years in the wholesale grocery business and the manufacture of soap and candles. It was in 1851 that he crossed the broad Atlantic and took up his residence in

Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, where he was in the employ of the Safe Harbor Iron Works until August, 1855. The following two months were spent in Dubuque, Iowa, and at the end of that time he came to Marion with his brother and others. He brought with him three hundred dollars in gold, which he invested in city lots. After working for others for five years Mr. Mathes purchased a team and commenced breaking prairie. Subsequently he rented the Judge Walch farm in Marion township for two years, and at the end of that time purchased the place. As a farmer and stock raiser he met with marked success, and at one time owned three hundred acres of valuable and well-improved land in this county, which he sold on his removal to Marion in the fall of 1888, and has since laid aside all business cares, enjoying a well-earned rest. His present elegant home was built by him in 1897 at a cost of three thousand dollars.

On the 2d of July, 1859, in Marion, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Mathes and Miss Anna Schmidt, who was also born in Germany, and came to this country when fourteen years of age. Unto them were born the following children: Lizzie, wife of Sylvester Walser, a farmer of Otter Creek township, this county; Charles, a farmer of Johnson county, Iowa, whose wife, Minnie Grieshopper, died in September, 1895; Benjamin F., who married Ada Strucker, and follows farming in Otter Creek township, Linn county; John, who married Anna Cannon, and is employed in a hardware store in Marion; Lewis E., who married Flora Carpenter, and is clerking in a grocery store in Marion; and Robert Wesley, at home.

In his religious belief Mr. Mathes is a Lutheran, and in his political affiliations is a Republican. He has served as a delegate

to the conventions of his party, and has most capably filled the office of school director, giving his unqualified support to any enterprise which he believes will advance the moral, educational or material welfare of his adopted county. He has always been a very steady, hard-working man, and well deserves the success that has come to him.

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SAMUEL S. PFAUTZ.

More than fifty-six years have elapsed since this gentleman first came to Linn county, and he has therefore witnessed almost its entire growth and development, and is to-day numbered among its honored pioneers as well as one of the representative citizens of Lisbon. A native of Pennsylvania, he was born in Lancaster county June 9, 1819, and is the only surviving member of a family of seven children. His parents, Samuel and Mary Magdalene (Swar) Pfautz, spent their entire lives in the Keystone state. The Pfautz family originated in Asia, but later lived in Italy and then France, from which country they were driven out by religious persecution, and then sought a home in England and afterward in America.

Mr. Pfautz is indebted to the district schools of his native state for his educational advantages, and on leaving school at the age of fifteen years he engaged in clerking for his father in Moravia, Pennsylvania. He afterward learned the cooper's trade, at which he worked for a time, and later was employed in a mill. In 1845 he came to Iowa, which was then a territory, stopping first at Keokuk, from which place he walked to Iowa City and later to Cedar Rapids. He found the last named place a mere vil-

lage with only a few houses, a small woolen mill, a sawmill and gristmill. Nicholas Brown was then the "headman" of the town. After remaining here a short time Mr. Pfautz went to Dubuque, but not being able to find work at that place he proceeded to Galena, Illinois, and Mineral Point, Wisconsin, where he worked in a lead furnace for one month. Lead was then hauled from that point to Galena and then shipped down the river by boat to St. Louis.

Mr. Pfautz spent the following summer in St. Louis, and then went to Germantown, Ohio, from which place he rode horseback to Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, in the spring of 1846. Near the latter city he was employed in caring for horses until 1848, when he returned to Iowa. He spent a short time in Muscatine, which was then called Bloomington, and then came to Lisbon, where he worked at making shingles. He next went to Jones county, where in 1849 he built a sawmill in connection with his brother. The following year he and two brothers, accompanied by two others, crossed the plains to the Pacific slope with two ox-teams. On reaching Oregon City he engaged in building ferry boats there until March, 1851, when they proceeded on their way to California, locating at Eureka, where they had just discovered gold. There the little company sold their provisions, receiving one dollar per pound for flour; one dollar and a half per pound for sugar, coffee and tea, and one dollar apiece for eggs. Mr. Pfautz engaged in mining at that place with fairly good success until the fall of 1852, when he started for his old home in Pennsylvania. He traveled by stage from Redding Springs to Sacramento, a distance of two hundred miles, and from San Francisco returned to New York by the Nicaragua route, passing over

the territory through which the Nicaragua canal is to be made. Missing the steamer at Nicaragua, he was obliged to remain there six weeks before he could get another. The steamer on which he sailed stopped at Kingston, Jamaica, for coal, and also at Havana, Cuba, so ha he had a chance to visit both places. They encountered some severe storms off the coast of North Carolina, and ten of the passengers died of yellow fever. Mr. Pfautz also had an attack of that dread disease. On reaching New York he took the train for his native town, remaining in Lancaster until the following spring.

In 1853 we again find Mr. Pfautz in Lisbon, Iowa, where for a year he was employed in a store, carried on in a brick building which then occupied the site of the present opera house. He then purchased eighty acres of raw prairie land in Linn township, for which he paid six hundred dollars, and to which he afterward added one hundred acres that had previously been broken. All of this property he placed under a high state of cultivation and continued to successfully operate the same until the spring of 1883, when he removed to Van Horn, Benton county, Iowa. There he bought an improved farm of one hundred and sixty acres, on which he made his home for four years, and at the end of that time went to Fall River county, South Dakota, taking up a claim of one hundred and sixty acres near Hot Springs, where he lived for eight years. At the end of that period he returned to Lisbon, Iowa, to spend his remaining days in ease and quiet, free from the cares and responsibilities of business life. Politically he is a supporter of the Democracy, and fraternally was at one time a member of the Masonic order. He is widely and favorably

known throughout Linn county, and has a host of friends in the various communities where he has resided.

On the 27th of February, 1855, in Marion, Iowa, Mr. Pfautz wedded Miss Mary McAllister, who was born in Kingston, Upper Canada, September 19, 1830, and is a daughter of Niece and Nancy (Craig) McAllister, both natives of county Antrim, Ireland. She is one of a family of twelve children, but has only two brothers and one sister now living, namely: Thomas, who married Elizabeth McClusky and resides near Mechanicsville, Cedar county; James, who married Lettie White and lives in Louisville, Pottawatomie county, Kansas; and Catherine Cherry, widow of John Manning and a resident of Toledo, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Pfautz had a family of seven children, namely: (1) Anna resides with her parents. (2) Maggie is the wife of Sherman Riddell, of Chariton, Iowa. (3) Louise is the wife of David West, of Mt. Vernon, Iowa, and they have three daughters, Grace, Gale and Vera. (4) Albert J. is mentioned below. (5) Samuel A. died in infancy. (6) Ella is the wife of J. W. Strouse, of Peck, Idaho, and they have two children, Vera and Byron. (7) Alice E. is the wife of Carey F. Harrington, of Rockford, Illinois, and they have one child, Fay.

Albert J. Pfautz, the only son of our subject, was born in Linn county, Iowa, October 6, 1862, and was educated in a district school two miles north of Lisbon. He was married, in Benton county, this state, March 10, 1886, to Miss Gertrude Catlin, who was born near Vinton, Iowa, June 14, 1867, a daughter of James E. and Eliza (Mills) Catlin, natives of Pennsylvania. Her father is a farmer by occupation. Albert J. Pfautz and wife have six children: Lola,



Loren, Lois, Ina, Harold and Elizabeth. For a time the father of these children engaged in farming near Van Horn, Benton county, but in April, 1886, went to the Black Hills, and as a squatter he located a claim in Fall River county, South Dakota, where he remained until the summer of 1889. He then went to the Wind River mountains in Wyoming, but returned home in the fall of that year, and removed to Hot Springs, South Dakota, where he engaged in the hotel business and also helped to build the Soldiers Home. About Christmas time he returned to his claim near Oelrich, South Dakota, but in the spring of 1890 we find him a resident of Hay Springs, Nebraska, near which place he took up a homestead claim. He remained there until the following March, living there during the Indian outbreak. He served as United States messenger for Captain Hanson of Company G, Nebraska National Guards. In the spring of 1891 he returned to Hot Springs, South Dakota, where he conducted a hotel and engaged in carpentering and contracting for two years. He was next engaged in farming on his place near Oelrich until September, 1895, when he and some companions took a trip in a covered wagon, crossing Iowa into Missouri and over into Nebraska by way of Omaha, thus traveling one thousand and fifty miles by team. Mr. Pfautz then spent one year in Paullina, Iowa, and then removed to Cherokee, this state. In the fall of 1897 he went to the grain belt of South Dakota, traveling through the country operating a threshing machine, and then returned to Pottawattamie county, Iowa, where he remained two months. He was next engaged in the grocery business at Vinton, Benton county, Iowa, for a year, and then followed farming for a time, but is now

interested in the insurance business at Kenwood Park, Linn county. He is serving as deputy of the Ancient Order of the Red Cross, and is also a member of the Modern Brotherhood of America, while in religious belief he is a Baptist, and in politics is a Democrat.

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#### ADAM WHITLATCH.

Adam Whitlatch, a retired farmer and highly respected citizen of Mt. Vernon, was born in Perry county, Ohio, October 16, 1837, and is a son of John W. and Annie (Mann) Whitlatch, who were born, reared and married in Pennsylvania. He was only two years old when, in 1839, the family came to Linn county, Iowa, and located on a farm in Linn township, seven miles northwest of Mt. Vernon, being among the earliest settlers of this region. Later his parents removed to Hardin county, Iowa, where the mother died. The father's death occurred in Nebraska. In their family were the following children: Jennie, widow of Adam Mann and a resident of Linn township, this county; Mary A., widow of David Mann and a resident of Steele county, Minnesota; William, who married Hulda Phillips, now deceased, and lives in the state of Washington; Rebecca, wife of Peter Mann, of Steele county, Minnesota; Polly M., widow of William Wood and a resident of Mt. Vernon, Iowa; David, who married Almira Sammons, now deceased, and makes his home in California; Adam, the subject of this sketch; Rachel, widow of George Rundall and a resident of Genoa, Nebraska; Sarah, wife of Amos Stevens, of St. Edward, Nebraska; and Mahala, wife of Scott Willard, of St. Edwards.

After the family located in Linn county

it was quite a while before a school-house was built in their neighborhood, but one was finally built of logs, and supplied with seats made of split logs with pegs for legs. At first there were no desks, and those made consisted of a board laid across pins driven into the wall. Our subject had little opportunity to attend school, as his father was not able to pay the subscription and there were no public schools at that time, but his training at farm work was not so meager and he assisted in the labors of the home place until twenty-four years of age.

During the Civil war Mr. Whitlatch enlisted October 11, 1861, in Company A, Thirteenth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, which was mustered into the United States service at Davenport, and then sent to St. Louis, and later to Jefferson City, Missouri. On their return to St. Louis they boarded the steamer Hiawatha and were conveyed to Shiloh, taking part in the battle at that place, April 6 and 7, 1862. They participated in the siege of Corinth and the battle at that place, October 4 and 5, and then went to Ripley, where they defeated the rebels. Returning to Corinth, they remained there for a time, and then went down through Mississippi to get in the rear of Vicksburg, but at Holly Springs the rebels got in behind them and blew up their base of supplies, so that they had to return to La Fayette on the Memphis & Charleston Railroad. They next went down the river from Memphis to Milliken's Bend, just above Vicksburg, from there to Lake Providence, and then back to Milliken's Bend. They marched round Vicksburg to Grand Gulf, and then crossed the river and took their stand opposite Vicksburg. They were next sent to prevent Johnston from crossing Black river, and at the time of the surrender of Vicks-

burg it was their duty to keep Johnston from going to the relief of the fort. After spending some time at that place they went up the Yazoo river to Yazoo City, and then back to Vicksburg, where they went into winter quarters. While there Mr. Whitlatch re-enlisted for three years, and went with his command on the Meridian raid. He was then granted a furlough and spent one month at home. Taking a boat at Clinton, Iowa, he then went down the river to Cairo, and up the Tennessee to Clifton, from which place his command marched across the country to join General Sherman's army, which they avertook at Big Shanty, Georgia. During the following forty-eight days they were almost constantly under fire. On the 2d of July, 1864, they drove the enemy across the Chattahoochie river, and then fell back, fighting for three days. On the 22d of that month Mr. Whitlatch was captured at Atlanta, and for two months was confined in the noted Andersonville prison. While en route from the place of his capture to Andersonville the train was wrecked between East Point and Macon, Georgia. He was then taken to Charleston, South Carolina, and a month later to Florence, that state, from which place he was transferred to Wilmington, was later sent to Goldsboro, then back to Wilmington and again to Goldsboro. He was finally turned over to the Union forces at Wilmington, February 27, 1865, but was ill at that time from the effects of his imprisonment, and was taken by a steamer to a hospital in New York, where he remained until able to travel. He was then sent to Newburn, North Carolina, but as his regiment had started on the march he was taken to Alexandria, Virginia. He participated in the grand review at Washington, D. C., May 24,



1865, and was mustered out of service at Louisville, Kentucky, on the 21st of July, being paid off at Davenport.

In history we read of the spring of pure water that so suddenly burst forth inside the stockade of Andersonville prison, when the thousands of prisoners were dying from thirst. Our subject was there at the time and can vouch for the truth of the miracle.

On his return home Mr. Whitlatch resumed farming. He was married, on the 31st of October, 1866, the lady of his choice being Miss Philomela Carnahan, who was born in Muskingum county, Ohio, February 1, 1848, and is a daughter of Jacob and Mary (Phillips) Carnahan, natives of Pennsylvania and Ohio, respectively. They were married in the latter state and in 1849 removed to Ivanhoe, Iowa, where the father worked at the carpenter's trade for a short time, and then went to Jones county, making his home there for eight years. He next came to Linn county, but afterward removed to Jasper county, Iowa, where he remained until the breaking out of the Civil war, when he enlisted in Company D, Fortieth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and served three years. In the meantime his family removed to Springville, Linn county, where he lived for ten years, but for the past twenty-eight years has been a resident of Colorado, his home being at Palmer Lake, fifty miles south of Denver. He had seven children, namely: Mary, deceased wife of Frank McShane, of Brown township, this county; Philomela, wife of our subject; John, who married Margaret Brockman, now deceased, and lives in Springville, Iowa; Electa, wife of Daniel Winchell, of Colorado Springs, Colorado; Jennie, wife of Lorenzo Lamkins and resides in Texas; Melelaide, deceased wife of Horace Bemis, of Pasadena, Cali-

fornia; and Leston, who is supposed to have lost his life in the Rocky mountains.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Whitlatch were born nine children, of whom the oldest, born September 2, 1867, died in infancy; Delcina, born August 31, 1868, is the wife of John Belk, of Buchanan county, Iowa; John, born May 3, 1870, lives on a farm in Franklin wife of James Hoffman, of Franklin township; Dora, born April 3, 1872, is the ship; Anna, born December 5, 1875, resides with her parents; Mattie, born February 26, 1877, is the wife of Alvin Russell, of Franklin township; Ida, born July 13, 1881, Otis Howard, born July 24, 1882, and Hazel, born June 2, 1886, are all at home.

After his marriage Mr. Whitlatch located on a farm of fifty acres on section 16, Linn township, which he had previously purchased, and made that his home for seventeen years. On selling that place he bought a farm of eighty acres on section 36, Franklin township, and continued his residence there until his retirement from active labor, March 4, 1901, when he removed to Mt. Vernon. In time of war he was a brave and fearless soldier, and in time of peace is an excellent citizen, taking a deep and commendable interest in public affairs. By his ballot he supports the Republican party, while religiously he is a member of the United Brethren church.

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#### ENOCH B. DYE.

One of the representative farmers and honored citizens of Marion township is Enoch B. Dye, who was born in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, May 31, 1829, a son of William and Susanna (Crothers) Dye,

the former a native of Washington county, that state, the latter of Big Beaver, Beaver county, Pennsylvania. The father, who was a carpenter by trade, died in Pennsylvania in 1831. He assisted in constructing the first bridge across the Allegheny river. The mother departed this life in October, 1890. For her second husband she married Dr. Elijah W. Lake, of Loudonville, Ohio, and in 1853 they came to Iowa City, Johnson county, Iowa. He died in Marion. More extended mention is made of Dr. Lake in the sketch of George W. Lake on another page of this volume.

There were only two children born to William and Susanna (Crothers) Dye, these being Enoch B., our subject, and William McEntire. The latter was born in Washington, Pennsylvania, January 26, 1831, and was reared in Mansfield, Ohio, from which state he was appointed to West Point. He entered the military academy as cadet, July 1, 1849, and on his graduation, July 1, 1853, was appointed second lieutenant. He was then on duty at Fort Columbus, New York; Benicia and Fort Reading, California; Fort Davis and San Antonio, Texas, until the war broke out. On the 14th of May, 1861, he was commissioned captain of the Eighth United States Infantry, and on the 25th of August, 1862, was made colonel of the Twentieth Iowa Volunteer Infantry. He participated in many engagements, and was mustered out of the volunteer service at the close of the war, July 8, 1865. He was commissioned major in the Fourth United States Infantry, January 14, 1866, and was in the recruiting service until sent to Plattsburg Barracks, New York, where he remained until February 18, 1867. He was a member of the examining board of New York

city until April 15, 1868, when he was ordered to the frontier, and was on duty at Forts Larrimie and Fetterman until February 4, 1868. On the 30th of the following September he received an honorable discharge, and for the following three years was engaged in farming near Marion, Iowa. In 1873 he went to Egypt, having been recommended by General Sherman, who was traveling in that country and had been asked by the Egyptian government to recommend some officer for service. General Dye took part in the Abyssinian campaign in 1876, and was wounded in the battle of Gura. After five years spent in Egypt he returned to New York, June 30, 1878, and in 1880 published a book on "Egypt and Abyssinia." He was superintendent of the metropolitan police of the District of Columbia from 1883 to 1886, and for the following two years was chief of the army and navy division of the pension bureau and of its special examination division. In 1888 he went to Korea to become military advisor and instructor in the service of the King of Korea. The Korean government wished to reorganize the army and they asked the United States legation to recommend some American officers to them. The legation referred it to the state department at Washington, which in turn referred it to the war department, and the war department to the commander-in-chief of the army, who was General Sheridan. He offered the place to General Dye, who was a classmate of his at West Point, having graduated in the same year. He was also a cousin of General Dye. General Dye accepted, and held the position until the spring of 1896, during which time he rose rapidly in the esteem of the king. As vice-minister of war and commander of the Korean

army he worked a revolution in that military body and put it on a scale of excellence it had never known. He introduced modern guns and equipment, and revised American tactics to fit Korean needs. Through all the serious political disturbances which occurred in that country he remained the confidential advisor and trusted friend of the king. When treachery threatened the king's life General Dye lived in a house adjoining the royal palace and was believed and trusted. When Japan swooped down upon the helpless country he was practically a prisoner with the king in the royal palace. He was never permitted to take advantage of a month's leave of absence according to contract on account of the political condition of the country, although the condition of his health demanded a vacation. He therefore remained in Korea continuously for more than eleven years, sacrificing his health, and without reaping such reward as the faithful might expect. When the Russians came into power General Dye's military service ended, but he remained in Seoul engaged in other public work. While there he had all kinds of fruit trees shipped to that country and instructed the natives in the raising of fruit, etc. He was ill for some time, and on the 5th of May, 1899, started for home by way of Japan and Hawaii, arriving in San Francisco June 27, and remaining there until July 11, when he proceeded to his home in Muskegon, Michigan. There he passed away on the 13th of November following. He was married February 18, 1864, to Miss Ellen A. Rucker, daughter of Judge Rucker, of Chicago, and to them were born three children: J. Henry, who was with his father in Korea for three years and a half as civil engineer, and is

now living in Muskegon, Michigan; Mrs. S. E. Baylis, of Chicago; and Annette M., a teacher in the Muskegon high school.

Enoch B. Dye was educated in the schools of Mansfield, Ohio, and for a time was engaged in teaching in the country city schools for several years. He also engaged in bookkeeping to some extent. In 1858 he removed to Iowa City, Johnson county, Iowa, and took charge of the Tremont House, which he conducted until it was destroyed by fire the following year. He next taught school in Crawford and Morrow counties, Ohio, until 1867, when he came to Marion, and for several years successfully followed that profession in this city. He is now engaged in farming in Marion township, and for the past five years has devoted considerable attention to his inventions, having several different patents, such as car couplers, fire and burglar alarms, etc.

On the 23d of June, 1857, in Washington, Pennsylvania, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Dye and Miss Malvina K. Dye, of that place, a daughter of David and Sarah Dye. The father was a tailor by trade, died in 1887, and the mother also died the same year. The children born to our subject and his wife are Sarah, wife of George Collins, of Belle Plain, Iowa; William L., a mason of Calhoun county, Iowa; John D. McC., who is engaged in farming on his father's farm in Marion township; George W. R., a carpenter and builder of Marion; and Joseph Milton, an attorney of Swea, Iowa.

Mr. Dye is a member of the First Congregational church of Marion, and a staunch supporter of the Democratic party, though he has never been an office-seeker. He is a man of recognized ability and stands



high in the community where he has so long made his home. Those who know him best are numbered among his warmest friends, and no citizen in the county is more honored or highly respected.

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LEONARD F. LOUNSBURY.

As a mason this gentleman has been actively identified with the business interests of Cedar Rapids since the 16th of June, 1882, and is accounted one of its most energetic and reliable business men. A native of Connecticut, he was born in Stamford, Fairfield county, on the 3d of September, 1837, and belongs to a family of French extraction, which was founded in the new world in 1660, his ancestors being among the earliest settlers of Connecticut. His paternal great-grandfather was Gideon Lounsbury, and his grandfather was Elijah Lounsbury, both life-long residents of that state. His father, Ezra Lounsbury, was born and reared there, and throughout his active business career followed the shoemaker's trade. In September, 1822, he married Miss Phoebe Scofield, also a native of Connecticut, and a daughter of Alpheus Scofield. To them were born four children, of whom Leonard F. is the youngest and the only one married. The others are Mary E., Betsy M. and E. Willard, all residents of New Canaan, Connecticut. The father died in that state in October, 1865.

The early educational advantages of our subject were such as the common school of Connecticut afforded during his boyhood. He learned the plasterer's trade, and later became a brick-layer, following those occupations in Fairfield county, Connecticut, for

over twenty years. On the 16th of June, 1882, he joined an old friend, Charles E. Seely, in Cedar Rapids, and forming a partnership they engaged in contracting and building for about ten years. The last piece of work which they did together was plastering the Kimball block. Since then Mr. Lounsbury has been alone in business, and many of the public buildings and private residences of Cedar Rapids bear evidence of his handiwork. He has purchased several lots in the city and built residences thereon, and in this way has materially promoted its welfare.

On the 1st of May, 1869, in Connecticut, Mr. Lounsbury was united in marriage with Miss H. Eliza Kellogg, a native of that state, where she died February 13, 1881, and to them were born two children: Alice, now a teacher of Connecticut, was educated in Cedar Rapids, and taught school here for a time. Frank L. is married and holds a responsible position in a mercantile establishment of Cedar Rapids. Mr. Lounsbury was again married, in New Haven, Connecticut, March 3, 1886, his second union being with Miss Elizabeth A. Root, who was born in Norwalk, that state, and reared and educated in Fairfield county. They have one daughter, Florence May, now a student in the Cedar Rapids schools. The Root family is of English descent and among the pioneers of Connecticut, of which state Mrs. Lounsbury's father, William E. Root, and her grandfather, Miles Root, were both natives. On reaching manhood the former married Martha A. Saxon, who was born in England, and came to America when a young lady of eighteen years. By trade he was a mechanic and was engaged in manufacturing business in Connecticut for many years, but spent his last days with his daugh-

ter, Mrs. Lounsbury, in Cedar Rapids, where he died May 10, 1896.

Since casting his first presidential ballot for Abraham Lincoln in 1860, Mr. Lounsbury has been a staunch supporter of the Republican party on national issues, but at local elections votes independent of party lines, supporting the men whom he believes best qualified to fill the offices. He has never cared for political honors, but has always taken a deep and commendable interest in public affairs, as every true American citizen should. He and his wife hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, and she is a very active worker in the same, being a member of the Foreign Missionary Society, and a teacher in the Sunday-school for many years. Almost forty years ago Mr. Lounsbury joined the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in Connecticut, but has never transferred his membership to the lodge at Cedar Rapids. Upright and reliable in all things, he commands the respect and confidence of all with whom he has been brought in contact either in business or social life, and well merits the high regard of his fellow citizens.



#### WASHINGTON B. CARPENTER.

The subject of this personal narration is one of the most successful and progressive farmers of Marion township, though his home is in the city of Marion on Seventh avenue west. He was born in Delaware county, New York, on the 27th of October, 1829, and is a son of David P. and Rachel (Brownell) Carpenter, the former also a native of the Empire state and the latter of Rutland, Vermont. The father was a farmer by occupation and was an officer in the

war of 1812, receiving a land warrant for his services. He had two brothers, William and Charles, who fought for American independence as soldiers of the Revolutionary war. Both he and his wife were active and consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he served as class leader for many years. He died in New York at the age of sixty-four years, and she passed away at the age of fifty-four. Of their thirteen children our subject is probably the only survivor, though his brother Caleb, who has not been heard of for years, may be still living in Pennsylvania.

During his boyhood Washington B. Carpenter attended the district schools of his native state, but his educational advantages were meager. His training at farm labor, however, was not so limited and he early acquired an excellent knowledge of agricultural pursuits. Before coming west he was employed in a wholesale store in New York city for eight or nine years. In March, 1864, he arrived in Mt. Vernon, Linn county, Iowa, and was first engaged in farming in Franklin township, where he purchased land. In his farming operations he has met with most excellent success, and is now the owner of a fine farm of four hundred and seventy-five acres of land in Marion township, all of which is under a high state of cultivation with the exception of a small tract of timber land. He has an orchard upon his place, but most of the land is planted in corn and oats. He raises a high grade of thoroughbred cattle, and raised the finest steer ever produced in the state, it weighing thirty-six hundred pounds in Chicago when four years old. He owns two farms, one of which he rents, while the other is operated by hired help.



On the 21st of March, 1852, Mr. Carpenter was united in marriage with Miss Frances A. Mason, also a native of New York, and a daughter of R. W. and S. M. Mason, who came to Mt. Vernon, Iowa, about 1850. By occupation her father was a farmer. Of his twelve children three sons were among the boys in blue of the Civil war. L. H., who had previously served as sheriff of this county, was a quartermaster in the service and died about twelve hours after his return home. E. R., now a resident of Marion, was a lieutenant, and was held a prisoner at Andersonville for six months. John C. entered the service as a corporal, and was severely wounded in the battle of Shiloh, after which he returned home. He has been sergeant at arms at the capitol in Des Moines, and is now serving as justice of the peace in Greenfield, Iowa.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter were born three children: (1) Alfred M., a farmer of Marion township, Linn county, married, first, Alice D. Simpson, and they had seven children, Blanche, Florence, Frances, Pearl, Emily, Cora and Earl. In 1897 she died, and in April, 1899, he married Mrs. Marjorie Goodlove, and they have one child, Dorothy. (2) Claud C., an extensive farmer and cattle dealer living a mile east of Marion, married, first, Libbie Belle, and they had five children: Daisy, who died young; Belle; Benjamin; Clinton and Ralph. In 1893 she passed away, and for his second wife he married Stella Stinson, in 1899, and they have one child, Frances Beulah. (3) Cora A. married Charles Heer and died in 1887, at the age of twenty-four years. With her was buried her daughter, Louise, who died at the same time, aged two years. Our subject and his wife have three great-grand-

children: Lewis Mathews, Earl Lary and Alice Thompson.

Since her girlhood days Mrs. Carpenter has been an earnest member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and she is also a member of the Chautauqua Society. Mr. Carpenter is a Knight Templar Mason, and is one of the most prominent and highly esteemed citizens of Marion. In business affairs he is upright and honorable and his life has ever been such as to commend him to the confidence of all with whom he has come in contact either in business or social affairs.

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#### WILLIAM G. POWER.

William G. Power, proprietor of the only exclusive book and stationery store of Mt. Vernon, and one of the leading business men of the place, is a native of Iowa, his birth having occurred in Des Moines county September 15, 1844. His father, G. W. Power, was born in Indiana, and was married in Greencastle, that state, to Eliza A. Kynett, who was born at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, on the 29th of October, 1819. In 1840 they came west and located in Des Moines county, Iowa, where the father engaged in carpentering and contracting until his removal to Mt. Vernon in 1864. Here he carried on the same occupation. He was a member of the Thirty-seventh Iowa Volunteer Infantry, known as the Graybeard Regiment, in the war of the Rebellion. He died at Mackinaw, Illinois, in 1875, and his wife, who long survived him, passed away at Mt. Vernon, Iowa, May 12, 1895. In their family were eight children, namely: Margaret, who married John J. Prehm, of Montgomery

county, Iowa, and died about 1882; Amanda, who died in Lisbon November 14, 1865; Isaac N., who was a member of Company G, Thirty-ninth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and was killed in the battle of Allatoona, Georgia, October 5, 1864; William G., our subject; Mary Emma, wife of J. H. M. Edwards, of Logan, Iowa; Charles Wesley, who died August 22, 1880; Alpha J., who married E. Kate Fox and lives in Chicago; and Lewis F., who married Effie Harron and resides in Beatrice, Nebraska.

The early education of our subject was received in the public schools of Des Moines county, which he attended during the winter months for about five years, and then assisted his father on the farm and at the carpenter's trade until he attained his seventeenth year. In 1862 he enlisted at Dodgeville in Company G, Thirty-ninth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and was in camp at Davenport until December of that year, when the regiment went south to Cairo, Illinois, and from there to Columbus, Kentucky. Subsequently they took part in several skirmishes in western Tennessee, and then proceeded to Corinth, Mississippi, where they made their headquarters until the fall of 1863, when they crossed the Tennessee river to Pulaski and Columbia. In April, 1864, they joined General Sherman's army at Chattanooga and were placed on the right of the advance guard. They participated in the engagements at Snake Creek Gap, Lay's Ferry and Rome Cross Roads, and made their headquarters at Rome, Georgia, for a time. They pursued General Wheeler through Tennessee, passing Chattanooga, Knoxville, Nashville and to Florence, Alabama, and returned to Rome, Georgia. On the 4th of October, 1864, they were among the troops sent by

General Sherman to reinforce General Corse at Allatoona, after the former general had signalled from Kenesaw Mountain, from which message the song, "Hold the Fort, for I am Coming," originated. In that engagement Mr. Power's company of twenty-four men present lost fourteen men, killed, wounded and missing, including his brother, Isaac N., who was killed. Our subject was wounded in the left forearm by a minie ball, and after the battle was sent to Chattanooga, and later to Nashville. From the latter place he was taken by the hospital boat down the Cumberland and up the Ohio to New Albany, Indiana, and on the 5th of December, 1864, was transferred to Keokuk, Iowa. He was finally discharged July 28, 1865.

Mr. Power then came to Mt. Vernon and entered the employ of Charles Collins, a druggist and postmaster of this place, being given charge of the postal work and remaining with him two years. He next formed a partnership with E. D. Sargent in the book business, was for two years secretary of the Lisbon Manufacturing Company, and in 1879 purchased the drug store of Mr. James Carson, which he carried on for some years. He also served as postmaster under President Harrison. He was for two years associated with W. V. Chambers in the hardware trade. He is now successfully engaged in the book, stationery and insurance business, and is also commissioned as notary public.

On the 17th of December, 1867, Mr. Power married Miss Sarah A. Berryman, a native of Kentucky and a daughter of Enos J. and Deborah (Leaming) Berryman, who were born in Ohio, and removed to Clinton county, Iowa, in 1860. In 1869 they came to Mt. Vernon, where Mr. Ber-

ryman died December 26, 1878, and his wife passed away March 21, 1887. They were the parents of eight children. Mrs. Power died September 11, 1888, and the two children born of that union, Enos Clair and Harry E., are also deceased.

Mr. Power was again married at Mt. Vernon, November 27, 1889, his second union being with Miss Una E. Owen, who was born in Arlington, Illinois, December 7, 1864, a daughter of Henry W. and Rebecca B. (Davis) Owen. The father was born in New York February 22, 1836, the mother in Pennsylvania November 1, 1841, and in November, 1878, they became residents of Mt. Vernon, Iowa. They have a family of four children: Ella, born in 1862, is engaged in teaching school in Mt. Vernon; Mrs. Power is the next in order of birth; A. D., born November 22, 1867, was married in October, 1893, to Allie Thomas, and is now employed in a brass foundry at Kewanee, Illinois; and Charles W., born August 22, 1876, was married March 21, 1900, to Minnie Vaughn, and is now clerking in a grocery store in Mt. Vernon. Mr. and Mrs. Power have two children: Ruth L., born November 3, 1890; and Wilbur G., born June 18, 1896.

Besides serving as postmaster, Mr. Power has also filled the offices of city recorder and township clerk a number of terms, and is a very public-spirited and enterprising citizen. Socially he is connected with Washington Camp, No. 116, M. W. A.; Mt. Vernon Lodge, No. 112, F. & A. M.; and W. C. Dimmitt Post, No. 400, G. A. R., while his wife belongs to the Woman's Relief Corps. Both are active and prominent members of the Methodist Episcopal church of Mt. Vernon, and Mr. Power has served as its treasurer for about

fifteen years. His public and private life are alike above reproach, and he has been found as true to his duties of citizenship in times of peace as when he followed the old flag to victory on southern battle-fields.

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### J. S. OVINGTON.

J. S. Ovington, deputy recorder of Linn county, and proprietor of one of the leading livery, feed and sale stables of Marion, was born in this county February 2, 1872, and is the seventh son of T. S. and Matilda (Morrow) Ovington. The others all died in infancy with the exception of Bennie, who passed away at the age of eleven years. The father was born in Hull, England, in 1815, and there learned the merchant tailor's trade, which he continued to follow throughout the greater part of his life. On his emigration to the United States in 1839 he located in Albany, New York, where he made his home for two years, and then removed to Louisville, Kentucky. In 1845 he came to Marion, Iowa, and after working for A. Daniels for a time he embarked in business for himself as a merchant tailor. In 1865 he embarked in the dry goods business, and after disposing of that he turned his attention to the hardware trade, in which he was engaged until his retirement from active business in 1885. He was one of the leading and influential citizens of Marion, and always took an active and commendable interest in public affairs, especially along educational lines. For a number of years he was a member of the school board and served as its president for some time. His acquaintance was extensive, and at one time he knew almost every man in Linn county. His up-

right, honorable life won for him the confidence of his fellow citizens, and no man in Marion was held in higher regard. He died on the 15th of May, 1895. He was three times married, our subject's mother being the third wife. She was born in Indiana in 1830, and is still living. Our subject has two half sisters: Jennie, wife of A. A. McCoy, of Trenton, Nebraska; and Anna E., at home. Their mother was Mary Cook. Mr. Ovington also has a half brother, Charles, now a resident of Clinton, Iowa, who served three years in the Civil war as a member of Company A, Sixth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and was under the command of General Sherman. His regiment was the first to form in line of battle before Look-out Mountain and Missionary Ridge. At Shiloh he was captured and was held a prisoner at Andersonville for four months before being exchanged. He was once wounded while in the skirmish line. Two other half brothers are now deceased: Thomas C. died April 23, 1878, and Samuel died February 6, 1900.

Mr. Ovington, of this review, attended the Marion high school, which he left at the close of the junior year, and then took a course at a business college in Cedar Rapids. He has been identified with several business enterprises, and is now a director of the telephone company, a stockholder of the Savings Bank of Marion, and a member of the Building & Loan Association of that place. In August, 1898, he embarked in the livery business as the junior member of the firm of Hutchinson & Ovington. They have a well-equipped barn, having about ten vehicles of various kinds, and about fifteen horses. Some of these are registered stock, including several brood mares. Mr. Ovington is also sole agent for the William Cash-

more gun, which is the finest on the market, the retail price being from one hundred to one thousand dollars. He is a wide-awake, energetic young business man, and is meeting with well-deserved success.

Mr. Ovington is a member of the Masonic fraternity, the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is quite popular in social circles. He is secretary of the Marion fire department and the B. F. Memser hose company. Their drill team are now champions of Iowa both in appearance and drill, and won the championship of the United States at Omaha in 1898. As a Republican he takes an active interest in political affairs, and on the 1st of January, 1901, was appointed deputy county recorder, which office so creditably and acceptably filling.

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#### HENRY SAILOR.

Among the honored veterans of the Civil war and representative citizens of Linn county none stand higher in public esteem than Henry Sailor, who is now successfully engaged in farming on section 35, Franklin township. He was born in Reading, Pennsylvania, December 6, 1830, and is a son of Peter and Margaret (Bitting) Sailor, who spent their entire lives in Berks county, that state. In their family were nine children, all of whom are now deceased with the exception of Kate, the sixth in order of birth, who is now the widow of Solomon Deem and a resident of Reading; and our subject, who is the next younger. The others were Harriet, wife of Alexander McDowell, of Reading; William, whose widow, Mary Grauel, is a resident of Reading; Elizabeth,





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who married Jacob Hall, and both died at that place; Joseph, who married Eliza Himmelburger, a resident of Reading; Rebecca, who married George Shenfelter and both died in Reading; Frederick, who married Amelia Havens, and she is now a resident of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; and Ellen, who died in infancy.

In early life Henry Sailor attended the public schools of his native city until sixteen years of age, and then engaged in brick making there for four years. At the age of twenty-two he went to Lewiston, Pennsylvania, where he followed that pursuit for the same length of time. On the inauguration of the Civil war he responded to the president's first call for troops, enlisting, April 24, 1861, for three months, as a member of Company A, Fourteenth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. They first went to Harrisburg, and from there to Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and then through the Cumberland valley to Hagerstown, Maryland, whence they proceeded to Williamsport on the Potomac. They next went to Bunker Hill and Harpers Ferry, Mr. Sailor being at the latter place when his term of enlistment expired. From this time on his war record, which is a very interesting one, may be best given in his own words:

"After I went home from the three months' service, I was ill for a few weeks. Everybody felt patriotic, I along with the rest, and as soon as I was able I re-enlisted in Independent Battery D, Pennsylvania Artillery, commanded by George W. Durell, at that time encamped at Doylestown, Pennsylvania, and attached to the One Hundred and Fourth Pennsylvania Regiment, commanded by W. W. H. Davis, of that place, who was later pension agent at Philadelphia. I was mustered into the United States

service September 24, 1861, and proceeded to Washington, the regiment going into camp at Kalamarama Heights, where we stayed for a few days and were then detached from the One Hundred and Fourth Regiment and marched down East Capitol street into an artillery camp, where we received our horses, harness and Parrott guns. From there we moved across the river into Virginia to a place called Munson's Hill, where we went into winter quarters and formed a brigade consisting of Battery D, commanded by Captain Durell; the First Rhode Island, commanded by Captain Monroe; the Second New Hampshire, commanded by Captain Garish; and a regular battery, commanded by Captain Gibbon, afterward General Gibbon. Here we went into regular drill theoretically and practically. The non-commissioned officers had to recite twice a week to Colonel Monroe. Our regular drill ground was at Bailey's Cross Roads. We remained here until spring, when we were among the troops that went to Centerville prior to McClellan's campaign on the peninsula, and were then ordered to report to Alexandria to accompany that general to the peninsula, but for some reason we were not taken along.

"We were then connected with McDowell's corps. From this on we marched up and down the country, going as far as Fredericksburg, and were under McDowell's command until Burnside came up from South Carolina, when we joined the Ninth Corps under that general. The first engagement in which the battery took part was at Kelly's Ford, and I fired the first gun that was fired in this engagement. It happened in this wise: The lieutenant of the section had gone to his supper in another part of the army, when across the river we

could see the enemy coming out of the timber into an open field. General Reno came up and asked me what the distance was between us and the enemy, and I answered four thousand yards. 'Could you throw a shell that distance?' he asked. 'Yes,' I replied. 'Then let them have one,' he said. I fired three rounds. The next morning we were ordered across the river to make a reconnoissance, and were briskly engaged with the enemy. The next engagement of our battery was at Bristoe's Station under General Hooker. From there we went to Bull Run, where my piece was dismounted by a solid shot striking the axle, this happening just before we commenced to retreat. I first spiked the piece, but during a short lull I saw that I could throw the piece under the limber and in this way took it to Washington. The next engagement was at Chantilly. My piece being disabled I had no gun to command, but my men and myself made ourselves useful at the other guns. From thence we went to Washington, where I drew a new gun. Later we were in the engagements at South Mountain, Antietam and White Sulphur Springs, where we lost Lieutenant McElvain. We were in the battle of Fredericksburg and wintered at that place, and then went to Fortress Monroe and Newport News on the James river.

"After staying there for a while our corps was ordered west. We put our battery on steamboats and went to Baltimore, where we shipped on cars and went to Pittsburg, and on into Ohio as far as Cincinnati. Here we crossed the Ohio river and went to Paris, Kentucky. We visited Mt. Sterling, Lancaster, Richmond, Stamford, Crab Orchard and Lexington, and then shipped for Louisville on cars. From that place we went by steamboat to Vicksburg, and

unloaded on the Louisiana side, but soon re-shipped and went up the Yazoo river to Snyder's Bluffs. From that time on we were in the rear of Vicksburg, watching Johnston until the surrender, and then went to Jackson, Mississippi. Our corps was on the left of the line and my piece was on a small hill near the asylum. I fired into the city a day and a night at five-minute intervals. After the evacuation of Jackson we went back to the Mississippi river, near Vicksburg, and from there shipped to Covington, Kentucky.

"By this time we had lost so many horses and so many men by sickness that we could hardly move our battery, some one having been left in nearly every hospital along the Mississippi, while twenty-two men had died from disease contracted in the swamps of the south. We went into camp at Covington, while the rest of the corps proceeded to Knoxville, Tennessee, but our battery being so short of men was left behind. The government had commenced to re-enlist soldiers as veterans, and I was one of the first of our battery to enlist as such and was to have received four hundred dollars. I gave the government my services, but never received the money. After re-enlisting I went home on a leave of absence, and on the expiration of the time returned to the company. Our battery was then transferred to the eastern army and landed at Annapolis. There I fired a salute for General Grant when he came to inspect the troops. Thence we went to Washington, where we had the company filled with new recruits, drew new guns (six three-inch Rodman guns), new horses, and got ready to take part in the Wilderness campaign. While in Washington I was promoted to senior second lieutenant, skipping two duty sergeants,

orderly sergeant and quartermaster sergeant. We were on that march from that on until we came to Petersburg, June 17. We were in the engagement at Cold Harbor and then crossed the peninsula. After crossing the James river our battery had an artillery duel with a rebel battery, but the distance was so great that they did no harm, and we could not tell whether we did any or not. We then marched on to Petersburg, and had more or less firing every day until its evacuation, April 2, 1865. Our battery was right in front of the explosion of the mines, only fifty yards away. The two lines were only sixty yards apart and our dead were lying between. The enemy would not accept a flag of truce so that we could bury them for a few days. When at last we did so I went over to see them buried and saw such sights as no one would care to witness.

"From that time on we were in different places on the line to Petersburg, as far to the left as Poplar Grove Church and Hatchie's Run. About this time I was promoted to senior first lieutenant, October 1, 1864. My section was placed in Fort Sedgwick in Battery 21, commonly called "Fort Hell." The lines of infantry were about twenty-five yards apart and the line of forts about four hundred. Here they fired almost continuously day and night. After the fall of Petersburg we followed Lee, but at the time of the surrender we were about twenty-five miles behind. We were then ordered to Alexandria, and after the grand review at Washington we turned over our horses and guns to the government. On the day of the review I was in command of a Massachusetts battery. While at Alexandria I was examined by General Tidball and offered a position in the regular army as second lieutenant of artillery, but since the war was

over I felt, like so many others, ready to go home. From Alexandria we went to Philadelphia, and were mustered out of the service June 13, 1865."

In February, 1866, Mr. Sailor came to Linn county, Iowa, where he at first worked as a section hand on the railroad, and then engaged in the manufacture of brick at Lisbon for six years. At the end of that time he purchased a farm on section 13, Franklin township, now owned by Dick Peet, and on selling that place he bought one hundred and sixty acres on section 1, Cedar township, Johnson county, to which he later added one hundred and fifty-two acres on section 2, the same township. He has made many improvements upon this place, including the erection of three fine large barns, over which float at all times the stars and stripes. He also has an elegant home upon his farm, and a good residence on South Washington street, Lisbon, and owns eighty acres of land on section 35, Franklin township, Linn county, the same amount on section 36, that township, and ninety-eight acres in Cedar township, Johnson county.

At Lisbon, August 23, 1866, Mr. Sailor was united in marriage with Miss Mary E. Meyers, who was born near Dayton, Montgomery county, Ohio, November 9, 1846, and is a daughter of Henry and Priscilla (Livingood) Meyers, natives of Pennsylvania, who removed to Ohio in 1845, and after residing in that state for seven years came to Lisbon, Iowa. They located on a farm near that place, where the father died April 20, 1892, the mother June 6, 1899, and the remains of both were interred in the Lisbon cemetery. Unto them were born nine children, all of whom are living, namely: Simon married Minnie Escher and lives in Cedar Rapids; Mary E. is the wife of our



subject; Henry C. married Martha Davis and resides in Lisbon; Jacob married Amanda Heller and also lives in Lisbon; William H. married Becky Short and makes his home in Cedar Rapids; John married Sarah Heisey and lives in Lisbon; George married Emma Zeller and resides in the same place; Jennie is the wife of Frank Barr, of Armstrong, Iowa; and Abe is also a resident of Lisbon.

Mr. and Mrs. Sailor have a family of seven children. (1) Anna L., born March 12, 1867, was married, April 20, 1892, to Elsworth Phelps, a retired farmer and lumber merchant of Sutton, Massachusetts, and they have three sons, Henry E., Heston and Sailor. (2) George D., born February 28, 1869, married Edith Durrell, of Dayton, Iowa, and is an attorney of Springville, this county. (3) Edwin, born December 6, 1873, was graduated from the medical department of the State University at Iowa City, April 3, 1901. (4) Carl, born November 9, 1875, is at home with his father. (5) Maggie Louise, born December 4, 1877, is a professional nurse in Iowa City. (6) Robert O., born January 30, 1880, is at home. (7) Ira T., born March 19, 1882, is with the firm of G. & A. Rinkle at Lisbon. There were two children, one son and one daughter, who died in infancy.

In political sentiment Mr. Sailor is an ardent Republican, and for twenty years he has most efficiently served as president of the school board. Fraternally he is a prominent member of Franklin Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Lisbon; Lisbon Lodge, No. 162, I. O. O. F.; and John A. Buck Post, No. 140, G. X. R., at Lisbon; and had the honor of being chosen the first commander of that post. He is widely and favorably known throughout his community, and well deserves the high regard in which he is uniformly

held, as he was not only true to his country in her hour of need, but has always been found a useful and valuable citizen.

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#### EDWIN E. MITCHELL.

Edwin E. Mitchell, proprietor of one of the leading livery stables of Mt. Vernon, was born in Rock county, Wisconsin, on the banks of the Rock river, a few miles below Janesville, July 31, 1848, and in 1856 came to Iowa with his parents, John T. and Elizabeth (Miles) Mitchell, both of whom were natives of Indiana, from which state they removed to Wisconsin in territorial days. During his entire residence there the father followed the occupation of farming, and on coming to Iowa continued to engage in agricultural pursuits, his first being near Lisbon, just over the line in Cedar county. As a farmer and stock raiser he was fairly successful, and on his retirement from active labor in 1890 he removed to Lisbon, where he and his wife are now living, enjoying the fruits of their early industry. In religious belief they are Seventh Day Adventists, and are earnest, consistent Christian people. Unto them were born seven children and five of the number are still living, our subject being the oldest; Thomas A. is a farmer of Cedar county; Mary J. is the wife of Daniel Andre, a farmer of the same county; Emma, wife of Julius Hall, of Battle Creek, Michigan; and Charles H. is a farmer of Cedar county, Iowa. The others died when quite young.

On arriving at man's estate Edwin E. Mitchell engaged in general farming and stock raising in Cedar county until 1894, when he removed to Mt. Vernon and was engaged in the wood business for two years. Since then he has had charge of the livery



and feed stable with which he is still connected, being associated in business with his son Thomas I. They have a well-equipped barn on First street and enjoy an excellent trade.

Mr. Mitchell was married, on the 29th of September, 1869, to Miss Catherine Dorcas, of Cedar county, who is a native of Richland county, Ohio, and a daughter of Jesse and Mahala (Boulas) Dorcas. The father was a farmer of Richland county. He died some years ago at the age of sixty-three and the mother died in 1897. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell were born four children, namely: Thomas I., born in Nemaha county, Kansas, October 22, 1872, was educated at the Agricultural College in Ames, Iowa, where he took a course in veterinary surgery, and is now successfully engaged in the practice of his profession, having his office in his father's livery stable at Mt. Vernon. Louis E., born in Cedar county, Iowa, December 8, 1880, is now in the employ of the Electric Light & Power Company of Mt. Vernon. Earl G., born in Cedar county August 5, 1883, was educated in the common schools of Mt. Vernon, and now assists his father at the stable. John Robert, born in Kansas December 8, 1874, died in Cedar county, Iowa, at the age of two years.

Mr. Mitchell is a member of the United Brethren church, and also belongs to the Knights of Pythias, Foresters and Modern Brotherhood fraternities. In politics he has always supported the Republican party.

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#### MICHAEL OTTMAR.

This well-known boot and shoe dealer is one of the leading German-born citizens of Cedar Rapids, and in his successful business

career he has shown the characteristic thrift and enterprise of his race. He was born in the Kingdom of Wittenburg, Germany, February 25, 1840, a son of Frederick J. and Mary (Seger) Ottmar, who spent their entire lives in that country, where the father followed the shoemaker's trade throughout his business career. In their family were ten children, of whom our subject is the sixth in order of birth. He has only one brother living, Jacob, a boot and shoe dealer of Iowa Falls, Iowa. Of those who came to America Frederick and John were both killed in the Civil war, the former being a member of an Illinois regiment, the latter of an Iowa regiment; Gottfried died in Illinois; and Mary died in Omaha, Nebraska. The others remained in Germany, and one of the number died in infancy.

During his boyhood Michael Ottmar attended the common schools of his native land, and learned the shoemaker's trade with his father. At the age of seventeen years he came to America and settled in Lafayette, Indiana, where he followed his trade for a number of years, during which time he became accustomed to the ways of the new world. Having brought with him to this country some capital he then embarked in business on his own account at Delphi, Indiana, and during the two years and a half he spent at that place he steadily prospered. Having a good opportunity to sell he did so in 1869, and came direct to Cedar Rapids, which was then a town of only five thousand inhabitants. Here he opened a retail boot and shoe store, and also did some manufacturing. As the city grew his trade expanded, and he did a very thriving business for many years, but now leaves the management of his store to his son, while he practically lives a retired life.

Mr. Ottmar has been twice married, his first wife being Mary Kief, the marriage ceremony being performed at Rockfield, Indiana. She died in Cedar Rapids, leaving one child, Eliza, who is now Mrs. O. W. Zimmerman, of St. Paul, Minnesota. She has one child, Edna. In 1875 Mr. Ottmar was married, in Cedar Rapids, to Miss Mary E. Moore, who was born in this city April 7, 1857, her parents, Martin and Nancy (Kimball) Moore, being among the pioneers of Linn county. Her father, who was a native of Belfast, Ireland, came with his father to Cedar Rapids from Poughkeepsie, New York, in the fall of 1856, and here found a wide field for his labors as a contractor and builder. After following that occupation for a number of years he retired to private life. His death occurred in 1893. His first wife died in 1859, leaving four children, namely: Leslie, a bridge carpenter by trade, has taken quite a prominent part in public affairs, and is now serving as street commissioner of Cedar Rapids; Frederick is a carpenter and contractor of bridges at Council Bluffs; Mary E., wife of our subject, is next in order of birth; and Nannie is the wife of James Williamson, an engineer of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad, residing in Cedar Rapids. For his second wife Mr. Moore wedded Mary L. Webb, by whom he had four children, who are still living. Mrs. Ottmar pursued her studies in one of the school houses of Cedar Rapids, built by her father in 1873, and since its organization has been an active member of the Woman's Club, whose object is for study and social benefits.

Mr. and Mrs. Ottmar have one son, Frederick Michael, who lives with his parents. He was graduated from the Cedar Rapids public schools in 1893, at the age

of eighteen years, and has since been associated with his father in business, now having complete charge of the store on First avenue. During the Spanish-American war he enlisted in Company C, Forty-second Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and was in the service thirteen months.

Soon after coming to Cedar Rapids Mr. Ottmar became prominently identified with its people socially, and has since been numbered among its most highly respected business men. He has confined his attention solely to the boot and shoe trade, which he has found quite profitable. He owns his store building and a good residence. He is a member of the German Social Club and the Odd Fellows Lodge, and is an active worker in the latter society, in which he has filled all the chairs. Politically he has always affiliated with the Democratic party, and has served as alderman from the sixth ward and also as alderman at large for two terms, during which time he was a member of different committees. A man of sound judgment and good business ability, he has met with well-merited success in life, and his career has been such as to commend him to the confidence and high regard of all with whom he has been brought in contact.

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#### J. F. HEIMER.

This enterprising and progressive farmer and stock raiser, residing on section 23, Franklin township, was born in Pennsylvania on the 15th of June, 1853, a son of George and Mary (Metz) Heimer, also natives of that state. In 1865 the family removed to Stephenson county, Illinois, where the father engaged in farming for eleven years, and then sold out, moving to Cedar

county, Iowa, where he bought a farm of one hundred and sixty acres, on which he lived for five years. On disposing of that place he came to Lisbon, Linn county, where he purchased a home and is now living retired, enjoying the fruits of former toil. For the past two years he has been a member of the city council, and he has ever taken an active and commendable interest in public affairs. Religiously both he and his wife are members of the Reformed church, and are people of the highest respectability. Unto them were born three children, of whom our subject is the oldest; Henry I. died at the age of three years; and Josephine is at home with her parents.

J. F. Heimer was a lad of fourteen years when he accompanied his parents on their removal to Stephenson county, Illinois. He had previously attended the district schools of his native state, and completed his education in Illinois. Early in life he became familiar with all the duties which fall to the lot of the agriculturist, and continued to assist his father in the cultivation of the home farm until his marriage in 1875. He then removed to Cedar county, Iowa, where he bought a farm and followed his chosen occupation there for seven years. Coming to Linn county, in 1883, he leased what was known as the J. B. Sargent farm on section 23, Franklin township, and here he has made his home ever since. He has two hundred acres of well improved and valuable land, on which has been erected a good residence and barns. For the past twenty years he has given considerable attention to the breeding of short horn cattle, and is one of the best posted men on this grade of stock in Linn county. He also breeds Shropshire sheep and Poland China hogs and raises horses for market, feeding all of the grain

raised upon his farm to his stock. He is a thoroughly up-to-date and progressive farmer and stock raiser in every respect.

Before leaving Stephenson county, Illinois, Mr. Heimer was married, August 29, 1875, to Miss Mary Miller, who was also born in Pennsylvania, November 7, 1854, and is a daughter of John and Sophia (Wertzy) Miller, natives of the Keystone state and farming people. It was in 1859 that the Miller family removed to Stephenson county, Illinois, and when the mother died in the spring of the following year the children became separated. They were six in number, namely: Abraham, who married Anna Potter and lives in Cherokee, Iowa; Franklin, who was born December 19, 1850, and is now deceased; Samuel, who married Sarah Leonard and resides in Minnesota; Mary, wife of our subject; Jacob, who died in Cherokee county, Iowa; and one who died in infancy.

Religiously Mr. Heimer is a member of the Evangelical church of Lisbon, and politically is identified with the Republican party, but he has never cared for office, preferring to devote his undivided attention to his extensive business interests. By his systematic methods of conducting his work, his strict attention to all the details of his business, and his thoroughly upright dealings, have made for him an honorable record in the business world, and he is highly respected and esteemed by all who know him.

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#### MALCOM V. BOLTON.

Among the enterprising and wide-awake business men of Cedar Rapids is this well-known real estate and loan agent. He was



born in Stockholm, St. Lawrence county, New York, on the 30th day of June, 1869, a son of Thomas Harrison and Rosina Caroline (Schellenger) Bolton, also natives of that county. His paternal grandfather, James Bolton, was an Englishman by birth, and emigrated to America about 1835, locating in St. Lawrence county, New York. As his father was a landed proprietor of England he was reared amid wealthy surroundings, had no practical business experience, and lost his property. After coming to this country he followed farming in St. Lawrence county, New York, until his death.

Thomas H. Bolton, father of our subject, was the fifth in order of birth in a family of six children. For many years he has followed the insurance business, making his home in Stockholm, New York, though for about half the time in the past twenty years he has made Springfield, Illinois, his headquarters. He owns considerable farm property in St. Lawrence county, which is operated by tenants. Of his four children two sons died in infancy, while those living are Malcom V., our subject; and Thomas Harrison, Jr., who is attending the Cedar Rapids high school.

Malcolm V. Bolton received his literary education in the schools of Stockholm and the Lawrenceville Academy, and in 1888, at the age of nineteen years, he removed to Cedar Rapids, took a course in the Cedar Rapids Business College, and then entered the employ of McGee & Kauppe, later Frick & Kauppe, wholesale dealers in coffees, teas and spices. He remained with them in the capacity of bookkeeper and salesman for three years. At the end of that time he accepted the position of bookkeeper for the Order of Railway Conductors, whose national headquarters are located at Cedar Rap-

ids, and was in their employ for two years. He then engaged in the real estate and loan business. He deals in city and farm property and makes a specialty of city and farm loans.

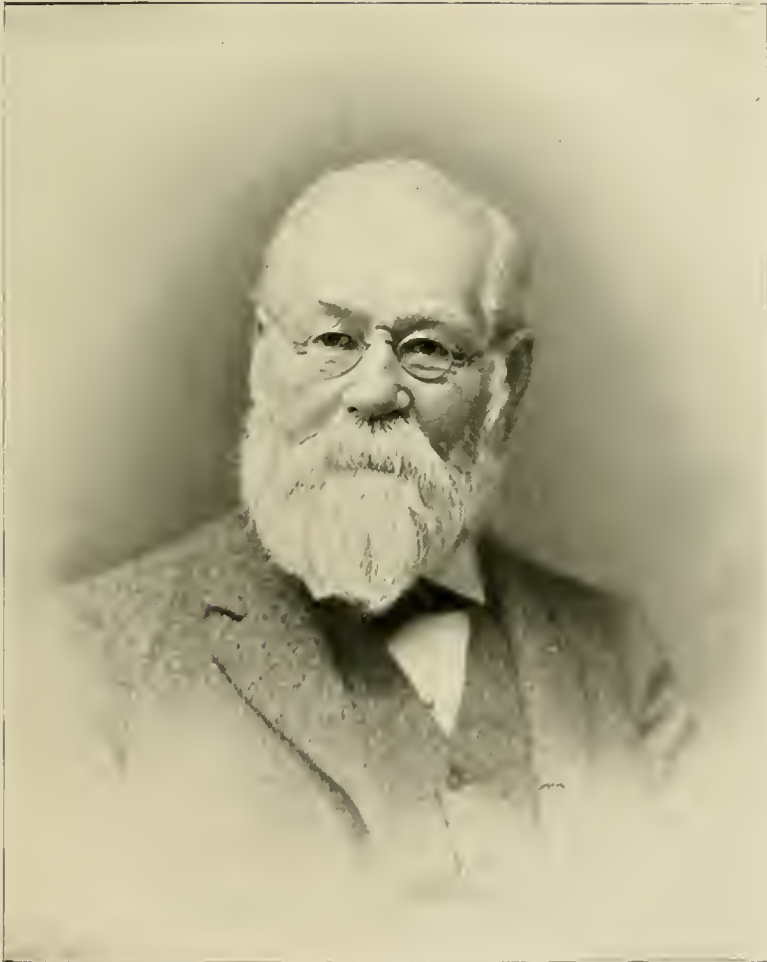
Mr. Bolton is secretary of the De La Hunt Flush Tank Company of Cedar Rapids, and is also secretary of the Occidental Club, a social organization composed of the Cedar Rapids business men. Fraternally he affiliates with Mt. Herman Lodge, F. & A. M., and the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. In politics he is independent.

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#### JOSEPH TOMLINSON.

A long life filled with useful efforts has won for this venerable resident of Cedar Rapids the respect and esteem of his fellow citizens and has gained for him a comfortable competence which enables him to spend his declining years in ease and quiet, free from the turmoil of business life. He was born in Ruskington, Lincolnshire, England, June 22, 1816, and is one of a family of fourteen children whose parents were Joseph T. and Ann (Sherwood) Tomlinson, lifelong residents of that country. He has two brothers still living, one a resident of New Zealand, the other of England. The father was an extensive land owner and farmer.

At an early age Mr. Tomlinson showed a strong inclination for mechanics, and availed himself of study along that line whenever he found opportunity. For seven years he served as an apprentice, learning the cabinetmaker's trade, receiving nothing but his board. During that seven years, however, he attended the Mechanical Institute at Newark, Nottinghamshire, where he applied him-



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self diligently to his studies. In 1840 he came to the United States, and on board the vessel coming over he met a gentleman living in New Milford, Connecticut, who induced him to locate there. On his arrival he became greatly interested in the construction of a new railroad bridge at that place, and as an observer he gave his opinion that a miscalculation had been made regarding resistance and weight. Being convinced of this he confided his opinion to Dr. Porter later of Yale College, and his theory proved correct as the bridge afterwards partially collapsed. Mr. Tomlinson's first employment was upon the repairing of this bridge, and he was advised by Dr. Porter to turn his attention to mechanical engineering. He was employed as a rodman on the Housatonic Railroad extension, and also identified himself with various bridge builders that he might acquire a practical and thorough knowledge of the business, and during his spare time he was designing and drafting bridges. Before coming to Iowa he built the bridge on the Whitehall & Rutland Railroad and the Harlem Railroad extension, and after his removal returned and on contract finished the Whitehall tunnel, after it had practically been abandoned.

In 1843 Mr. Tomlinson married Miss Ann R. Northrop, of New Milford, Connecticut, and about ten years later he removed to a farm which he had purchased near Iowa City, Iowa, on account of his wife's ill health, but she died the same year. Previous to this time he had extensively purchased land warrants, and owned considerable property at one time in Linn county. After his wife's death he removed to Brooklyn, New York, and while there met and, September 10, 1853, married Miss Sarah A. Wyles, also a native of Lin-

colnshire, England, who had come to Brooklyn in 1851, and a daughter of William Wyles. By his first marriage Mr. Tomlinson had three daughters: Mrs. Ida Pritchard, now deceased; and Ione, wife of Venable Smith, of Port Angeles, Washington, and Maria, who died in childhood. There are five children by the second union, namely: Anna, wife of R. N. Slater, of Ottawa, Canada; Joseph, who married Jean Russell and is now engaged in farming near Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Alfred Thomas, who married Fannie Smith, and is a construction engineer residing in Boston, Massachusetts; Fanny, who died at the age of five years; and Frances Ethel, at home.

For a time Mr. Tomlinson was in the employ of the New Brunswick government on the construction of bridges, but in 1862 he came to Cedar Rapids, and engaged in farming for a short time in this county. He then went to Cleveland, Ohio, and became connected with the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad, and also designed the Market House at that place. He was also construction engineer on the large bridge across the Missouri river at Kansas City. Considerable difficulty had been encountered there and the engineer had met with defeat, but Mr. Tomlinson was successful in getting a foundation and also built the super-structure. He next accepted a position that had been offered him by the Canadian government to take charge engineer of the Marine Department designing the light houses, piers, etc., from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and after serving in that capacity for eight years was transferred to the railroad department during the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railroad as a designer of bridges and buildings. He was sent to England to superintend the manufacture of the cantilever

bridge across the Frazer river and had the honor of being entrusted and paid by both the government and contractors for so doing and afterwards superintended the erection of the bridge. This was the last work done by Mr. Tomlinson. In 1883 he severed his connection with the Canadian government and returned to Cedar Rapids, where he has since lived a retired life, his home being at 216 North Thirteenth street. He has made for himself an honorable record in business, and by his well-directed efforts has acquired a comfortable competence. Politically he is a supporter of the Republican party, and socially is identified with the Masonic fraternity, while religiously both he and his wife are Episcopalians and are held in high regard by all who know them.



#### CHARLES D. HUSTON.

Charles D. Huston, who since 1887 has been a resident of Cedar Rapids, is now successfully engaged in the job printing business as a member of the firm of Newton & Huston, and is efficiently serving as alderman from the fourth ward. He was born in Carroll county, Ohio, December 18, 1861, a son of Daniel and Margaret (Herron) Huston. The father was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, December 23, 1825, of Scotch-Irish ancestry, and when a small boy accompanied his parents on their removal to Ohio, which was then practically a new country. He received only a common school education, and as a means of livelihood followed farming throughout his active business life. On leaving Ohio in 1863 he came to Iowa and purchased a farm near the town of Toledo. There he success-

fully engaged in agricultural pursuits for many years, but is now living a retired life in Cedar Rapids. On starting out in life for himself he was without capital, and the prosperity that has come to him is due entirely to his industry and good management. In religious belief he is a Presbyterian, and in politics a Democrat. The mother of our subject, who was born in Carroll county, Ohio, in 1830, of Scotch lineage, died in 1863, just after coming to Iowa. Her children were Mary L., who also died in 1863; Samuel J. and William H., who were drowned in 1873 while swimming; Charles D., the subject of this sketch; and Florence, wife of Daniel Hufford, of Toledo, Iowa. The father was again married, in 1870, his second union being with Mary I. Boggs, also a native of Carroll county, Ohio. She is still living.

After the death of his mother Charles D. Huston made his home with an uncle, and attended the public schools of Ohio, and also of Washington, D. C., for one year. His uncle died in that city, and he was then thrown upon his own resources. At the age of thirteen years he commenced learning the printer's trade, and has since devoted his time and attention principally to that occupation. In 1882 he formed a partnership with Hon. L. G. Kinne, now a member of the board of control of the state and ex-supreme judge, and continued the publication of the Tama County Democrat for five years. On selling the paper in 1887, Mr. Huston accepted a position as compositor with the Cedar Rapids Gazette, and was connected with that journal for seven years. In 1893 he became a member of the firm of Newton & Huston, which is to-day doing a fine business in the job printing line.

Mr. Huston was married, in 1885, to

Miss Minnie M. McKinnon, who was born in College township, this county, in 1862, and they have become the parents of three children, namely: John, born in April, 1886; Paul H., born in May, 1888, and Marguerite Louise, born in November, 1890. All are now attending the public schools of Cedar Rapids. Mrs. Huston is a graduate of the high school of the city, and prior to her marriage successfully engaged in teaching school in College township for three years. Her father, John McKinnon, was born in Scotland in 1817, and on his emigration to the new world in 1852 located in College township, Linn county, Iowa, where he purchased a tract of government land. This place he has improved, and is now the owner of a good farm of one hundred and eighty acres two miles south of Cedar Rapids. He has four children: Minnie M., wife of our subject; John, a farmer; Gilbert, who operates the home farm; and Agnes, who is now court reporter for the seventeenth judicial district.

In his political affiliations Mr. Huston is a pronounced Democrat, and while a resident of Tama county, Iowa, served as chairman of the county central committee several terms. He has never been an office seeker, however, and those positions he has held have been offered him by the people. On coming to this county he at once became identified with the local Democratic organization here, and has ever taken an active part in politics, though he follows the principles of a conservative man. In 1898 he was elected alderman of the fourth ward, which is strongly Republican, and so acceptably did he fill the office that he was re-elected in 1900, and is now a member of the committees on public improvement, light and water. In 1899 he was the candidate

for state senator on the Democratic ticket, but was defeated, being unable to overcome the large Republican majority, though he ran ahead of his ticket more than one thousand votes, being supported by his many friends throughout the county. Mr. Huston takes a great interest in labor organizations, and is a prominent member of the Typographical Union, No. 192. He put in the first union label in the city in 1893. The union men are now recognized and employed in all the printing offices. He is a member of the National Union, No. 163, and of Court Cedar, No. 3, Foresters of America. He is also an active worker and prominent member of the Masonic fraternity, belonging to Mt. Hermon Lodge, No. 263, A. F. & A. M., of which he was worshipful master from 1897 to 1900; and also to Trowel Chapter, No. 49, R. A. M.; and Cedar Chapter, No. 184, O. E. S. Mr. Huston is also a leader in philanthropical work, and gives an earnest support to all public improvements and anything for the benefit of the institutions to which he belongs. He was master of the Masonic lodge when their new temple was being built and dedicated. Socially he is a member of the Commercial club of Cedar Rapids. His wife holds membership in the United Presbyterian church.

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#### I. H. WHITMAN.

The subject of this sketch is a practical and enterprising farmer who owns and operates a valuable farm on section 26, Franklin township, and in its management is meeting with excellent success. A native of Linn county, he was born in Lisbon October 30, 1863, and is a worthy representative of



an old and honored family of this county. His father, Henry Whitman, was born in Dauphin county, Pennsylvania, December 13, 1823, and in early life married Miss Mary Dewey, also a native of that state, who died in 1854, leaving three children, namely: Mary, wife of William Connor, of California; Kate, wife of William Gorwel, of Nevada, Iowa; and Lucinda, wife of William Humphrey, of Ripley, Oklahoma.

In the spring of 1856 Henry Whitman came west and located in Lisbon, Iowa, where he worked at the mason's trade for some time. In 1864 he bought a farm of forty acres on section 26, Franklin township, and four years later added to it a tract of fifty-five acres. In 1880 he purchased forty acres more, making a farm of one hundred and thirty-five acres, which he operated for many years, but is now practically living retired, while his son carries on the place. He was again married, in the fall of 1857, his second wife being Catherine Stucker, also a native of Pennsylvania, who died in 1888, and was laid to rest in the Lisbon cemetery. Two children were born of this union, namely: Malinda, wife of Michael Abel, of Lisbon; and I. H., our subject. The Republican party has always found in Mr. Whitman a staunch supporter of its principles, and for a number of years he most capably filled the office of road supervisor. He is an active and prominent member of the Lutheran church at Lisbon, with which he has long been officially connected, serving as deacon for many years.

I. H. Whitman attended the public schools of Franklin township until fifteen years of age, and then worked with his father upon the home farm until he attained his majority, when he went to Laramie, Wyoming, to engage in railroad work. He

also drove a stage coach from that place to Rawlins, and led the life of a cowboy for a time. Returning home in 1888 he leased his father's farm for four years, and then purchased the same, later adding to it a tract of forty-five acres, so that he now has one hundred and eighty acres of very valuable and productive land. He has made many improvements upon the place, including the erection of a fine barn, erected at a cost of fourteen hundred dollars. It is one of the best improved and most desirable farms in that section of the county. In connection with general farming Mr. Whitman is very successfully engaged in the breeding of short horn cattle, of which he has a fine herd upon his place. He also breeds Norman horses, and raises mules, hogs and sheep for market, and feeds all the grain which he raises to his stock. Like his father, he is a staunch supporter of the Republican party, and he has served as school director for a number of years.

At Lisbon, November 28, 1889, Mr. Whitman was united in marriage with Miss Nettie C. Cantrell, who was born in Carroll county, Illinois, November 12, 1865. Her father, David P. Cantrell, was a native of Ohio, and was twice married, his first wife being Miss Eleanor McLemore, a native of Illinois, by whom he had four children, namely: Young, who married, first, Eveline Busell, and after her death wedded Emma Hubbard, and now resides in Mill-edgeville, Illinois; Katie, wife of George Riddle, of Rushville, Nebraska; Erastus, who died at the age of seventeen years; and Sarah, who died in infancy. The mother of these children died in Illinois, and for his second wife Mr. Cantrell married Ursulla Bull, who was born in Pennsylvania. Three children blessed this union; Edie,



wife of A. C. Kirkpatrick, of Lisbon; Wiott, who married Maggie Snyder and lives in Sanburn, Iowa; and Nettie C., wife of our subject. In 1873 Mr. Cantrell brought his family to Iowa, and settled on a farm east of Lisbon, where he engaged in agricultural pursuits until 1889, when he sold his place and removed to Lisbon, living retired until his death, which occurred in January, 1892. His second wife died in August, 1894, and both were buried at Lisbon.

Mr. and Mrs. Whitman have an interesting family of six children, whose names and dates of birth are as follows: Clara, November 24, 1890; Frank, December 3, 1892; Laura, October 16, 1894; Louie, June 8, 1896; Harry, October 17, 1898; and Carl Clare, November 5, 1900. Those who have reached a sufficient age are now attending school.

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#### ALEXANDER PAUL.

Prominent among the citizens of Linn county who have witnessed the marvelous development of this section of the state in the past sixty years, and who have, by honest toil and industry, succeeded in acquiring a competence, and are now able to spend the sunset of life in quiet and retirement, is the gentleman whose name introduces this sketch. He is now living retired at his pleasant home on the corner of Eighth street and Sixth avenue, Marion.

Mr. Paul was born June 15, 1823, in Greene county, Pennsylvania, of which his parents, George and Sarah (Tipton) Paul, were also natives. The father taught school for a time, but was principally engaged in agricultural pursuits, and spent his entire life on one farm, dying there at the age of

seventy-two years. He was a very worthy and active member of the Methodist Episcopal church, to which his wife also belonged. She departed this life in 1852, at the age of sixty-three years. Her father was Jonathan Tipton and her step-father was Matthew Haman, who served as a private in the Revolutionary war and died at the advanced age of ninety years. He was a most worthy Pennsylvania pioneer. Our subject's paternal grandfather, William L'aul, was a farmer of that state.

Alexander Paul is the fifth in order of birth in a family of nine children, the others being Mary, wife of Edmond Phillips; William S., who died young while on business in Ohio; Jonathan Tipton, deceased, was a resident of Linn county; Thomas, who died at the age of twenty-six unmarried; David H., the only member of the family now living in Pennsylvania; Enoch, who died in Iowa at the age of forty-five years; Nathaniel, a resident of Lisbon, Iowa; and Wesley S., who died at the age of twenty-seven years.

Mr. Paul, of this review, was reared on the home farm and educated in the subscription schools, there being no free schools in his locality at that time. On the 10th of November, 1844, he left home and came to Linn county, Iowa, locating in Linn township. At that time he could have purchased any amount of government land at one dollar and a quarter per acre, but he had not the money. He found work on a farm at eleven dollars per month, and was thus employed for about four years. Purchasing an interest in a team, he engaged in breaking prairie, and in threshing during the fall.

In 1855 Mr. Paul led to the marriage altar Miss Justin Taylor, who was born in North Carolina, and in 1836 came to Cedar

county, Iowa, with her parents, Goodwin and Jane (Taylor) Paul, natives of Virginia and North Carolina, respectively. By this union were born eight children, namely: (1) Goodwin T., a furniture dealer of Dillon, Montana, wedded Mary Bureay, and they have three children, Hortense M., Lucile J. and Goodwin B. (2) William T., a real estate and stock dealer of Horton, Kansas, married Ruth Campbell, and they have two children, Blanche and Vernon. (3) I. N., a physician of Perry, Iowa, married Elva Freeman and they have one child, Ruth. (4) Jane is the wife of J. F. Jenal, of Nebraska. (5) Oscar K., who is connected with a store in Lima, Montana, wedded Mary Hammond and they have one child, Erwin. (6) Frank died in California at the age of twenty-three years. (7) Charles E., a fine pharmacist, is now studying medicine in St. Louis. (8) Bert H. conducts a store and hotel in Montana, and has entrance to Yellow Stone Park. The mother of these children, who was a life-long member of the Methodist church, died May 1, 1876, at the age of forty-three years.

Mr. Paul was again married, November 2, 1894, his second union being with Mrs. Mary C. (Vosburg) Buronghs, a native of Greene county, New York, who had four children by her first marriage, namely: (1) Eva is the wife of H. C. Preston, of Marion, Iowa, and they have four children, Mary, Clarence, Ella and Harry. (2) Belle married John C. Leonard and died leaving two children, Mary and Nathan. (3) Thomas Burroughs married Clara Deerdoff and lives in Denver, Colorado. They have one child, Anna Bell. (4) Catherine is a fine performer on both the piano and violin and is now engaged in teaching music.

In 1853 Mr. Paul purchased land in Ma-

rión township and developed a fine farm near Simpson Chapel church, devoting his energies to the improvement and cultivation of his land until 1890, when he removed to Marion and has since lived a retired life, enjoying the fruits of former toil. He sold his farm in 1898. He has traveled much since locating in Marion, taking great pleasure in that way. He has twice visited Yellowstone Park. Religiously he is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church; fraternally is connected with the Masonic Order; and politically is identified with the Democratic party. In early life he took quite an active interest in political affairs, and has always given his support to those measures which he believed calculated to prove of public benefit.

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#### HENRY S. KOHL.

Henry S. Kohl, a well-to-do and successful farmer and stock raiser residing on section 36, Franklin township, was born in Cedar county, Iowa, on the 22d of May, 1853. His parents, Solomon and Elizabeth (Blessing) Kohl, were both natives of Pennsylvania, but became acquainted and were married at Lisbon, Iowa, having come to this state at an early day. For many years the father was one of the most active and progressive agriculturists of his community, but his last days were spent in retirement from labor. He died in April, 1894, at the age of sixty-seven years, and was buried in the Lisbon cemetery, but his wife is still living on the old homestead farm. They had a family of five sons, of whom our subject is the oldest; Fred married Millie Pfaugh and resides on a farm in Cedar coun-

ty; Emanuel married Alice Tyson and lives in Cass county, Iowa; John married Flossie Nix and resides in Cedar county; and Samuel married Ollie Mitchell and lives on the old homestead in Cedar county. The father of these children was for a great many years a minister in the United Brethren church.

During the winter months Henry S. Kohl attended the district schools near his boyhood home until twenty years of age, while the summer seasons were devoted to farm work. He remained under the parental roof until he was married, in Cedar county, July 1, 1878, to Miss Susan Bittle, who was born in Pennsylvania August 12, 1853, and came west in 1869 with her parents, Henry and Rebecca (Becker) Bittle, also natives of the Keystone state. Her family located on a farm in Cedar county, where the father still lives, but the mother died in August, 1891. Mr. Bittle since early manhood has been a minister in the Church of God. They had ten children, namely: David married Eliza Bucher and lives on the old homestead in Cedar county; Jesse, deceased, wedded Mary Glantzey, now a resident of Franklin county, Iowa; Susan is the wife of our subject; Amelia died at the age of two years; Stephen married Becky Smith, and resides in Shelby county, Iowa; George died at the age of ten years; Clara is the wife of Robert McLaughlin, of Mapleton, Iowa; Rebecca is a resident of San Diego, California; Alexander, deceased, married Nettie Mason and resided in Mapleton, Iowa; and Walter married Lula Briegle and makes his home in Tindall, Missouri.

Mr. and Mrs. Kohl have a family of four children: Laura, born July 1, 1878, is the wife of Fred Huey, a farmer of Cedar county, and they have one child, Harold; Clyde, born January 14, 1880, assists his

father in the management of the farm; and Ray, born October 16, 1882, and Clarence, born October 21, 1887, are also at home.

After his marriage Mr. Kohl leased a farm which he operated for three years, and then came to Linn county, purchasing one hundred and twenty acres of land on section 36, Franklin township, which was only partially improved. To the further development and cultivation of his land he has since devoted his energies, and now has a most attractive place, supplied with all the conveniences and accessories found upon a model farm. In connection with general farming he raises horses, cattle and hogs. He gives his political support to the Republican party, and for a number of years has served as school director.

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JOHN B. IVES.

One of the pioneer settlers of Linn county, Iowa, is John B. Ives, who is now living retired in Marion, enjoying the income which he accumulated in former years. He was born in Wallingford, Connecticut, on the 21st of August, 1824, his parents being Elisha and Rachel (Blakesly) Ives, natives of the same state, where they continued to make their home until 1837. In that year they came west and located near Bloomington, Illinois, where the father purchased a farm and engaged in agricultural pursuits for two years. He then brought his family to Linn county, Iowa, and took up a claim in Marion township. After erecting a log house upon his place he at once commenced to break and improve his land. Throughout his active business life he followed farming, but lived in ease and retirement the last

twenty years of his life. By his ballot he supported the men and measures of the Democratic party. Both he and his wife are now deceased. The children of their family were Lucy, deceased wife of Garrett Andrews, of Connecticut; Charles, who died in that state; Norman, a farmer of this county; George, deceased, who was also engaged in farming in Linn county; John B., our subject; Ruth, deceased; Elihu, who lives on the old homestead in Marion township; and Rachel, who died in infancy.

During his boyhood John B. Ives received a common school education and acquired an excellent knowledge of farm work. He came with the family to this county in 1839, and purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land in Marion township, two miles northeast of the village of Marion. When it came into his possession it was all a wild tract, and to its cultivation and improvement he devoted his energies for many years, meeting with marked success in his labors. He followed general farming uninterruptedly until about 1880, when he disposed of his place and removed to Marion, where he has since made his home. For two years and a half he was engaged in the grocery business with his brother George, but for the past twenty years has practically lived retired. Besides his own home and a small piece of land in Marion, he owns two fine houses on Twenty-second street of that city.

In 1851 Mr. Ives was united in marriage with Miss Hannah Jane Wallace, a native of Ross county, Ohio, and a daughter of James and Hannah Wallace. By this union were born two children: James E., at home; and Margaret E., who died in infancy. Politically Mr. Ives is identified with the Democratic party, and religiously is a member of the Baptist church, in which

he served as deacon for several years. He and his family are among the oldest residents of the county, and have been actively identified with its growth and development. He can relate many interesting reminiscences of early day, when wild game was plentiful and the streams were full of fish. In those early days he was a great fisherman, taking much delight in that sport. He is widely and favorably known throughout the county, which has been his home for so many years, and it is safe to say that none of its early settlers are more highly respected and esteemed.

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#### JOHN NICHOLAS MATHES.

John Nicholas Mathes, deceased, was for several years an honored and highly respected citizen of Linn county, his last days being spent in the city of Marion, where he died on the 24th of October, 1889. A native of Germany, he was born near Frankfort-on-the-Main November 13, 1825, his parents being Nicholas and Barbara (Fischer) Mathes, who were life-long residents of that place. The father, who was a farmer by occupation, died at the advanced age of ninety-six years, and the mother passed away at the age of eighty-eight. Religiously they were members of the Lutheran church. Their children were Margaret, Mary, Philip and John Nicholas, all deceased; Dorothy, wife of Lewis Zager, of Johnson county, Iowa; and Benjamin, who is represented on another page of this volume.

The subject of this sketch grew to manhood in Germany, and in 1849 emigrated to the new world, locating first in Columbia, Pennsylvania, where he was engaged in





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mining for two years. He was next employed in the iron works at Safe Harbor, that state, until 1855, when he and his brother Benjamin came west. After spending the winter in Dubuque, Iowa, they came to Linn county in the spring of 1856, and our subject engaged in teaming in Marion until 1862, when he purchased a slightly improved farm of one hundred and twenty acres in Otter Creek township. To the further improvement and cultivation of that place he devoted his time and attention for seven years. On selling that farm in 1869, he bought two hundred and eighty acres of land in Long Grove township, eighty acres of which had been placed under cultivation, and he continued to engage in agricultural pursuits on that place until his removal to Marion in 1874, making his home there until his death. There he dealt in wood and also engaged in teaming to some extent. He was very industrious and energetic, and developed one of the best farms in Linn county.

On the 4th of March, 1851, in Columbia, Pennsylvania, Mr. Mathes married Miss Anna Mary Darmstetter, who was born March 20, 1826, near his birthplace in Germany, and came with her mother to America in 1850. Her father, George Darmstetter, died in Germany. The other children of his family were George, who died in Germany; Barbara Mary, deceased; and Katie, wife of Mark Swain, of Chicago. Of the several children born to Mr. and Mrs. Mathes all died young with the exception of two, namely: Kate married William Corum, who died in 1885, and she departed this life in 1873. They had two children: William, who died at the age of three years; and Anna Frances, wife of John Mathes, by whom she has one child,

Anna Bernice. Benjamin, son of our subject, died at the age of fourteen years.

Mr. Mathes and his family held membership in the Evangelical Lutheran church of Marion, and were among the most highly respected citizens of the community. He led an honorable and useful life, and due success was not denied him, so that at his death he was able to leave his widow in comfortable circumstances. She is a most estimable lady, and has a large circle of friends and acquaintances in Marion.

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#### GEORGE THOMPSON.

This highly esteemed citizen of Mt. Vernon is one of the adopted sons of America whose loyalty is above question, having been manifested by his valiant service in the Civil war. He was born in Cumberland county, England, March 13, 1839, and was two years old when brought to this country by his parents, John and Nancy A. (Beaty) Thompson, also natives of England. His father was the only member of the Thompson family to come to America. His mother's youngest brother, Andrew Beaty, emigrated to the United States, and is represented on another page of this volume. John Thompson and his family located on a farm in Cortland county, New York, where he died March 23, 1847, his remains being interred in Truxton, that county. His wife died January 15, 1854, and was buried in Daysville, Illinois. In their family were five children, namely: Elizabeth, who married George Reed and died in Daysville, Illinois; Sarah, a resident of Mt. Vernon, Iowa; George, our subject; Hannah, wife of Samuel Gray, of Oakland, California;

and Jane, wife of James Malarkey, of Oregon, Illinois.

The subject of this sketch was reared in Cortland county, New York. Going to Illinois in the winter of 1852, he worked on the farm of J. W. Edmonds of Ogle county for a short time, and in 1854 and 1855 worked for that gentleman during the summer months, while he attended school in winter. In 1856 he came to Mt. Vernon, Iowa, the trip being made by way of the Northwestern Railroad to Fulton, on the Mississippi river; from there to Rock Island, Illinois, by stage coach; by railroad to Iowa City; by stage to Cedar Rapids; by another stage to Marion; and on foot to Mt. Vernon. During the summer of that year he worked on the farm of Irvin Wilcox, and the following winter he attended school in Mt. Vernon for about six weeks. In the summer of 1857 he was employed on a farm in this county, but in the fall he returned to Illinois, and lived near Light House until the summer of 1859, when he commenced farming on the shares, operating the William Clemens farm in Ogle county, near Franklin Grove. In the fall of 1859 he went to Chariton county, Missouri, and engaged in cutting timber on "Old Jack Harris Island" in the Missouri river, three miles from Glasgow until the following March, when he went to work for Judge Salisbury, near Keatsville, that state. While there the town of Salisbury was laid out on the judge's farm. Our subject continued there until May, 1861, when he came to Columbus Junction, Iowa.

In August of that year Mr. Thompson enlisted in Company M, First Iowa Cavalry under Captain William Ankney, of Clinton, and Colonel Fitz Henry Warren. He was mustered into the service

at Davenport and then went to Burlington, where he joined his regiment, and then proceeded to St. Louis. While there he was taken ill and given a furlough, which he spent at home. In the summer of 1862 he rejoined his command at Butler, Bates county, Missouri, and participated in the following engagements: Prairie Grove, Dripping Spring, Van Buren, St. Francis River, Bayou Metre, Brownsville, Little Rock, Newtonia, Prairie D'Anne, Camden, Mars Creek, Price's Raid, California, Moro River Bottom and others.

On being mustered out of service in March, 1866, Mr. Thompson returned to Mt. Vernon, Iowa, and resumed farming. In the fall of 1867 he purchased a partially improved farm of seventy acres in Franklin township, which he placed under a high state of cultivation, and to which he added until he now has one hundred and seventeen acres. He continued to successfully engage in agricultural pursuits until November, 1893, when he bought a home in Mt. Vernon, and has since lived a retired life, enjoying the fruits of former toil. Mr. Thompson cast his first presidential vote for John C. Fremont, the Republican candidate, but is now a supporter of the Democracy. Fraternally, he is an honored member of W. C. Dimmitt Post, No. 400, G. A. R.; Mt. Vernon Lodge, No. 551, I. O. O. F.; and Mt. Vernon Lodge, No. 112, A. F. & A. M.

At Mt. Vernon, September 6, 1866, Mr. Thompson married Miss Adelia Willits, and to them were born four children, namely: Allison, born July 12, 1867, died September 30, 1883; John J., born February 27, 1870, is now traveling in the west; Horace G., born December 25, 1872, died February 17, 1887; and Grace E., born October 9, 1877, is now attending Cornell College. The

mother of these children died October 4, 1889, and was buried in the Sumner district cemetery, two miles west of Mt. Vernon.

Mrs. Thompson was a daughter of Allison I. and Elizabeth E. (Julian) Willits. Her father was born near Green's Fork, Indiana, and, as customary in those early days, his boyhood and young manhood were spent working on the farm and attending school when there was no work to be done. Of his early life no great amount of reliable data can be secured. Perhaps the best is that taken from a booklet written by his wife, in which she describes his early career in the following words: "His youthful labors and hardships, making farms in the forests of Ohio and Indiana, his sufferings on the inhospitable prairies of Illinois, in 1836, tending cattle that terrible winter, which froze most of the herd to death, barely escaping himself; his swimming the Mississippi frequently by himself or by the side of his horse; his arrival in Linn county, Iowa, in 1839, where he married a young wife, who died in a year; his return to Indiana; his second marriage; and back again to Iowa: the blight of his fondest hopes in the loss of his children and almost constant moving from cabin to cabin and from country to town and from town to country; the numerous journeys from the east to the west and the north to the south by wagon or horseback, all of which now in retrospect seemed like a disturbed, unhappy dream. Only on one point in his restless and checkered career could his mind rest with entire satisfaction—the hour in which he gave himself fully to God and felt his sins fully forgiven. Turning away from these saddening memoirs of toil, sorrow and disappointment, the eye of faith was more in-

tently fixed than ever before upon a better country."

In 1842 Mr. Willits married Miss Elizabeth E. Julian, whose family resided in the vicinity of Green's Fork, Wayne county, Indiana. She was born in that county, July 15, 1819, and was a daughter of Isaac and Rebecca (Hoover) Julian, natives of North Carolina, and of Quaker descent. Her parents were married about 1809 and settled near Centreville, where six children were born to them—four sons and two daughters. In 1823 Mr. Julian located near what is now LaFayette, Indiana, where in a short time he died. The young mother at once returned to Wayne county, Indiana, and finally took up her residence on a small farm at Green's Fork, where she reared her children.

The first of the Julian family to come to America was Rene St. Julian, who emigrated from France. (The name was abbreviated and Anglicized prior to the American Revolution.) His nativity is accredited to the city of Paris. His parents died in his infancy or childhood. While but a youth he enlisted in the army and served in various foreign parts. In the wars of the English Revolution, 1688, he served for a time in the armies of James II, holding to the Roman Catholic faith. Later he, with many others, deserted to the standard of William III, under whom he served at the battle of Boyne, July 1, 1690, having become a Protestant and no doubt classed as a Huguenot. He continued in the service of King William and his successors during seventeen years. The precise date of his emigration to America has not been ascertained, but it was early in the eighteenth century, en route he stopped at the island of Bermuda, where he married a lady named Mar-



garet Pallock. He was then forty years of age. He first settled on the coast of North Carolina, where he resided for some years and had two sons born to him, both of whom died early. Deeming the country unhealthy, he left it shortly afterward and settled on the western shore of Maryland, where he leased land for some years, when he purchased an estate in Maryland or Virginia. He had six sons, Stephen, George, John, Peter, Isaac and René. The particulars of his subsequent life do not appear to have been preserved, but his closing years are believed to have been passed at or near the site of the present city of Winchester, Virginia. His son also resided in that part of the state.

History records the fact that one of his sons, Isaac Julian, a young married man, was residing in that vicinity in 1755. This fact is recorded in Irving's *Life of Washington*, chapter 18, in connection with the mention of an Indian panic. Braddock's defeat had occurred on the 9th of July, previous, and the people were panic-stricken. Isaac Julian was personally well known to Colonel George Washington, aged thirty-four, who, after the defeat of Braddock, was made commander of the colonial troops stationed at Winchester, Virginia.

Isaac Julian married Barbara White, daughter of D. Robert White, of Winchester, an emigrant from Scotland of a wealthy and noted family. Her mother was the daughter of another Scotch gentleman named Hoge. Barbara had two sisters, each of whom married a man named Morgan, and both had children taken captive by Indians. A daughter of one of them was released after a number of years, but a son, Ansiah Morgan, at about four years of age,

was adopted into an Indian family and would not leave them. After he had grown to manhood he was taken in battle fighting against the whites and solicited to remain with his kindred but was beguiled by his Indian wife into a corral and made his escape down the river. The panic continuing and proving too well founded, Isaac Julian and all his brothers save Stephen, the oldest, fled the country. So great and imminent was the anticipated danger that Isaac Julian, who had a farm well stocked, left all save his horses,—which he retained to aid his flight,—his farm, standing crops, sheep and other stock, his house and most of its contents and with his family sped night and day southward. They stopped in North Carolina, and he purchased a homestead of one thousand acres in Randolph county. The original deed, still in possession of the family, bears date 1762, but he became possessed of the property some years previous. There he lived and died, and his grave is still shown. The place, or part of it, still remains in possession of some of his descendants. The descendants of Stephen, the brother of Isaac Julian, who remained in Virginia, are to be found in Ohio and other portions of the central west. The other brothers are believed to have settled in the Carolinas and their descendants are scattered over the south and west.

Isaac Julian (second) married Sarah Long, a native of Pennsylvania and a daughter of Tobias Long. Her grandfather, Edward Long, came to America with William Penn's fleet. Isaac Julian (second) removed to Indiana territory, where he died July 17, 1831. He had six sons, Bohan, Tobias, Isaac, Jacob, René and Shubel, and six daughters, Zernah, Elizabeth, Sarah, Elinor, Barbara



and Martha. The two last named were twins. All of the children save the two first named preceded their parents in removing to the northwest. Isaac Julian (third) located in what is now Wayne county, Indiana, in 1808, and the following year married Rebecca, daughter of Andrew Hoover, a leading member of the Society of Friends and also an emigrant from Randolph county, North Carolina. John Scott, the noted old-time English Quaker evangelist, had visited that part of North Carolina in 1786, in consequence of which a number of the people, including representatives of the Hoover and Julian families had become members of the society. The name Hoover was originally Huber, and the family, like the Julians, went by way of Maryland to North Carolina. Three brothers, Jonas, Andrew and Christian Huber, settled on Pike creek, Maryland. The family was of German descent, Andrew, of Pike creek, having left Germany when a boy. He found a wife in Pennsylvania in the person of Margaret Fants. He left eight sons and five daughters, all of whom had large families, while of course their descendants are very numerous. His son, Andrew Hoover, was born in Maryland, and removed to North Carolina about the time of the flight of the Julians from Virginia. He married Elizabeth Waymire, whose father, Rudolph Waymire, emigrated from Hanover, Germany, after he had several children. He had been a member of the famous foot guard regiment of Frederic the Great of Prussia, none of whom were less than seven feet in height. He left one son and seven daughters by his first wife and seven sons by a second marriage. Their descendants are mostly to be found in the United States. Andrew Hoover (second) had ten children,

four sons and six daughters, as follows: David, Henry, Frederick, Andrew, Mary, Elizabeth, Susannah, Catherine, Rebecca and Sarah.

Isaac Julian (third) and Rebecca, his wife, started in life in a region largely settled by North Carolinians and other emigrants from the south. The Hoovers and Julians were identified with the origin of Richmond, Indiana. Isaac Julian assisted in clearing the heavy forest from a portion of the site and taught the first school in the township, while David Hoover, a brother-in-law—later prominent in the public affairs of the country and state—surveyed the plat and gave the name to the future city. For a number of years the Quakers largely predominated in the place, which was known as the Quaker City of the West. During the war of 1812 Isaac Julian's cabin was turned into a block house, where the neighbors came for safety from the savage Indians, allies of the British. In 1818, 1822 and 1823 he was a member of the Indiana legislature then assembled at Corydon. He died in 1823 on the bare plains in Tippecanoe county, Indiana.

At the time of her father's death Mrs. Willits was in her fifth year. She had four brothers and one sister, namely: John M. died at the age of twenty-three years, Jacob B., known as Judge Julian, was a noted lawyer. George W. studied law but drifted into politics during the anti-slavery agitation and was nominated for vice-president with John P. Hale, on the Free Soil ticket in 1852, and on that issue was sent to congress, where he served several terms, becoming noted as a leading statesman. Isaac N. also studied law but later entered the journalistic field, and lives at San Marcos,

Texas; Sarah, who became Mrs. Jesse Holman, resides at Mt. Vernon. The others are deceased.

Elizabeth E. Julian was twenty-two years of age when she gave her hand in marriage to Allison I. Willits, and after spending a year at the home of his parents, they came to Linn county, Iowa, in 1843, locating on a fine farm at Sugar Grove, Franklin township. Mr. Willits had come to this county three years previous, and had purchased the farm in partnership with a Mr. Abbey, and on his return bought the latter's interest in the place. Here he and his wife lived in true pioneer style. Eighteen months after their arrival here a child was born to them but it died in infancy, and the second child only lived to be seventeen months old. Adelia now Mrs. Thompson, was next in order of birth, and when she was three years old George J. Willits was born. From 1848 to 1852 the family resided in Mt. Vernon, where Mr. Willits conducted a store, and he also platted the town, in which he owned a large interest. About this time Rev. George B. Bowman first visited this section, and he and Mr. Willits became fast friends. The latter proposed that a school building be erected on the present site of Cornell College. His suggestion being approved, he and his wife subscribed the first five hundred dollars for the purpose. He lived to see the establishment of what is now one of the best colleges of the state. In 1855 he made a trip to Missouri and a year later moved his family to that state. There it was that he carried out his ideas of erecting a place of worship, that the common people could attend, but soon the country became more settled and he returned to Linn county, Iowa. Shortly afterward he was stricken down and passed

away in 1858, in his forty-eighth year. He was a strong and earnest Christian, and was a man highly respected and esteemed by all who knew him. In 1859, Mrs. Willits married Andrew Beaty, of Linn county, and they resided on a farm in Franklin township until 1879, when they removed to Mt. Vernon, where she died in 1889, honored and loved by the entire community.



### J. E. MOORE.

J. E. Moore, an enterprising agriculturist of Franklin township, is the owner of a fine farm on section 25, and his management of the place is marked by the scientific knowledge and skill which characterize the modern farmer. He was born in Jones county, Iowa, May 13, 1866, and is the only child of Daniel and Mary (Wagner) Moore, both natives of Pennsylvania, their marriage being celebrated in Lycoming county, that state. The father was born, however, in Bucks county. In 1860 they emigrated to Iowa and took up their residence in Jones county, where he engaged in farming until 1867. The following year was spent at Lisbon, and at the end of that time they removed to Cedar county, where he also carried on farming for seventeen years. He then returned to Linn county and purchased two hundred and thirty acres of land on sections 25 and 36. When our subject took this place the father bought forty acres on which was a good set of farm buildings, making his home there until the spring of 1898, when he removed to Lisbon, where he owns a pleasant home, and surrounded by all the comforts of life he is now living retired from active labor. He still owns one

hundred and eighty acres of fine farming land in this county, having disposed of the remainder of his property. By his ballot he supports the men and measures of the Republican party and he has been called upon to fill the offices of township trustee, road supervisor and school director, the duties of which positions he most satisfactorily discharged. Both he and his wife are members of the United Brethren church, and he was formerly a trustee of the same.

The subject of this sketch was principally reared in Cedar county, where he attended the district schools, and later took a course at the business college of Cedar Rapids. Being the only child, he remained at home, and at the age of twenty-two took charge of the farm, which he successfully managed until 1899, when he bought that portion of the place, consisting of fifty acres on section 25, Franklin township, on which stands all of the buildings. He is a most progressive and up-to-date farmer, who has made a scientific study of his chosen occupation, and is meeting with excellent success. He gives considerable attention to the breeding of cattle, making a specialty of thoroughbred Jerseys.

In Linn county, February 15, 1893, Mr. Moore was united in marriage with Miss Lora A. Fisher, and to them were born twins, Howard and Homer, who were born June 2, 1899, but Homer died two days later. Mrs. Moore was born in Lisbon March 2, 1868, and is a daughter of Perry Jackson and Cornelia E. (Ringer) Fisher, the former a native of Ohio, and the latter of Crawfordsville, Indiana. Her parents were married in Jones county, Iowa, and for some time made their home in Lisbon, where the father taught school for a number of terms. He also engaged in farming for a

while, and when thus employed studied law. After his admission to the bar he engaged in practice for many years at Lisbon, Linn county, but in 1886 removed to a fruit farm which he had previously purchased, making it his home until his death, which occurred December 7, 1895. His remains were interred in the Lisbon cemetery. His widow now makes her home in Linn county with her children. Their family consisted of the following named: William P. wedded Mary Russell and lived for a time in Oklahoma, but now resides in this county; Fannie F., born June 23, 1862, died October 9, 1895; Nellie B. is the wife of George G. Miller, a farmer of Linn township; Lora A. is the wife of our subject; Mary E. is the wife of William Reigor, a farmer of this county; and Howard R. is engaged in mercantile business in Oklahoma.

Religiously Mr. Moore is a member of the United Brethren church, and politically is identified with the Republican party. He has served as treasurer of the school board for a number of years, and never withholds his support from an enterprise which he believes calculated to advance the moral, intellectual or material welfare of his township or county, and is justly numbered among the valued citizens of the community in which he lives.

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#### HENRY STRALEY.

The subject of this sketch is proprietor of a livery, feed and sale stable on the corner of Eleventh street and Eighth avenue, Marion, and for almost twenty years has been one of the leading business men of that place. He was born near Greenfield,



Ross county, Ohio on the 27th of December, 1846, his parents being John Lewis and Elizabeth Straley, natives of Virginia and Ohio, respectively. The father was engaged in farming in that county until 1850, when he came to Linn county, Iowa and took up his residence in Monroe township, where he died in the spring of 1853, when about forty-five years of age. He was a very devout and earnest Christian, a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, to which his wife also belonged. She survived him several years, dying in 1876 at the age of fifty-six. They were the parents of four children of whom Henry is third in order of birth. The others were as follows: Joseph enlisted at the age of eighteen years in the Ninth Iowa Volunteer Infantry during the Civil war. Being wounded and ill he was sent to a hospital in Louisville, Kentucky, and from there was brought home, where he died three or four weeks later at the age of twenty-one. Charles is now postmaster at Jesup, Iowa. Anna L. married S. B. Gillin, and resides at Hudson, Iowa.

Henry Straley is indebted to the common schools of this county for his educational privileges. He assisted in the labors of the home farm until 1882, when he removed to Marion and opened a feed stable. He has since successfully engaged in the livery business at this place, and now keeps nine horses and a good assortment of vehicles to meet the wants of his customers.

On the 4th of January, 1870, Mr. Straley led to the marriage altar Miss H. M. White, also a native of Ohio and a daughter of A. E. and Mary White, who came to this state about 1856. Four children blessed this union: Frank, who is assisting his father in business; William L., a clerk in Owen's drug store of Marion; A. W., a stenographer

of St. Paul; and Daisy, at home. All are graduates of the Marion high school. The parents are both members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and in politics Mr. Straley is independent, voting for the men whom he believes best qualified to fill the offices regardless of party lines. He is a worthy representative of one of the old and reliable families of this county, and as a public spirited citizen he takes a deep interest in the welfare of the community.

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#### GEORGE P. CARPENTER, M. D.

Dr. Carpenter, who is the oldest medical practitioner in Cedar Rapids, has that love for and devotion to his profession which has brought to him success and secured him a place among the ablest representatives of the medical fraternity in this section of the state. He was born in Lancaster, Ohio, September 21, 1846, and is a son of Dr. Paul and Mary (Fetters) Carpenter. On the paternal side his ancestors came from Holland in colonial days, and representatives of the family bore a prominent part in the Revolutionary war and the war of 1812. The Fetters family is of German origin and was founded in Ohio at an early day.

Dr. Paul Carpenter, our subject's father, was born in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and when a young man began the study of law with James Buchanan, afterward president of the United States, but not liking that profession he ran away from home and located in Lancaster, Ohio, where he took up the study of medicine, later becoming one of the foremost physicians and surgeons in that part of the state. For forty-five years



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he was successfully engaged in practice in Lancaster, and there died in 1880, at the age of seventy. He was a prominent Mason and served as eminent grand commander of the state for twenty years. As a Republican he took an active interest in political affairs, but could never be prevailed upon to accept office. Religiously both he and the mother of our subject were members of the Methodist Episcopal church. The latter died in Lancaster, Ohio, at the age of thirty-five years. Of their five children our subject is the second in order of birth and the only survivor. The father was twice married, his first wife being Mary Cannon, by whom he had two children, both living, namely: Henry W., a physician of Lancaster, Ohio; and Mary Ellen, wife of W. J. Carty, of Columbus, Ohio.

Dr. George P. Carpenter obtained his early education in the schools of his native place, and was graduated from the high school of that city at the age of fifteen years. He then entered the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, Ohio, where he pursued a literary course and was graduated in 1865. He commenced the study of medicine under the able direction of his father, and later attended lectures at the Ohio Medical College, of Cincinnati, where he was graduated in March, 1868, at the age of twenty-two years. While yet a student he spent one year in an army hospital with his brother, Dr. H. W. Carpenter, who was a surgeon in the army. There were from twelve hundred to eighteen hundred patients in the hospital the entire time, and there he gained a good practical knowledge of medicine and surgery, which was of great benefit to him in his subsequent career.

Immediately after his graduation Dr. Carpenter came to Cedar Rapids, arriving

here on the 4th of April, 1868, and at once opened an office. The city at that time contained a population of only three thousand, and he has therefore witnessed almost its entire growth and development. Two years after locating here he entered into partnership with Dr. E. L. Mansfield, and together they engaged in practice for five years, but with that exception Dr. Carpenter has always been alone. He has always engaged in general practice, but of late years has given special attention to surgery and has performed many notable operations.

On the 1st of July, 1869, in Delaware, Ohio, Dr. Carpenter was united in marriage with Miss Delia Fant, a native of that state and a daughter of Rev. S. Fant, who was a minister of the Methodist Episcopal church and one of the pioneer clergymen of that section. By this union were born four children, namely: Laura, wife of A. S. Smith, of Chicago; Alice, at home; Paul F., a resident of Los Angeles, California; and George B., a student in the high school of Cedar Rapids. The wife and mother died March 31, 1897, and was laid to rest in the Oak Hill cemetery of Cedar Rapids.

In his political affiliations Dr. Carpenter is a Republican. Religiously he is one of the leading and active members of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he has served as steward and trustee for thirty years. Fraternally he is a member of Mt. Herman Lodge, No. 263, F. & M., and Trowel Chapter, No. 49, R. A. M., and also orders. He is medical examiner for the Northwestern Life Insurance Company, of Milwaukee, and treasurer of the Iowa Union Medical Society, of which he is a member. He is also a member of the American Medical Society, the Tri-State

Medical Society, the Iowa State Medical Society, and the Cedar Rapids Medical Society, and has been a member of the staff of St. Luke's hospital since it was founded fifteen years ago. He stands high in his profession and enjoys the personal friendship of a number of the most noted physicians of the United States. The Doctor is widely and favorably known, and it is safe to say that no man in Linn county has more friends or is held in higher regard than he. He has a very fine collection of relics and curios gathered from all parts of the world.

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#### WILLIAM PIEPER.

Among the honored and highly esteemed citizens of Lisbon who have retired from active labor is William Pieper, who was born in Hanover, Germany, January 15, 1817, a son of William and Philipena (Valbaum) Pieper, also natives of that country, where the mother died. The father afterward married again, his second wife being Hannah Pieper, and in 1843 he emigrated to America, locating on a farm in Wisconsin, where he died in 1852. His wife passed away in 1866. By his first marriage he had four children, namely: Caroline, now the widow of Henry Haulpniver and a resident of Columbia City, Indiana; William, our subject; Melzena, wife of Louis Pauk, of Los Angeles, California; and Frederick, who married Catherine Echart and both died in Jones county, Iowa.

During his boyhood William Pieper attended the district schools of his native land until fourteen years of age, and then worked as a farm hand until coming to this country with the hope of benefiting his financial con-

dition. In 1840 he took passage on a sailing vessel at Bremen, and after a stormy voyage of nine weeks landed in Baltimore, Maryland. He at once proceeded to Dayton, Ohio, and as he spent his last twenty-five cents on the day of his arrival there he was forced to seek employment at once. Going to Piermont, that state, he hired out to a stock farmer at six dollars per month, and remained there six months. He then returned to Dayton, where he worked four months at eight dollars per month, and later was employed by Joseph Snyder at eighty dollars per year.

In 1842 Mr. Pieper went to Columbia City, Whitley county, Indiana, and after working for others at that place for two years he purchased eighty acres of land at three dollars per acre. Later he sold that farm for one thousand dollars and bought one hundred and ninety-five from a Mr. Hamilton. This property he sold in 1854 for twenty-five hundred dollars, and then came to Iowa, locating in Pioneer township, Cedar county, where he purchased a farm of two hundred and ten acres. To the cultivation and improvement of that place he devoted his energies until 1887, when he removed to Lisbon and has since lived a retired life. He owns a good home at this place, where, surrounded by all the comforts of life, he is now enjoying a well-earned rest.

In Whitley county, Indiana, Mr. Pieper was married, in 1844, to Wilhelmina Reasey, who died in 1856. Of the three children born of that union two are still living, namely: Henry, who married Susan Cole and resides in Lisbon, Iowa; and Lazette, wife of William Robinson, who lives near Mechanicsville, Cedar county, Iowa.

In 1857 Mr. Pieper was again married,

at Huntington, Indiana, his second union being with Hannah Foss, by whom he had five children: William, who married Minnie Davis and resides at Olin, Iowa; Louis, also a resident of that place; Minnie, who married Frank Jackson and died in 1897; August, who married Mollie Cameron and lives near Olin; Hannah, wife of Reuben Cole, of Clinton, Iowa. The mother of these children died in 1868.

Later in the same year Mr. Pieper was married, in Sheboygan county, Wisconsin, to Miss Augusta Schwalbe, who was born in Menkin, Province of Brandenburg, Germany, July 3, 1845. After their marriage they took the steamer, Sea Bird, to go to Chicago, but stopped at Milwaukee to visit her brother, and that night the Sea Bird was burned and sank with all on board. Mrs. Pieper's parents were Michael and Fredericka (Dann) Schwalbe, also natives of Germany, who came to America in August, 1855, and settled on a farm in Sheboygan county, Wisconsin, where they made their home until death, the father dying July 20, 1886, the mother October 1, 1895. They had eight children, but only four are now living, namely: Minnie, a resident of Plymouth, Wisconsin, and widow of Helmut F. Kohson, who died in California December 27, 1884; Augusta, wife of our subject; Ernest, who married Barbara Kestner and lives in Plymouth, Wisconsin; and Anna, wife of Otto Eotling, whose home is near Howard's Grove, Sheboygan county, Wisconsin. By his third marriage Mr. Pieper had three children: (1) Elvina, born May 5, 1869, is the wife of Albert M. Floyd, publisher of the Lisbon Sun at Lisbon, Iowa, and they have one child, Harriet H. (2) Anna died in infancy. (3) Augusta, born February 13, 1871, who first married David

Fall, a traveling salesman of Mechanicsville, Iowa, and after his death wedded Rev. Lewis Krome, the present pastor of the German Reformed church at Lisbon, and they have one child, Harold William.

By his ballot Mr. Pieper supports the Democracy, and takes an active interest in public affairs. He is a member of the Lutheran church, while his estimable wife is a Christian Scientist in religious belief. He is a genial, pleasant gentleman, who makes many friends, and he and his family receive and merit the high regard of the entire community. His wife is particularly a well posted woman, and takes a commendable interest in general affairs.



#### J. D. ROWE.

For over thirty years this gentleman has been a resident of Marion, where he is now successfully engaged in business as a carpenter and contractor, and also owns and operates a planing mill as the senior member of the firm of J. D. Rowe & Son, at No. 1408 North Tenth street. Throughout his career of continued and far-reaching usefulness his duties have been performed with the greatest care, and his business interests have been so managed as to gain for him a liberal patronage, and the confidence of the public.

A native of New York, Mr. Rowe was born in Essex county November 15, 1831, and is a son of Leland and Lucy (Durant) Rowe, who also claimed the Empire state as the place of their birth. The father owned a home in the east, where he spent his entire life. He worked for others, and served as county superintendent of schools, being

prominently identified with the educational affairs of Essex county. He was a musician in the war of 1812, and received a land warrant for services rendered. In religious faith both he and his wife were Baptists and were active in all church work. He died at the age of seventy-two years, and she passed away several years later at the age of seventy. Of their seven children our subject is the fourth in order of birth, while only three are now living, these being J. D., of this review; and Eleanor, wife of G. J. Miller, and Barlow L., both residents of Vermont.

J. D. Rowe was educated in the public schools of New York, and after laying aside his text books learned the carpenter's trade, which he has followed since the age of eighteen years. In 1869 he came to Marion and has since been one of the leading business men of that place. He has built many of its houses, including some of its finest residences, and also erected the Christian church, the county home and other buildings. He not only has charge of the carpenter work, but as a contractor does everything from excavating the cellar until the building is ready for occupancy. He and his son also own a planing mill, and engage in the manufacture of sash, doors, moldings, ledges, etc., and have built up a good business in that line.

Mr. Rowe was married, December 27, 1854, to Miss Anna Storrs, also a native of Essex county, New York, and a daughter of Samuel Storrs, and to them have been born one daughter, Ida May, who died at the age of fifteen years, and two sons, both residents of Marion. Fred A. married Fannie Williams and has two children, Charles and Walter. He is the junior member of the firm; and Frank E. married Edith Eggleston and has one son, Harold J.

Fraternally Mr. Rowe is a member of

the Masonic order and the Iowa Workmen, and politically is identified with the Republican party, in the success of which he takes a deep interest. His wife is a member of the Christian church, and both are held in high esteem by a large circle of friends and acquaintances.

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#### C. A. PATTEN.

Marion has no more wide-awake or enterprising business man than C. A. Patten, the well-known proprietor of the livery, feed and sale stable at No. 845 Eleventh street. He is a native of Linn county, born in Brown township, December 4, 1869, and is a son of Richard and Lydia (Pierpont) Patten, who were born, reared and married in Barnesville, Belmont county, Ohio. In 1865 they came to Linn county, Ohio, and purchased a farm, which the father operated until 1866, when he lost his right arm in a sawmill, and for fourteen years engaged in selling patent medicine in Linn, Jones and Cedar counties. Since then he has again followed farming near Whittier's Corners, where he and his wife now live. They are faithful and consistent members of the Society of Friends, and the mother was clerk of the church for several years. Both take an active interest in church work, and are among the most honored and highly esteemed citizens of their community.

Unto this worthy couple were born eight children as follows: William, who is engaged in farming near Whittier's Corners, Iowa; Ella, wife of Jesse Morris, a stock buyer and shipper of that place; Jennie, who married William Test and died in 1892; John, an extensive stock dealer of Springville, Iowa;



Isaac, a hardware merchant of Fullerton, Nebraska; C. A., our subject; Marion, a farmer of Marion township, this county; and Clarence, a teacher at Whittier.

C. A. Patten, together with the other children of the family, was educated in the common and Quaker schools of this county, and he started out in life for himself as a horse trainer and breeder. In partnership with John Willard he bought a horse named Onard Wilkes, for breeding business, and together they engaged in buying, selling and breaking horses for three years. In 1894 he and S. B. Scott embarked in the livery business on the corner of Eleventh street and Eighth avenue, where they carried on business until their stable was destroyed by fire in August, 1894. Mr. Patten then purchased his partner's interest in the business and removed to his present location, taking possession of what was known as the old Markly feed stable. He now keeps fourteen head of fine horses and a good line of buggies and carriages to correspond, his property being valued at two thousand dollars. He has charge of the hearse work for both undertaking establishments in Marion.

He is a thorough horseman, who has always been an ardent admirer of the noble steed, and to-day owns a fine five-year-old mare, who made a record of 2:36 in August, 1900. He is also assistant foreman for the G. B. Owen Hose Company.

On the 12th of September, 1894, Mr. Patten married Miss Maude Gibson, of Marion township, Linn county, a daughter of Benjamin and Kate Gibson, prominent farming people of that township. To our subject and his wife has been born a son, Merle.

In his political affiliation Mr. Patten is a staunch Republican, but has never been an

office seeker. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias Lodge, No. 8, of Marion, and the Methodist Episcopal church. He stands high in business circles and commands the respect and confidence of all who know him.

Mr. Patten is an extensive dealer in coach and driving horses, dealing mostly in home trade.

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#### CHARLES H. EASTLACK.

Charles H. Eastlack, who resides on section 25, Franklin township, owns and operates a valuable farm of one hundred and fifty-eight acres, whose neat and thrifty appearance well indicates his careful supervision. Substantial improvements are surrounded by well-tilled fields, and all of the accessories and conveniences of a model farm are there found.

Mr. Eastlack was born in Highland county, Ohio, October 10, 1852, and is a son of John and Jerusha (McVey) Eastlack, who were natives of New Jersey and Pennsylvania, respectively, and were married in Ohio. They made their home in Highland county, Ohio, until 1854, when they came to Linn county, Iowa, and located in Franklin township, where the mother died in November 15, 1859, her remains being interred in the Mt. Vernon cemetery. In 1863 the father wedded Miss Mary Shattuck, a native of New York, who died December 18, 1893, and was buried in Cedar Rapids, while he died December 19, 1883, and was laid to rest by the side of his first wife in the Mt. Vernon cemetery. By the first union he had thirteen children, namely: Isaac E. died at the age of twelve years; Keziah, deceased, was the wife of George Hardy, who lives

near Leesburg, Ohio; James and William both died in childhood; Abigail died at the age of seven years; Sarah is the widow of E. H. Cole and lives near Jameson, Daviess county, Missouri; Catherine is the widow of Henry Ryan and resides in Clarke county, Iowa; Anna married Washington Shantz and both are now deceased; Susan is the wife of John Stine, of Cedar Rapids; Eliza died in infancy; Rachel is the wife of Thomas Robinson, whose farm adjoins that of our subject; John W. died at the age of four years; and Charles H., our subject, completes the family. By his second union the father had two daughters: Stella, wife of Lucius Walker, of Cedar Rapids; and Josephine, wife of Edward Elliott, of the same place.

The subject of this sketch was only two years old when brought by his parents to Iowa, and he was reared on the farm in Franklin township, while his education was obtained in the district schools. He was sixteen years of age when his father sold his place and removed to town, and he then worked as a farm hand for some time. Prior to his marriage, however, he purchased one hundred and twenty acres of land three miles south of Cedar Rapids, upon which he lived for four years, and on disposing of that place he bought a farm in Franklin township, consisting of two hundred acres. In 1897 he sold that farm, and purchased ninety acres of land on section 25, Franklin township, and an adjoining sixty-eight acres in Cedar county, to the cultivation and improvement of which he has since devoted his time and attention with most gratifying results. He is also engaged in buying selling and shipping stock, and probably handles more horses than all the other farmers of Linn county put together. He

is also interested in the breeding of Short-horn cattle, and in all his undertakings is meeting with marked success.

At Mt. Vernon, December 22, 1879, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Eastlack and Miss Olive Cordes, who was born on a farm in Linn township, north of that city, April 30, 1863, and is a daughter of Christian and Ruby (Doty) Cordes, who are still living in that locality. Her father is a German by birth. His children were Lizzie, who died at the age of five years; Olive, wife of our subject; Carrie, wife of Lee Kleinecht, a farmer living west of Mt. Vernon; Addie, wife of Barney Peddecort, a farmer living near Greene, Iowa; and John, who is at home with his parents. Mr. and Mrs. Eastlack have three children: W. Roy, born May 3, 1880, assists his father in stock buying; and Clara, born January 26, 1883, and John Earl, born July 4, 1892, are also at home with their parents.

Politically, Mr. Eastlack has always been a staunch supporter of the Republican party, and for a number of years he has most efficiently served as school director in his district. He is a trustee and active member of the United Brethren church, and is a man highly respected and esteemed by all with whom he has come in contact either in business or social life.

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#### WILLIAM M. GILLESPIE.

After many years of active labor principally devoted to agricultural pursuits and teaming, William M. Gillespie is now living a retired life in Mt. Vernon, Iowa, where he has made his home for twenty-one years. He is a native of county Tyrone, Ireland, and

was a young man of twenty-two years when he came to the United States in 1855. He landed in New York and proceeded at once to Granville, Vermont, where he worked as a laborer for a few years. He then purchased a farm in Addison county, that state, and was engaged in its operation until he entered the Union army during the Civil war. His father, William Gillespie, died in Ireland and after the close of the Civil war his mother, Martha Gillespie, came to America and located in Gouldsville, Vermont, where she died in 1884. Our subject has one brother and two sisters residing in the last named place.

In 1864 Mr. Gillespie enlisted in Company H, Seventeenth Vermont Volunteer Infantry, and remained in the service until hostilities ceased. He participated in the battles of Cold Harbor, Spottsylvania Court House, Petersburg, North Anna, Bethesda Church, Petersburg Mine, Weldon Railroad, Poplar Spring Church, and Hatchie's Run. He was wounded in the knee in an engagement before Petersburg, April 2, 1865, and was also hit by a piece of shell just between the eyes. He now draws a pension of fourteen dollars per month as a sort of compensation for the injuries received. His brother James was a member of Company F, Fifth Vermont Volunteer Infantry, and was killed in the battle of the Wilderness at the age of twenty-seven years.

Mr. Gillespie was discharged from the service at Alexandria, Virginia, and returned to Granville, Vermont, where he continued to follow farming until his removal to Mt. Vernon, Iowa, in 1880. Here he engaged in teaming for some years, but for the past few years has been living a retired life, enjoying a well-earned rest.

Before leaving Ireland Mr. Gillespie

married Miss Lydia Ann Reilly, also a native of that country, and to them were born ten children, six of whom are still living, namely: William James, who owns and operates a small farm in Franklin township, this county; Robert, a teamster residing at home; George, who also has a small farm near the city and lives with his parents; Anna, wife of Frank Keiler, an engineer of Bethel, Vermont; Carrie, wife of James Thompson, a teamster of Mt. Vernon; and Susan, wife of Harry Nower, a painter of Cedar Rapids. The others all died when young and the wife and mother departed this life in 1877. For his second wife Mr. Gillespie married Miss Jane Anderson, a native of Iowa. He is a faithful member of the Methodist church and is also connected with the Grand Army Post at Mt. Vernon. In his political affiliations he is a Republican, and that he is a loyal and patriotic citizen of his adopted country is attested by his gallant service in the Civil war.

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#### JACOB D. BUNGER.

Among the leading business men of Cedar Rapids and the honored veterans of the Civil war is this well-known contractor and builder, who came to this city in 1873 and has since been an important factor in its business affairs. A native of Monroe county, Indiana, he was born near Bloomington on the 5th of May, 1834. His father, David Bunger, was a native of Virginia, and when a young man went to Indiana, locating in Monroe county, where was celebrated his marriage with Miss Juritha Berry, a native of Kentucky. Throughout life he engaged in farming and stock raising, and died in Monroe county, in 1845, at the early age of thirty-three years. His wife survived him many

years and reared their family. In 1851 she removed to Illinois, and settled on a farm in Henderson county. Her last days were spent with her only daughter, Mary P., wife of Samuel Brightwell, residing near Chariton, Iowa, and there she died at the age of seventy-eight years. She had four sons, of whom Jacob D. is the oldest; William, who died in Burlington, Iowa, in 1884, was a soldier of the Civil war and lost a leg in the siege of Vicksburg; Green is a farmer of this county; and Joseph is a farmer of Nebraska.

Jacob D. Bunger grew to manhood upon the home farm in Henderson county, Illinois, and in early life learned the trade of a carpenter and joiner, at which he worked in Indiana and Illinois until the Civil war broke out. On the 14th of August, 1862, he joined the boys in blue of Company G, One Hundred and Eighteenth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, as corporal, and was sent down the Mississippi to Memphis. He participated in the battles of Chickasaw Bayou, Arkansas Post, Port Gibson and the siege of Vicksburg, and assisting in taking that stronghold. He had two fingers of his right hand shot off, and was thus permanently disabled. He was ill in the hospital at Keokuk, Iowa, until the close of the war, and was then sent to Davenport, where he was mustered out and honorably discharged on the 18th of May, 1865, after which he returned to his home in Illinois.

In the fall of the same year, however, Mr. Bunger came to Iowa, and settled in Blainstown, where he engaged in contracting and building for five years. At the end of that time he removed to Marion, where he was similarly employed for three years, and then came to Cedar Rapids, where he has since successfully carried on operations as a contractor and builder. He has erected

a number of business blocks but has mostly engaged in building private residences, and on all sides are seen evidences of his handiwork. He has bought lots and built two houses for himself.

At Galesburg, Illinois, in June, 1856, Mr. Bunger married Miss Eliza H. Woodbridge, who was born and reared in McDonough county, that state, and was educated at Galesburg. Unto them were born five children, namely: Clara married George Shaffer, of Cedar Rapids, and died here leaving one child, Nina, who now resides with her grandparents and is attending the Cedar Rapids high school; Edward is married and engaged in farming in Linn county; David is an energetic man of good business ability residing at home; Nora is the wife of George Holland, of Cedar Rapids; and Harry is in the upholstering business in Denver.

Politically, Mr. Bunger has been a lifelong Republican, having never wavered in his allegiance to that party since casting his first presidential vote for John C. Fremont in 1856. His duties of citizenship are always faithfully and conscientiously performed, but he has never sought political honors. He was made a Mason in Blainstown in 1867, and is now a prominent and honored member of Crescent Lodge, No. 25, F. & A. M. He and his wife are connected with the Christian Science church, and are people of the highest respectability.

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#### BENJAMIN GAUBY.

There are few men more worthy of representation in a work of this kind than the subject of this biography, who is spending his declining years in retirement from act-





BENJAMIN GAUBY.





ive labor in Lisbon. His has been a long and useful career, in which he has established himself in the esteem and confidence of all who know him. He was born on the 12th of March, 1813, in Berks county, Pennsylvania, of which his parents, Daniel and Susan (Snyder) Gauby, were also natives, and they spent their entire lives in the Keystone state. In their family were fifteen children, eight sons and seven daughters, but only our subject and one brother are now living.

Benjamin Gauby grew to manhood in the county of his nativity, and there married Esther Shirar, who was also born in Pennsylvania, and died in Lisbon, Iowa, in 1873, at the age of sixty-two years. She was a faithful member of the United Brethren church, and a devoted wife and loving mother. Of the nine children born of this union seven died in infancy, while those still living are Jonas S., a resident of Lisbon; and Susan, wife of Amos Brememan, a carpenter of Marion, Iowa.

After his marriage Mr. Gauby removed to Union county, Pennsylvania, where he remained nine years, where he worked at his trade of a mason. Later he removed to Lebanon county, and in 1856 came to Iowa, locating in Lisbon, where he followed the same occupation for a number of years. Subsequently he purchased a farm in Franklin township, this county, but just at this time his wife died, and he rented same for some years, when he sold it, having since lived a retired life on Market street. In 1852 he went to California, where for three years he successfully engaged in mining. He has prospered in most of his business ventures, and is to-day quite well-to-do, having won success by giving close attention to every detail of his business. He now

owns several large residences in the city, and also business property.

Mr. Gauby is a member of the United Brethren church, and before coming west was also connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His political support is always given the men and measures of the Republican party, but he has never sought official honors. He was a member of the city council one term, being one of the first aldermen elected in Lisbon. Coming to this place when it was a mere hamlet, containing only a few houses, he has been prominently identified with its up-building and development, and is to-day numbered among its most honored and highly respected citizens. His support is always given any worthy object for the public good, and educational and moral interests have been promoted through his efforts.

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BERTHA S. LILLIE, M. D.

Among those who devote their time and energies to the practice of medicine and have gained a leading place in the ranks of the profession is Dr. Lillie, of Marian, who is a native of Linn county, where her parents W. L. and Eulalia (Lucore) Lillie, still reside. The father was born in Vermont and is one of a family of seven children. On coming to this county in 1865, he was accompanied by his brother, George A., and in 1880 Willis also located here. All three are now living in the same neighborhood in Marion township. One brother, Rush, is still a resident of the Green Mountain state, as is also his sister, Dora, wife of Gardner Ashley, while Alma, wife of Cyrus H. Aikens, lives in Kansas; and Nellie, wife of John Carlin, makes her

home in Massachusetts. The Doctor's mother is a native of Iowa, and one of a large family, the others being Monzo, a ranchman, of Colorado; Joseph, a music teacher, of this county; Herbert, a farmer of Nebraska; Luther, a traveling salesman residing in Des Moines; Julalia, who is a twin sister of Mrs. Lillie and the wife of William Austin, a farmer of this county; Joanna, wife of F. D. Wightman, a carpenter and contractor, of Marion; Lizzie, wife of W. W. Scott, a farmer of this county; and Mahala, wife of Wilson Wightman, of Lincoln, Nebraska.

During the dark days of the Civil war W. L. Lillie enlisted in 1862, in the Fifty-first Vermont Volunteer Infantry, which was assigned to the Army of the Potomac and was in the reserve force at the battle of Gettysburg. He was honorably discharged at the end of nine months when his term of enlistment expired. As previously stated he removed from Vermont to this county in 1865, and has since made his home in Marion township with the exception of two years spent in Buchanan county, Iowa. As a farmer and stock raiser he has met with marked success during his residence here. He makes a specialty of fine horses. He has efficiently served as school director of his district, and has ever taken a commendable interest in educational affairs. He is to-day one of the most prosperous and extensive farmers of Marion township, as well as one of its leading and representative citizens.

Dr. Lillie is the second in order of birth in a family of seven children, the others being as follows: (1) M. Jane is the wife of C. H. Brooks, an attorney of Wichita, Kansas, and they have four children, Willard L., Helen, Catherine and Josephine. (3) George L. and (4) Josephine E. are twins. The former married Inez Stinson, of Dakota

City, Nebraska, and is engaged in farming in Marion township, this county, while the latter is at home with her parents. (5) Frank J. assists his father in the operation of the home farm. (6) Park H. is also at home. (7) Alice is now attending the Marion high school, of which the others are all graduates.

Dr. Lillie began her education in the district school near her childhood home. After her graduation she taught in the home district one year, and then took a six months course in stenography and type-writing at Cedar Rapids. Later she attended Cornell College, and subsequently entered the Homeopathic medical department of the State University of Iowa, where she was graduated in 1897, with the degree of M. D., standing second in a class of sixteen. Since then she has actively engaged in practice in Marion and vicinity. She gives special attention to the diseases of women and children, and is considered one of the best representatives of that branch of the profession in Linn county. She is well versed on all subjects pertaining to her chosen calling, and stands deservedly high in the profession and among the laity. The Doctor is now medical examiner for the Legion of Honor and the Royal Neighbors, and is vice-president of the Central Iowa Homeopathic Association, of which she is a prominent member. Religiously, she is a member of the Congregational church, and has been superintendent of the Sabbath school for the past three years.

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#### LEMUEL J. WALN.

Linn county has many well-to-do and successful farmers who have been the architects of their own fortunes, and by their well-directed efforts have acquired a com-

fortable competence. Among these is the subject of this personal history, who now owns and operates a good farm on section 19, Franklin township. He was born in that township, May 26, 1858, and is a son of William and Fannie (Burge) Waln, the former a native of Ohio, the latter of Greene county, Pennsylvania. He is great-grandfather on the paternal side was a Mr. Barnard, who was drafted and served for 7 years in the Swiss army before coming to America, and in this country took part in the War of 1812. He had two daughters, both of whom married Walns. The parents of our subject were married in this county and made their home on what was known as the William Waln farm until the father's death, he being killed in a tornado in 1860. The following four years she conducted the farm alone and in 1864 she married Silas Bailey, and they continued to make their home on the farm one year, when they sold their property and moved to Creston, Iowa, where they lived till 1879, when the property was sold, and she returned to Linn county and remained one year. At the end of that period she rejoined her husband and moved to Nebraska, where they purchased a farm. There she died December 13, 1892.

The subject of this sketch is the seventh in order of birth in a family of eight children, the others being as follows: Margaret A., born October 20, 1848, is the wife of James McLaughlin, of Franklin township, a sketch of whom appears in this work; Samuel J., born April 8, 1850, married Ida Patmore and lives west of Mt. Vernon; Martha Jane, born June 11, 1851, died in childhood; Eliza J., born December 5, 1852, is the wife of Emanuel Welty, of Winterset, Iowa; William Henry, born June 4, 1854, married Cynthia Hill and resides in Raven-

den, Arkansas; John E., born February 24, 1857, married Hattie Russell and makes his home north of Mt. Vernon; and Milton B., born February 8, 1860, married Emma Maybower and lives in Mt. Vernon.

Being only two years old when his father died Lemuel J. Waln had few advantages during his boyhood and youth, and received very little schooling except that gained in the school of experience. He profited by the lessons received, however, and has a good practical knowledge of men and affairs. Prior to his marriage he worked as a farm hand by the month. On the 20th of February, 1884, at Marion, Iowa, he wedded Miss Lavina Burge, and they now have two children: Milton B., born May 29, 1891; and Clara Ethelda, born October 9, 1895.

The Burge family originated in Hull, Yorkshire, England, and came to America with Lord Baltimore in early colonial days, settling in Maryland. Some of its members took part in both the Revolutionary war and the war of 1812. The branch of the family to which Mrs. Waln belongs came to Muscatine, Iowa, in 1837, and two years later took up their residence in Linn county, where they entered quite a large amount of land.

Jeremiah Burge, the grandfather of Mrs. Waln, was born in Pennsylvania, in 1800, and was a son of William and Priscilla (Long) Burge, also natives of that state. He married Hester Morford and to them were born seven children, namely: James M., the father of Mrs. Waln; Fannie, the mother of our subject; Jeremiah, deceased, who married Sarah Archer; William, who married the widow of his brother Jeremiah and lived in Franklin township; John, who married Harriet Harles, deceased, and resides near Cedar Rapids; Jane, who married



Robert Maxwell, of Cedar county, Iowa, and both are now deceased; and Martha, who married first Washington Turner, who was killed in the Civil war, and is now the widow of Elijah Rundel and resides in Clyde, Nebraska.

James M. Burge, Mrs. Wain's father, was born in Greene county, Pennsylvania, and came to this county with the family in 1839. Here he married Elizabeth McRoberts, a native of Kentucky, and a daughter of Michael and Mary (Smith) McRoberts, who was born in Virginia. The McRoberts family came from Scotland to America in the early part of the Eighteenth century, and it has been well represented in the wars of this country. William Smith, the maternal grandfather of Mrs. Burge, was in the secret service under General Arnold in the war of 1812, was present at the surrender of Detroit, and was massacred at the battle of River Raisin. Mrs. Burge was fifth in order of birth in a family of eleven children, the others being William, who married and lives at Watsonville, California; Russell, who also married and resides in Greene county, Iowa; Mary Jane, who married John Prather, and after residing far a time in Linn county, Iowa, moved to Kansas and later to Oregon, where both died; George, who married Sarah Black, and makes his home in Mound City, Missouri; Frank and James, twins, both of whom entered the Union army during the Civil war, and died at Maitland, Missouri, from the effects of their army life; Lucinda, who married Henry Rogers. She died in California and he died in Greene county, Iowa; Elsina, who died in infancy; Duncan, a physician, who was killed in the Civil war; and Margaret E., who died at the age of twenty years. After his marriage James M.

Burge located on a farm on section 21, Franklin township, where he spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring May 5, 1891. His wife died April 21, 1886, and both were laid to rest in Mt. Vernon cemetery. Unto this worthy couple were born twelve children, as follows: Frances married Jeremiah Thomas, a farmer of Franklin township, and died in 1878. Jerry was killed in a tornado on the home farm in Franklin township in 1860. Hester M. married Joseph Moore, who died in Linn county, in 1877, while her death occurred in Greene county, this state, in 1885. Their sons are now engaged in the cattle business in Tillamook, Oregon. John W. married Hannah Clark and is engaged in farming in Bertram, Iowa. Ellen married Andrew Dill, a farmer of Franklin township, this county, who died December 22, 1877, and she died August 21, 1879. Elizabeth is the wife of John Hoffman, a farmer of Franklin township. James R. married Alvena Minich and is engaged in the ice business in Mt. Vernon. Lavinia is the wife of our subject. Elmer married Kate Heller and resides on his grandfather's old homestead in Franklin township. Ethelda is keeping house for her brother George H. Anson S. married Lula Davis and resides in Spokane, Washington. George H., a farmer of Franklin township, is represented on another page of this volume.

For one year after his marriage Mr. Wain lived on the McCafferty farm where his wife was born, and spent the following year on the Jerry Burge farm. His wife owned forty acres of land which they traded for the Chris Conrad place on section 19, Franklin township, and Mr. Wain has added to this until he now has one hundred and five acres of well improved and highly cultivated land, supplied with a good set of farm build-

ings. He is a most progressive, up-to-date and successful farmer, and raises considerable stock, including horses, cattle and hogs. In his political affiliations he is a Republican, and he has efficiently filled the office of school director.

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### ROBERT E. REASLAND.

Among the reliable, substantial and prosperous farmers of Franklin township none are more deserving of representation in this volume than Robert E. Reasland, whose home is on section 29. He was born near Easton, Pennsylvania, October 27, 1856, and is a son of Ernest and Mary (Cobol) Reasland, both natives of Germany. She being of a wealthy family and Mr. Reasland being poor, her parents were opposed to the marriage, and accordingly the young couple came to this country in 1849 and were married in New York, knowing that in America all men were equal according to their ability and energy. They first located in Pennsylvania, where they made their home for some years, and where Mr. Reasland died in 1863. Two years later the father brought his family to Lisbon, Iowa, and commenced work for Daniel Baker on the old Trout farm, chopping wood. A year later he located on the bank of Cedar river, where he built a thatched shanty, which was his home for two years. In 1866 he bought a place near the river on section 28, Franklin township, southwest of Lisbon, and erected thereon a log cabin, where he resided until 1877, when he removed to the eighty-acre farm owned by Dr. Pease. Subsequently he lived one year on the Peter Betzer farm of eighty acres, and then went to Nebraska, where he remained until his death, which occurred

October 15, 1898, his remains being interred eight miles northeast of Ravenna, Nebraska. In 1873 he married Mary Woods, who has resided in Lisbon, Iowa, since her husband's death. His children were all by the first marriage, namely: Henry, who married Mary Bushausen and resides in Sherman county, Nebraska; Robert E., our subject; August L., who married Addie McCuen and lives in Fillmore county, Nebraska; and Charles, who died at the age of thirty-four years.

Robert E. Reasland was only seven years of age when brought to this county, and here he was reared. During his minority he gave every cent which he earned to his father. He worked as a farm hand until 1869, and was then employed in a brick yard. The year following his father's removal to Nebraska he was in the employ of Samuel Horn on the Trout farm, and then again worked in a brick yard for a year. He next rented and operated the Carpenter farm of two hundred and twenty-six acres in Franklin township for two years, and on the expiration of that time went to Nebraska, but being unsuccessful there, he sold the farm which he had purchased there, and returned to this county in the fall of 1880.

At Lisbon, April 21, 1881, Mr. Reasland was united in marriage with Miss Anna Heller, who was born in that place, November 27, 1860, and is also of German descent, though her parents, Peter and Sarah (Teel) Heller, were both natives of Pennsylvania, and were married in Northampton county, that state. In 1845 they came west and located in Lisbon, Iowa, where Mr. Heller engaged in the timbering business and also served as justice of the peace for forty years. He died August 4, 1887, at the age of sixty-two years, and was buried in Lisbon, but

his wife is still a resident of that place. They had eight children, namely: Mary, wife of Thomas Wooderson, of Indiana; Ida, who died at the age of nineteen years; Fred, who married Anna Hafelfinger and lives in Fillmore county, Nebraska; William, who is engaged in the marble business in Lisbon and lies with his mother; Anna, wife of our subject; Lincoln, who died at the age of thirty-two years; Almira, widow of Russell Mackey and a resident of Lisbon; and Kate, wife of Elmer Burge, a farmer of Franklin township, this county. Mr. and Mrs. Reasland have six children: Ernest, born January 14, 1882, assists his father in the operation of the home farm; Peter, born March 29, 1883, is employed as an assistant in the management of a large farm northwest of Mt. Vernon; Ruth, born April 21, 1886, is attending school and resides with her parents; Katie May, born March 6, 1889; Robert, born February 28, 1892; and Gertrude, born October 28, 1895, are all at home.

After his marriage Mr. Reasland rented the Robinson farm for one year, and for the same length of time rented a place across the river. At the end of that time he bought the Ben Carpenter farm of one hundred and thirty-three acres on section 29, Franklin township, and has since purchased an adjoining tract of forty-eight acres, making a good farm of one hundred and eighty-one acres. It is one of the best improved places in the locality, having one of the largest modern barns in the township, besides cattle sheds and other outbuildings, while the residence is a modern Queen Anne structure, furnished in a most tasteful manner, and everything about the farm indicates the thrift and progressive spirit of the owner. As a stock raiser he has also met with suc-

cess and is accounted one of the most thorough and skillful agriculturists of the community. Fraternally, Mr. Reasland is a member of Mt. Vernon Lodge, M. B. A., and politically is a staunch Democrat. He is now serving as district school treasurer.

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#### HENRY B. SIMPSON.

For many years the subject of this sketch was one of the practical and progressive farmers of Rapids township, but is now living a retired life in his pleasant home, No. 344 Third avenue west, Cedar Rapids. He was born on Elkhart Prairie, Elkhart county, Indiana, October 17, 1830, and is a son of William and Elizabeth (Riggs) Simpson, who were born, reared and married in Tennessee, and in 1828 removed to the Hoosier state, becoming early settlers of Elkhart county, where the father entered land and improved a farm. He was one of the prominent agriculturists of the community and continued to make his home there until called to his final rest in 1878, at the age of seventy-six years. The mother of our subject died about 1836, and the father later married Miss Elizabeth Longacre.

In his native county Henry B. Simpson grew to manhood on the home farm, and obtained his education in the district schools of the neighborhood, which he attended when his services were not needed in the operation of the farm. On the 19th of February, 1852, he was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Garnant, who was born in Ohio, August 8, 1831, but was reared in Indiana, her father, John Garnant, being one of the early settlers of Elkhart county. After his marriage Mr. Simpson followed farm-



ing in that county for nine years, and at the end of that time sold his property there, and in the spring of 1861 came to Linn county, Iowa, where he purchased a farm in College township. He operated that place for two years, and on the expiration of that time he sold it and bought a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Rapids township, near Cedar Rapids, to the further improvement and cultivation of which he devoted his time and energies for many years. He erected thereon a good house and barn, set out shade and fruit trees, and made many other improvements which added greatly to the value and attractive appearance of the place. Renting his farm in 1892, he removed to Cedar Rapids, where he purchased a lot and built a neat residence which has since been his home. He has also erected two other houses in the city, and is now enjoying the income derived from his property.

Mr. and Mrs. Simpson are the parents of six children, namely: Sarah Alice, wife of William M. Krebs, of Cedar Rapids; William J., a farmer of this county; Mrs. Rosa Krebs, a widow residing in Cedar Rapids; Charles J., a mechanic of that city; Arvilla, wife of George L. Mentzer, of Cedar Rapids; and Cora, who married H. H. Jacobs, of Cedar Rapids, and died in 1891, leaving one daughter, Cora R., who makes her home with her grandparents and is now attending the Cedar Rapids schools.

In 1863, during the dark days of the Civil war, Mr. Simpson offered his services to his country, but on going to Iowa City was discharged on account of illness. The following year he was drafted and furnished a substitute. Politically he has been a life-long Democrat, but at local elections where no issue is involved he votes independent of party lines, supporting the men

whom he believes best qualified to fill the offices. He never sought political preferment, but served as road commissioner while engaged in farming, both in Indiana and Iowa. He and his wife are both members of the Baptist church and are people of the highest respectability, whose sterling worth has gained for them many friends.

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J. W. MILHOLIN.

The agricultural interests of Franklin township are well represented by this gentleman, who was born in Linn township, this county, on the 31st of December, 1860. The Millholin family originated in Ireland, but many bearing the name now live in Scotland and America. James Millholin, our subject's father, was born on the Emerald Isle, but when a boy went to Scotland, and in 1853 came to the United States. After spending two years in Pennsylvania, he removed to Iowa, and was married in Marion, to Miss Elizabeth McLaughlin, a native of Glasgow, Scotland, who came to the new world in 1856, and located in Marion, Iowa. After living in that place for a time, they removed to a farm in Linn Grove, Linn township, and later spent two years on the farm of Colonel Robert Smyth in Franklin township. Their next home was on the Robert Rose farm, where they continued to reside until their deaths. The mother departed this life February 15, 1878, and the father died February 2, 1897, the remains of both being interred in the Mt. Vernon cemetery. Unto them were born five children, as follows: Isabella Agnes is now the wife of Andrew Dill and lives south of Cedar Rapids; John C. is a railroad conductor and makes his home in Livingston, Montana;

J. W., our subject, is next in order of birth; Thomas H. lives on a farm adjoining our subject in Franklin township; and Robert A. resides with his brother Thomas H.

The district schools of Franklin township afforded our subject his educational advantages, and on leaving school at the age of nineteen years he gave his entire time to the work of the home farm, continuing to manage the place for one year after his marriage. The following year he operated rented land, though in 1887 he had purchased fifty-five acres of land. In 1898, he bought the James Bryney farm of one hundred and five and one-half acres on section 18, Franklin township, and in the operation of this place he has since met with marked success. Like most of the farmers of this region he devotes considerable attention to the raising of stock. He is progressive in his methods and his success in life has been worthily achieved, it being due entirely to his own well-directed and energetic efforts. Politically he is identified with the Republican party, and socially is connected with the Camp of Modern Woodmen, No. 126, at Mt. Vernon.

On the 19th of October, 1892, at Mt. Vernon, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Milholin and Miss Elsie Adella Bair, who was born at Elvira, Clinton county, Iowa, February 14, 1870, and is a daughter of Joseph Bair, whose sketch appears on another page of this volume. Four children bless this union, their names and dates of birth being as follows: Harry B., October 14, 1894; J. Clifford, May 10, 1896; Florence E., July 3, 1898; and Glen Leroy, March 10, 1900, died April 1, 1901. Florence was born on the day Cervera's fleet was captured by the Americans during the Spanish-American war.

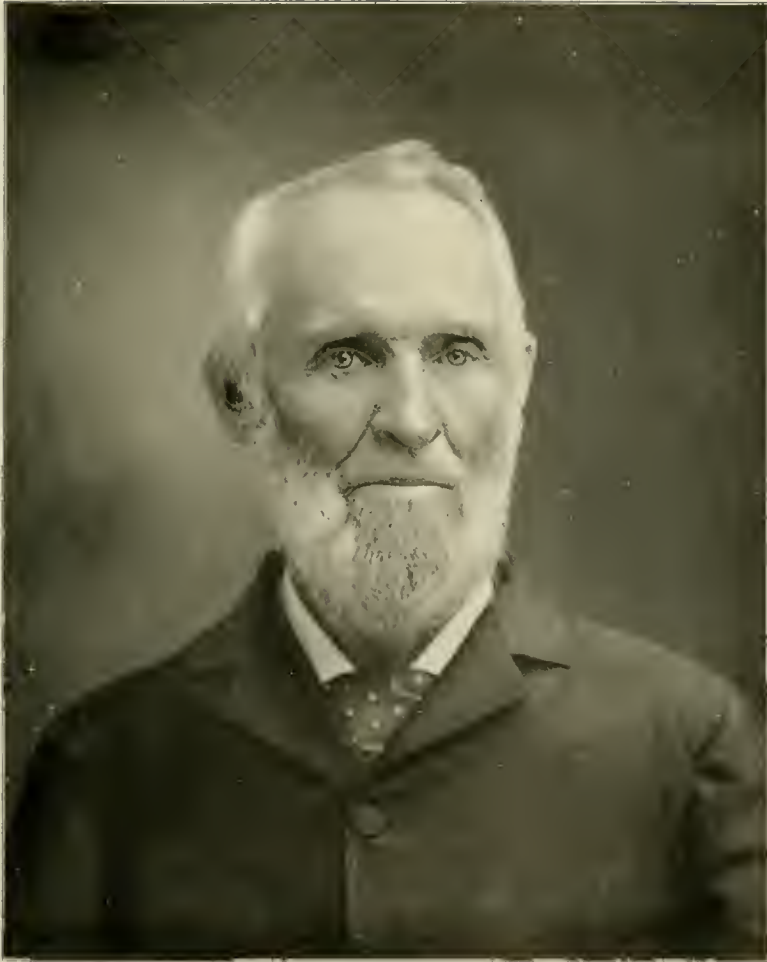
## ELI JOHNSTON.

Among the old and honored citizens of Linn county who have passed to their reward is Eli Johnston, who died in Mt. Vernon, December 7, 1898. He was born in Richland county, Ohio, April 19, 1827, and could trace his ancestry back for two centuries. His great-grandfather, Adam Johnston, and his wife, whose maiden name was Crow, came to this country from Ireland when the grandfather, William Johnston, was only four years old, and settled in Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, but subsequently removed to Westmoreland county, that state, and still later to Butler county, Pennsylvania. They had five children, all of whom were born in America with the exception of William, the others being Francis, who died young leaving no issue; Adam, John and Benjamin, all of whom lived to be old and left families.

William Johnston, the grandfather of our subject, was reared in Cumberland and Westmoreland counties, Pennsylvania. He lived for a short time in Stark county, Ohio, but spent his last days in Knox county, that state, where his death occurred. He wedded Mary McCandless, also a native of Ireland, who came to the United States when only a year old. Her father was Robert McCandless, while her mother bore the maiden name of Crow. They located in Butler county, Pennsylvania, where her father followed the occupation of a farmer until called to his final rest. Unto William Johnston and his wife were born eleven children, namely: Francis, Polly, William, Susan, John, Isabel, Absalom, Adam, Robert, Sarah and James. All are now deceased.

Francis Johnston, our subject's father,





ELI JOHNSTON.



was born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, October 1, 1794, and grew to manhood in Butler county, that state, where he learned the sickle making business under Thomas Parks. In 1816 he married Jane Parks, the sister of his employer, and removed to Stark county, Ohio. She sickened and died while visiting friends in 1821, leaving one son, William, who was born September 24, 1819. In 1823 Francis Johnston was again married, his second union being with Mrs. Anna Snoddy. Her father, George Fleming and his wife, whose maiden name was Alspaugh, were born and reared in Ireland, and on their emigration to America took up their residence in Franklin county, Pennsylvania. They had eight children: John, Jane, Anna, William, George, Charles, Joseph and Mary. The parents and all of their children with the exception of William and Charles, died in Richland county, Ohio. Mrs. Johnston was born June 9, 1798, and first married John Snoddy, with whom she removed from Butler county, Pennsylvania, to Franklin county, that state, and later to Stark county, Ohio, where Mr. Snoddy died leaving a widow and three children to mourn his loss. In 1824 Mr. and Mrs. Johnston removed to Richland county, Ohio. By their union were born nine children, namely: Mary Ann, Eli, Eliza, Robert, John, David, Sarah Jane, George and Harriet, all of whom are living with the exception of Eli, Mary Ann, Robert and Sarah Jane. Robert died March 5, 1842, of concussion of the brain induced by a fall; Sarah Jane died of consumption June 1, 1857, and Mary Ann died in the fall of 1896. Eliza, John, David and Harriet are all residents of Kosciusko county, Indiana; and George makes his home near Emporia, Kansas.

In the county of his nativity Eli Johnston passed the days of his boyhood and youth, and pursued his studies in a primitive school house which had neither door, window or floor. Each pupil recited by himself as there were no classes, and the studying was done aloud. The teacher was most proficient in the use of the birch rod. Mr. Johnston was a student for one term at the Mansfield Academy and one at the Monroe Seminary, where his education was completed so far as schools were concerned. In the fall of 1847 he commenced teaching school and taught every winter with exception of that of 1870, until elected principal of the Lisbon schools in the fall of 1872.

On the 13th of March, 1856, Mr. Johnston was united in marriage with Miss Margaret Jane Reed, who died of consumption February 24, 1868. This was doubtless one of the darkest clouds of his life as his family was broken up and his children scattered. They had three children, namely: Allie May, born in Richland county, Ohio, January 1, 1857, is now the widow of Warren W. Richardson, mentioned below, and a resident of Linn Grove, Iowa; Elihugh R., born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, December 29, 1860; and Jessie, born in Linn county, Iowa, June 12, 1863, was married September 25, 1884, to Rev. Hadwen William, now a resident of Elwood, Iowa. Warren W. Richardson was born in Linn Grove, near Mt. Vernon, April 21, 1853, and in childhood was known as a truthful, thoughtful and unselfish boy, and a favorite with his companions. He was married January 1, 1880, to Miss Allie May Johnston, who was to him a most faithful companion. He died at his home near the place of his birth, June 14, 1896, hon-

ored and respected by all who knew him. In 1878 he united with the Linn Grove Presbyterian church, and always took an active and prominent part in all church work, serving as superintendent of the Sabbath school and ruling elder of the church. Upright and honorable in all things, he was found true to every trust reposed in him, and no man in the community was held in higher regard.

Mr. Johnston was again married, April 15, 1869, his second union being with Miss Harriet Varner, by whom he had one son, Francis, who was born September 24, 1870, and died December 12, 1885. Mrs. Johnston was born in Linn county, four miles and a half from Mt. Vernon, January 23, 1843, and is a daughter of James S. Varner, who was born near Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, February 29, 1804, his parents being natives of the same state. He was educated in a subscription school at Chartiers, and at the age of eighteen commenced work on the river as a boat hand, later becoming master of a keel-boat. Still later he was a pilot on a steamer running down the Ohio river to St. Louis. Afterward he owned and operated a small farm in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, and on disposing of that, in 1842, he came to Linn county, Iowa, where he secured a claim. Five years later he purchased more land and continued his residence here until called to his final rest, June 12, 1881, his remains being interred in Mt. Zion cemetery, Linn Grove. He was married at Pittsburg, in June, 1828, to Miss Ann Alsip, who was born in County Down, Ireland, February 1, 1811, and came with her parents to America in 1818; the family located in Allegheny City, Pennsylvania. She died February 22, 1875. Of the five children born to them Caroline died in in-

fancy. Adeline, born June 16, 1836, married John H. Nulton of Mt. Vernon, Iowa, and died February 5, 1896; Francis, born September 6, 1838, was wounded in the battle of Shiloh during the Civil war, and died in the hospital at Camp Dennison, near Cincinnati, May 12, 1862. Mrs. Johnston is next in order of birth. Ann Eliza, born in Linn county, January 11, 1845, was married, March 14, 1866, to W. A. Karns, of Linn county, Kansas, and she died June 25, 1895.

In 1849, Mr. Johnston removed to Indiana, where he spent three years, and then returned to Ohio. In 1853 he spent a short time in Iowa, teaching one term of school, and then returned to Ohio. It was in 1858 that he removed with his wife and child to Keokuk county, Iowa, and in the fall of the same year came to Linn county. In 1861 he purchased forty acres of land, and to it he subsequently added eighty acres as his financial resources permitted. Many times after the day's work was done in the school room he went to the timber, cut his load of wood and returned to his home by moonlight, not completing his day's work until far into the night.

With his election to the principalship of the Lisbon schools the field of his labors as an educator widened, and renting his farm he devoted his entire time to teaching. During his second year there, in the fall of 1873, he was elected county superintendent of schools on the Republican ticket, and filled that office most creditably for eight years. He was an able and competent instructor and displayed excellent judgment in the choice of instructor for normal institute work. After his retirement from office he and his wife taught in the public schools of Western, this county, for two years. The



college having recently been removed to Toledo, there was a demand for a high school there, and he was chosen as teacher of the same. The following two years were spent in traveling over the country with a team and wagon in the vain endeavor to restore the health of his son, Frank. The family traveled all over Nebraska and Kansas, almost as far west as Colorado and as far south as Indian Territory, but death finally claimed the boy and on December 12, 1885, at the old Varner farm in Linn Grove. Worn out by the long vigil at the bedside of his dying boy, Mr. Johnston made no effort to follow his profession except teaching an occasional term of a country school, for over four years. About two years of this time were spent in Mulvane, Kansas.

In the summer of 1889, Mr. Johnston received a commission as superintendent and Mrs. Johnston as matron of Dwight Mission, Indian Territory, this being an academy for the education of full blood Cherokee Indiana, under the management of the Presbyterian Board of Home Missions. For four years they continued this work, when feeling the weight of many years he laid down the work he had carried on so faithfully for so long a time and retired permanently from the profession.

Throughout life Mr. Johnston was an earnest and consistent Christian gentleman. He was reared in the rugged faith of the Associated Reform church, to which his parents belonged. He became converted in Indiana in the winter of 1850-51, under the preaching of the Rev. Clevinger of the United Brethren church, and for about eight years held membership in the Baptist church, but on coming to Iowa, in 1858, he and his wife united with the Presbyterian church at Talleyrand, Keokuk county. Re-

moving to Linn county, in the fall of that year they transferred their membership to the Linn Grove Presbyterian church, with which he was connected for forty years. In the meantime, however, he was a member, temporarily, of the church at Mulvane, Kansas, and Dwight, Indian Territory. For the long period of twenty years he was superintendent of the Linn Grove Sunday school, and as his services in that line were always in demand, he has been known to have conducted his own school in the forenoon and two others in the afternoon. During his labors in Indian Territory he was licensed by the Presbytery of Cherokee as a lay evangelist. He was a most entertaining companion, being fond of a good story with a point or moral to it, and few could tell one better, while his wit was of the genuine Irish kind, always ready and always pat. His influence was great and always for good, and his sympathy, his benevolence and his kindly greeting, will long be remembered. His duties were performed with the greatest of care, and throughout his life his personal honor and integrity were without blemish.

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#### CHARLES W. EMERY.

Among the enterprising and successful business men of Marion must be numbered Charles W. Emery, a prominent contractor and builder residing at No. 1137 Ninth avenue. He was born on the 14th of June, 1851, in Maine, of which state his parents, Gilmore and Elizabeth (Challies) Emery were life-long residents. His paternal grandparents were Jeremiah and Rosilla Emery, the former of whom was born in England and came to this country with his father about 1790 and located in what is now

known as Emery's Mill, North Shapley, Maine. This village was built by them and named after them. The father also bore the name of Jeremiah. Our subject's maternal grandparents were Sumner and Susan Challies. The father was a molder by trade, but followed the occupation of the Union during the Civil war, enlisting in 1863 in the Second Maine Cavalry. He participated in the siege and capture of Mobile, and remained in active service until hostilities ceased, being honorably discharged in September, 1865. Fortunately he was never wounded nor taken prisoner. Both he and his wife were members of the Freewill Baptist church, and were highly respected by all who knew them. He was born in 1829, and died in 1894, while she was born in 1828, and departed this life in 1890.

Unto this worthy couple were born twelve children, namely: Alvira, who died at the age of a year and a half; Eugene, who died at the age of thirty-nine; Charles W., our subject; Anna, who died at the age of seven years; George, who has been foreman in an iron foundry at Lowell, Massachusetts, for twenty-one years; Ida, wife of a Mr. Eastman, of Lynn, Massachusetts; Ellsworth, a resident of Greenfield, New Hampshire; Nellie and Anna, residents of Boston; Agnes, who is married; Sadie, wife of John Marsh; and Frank, a conductor on the Boston & Maine Railroad. Of those living all reside in the old Bay state with exception of our subject.

Charles W. Emery received a common school education in Maine, and at the age of sixteen commenced learning the carpenter's trade, which he had thoroughly mastered on attaining his majority. He was in the employ of the Boston & Albany railroad until

the fall of the great Chicago fire in October 1871, when he left the road with the intention of going to that city, but finally decided to locate in Boston and worked on many of the best buildings of that city. In 1873 he helped refit the Boylston Street Bank, then one of the most pretentious buildings of Boston, and also aided in refitting the old public library building. He was there when the Boston fire was raging, and well remembers what a wild night it was. On leaving that city in the spring of 1875, Mr. Emery came to Marion, Iowa, and in the employ of the St. Paul Railroad Company assisted in building the depots from Marion to Council Bluffs on the C. M. & St. P. Railroad. On the completion of the latter he left the employ of that corporation, and for fifteen years has engaged in contracting and building in Marion. He has erected some of the largest buildings in the place, including the Farmers & Merchants Bank, the electric light plant, and many dwellings. He does a large business and has had as many as twenty men in his employ at one time.

Mr. Emery was married in 1877 to Miss Ida E. Aldrich, a native of Illinois, and a daughter of Nelson and Hannah Aldrich, whose early home was near Worcester, Massachusetts. They now reside in New Jersey, at the age of seventy and seventy-two years, respectively. Their children were Sarah L., who died at the age of six years; Ida E., wife of our subject; Cora D., wife of William Frazier, whose home adjoins that of Mr. Emery in Marion; Lillie, who died at the age of twelve years; Edith, wife of John Gilligan, of New Jersey; Ina, at home with her parents; and Eva, wife of Ellis Farows. Mrs. Emery's paternal grandparents were Acel and Phebe Aldrich.

The children born to our subject and

his wife are Fannie; Ella, wife of Fred Whitehead, of Cedar Rapids; and Lizzie, a student in the Marion schools. Mrs. Emery and all the children are members of the Congregational church, and the family is widely and favorably known. Fraternally, Mr. Emery is a Knight Templar Mason. He is also a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, and has been head consul in his camp for six years. He has also been a member of the Marion Fire Department for eighteen years. He belongs now to the "G. B. Owens Hose Co." one of the crack drill teams of the state. In his political affiliations he is a stanch Democrat. As a representative business man and highly esteemed citizen of Marion he is certainly deserving of honorable mention in the history of his adopted county.

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#### JAMES H. McLAUGHLIN.

James H. McLaughlin, a prosperous farmer and highly esteemed citizen of Franklin township, whose farm is pleasantly located on section 17, was born in that township on the 23d of August, 1843, and has there spent his entire life. His father, John McLaughlin, was born in Ireland November 15, 1799, and on his emigration to America located first in the east, where he was married, August 26, 1826, to Miss Arsa Kimball, who was born in Vermont January 20, 1805. Soon after their marriage they removed to Illinois, and during the '30s came to Linn county, Iowa, being among the pioneer settlers of this locality. Locating in Franklin township, the father entered the land on which our subject now resides, and made his home there until his death. He

started overland for California, but became ill before reaching there and died in Oregon in 1849, his remains being interred in that state. His wife died September 30, 1873, and was buried at Mt. Vernon. They had nine children, namely: George, who married Cassie Morford and resided in La Fayette, Iowa; he died in the service of his country during the Civil war. Nancy is the wife of William Hunt, of Redland, California. Lucy married Bert Sargent, of Franklin township, this county, and both are now deceased. Hiram, deceased, first married Jane Carnahan, and after her death wedded Elizabeth Horn, and resided in Lincoln, Nebraska. Sarah married Joseph Carnahan, who died in the service during the Civil war, and she is now the wife of John Denaway, of Jasper county, Iowa, John died at the age of eight years. Elvira married Demott Rose, who died in Franklin township, this county, and later wedded a Mr. Schwatzel, of Kansas, where her death occurred, though her remains were brought back to Mt. Vernon for interment. Caroline is the wife of Scott Thomas, of Garnet, Kansas. James H., our subject, is the youngest of the family.

Mr. McLaughlin of this review pursued his studies in the public schools until eighteen years of age, and since then devoted his entire time and attention to general farming and stock raising. After his marriage he purchased the interests of the other heirs in the old homestead, consisting of one hundred and eighty acres of land on section 17, Franklin township, and has since added to it, making a good farm of two hundred and twenty acres, which he has brought to a high state of cultivation. He has built a good house, two large barns and numerous cattle sheds, and now has a well-improved and at-

tractive farm. He makes a specialty of stock raising, and being an excellent judge of cattle, horses and hogs he keeps only the best grades of stock upon the farm. The Republican party finds in him a staunch supporter of its principles, but he has always refused to hold public office, preferring to devote his undivided attention to his business interests.

On the 4th of July, 1864, in Marion, Iowa, Mr. McLaughlin married Miss Margaret Ann Wahn, and they have become the parents of ten children, namely: (1) George William, born July 17, 1865, follows farming in Franklin township. He was married, August 27, 1884, to Isabel McIntosh, and they had four children, Darlie, Ina, Clara and Anna, of whom the last two are now deceased. (2) Francis H., born January 25, 1867, was married August 27, 1884, to Chet Litts and resides near Toddville, Iowa. They have two children, Mabel and Edith. (3) Peter, born in 1869, died at the age of two years. (4) Polly, born in 1870, died at the age of eight months. (5) Thomas H., born March 4, 1872. (6) Nettie M., born January 22, 1874, (7) Fred Harvey, born April 23, 1876, (8) Cora A., born October 25, 1878, (9) Rosie J., born February 25, 1880, and (10) Nellie E., born February 18, 1884, are all at home.

Mrs. McLaughlin was born in Linn county October 20, 1848, and is a daughter of William H. and Fannie (Burge) Wahn, the former a native of Ohio, the latter of Greene county, Pennsylvania. Her great-grandfather on the maternal side was a Mr. Barnett, who was drafted and served forty years in the Swiss army before coming to America, and in this country took part in the war. He had two daughters, both of whom married Wahns. Mrs. McLaughlin's parents

were married in this county and made their home on what was known as the William Wahn farm until the father's death, he being killed in a tornado in 1860. The following four years she conducted the farm alone, and in 1864 she married Silas Bailey, and continued to make their home on the farm one year, when they sold their property and moved to Creston, Iowa, where they lived till 1874, when the property there was sold and she returned to Linn county and remained one year. At the end of that period she rejoined her husband and removed to Nebraska, where they purchased a farm. There she died December 13, 1892. Mrs. McLaughlin is the oldest in a family of eight children, the others being as follows: Samuel J., born April 8, 1850, married Ida Patmore and lives west of Mt. Vernon; Martha Jane, born June 11, 1851, died in childhood; Eliza J., born December 5, 1852, is the wife of Emanuel Welty, of Winterset, Iowa; William Henry, born June 4, 1854, married Cynthia Hill and resides in Ravenen, Arkansas; John E., born February 24, 1857, married Fattie Russell and makes his home north of Mt. Vernon; Lemuel J., born May 26, 1858, is represented on another page of this volume; and Milton B., born February 8, 1860, married Emma Maybower and lives in Mt. Vernon.

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#### GEORGE W. LAKE.

George W. Lake, of Marion, has for several years been connected with the firm of T. M. Sinclair & Company, of Cedar Rapids, as stock buyer, and in that capacity has become widely known throughout the county. A native of Ohio, he was born in



Mansfield, Richland county, on the 23d of September, 1847, and is a son of Dr. Elijah W. and Susanna (Crothers) Lake, the former a native of Loudonville, Ohio, the latter of Washington county, Pennsylvania. The father was a graduate of the Cincinnati Medical College, and on his removal to Iowa City, Iowa, in 1851, took up the practice of his profession there and also served as land agent. Ten years later he came to Marion and was successfully engaged in practice here until his death in 1886. He was a charter member of the Odd Fellows Lodge at Mansfield, Ohio, and also held membership in the Presbyterian church. During his residence in Mansfield, Ohio, he was one of the leading business men of that place, conducting a store and running four tan-yards at one time. Politically he was an active and influential member of the Democratic party, and served as clerk of the courts eight years, besides filling other offices of honor and trust. He was twice married, his first wife being Mary Cox, of Hayesville, Ohio, who died leaving two children, both residents of Iowa City, Iowa, namely: Jane, widow of Daniel Gillis; and Mary A., widow of Jasper H. Rice, who served as quartermaster in the Twentieth Iowa Volunteer Infantry.

The mother of our subject was also married twice, her first husband being William Dye, of Washington county, Pennsylvania, who was a carpenter by trade, and died in Mansfield, Ohio. To them were born two children: Enoch, the older, is now a farmer of Marion township, this county. The second son was General William McEntire Dye, late of the Korean army. At the age of seventeen he entered West Point, and after his graduation was appointed lieutenant in the Fourth United States Infantry. During

the Civil war he served as colonel of the Twentieth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and for eight years was captain of the Eighth United States Infantry stationed at Fort Davis, Texas. He was once wounded by a band of robbers, being shot in the foot. He served for five years in the Egyptian army, and was chief of police at Washington, District of Columbia, for four years. He died in Muskegon, Michigan, in 1899, and his remains were interred in Graceland cemetery, Chicago, Illinois.

The children born to Dr. Elijah W. and Susanna (Crothers) Lake were as follows: John E., a graduate of the Keokuk Medical College, was appointed by Governor Kirkwood as surgeon of the Sixth Iowa Volunteer Infantry during the Civil war. While in the service he caught cold and died of consumption in 1864. Constant S. is a veteran of the Civil war and an attorney of Marion, Iowa. Elijah died young. Joseph S., who died in April, 1900, once served as county treasurer of Linn county, and was a merchant and postmaster of Marion, where his widow now resides. He was a member of the Twentieth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and served three years. She bore the maiden name of Mary E. Ives. Susanna is the wife of M. L. Elliott, a merchant of Grand Rapids, Michigan. George W., our subject, is next in order of birth. Rhoda is the wife of James W. Dumont, a carpenter of Marion.

George W. Lake is indebted to the public schools of Iowa for his educational privileges, being only four years old when brought by his parents to this state. On leaving home he went to Fort Fetterman, Wyoming, where he clerked for Wilson, Cobb & Company, suttlers and post traders, for about two years, and then returned to Marion,

where he was similarly employed in the store of M. L. Elliott for about three years. During the following twelve years he was in the employ of D. T. McAlfee, who conducted a store, elevator and warehouse at this place, and was then with J. Smythe & Company, in the grain and stock business for two years, since which time he has been connected with T. M. Sinclair & Company, packers of Cedar Rapids, having charge of their stockyard in Marion and buying stock for the firm.

In November, 1881, Mr. Lake was married in Marion to Miss Barbara E. Dickes, of Dubuque, Iowa, a daughter of Jacob and Catherine (Eidermiller) Dickes, and to them have been born four children, namely: Jennie May, now a teacher; G. Walter; William McIntire; and Glenn Foster. The family have a pleasant home at the corner of Twenty-fifth street and Ninth avenue, where they delight to entertain their many friends. Religiously Mr. Lake is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and socially he affiliates with the Masonic Lodge, No. 6, of Marion. A pleasant, genial gentleman he makes friends wherever he goes, and is held in high regard by all who know him.

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#### CHRISTIAN MAGNUS.

Among the prosperous business men and capable financiers of Cedar Rapids is numbered Christian Magnus, who has been a resident of this city since 1859. He was born on the 19th of March, 1834, in Giessen, Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, where he grew to manhood and received a thorough education in the higher schools and colleges. His father, Carl Magnus, was also a native of Giessen, Hesse-Darmstadt, and was a brew-

er, as was also his father and grandfather. For many years Carl Magnus was actively engaged in the brewing business in Giessen, and was one of the prominent men of that city.

During his youth Christian Magnus learned the brewing business with his father, and then traveled through Germany, working in different cities and thoroughly learning the business in all its branches. In connection with it he also worked two years at the cooper's trade in Frankfort and thus qualified himself for his chosen occupation. He traveled and worked in different cities of Germany for several years.

In 1857 Mr. Magnus crossed the Atlantic, and took up his residence in Twin Springs, Winneshiek county, Iowa, where he started a brewery for a Frenchman, remaining there one year. He subsequently spent a short time in Chicago and Milwaukee, and in 1859, came to Cedar Rapids, where he worked in the brewery of Jacob Wetzel as head brewer for two years. He next started a brewery in Kankakee, Illinois, where he remained two years, then returned to Cedar Rapids and formed a partnership with Mr. Wetzel in the brewing business, that connection continuing until 1868, when Mr. Magnus bought out his partner. He began business here in a small way, but has enlarged his facilities from time to time to meet the growing demands of his trade until the capacity of his brewery is now twenty-five thousand barrels per year. He was at the head of the business when it was organized as a stock company with Mr. Magnus as a stockholder and director. He was one of the promoters and an original stockholder in the Cedar Rapids National Bank; a stockholder in the Cedar Rapids Savings Bank, the Electric Light and Power



CHRISTIAN MAGNUS.





Company, a stockholder and director of the Cedar Rapids Water Company, and also extensively interested in real estate and building, owning the Magnus block on South Second street, and other valuable property. He was president of the Iowa State Brewers' Association for four years, during which time was fought the prohibition campaign, when the brewers made an active campaign to save their property. Politically, Mr. Magnus has been a Democrat, and served two terms as alderman from the First ward, during which time the sewerage was begun.

Mr. Magnus was married in Cedar Rapids, in 1864, to Miss Mary A. Wetzel, a daughter of Jacob Wetzel, one of the old settlers of the city. Mr. Magnus has made a number of trips to Europe, and has visited all of its great cities, spending some time at the Paris Exposition in 1900, and returning home in February of the following year. Fraternaly, he is a prominent member of the Odd Fellows lodge of Cedar Rapids, in which he has filled all the chairs and is now past grand. As a public-spirited and enterprising business man he has done much to promote the welfare of his adopted city and advance her interests along various lines. He has a large circle of friends and acquaintances here who will peruse this sketch with interest.

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#### ROBERT KIRKPATRICK.

Linn county has quite a number of enterprising and thorough-going farmers who are giving the greater share of their attention to the raising of fine stock, and thus enhancing materially the value of such in this locality. To this class belongs Robert Kirk-

patrick, of section 18, Franklin township. A native of this county, he was born four miles south of Mt. Vernon, August 21, 1867, and is a son of James Kirkpatrick, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this volume. He acquired his early education in the district schools near his boyhood home, and later attended the business college at Cedar Rapids. After leaving school at the age of twenty-two years, he devoted his entire time to the work of the home farm.

Mr. Kirkpatrick was married in Cedar county, Iowa, March 14, 1895, to Miss Jennie Light, who was born December 5, 1873, in Lebanon county, Pennsylvania, in the same house where her mother's birth occurred. Her parents were Cornelius W. and Rosie A. (Meyer) Light, both natives of Pennsylvania, where they continued to make their home until coming to Linn county, Iowa, in 1882. Her father at first rented a farm five miles north of Lisbon for one year, and for three years rented another place five miles northwest of Mt. Vernon. At the end of that time he purchased a farm of two hundred acres in Pioneer township, Cedar county, five miles southeast of Lisbon, and there he has resided ever since, having one of the best farms in the locality. In his family were six children, namely: George W. married Estella Ballard and resides on a farm two miles south of Lisbon; Joseph, a twin brother of George, died in infancy; Katie M. married Ernest Johnson and they lived on the old Johnson homestead in Franklin township; she died January 13, 1890, at the home of her parents; Sally A. died February 21, 1896; Jennie, wife of our subject, is next in order of birth; and Eri M. assists in the management of the home farm. Mr. and Mrs. Kirkpatrick have three children: Pearl M., born August 8, 1896;

Eugene L., born April 9, 1898; and Clara Lucile, born July 8, 1900. Mrs. Kirkpatrick taught school in Linn, Johnson and Cedar counties, and also one term in Franklin county.

After his marriage Mr. Kirkpatrick bought what was known as the old Scott farm of one hundred acres on section 18, Franklin township, and under his careful supervision it has become one of the most highly cultivated and best improved tracts in the locality, while it has increased in value one-third since it came into his possession. He has made a careful study of both farming and stock raising, and has been eminently successful in his chosen vocation. He breeds a high grade of cattle and Poland China hogs, and also raises horses, and feeds all the grain that he raises to his stock, having never sold but twenty-five bushels, as he believes stock raising to be the most profitable branch of his business. His attention being wholly occupied by his agricultural interests, he finds no time to devote to public affairs, and has always refused to become a candidate for office. In politics he is a Republican. Both Mr. and Mrs. Kirkpatrick attend the Presbyterian church, and receive and merit the respect and esteem of all who know them.

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#### GEORGE DALE.

As a brick and stone mason George Dale has been identified with the building interests of Cedar Rapids for over thirty-five years, and for half a century he has been a resident of Iowa. His home is now at No. 1323 First avenue, Cedar Rapids. He was born on the 28th of December, 1835, in

Union county, Pennsylvania, of which state his parents, Philip and Mary Ann (Wiley) Dale, were also natives. About 1839 the family removed to Ohio, and were among the first settlers of Crawford county, where the father opened up a farm, making his home there for about eight years. In 1846 he went to Kosciusko county, Indiana, where he died the following winter. His wife survived him many years and reared their family, and later married again. Her death also occurred in Kosciusko county, Indiana.

The subject of this sketch accompanied his parents on their removal to Ohio and later to Indiana, and until seventeen years of age made his home in Kosciusko county. He had but meager school privileges, and is therefore mostly self-educated since arriving at mature years. In 1852 he and his brother started overland for California, but on arriving in Cedar county, Iowa, found their funds exhausted and resolved to locate permanently in this state. During the winter of 1852-3 George Dale engaged in chopping cord wood, and the following spring commenced driving a stage from Muscatine to Tipton and Iowa City, which pursuit claimed his attention for one year. He next spent one year and a half as an apprentice to the brick and stone mason's trade with his brother at Tipton, and later in partnership they engaged in contracting and building in different sections of the state for several years.

In Cedar county, Iowa, November 12, 1857, Mr. Dale was united in marriage with Miss Ruth Doty, daughter of James M. and Susan B. (Anderson) Doty, her father being one of the early settlers of Linn county, locating here in 1839. Mr. Doty laid out the town of Westport, six miles down the river from Cedar Rapids, where

he built a warehouse, and with flatboats shipped produce down the river. After his death the town site was abandoned. He was also the owner of one hundred and sixty acres in what is now Brown's addition in the west side of Cedar Rapids. He was born and reared near Middletown, Ohio, but died in Linn county, Iowa, January 17, 1846. After his death his wife and family returned to Ohio, where Mrs. Dale was principally reared, but later they returned to Linn county, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Dale have five children living: Curtis David, who has been a contractor and brick mason of Denver, Colorado, for the past ten years; Lizzie, at home; Edmund G., an architect now with the Burlington, Cedar Rapids and Northern Railroad as a draftsman in the engineers' department; John, who now has charge of the plant of the electric light and power company of Oklahoma City; and Robert Burdette, a student in the high school of Cedar Rapids. One daughter, Nina, died at the age of four years.

After his marriage Mr. Dale located on the west side of Cedar river in Cedar county, where he resided for a short time, and in the spring of 1865 removed to Boone, where he carried on business for one summer, but in the fall of that year came to Cedar Rapids, where he worked at his trade for two or three years. Subsequently he was in the employ of T. M. Sinclair & Company, meat packers, having charge of their mason work for nine years, during which time most of the plant was erected, and since that time has engaged in contracting and building in this city. In addition to contracting he has held and improved a large amount of property by buying lots, erecting houses thereon, and then selling the same. In this way he has built about fifteen residences in

the city, and has added materially to the prosperity of the city, as well as to its beauty. Although he began life for himself without capital he has by his own industry, persistency and good management accumulated a valuable property, and is now one of the prosperous and substantial citizens of Cedar Rapids. In his political affiliations he is a staunch Republican, and for two years he efficiently served as the second alderman from the fourth ward, but has never cared for official honors, preferring to give his undivided attention to his business interests. He and his wife attend the Baptist church, and enjoy the respect and esteem of all who know them.

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THOMAS S. KEPLER, M. D.

Dr. Thomas S. Kepler, who is one of the successful physicians and a prominent resident of Mt. Vernon, Iowa, was born in Frederick county, Maryland, November 14, 1838, and in 1843 was brought to this city by his parents, Conrad and Margaret (Lengerfelter) Kepler, also natives of Frederick county, Maryland, where the family was founded by the Doctor's paternal grandfather on coming from Germany to the United States at an early day. In his native state the father followed farming, and after coming to Iowa he continued to follow that pursuit for many years, but is now living retired on a farm in Franklin township, Linn county, west of Mt. Vernon. He was born in 1811, and has now reached the advanced age of ninety years. During his long residence here he has taken quite an active and influential part in public affairs, and has held many township offices. In early life he was a Lutheran in religious belief, but

now holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, to which his wife also belonged. She died at their home in Franklin township at the age of sixty-nine years.

Unto this worthy couple were born eight children, six sons and two daughters, namely: John William, who was formerly a farmer of Franklin township, but is now engaged in the wood business in Mt. Vernon; Peter H., who followed farming in Franklin township until his death, but his widow and children now reside at Mt. Vernon; Thomas S., our subject; Charles W., an attorney of Mt. Vernon; Edward M., who was a soldier of the Civil war and is now a farmer in Kansas; Columbus Howard, who is engaged in farming a mile west of Mt. Vernon; Rebecca, wife of George Riley, a farmer of Franklin township; and Elizabeth, wife of O. B. Cole, a farmer of Cedar county, Iowa.

Dr. Kepler obtained his primary education in the common schools of Linn county, and was afterward a student at Cornell College, Mt. Vernon. Immediately after leaving that institution he took up the study of medicine, and attended lectures at the medical college in Keokuk in 1862 and 1863. He was then engaged in the practice of his profession at Mt. Vernon until 1866, when he formed a partnership with Dr. J. S. Love, and was in practice at Springville, Linn county, for two years, and at Dyersville, Dubuque county, the same length of time. At the end of that period he returned to Linn county and located between Springville and Viola, where, in connection with his profession, he also carried on farming for three years. He then returned to Mt. Vernon, where he has successfully engaged in general practice ever since.

In 1862 Dr. Kepler was married at Mt.

Vernon to Miss Anna Grove, a native of Ohio and a daughter of John and Mary (Waln) Grove, who came to Linn county, Iowa, at an early day and settled in Bertram township, where the father engaged in farming until his death, which occurred about forty years ago. The mother long survived him, dying about three years ago at the age of eighty-nine. Mrs. Kepler was born of a family of four children, all of whom are still living. Samuel is a retired farmer of Mt. Vernon. George is also a resident of Mt. Vernon, but still retains his farm in Franklin township. Alice is the widow of Dr. Perkins, who studied under the direction of our subject and was graduated from Rush Medical College, Chicago. He engaged in the practice of his profession at Fairfax, Linn county, for sixteen years prior to his death. His widow now resides in Belle Plaine, Iowa.

Unto the doctor and his wife were born four sons and four daughters, namely: (1) Dallas Lincoln was for nine years connected with the Union Pacific Railroad as station agent at Cheyenne, Wyoming. He then for several years conducted a cattle ranch in Colorado, and in the spring of 1901 he returned to Cheyenne and again entered the employ of the railroad. He married Kathryn McFarland and has one daughter, Anna. (2) Nettie A. was graduated from Cornell College in 1891, and the same year went to Kingman, Kansas, where he commenced teaching, but shortly afterward she accepted a position as teacher in the schools of East Waterloo, Iowa, where she has been ever since, with the exception of one year spent at the Chicago University. (3) Edna Alice pursued an art course at Cornell College, from which she, too, was graduated. She taught with her sister at Kingman,



Kansas, and is now connected with the Waterloo schools. (4) Otis L., who is engaged in the real estate business in Mt. Vernon, under the firm name of Kepler & Travis, married Jennette Travis, a sister of his partner and a daughter of Daniel Travis, deceased, who was one of the early settlers of this county, and a retired farmer of Mt. Vernon at the time of his death. By this union were born two children, Anmita and Thomas. (5) Mary A. taught in the district schools for a time, but is now engaged in the millinery business at Mt. Vernon, being associated with Miss Randall, a daughter of R. K. Randall, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this work. (6) George N. has been a farmer of Cedar county, but is now residing in Mt. Vernon. He married Carrie Miller and has one son, Forrest. (7) Watson attended Cornell College and is now clerking in a dry-goods store at Mt. Vernon. (8) Grace has attended Cornell College and is now studying music at Mt. Vernon.

For forty-nine years Dr. Kepler has been a faithful and active member of the Methodist church; has been leader of class No. 1 for fourteen years; and steward of the church for about the same length of time. Fraternaly he is now a non-affiliated Mason. He receives and merits the respect and esteem of all who know him and his genuine worth and many manly virtues are widely recognized.

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T. G. WHITE.

Among the prominent representatives of the business interests of the city of Marion, and one who is doing much to promote its leading enterprises is the subject of this

sketch, the proprietor of the Steam Roller Mills, where are manufactured the various cereal specialties of Mr. White. He is a native of the Hawkeye state, born in Muscatine county, March 21, 1861, and is a son of William G. and Sarah (Hopkinson) White, the former a native of Boston, Massachusetts, and the latter of Ohio. In his native city William G. White engaged in the mercantile business, and there remained until 1855, when he came west and located in Muscatine, Iowa, where he was later married, and where the parents of his wife had located two years previously. On settling in Muscatine he engaged with G. A. Garretson, a wholesale grocer, and for some years was a traveling salesman. In 1862 he enlisted in Company A, Thirty-fifth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and with his regiment went south. Unfortunately he was captured by the enemy, and for a time was held a prisoner at Vicksburg, being later transferred to Libby prison, Richmond, Virginia, where he was confined for some time. His imprisonment ruined his health, and his death occurred at the military hospital, Annapolis, Maryland.

The subject of this sketch was the only child born to William G. and Sarah White. His boyhood and youth were spent in his native county, and his education was obtained in the common schools and at Wilton Junction, where he was graduated in the class of 1879. At the age of nineteen years he went to Butte City, Montana, where for about a year he worked at the carpenter's trade, and for two years was employed in a flouring mill. In 1883 he located in Marion, Iowa, where he has since made his home, and where he has met with success in a business way. On his arrival in Marion he rented a building and started the Steam

Grist Mill, and two years later purchased his present property. In due time he made an extensive addition to the plant, and changed the method of grinding to the roller process. Other improvements were made from time to time, until to-day it is one of the best equipped mills in this section of the state. For some years he has been engaged in the manufacture of various cereal specialties, among which are what is known to the trade and the general public as T. G. White's Wheat Flakes, an article of breakfast food made from wheat carefully selected for its nutritive qualities, and which contain the fourteen necessary elements for health. This food is especially recommended by all reputable physicians, and it is favorite with all who have used the same. It can be prepared for table use in more ways than any other preparation on the market. Many who have discarded the use of oatmeal as manufactured by certain mills, and who became prejudiced against all cereal products, after a trial of the rolled wheat flakes manufactured by Mr. White, became the most enthusiastic advocates of this ideal food, which is at the same time wholesome, nutritious, easy of preparation and very palatable. His trade extends as far west as Denver, Colorado, and east to Chicago.

In 1894 Mr. White took part in the organization of what is known as the W. W. Gray Creamery Company, of Marion, and became the owner of one-half the stock. With this company he retained his connection for four years, when he sold out that he might devote his entire time to his cereal products, the demand for which had been constantly increasing.

At Muscatine, Iowa, in 1883, Mr. White was united in marriage with Miss Clara Tenney, and by this union four children have

been born, namely: Helen, Muriel, Dorothy and Walter T., all of whom are at home. The family occupy a pleasant residence at No. 1555 Seventh avenue.

Fraternally Mr. White is a member of Camp No. 129, M. W. A., with which he has been connected for fourteen years. It is not as a member of a fraternal order that he is best known, however, but as an up-to-date business man, one who has been successful in his undertakings, and who gives to his business his best thoughts. He has always made the most of his opportunities in life, and by straightforward, honorable dealing has secured the public confidence and the public patronage. He is popular in the community with which he has been identified for the past seventeen years, and has many friends throughout the entire county.

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#### GEORGE G. KLEINKNECHT.

Many of Linn county's best and most highly esteemed citizens have come from across the sea, to which class belongs the subject of this article, who is now a resident of Mt. Vernon. He was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, on the 12th of March, 1839, and was only six years of age when brought to America by his parents, George G. and Barbara (Summer) Kleinknecht, also natives of Germany, where the father engaged in business as a farmer and stock dealer. On coming to this country he first settled at Little York, York county, Pennsylvania, where he also engaged in agricultural pursuits for four years. In 1849 he removed with his family to Muscatine, Iowa, and purchased a farm in Muscatine county, though he never resided thereon, but occu-

plied another farm in the same county for three years. At the end of that time he located in Iowa City, where he bought property, and engaged in general work, teaming, etc., at that place for the same length of time. He next purchased over two hundred acres of land near Solon, Johnson county, Iowa, but shortly after locating there he died in 1853, at the age of forty-six years. He was a hard working man and accumulated considerable property, and also won the respect and confidence of his fellow citizens. Religiously he was a member of the German Lutheran church. Prior to coming to America he served six years in the German army as a member of the King's body guard. After her husband's death the mother resided with our subject most of the time, but died while visiting her daughter in Crawford county, Kansas, at the age of seventy-six years. In their family were seven children, namely: Christian enlisted during the Civil war in Company F, Twenty-fourth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and was killed in the battle of Champion Hills; Dora is the wife of Andrew Graver, a farmer of Kansas; George G. is next in order of birth; Mary is the wife of Samuel Wagner, of Greenfield, Adams county, Iowa; Hettie, deceased, was the wife of Frank Graver, who was also a soldier of the Civil war and is now a horse dealer of Lisbon, Iowa; Charles is engaged in farming just outside the city limits of Cedar Rapids; and Barbara is the wife of George Mason, a carpenter of Greenfield, Iowa.

Mr. Kleinknecht of this review received his early education in the district schools of Muscatine county, and during his boyhood and youth he aided his father in the work of the farm. After the latter's death he continued on the home farm with his mother for

a number of years, becoming the mainstay of the family. In 1860 he came to Linn county and purchased a farm of one hundred and sixty-seven acres on section 29, Franklin township, which at that time was only partially improved. There he made his home until 1882, and was successfully engaged in general farming and stock raising. On disposing of that place he bought another farm on section 29, Linn township, and to its cultivation and improvement he devoted his energies for nine years, at the end of which time he removed to Mt. Vernon and purchased his present home on Jefferson street. He has not actively engaged in any certain occupation since then, though he followed the butcher business for a time, and now does some carpenter work. He was marshal of the village for five years, and while living in the country filled the office of school director for some time in a most creditable and satisfactory manner. Socially he is an honored member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Masonic fraternity, and religiously both he and his estimable wife are members of the Evangelical church.

On the 4th of July, 1860, in Johnson county, Iowa, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Kleinknecht and Miss Laura A. Wolfe, a native of Linn county, and a daughter of John and Annie (Dilldine) Wolfe, both of whom were born in Ohio. The father came to Iowa in 1840 and settled in Franklin township, Linn county, where he engaged in farming and also ran a ferry boat on the Cedar river at Ivanhoe for many years. He held numerous public offices in his township and was postmaster of Ivanhoe for a number of years. He was an industrious, energetic and progressive man, who was upright and honorable in all his deals,

and commanded the respect of all with whom he came in contact. His death occurred on his farm in Franklin township in 1848, when he was forty-one years of age. His wife survived him a number of years and died at the age of sixty-two. They had eleven children, but Mrs. Kleinknecht and two others are the only ones now living, these being Melissa, wife of Alexander Gregory, a farmer of Schuyler county, Missouri; and Squire William, a farmer of Franklin township, Linn county. Those deceased were Rhoda M., wife of Dr. John Briney; Sarah Rachel, wife of Wash Harvey; Daniel D., a farmer of Linn county, who died at the age of sixty-two years; and five who died when quite young. The mother of these children was twice married, her second husband being a Mr. Rolf, by whom she had two daughters, Isa Binda and Alice Viola.

Ten children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Kleinknecht as follows: (1) William G., born in Johnson county, Iowa, April 21, 1862, owns and operates a farm of eighty acres on section 29, Linn township, this county. He married Lucy Stoddard and they have two children, Mabel and Merrill. (2) Daniel D., was born December 20, 1863, in Linn county, where the birth of the others also occurred, and he is now engaged in farming in Bertram township, this county. He married Alice White and they have four children: Bessie, Fay, Jennie and Pearl. (3) Edith M., born May 4, 1865, died June 10, 1867. (4) Wallace Lee, born November 16, 1866, follows farming on the old home place on section 29, Linn township. He married Carrie Cordes and has three children, Annie, Marvin and Kenneth. (5) Andrew T., born December 14, 1868, was drowned in Cedar river July 7, 1876. (6) Isa, born October 25, 1870, is the wife of

Frank Kepler, a son of Peter M. Kepler, now deceased, and a farmer of Franklin township. They have two children, Glenn and Murl. (7) Dessie A., born September 2, 1872, is the wife of Elmer Travis, a liveryman of Mt. Vernon, who was born in this county, and is a son of Daniel Travis, now deceased, who was a farmer of Franklin township. They have one child, Earl. (8) Charles A., born May 4, 1874, is engaged in the grocery business in Mt. Vernon. He married Tillie Daubennier, and they have two children, Ruby and Harold. (9) Emma L., born September 20, 1877, died April 15, 1887. (10) Carrie A., born October 29, 1882 attended Cornell College and is now pursuing her musical studies in Chicago.

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#### JACOB A. HART.

On the 26th of May, 1900, there passed away at his home in Cedar Rapids this well-known and honored citizen, whose death occasioned the deepest regret throughout the community. For many years he labored with all the strength of a great nature and all the earnestness of a true heart for the bettering of the world about him; and when he was called to the rest and reward of the higher world his best monument was found in the love and respect of the community in which he lived for so many years.

Mr. Hart was born in Frederick, Maryland, November 18, 1831, a son of Jacob and Mary (Herring) Hart. He was a good scholar and received his education in the best schools of the east, always making good use of his opportunities. He began his business career as a clerk in his father's grocery store, and later embarked in the to-







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bacco business on his own account. Subsequently he was in the employ of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company as conductor for a time, from Baltimore toward the west.

In April, 1855, Jacob Hart, father of our subject, left Maryland, accompanied by his family, consisting of his wife, two sons and three daughters, and came to Linn county, Iowa. They purchased a farm south of Cedar Rapids, but after residing there for a short time sold the place and removed to Cedar Rapids, where they bought property. The father died October 25, 1857. Of their children only two are now living, these being Mrs. Frederick Kehne, who lives in Rapids township, this county; and Mrs. Sarah Morris, who lives at the Otter Creek settlement. The son, Casper J., who was in business with our subject for many years, served three years in the Twentieth Iowa Regiment during the Civil war, and died in Cedar Rapids in January, 1892.

After a summer spent in this county Jacob A. Hart returned to Frederick, Maryland, where he was married, October 17, 1855, to Miss Eleanor Louise Haller, who was born in that city in 1835, and was provided with good school privileges. Her father, Daniel Haller, who was connected with the Farmers & Mechanics National Bank of Frederick, died in that city July 10, 1876, and the mother died in Baltimore in 1885. In their family were six children, namely: Margaret, a resident of Frederick, Maryland; Eleanor L., now Mrs. Hart; William T., of Baltimore, Maryland; Thomas G., of Clinton, Iowa; Frances V., of Baltimore; and Daniel G., also of Clinton, Iowa. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Hart were born three daughters, namely: (1) Mary M., who now resides with her mother, is the widow of Will-

iam E. Watts, of Chicago, and has two children, Eleanor M. and Jay Hart. (2) Eleanor L. married William Huttig, of Kansas City, where she was accidentally killed in 1889, leaving two children, Ewart Hart and Frederick Jacob, who are still residents of that place. (3) Frances Virginia married W. L. Myers and died March 20, 1892, leaving two children, Hart H. and Willard Lee. The latter makes his home with his grandmother. Besides her daughter and three grandchildren, Mrs. Hart's household now includes Oliver C. and Jacob A., the two sons of Casper Hart.

After their marriage Mr. Hart brought his bride to the home he had prepared for her in Cedar Rapids. They left Frederick on Monday evening and arrived here the following Sunday morning. At that time Cedar Rapids was a mere village and their house stood practically alone, but it is now in a densely populated district. On first locating here Mr. Hart found employment in the Ely & Angle Mills, and later was with the Washburn Lumber Company, of Minneapolis, in their yard at this place. Subsequently he was agent for the Lambs of Clinton, Iowa, having charge of the lumber yard in Cedar Rapids, which he and his brother Casper J. purchased after a few years, and which they conducted under the firm name of Hart Brothers for many years, the business being closed out soon after the death of the junior partner, Casper J. Our subject was a good bookkeeper and excellent manager, and by giving close attention to his business affairs was very successful. In a few years the business of the firm had assumed extensive proportions, and they invested largely in real estate. In partnership the brothers owned a farm in Kenwood, which a year previous to our subject's death

was subdivided, and is now under the control of the Hart Land Company, composed of Mrs. Eleanor L. Hart and Oliver and Jacob A., the two sons of Casper J. Hart. In connection with his lumber business our subject was also interested in the coal business, and in that as in his other undertakings he was eminently successful, owing to his industrious habits and indomitable perseverance. His fellow citizens placed in him the utmost confidence as to his business ability and strict integrity, and he was often called upon to settle up estates and look after the property of other people. He was also a stockholder and director in the Ogden Plow Company and the woolen mills.

In politics Mr. Hart was first a Whig and later a Democrat, but was not strictly partisan and at local elections voted for the men whom he believed best qualified for office regardless of party lines. For one term he was a prominent and influential member of the city council, and was a liberal supporter of all enterprises which he believed would benefit the city. During the days of the volunteer fire department he was an enthusiastic member of the Independent Hose Company, in fact, he was one of the originators of the company, and was a member of it until the fire department was merged into a paid system.

It was probably through his church relations that Mr. Hart's influence was most widely felt. Although his business was large and varied it was never permitted to come between him and his church. He was a man of great energy and strong determination in all things, as was shown by his religious work. It was through the influence of himself and estimable wife that the first English Lutheran church of Cedar Rapids

was organized, and the first meeting was held in their house. He also paid for the first hall in which services were held, and the first minister of the denomination in the city was interested through his efforts. At length it was decided to build a church, and Mr. Hart was a member of the building committee. On Sunday the resolution was passed; the following day ground was leased on the corner of Third avenue and Third street; and on Tuesday the masons began to work on the foundation for the structure. Mr. Hart always took a just pride in his church, and always attended all of his meetings. He and his wife were among the charter members of the church, and he was always officially connected with the same, serving as treasurer and elder at the time of his death, while both took an active part in Sunday-school work. The beautiful organ which furnishes the First Lutheran church with sweet music witnesses his liberality. It was given in memory of his beloved daughters, who had passed on before. Mr. Hart was also a liberal supporter of all charitable enterprises; was an active worker in the Young Men's Christian Association; and a member of its board of managers. In all church work he was ably seconded by his wife, and it was through her influence, with a few others, that the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society was organized at Cedar Rapids, it being the first enduring society of the kind in the United States synod of the English Lutheran church. At his death the following resolutions were passed:

WHEREAS, in the Providence of God our brother and fellow laborer in the councils of this church has been removed from the scenes of life on earth to those in glory.

We, his co-laborers in the council of the

First Lutheran church of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, will miss his wise and good counsel and intense interest in the welfare of the church.

We further desire to place on record our very high appreciation of his life in the Lord's house, and shall pledge ourselves anew to labor more faithfully for the Lord's cause because of the noble example our Brother J. A. Hart has left us; and while we humbly pass under the rod we pray for a new baptism of the Holy Spirit upon our every endeavor in His name.

We desire also to express our hearty sympathy to his family in their sore personal bereavement and pray the blessing of Almighty God upon them all.

In His name,

C. W. MAGGART,  
Pastor and President.

H. J. RAP,  
Secretary.

By order of the council First Lutheran church, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, June 6, 1900.

WHEREAS, in the Providence of God, our school has been bereft of one of its charter members, Brother J. A. Hart, who has been faithful and true to the last, be it

*Resolved*, that we place on record our very high appreciation of his worth and helpfulness during all the years of the school's existence. We make and record this work of love and memory and bow humbly and submissively to the will of our Heavenly Father, knowing that while we sustain a great loss, our deceased brother has made a great gain.

We desire also to express our sincerest sympathy to all his family in their sore personal grief.

(Action in Sunday-school, June 3, 1900.)

### PETER A. PETERSON.

There is probably no one in Linn county who has a more varied or interesting career than Peter A. Peterson, of Cedar Rapids, who has been a resident of this city since 1884. He was born in Flensburg, the north of Germany, October 5, 1847, a son of Iver and Annie (Christisen) Peterson. His father, who was a seaman, was born September 4, 1800, and died at sea, September 30, 1858, by falling overboard and being drowned. The mother was born in 1806, and died in Germany, July 22, 1879. They were the parents of thirteen children, of whom five died in infancy. The others were Christian, who followed the sea for a number of years, but is now a custom house official in Germany, aged seventy-three years; Henry, who was killed by lightning on board a vessel, while making a voyage from Bohea to Gibraltar; Jurgen, who is a pilot chief in Flensburg, Germany, and has been in the service twenty-two years; Martin, who was formerly a seafaring man but is now living in Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Annie, a resident of Hamburg, Germany; Pauline, deceased; and Peter A., the subject of this sketch.

During his boyhood Mr. Peterson of this review attended the public schools of Germany. At the age of fourteen he went to sea as a cabin boy on a vessel engaged in the German coasting trade. On the 23d of August, 1863, he left home and shipped on board a vessel sailing for China, being a member of its crew for twenty-one months. Leaving that vessel at Hong Kong, he was next on a Portuguese boat plying between that city and Manilla and for three years was on the coast of China during which time he made a trip to Australia, three of his brothers being in the merchant service on the

Chinese coast at that time. As a sailor he next went from Hong Kong to San Francisco on a Russian ship, and remained there in the employ of coasting vessels and on others plying between San Francisco and Honolulu until the fall of 1866, when he went to Liverpool, England, the voyage taking one hundred and fifty-two days. From there he came to New York, where he left the ocean service, going upon the Great Lakes in 1867. The following year he went to St. Louis to see the country, but soon resumed his career as a salt water seaman, making a trip around the Horn to Zanzabar and return.

In 1869 Mr. Peterson returned to the lakes, but the following year went to New Orleans, where he was fireman on a sugar plantation until the spring of 1871, when he went back to the lakes. In September of that year he sailed from New York to Cape Town, Africa, where he arrived on the 1st of February, 1872. On the 10th of that month he in company with four others left the ship and made a trip on foot to the Kimberly diamond fields, which they reached on the 17th of March. He worked in the fields with varied success until 1874, and spent about a year in exploring into the interior. On his return to Port Elizabeth he shipped as second officer on the ship Eudora, of London for New York, where he left the vessel and came west. He was in the lake service until 1881, and spent the following three years in Chicago, a part of the time being employed on the night force of the Pinkerton Detective Agency.

Mr. Peterson was married in Chicago, in 1881, to Miss Antonie Vanis, who was born in Bohemia, May 11, 1858, and in 1884 they removed to Cedar Rapids, where he followed various occupations until he ac-

cepted his present position as janitor of the Jackson school building in 1888. In the summer of 1900 he and his wife went to Germany, where they visited his old friends and relatives, and also spent some time in Denmark and Bohemia, returning home in August of that year. Financially Mr. Peterson has met with success, and at times has purchased property and erected thereon houses, which he later disposed of. He is inclined to take the world as it comes and has always made the most of his opportunities. He can speak all of the Scandinavian languages, as well as Dutch, German and English; is a great reader, and keeps well posted on the questions and issues of the day. Politically he is a prominent Democrat, but has never been an office seeker, and fraternally is a member of the subordinate lodge, encampment, Canton and Re'bekah branches of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and takes an active part in their meetings. He is also connected with the Independent Order of Foresters, an insurance society. He gives very liberally for charitable purposes, and is always willing to advance the interests of the people of Cedar Rapids.

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#### ALBERT J. PITLIK.

Prominent among the energetic and progressive farmers of Franklin township is this gentleman residing on section 19. His early home was on the other side of the Atlantic, for he was born in Austria, September 12, 1856, and attended school there until ten years of age. In 1866, in company with his parents, Albert and Barbara (Snepeberger) Pitlik, he took passage on a sailing vessel at



Hamburg, and after a voyage of nine weeks and three days landed in Baltimore, Maryland. They proceeded at once to Linn county, Iowa, and the father purchased a farm in Franklin township, where he is now living a retired life, enjoying the fruits of former toil. In the family were eleven children, of whom Albert J. is the oldest, the others being Joseph, who married Anna Prochaska and resides in Cedar Rapids; Maggie, wife of George Uch, of Big Grove township, Johnson county, Iowa; Wesley, who married Josephine Novotney and lives in Cedar Rapids; Annie, wife of Paul Dolezal, of Johnson county; Barbara, who died at the age of nineteen years; Emma, who died at the age of four years and a half; Katie, who died at the age of twenty years; Frank, who wedded Mary Crofter and makes his home in Cedar township, Johnson county; Mary, who died in infancy; and Lizzie, at home with her parents.

Albert J. Pitlik remained under the parental roof until twenty-four years of age, giving his father the benefit of his labors, and then rented a farm of one hundred and twenty acres in Putnam township, Linn county, which he operated for three years. At the end of that time he removed to Cedar Rapids, where he was in the employ of the Hooper Ice Company one year, and the Huber Ice Company the same length of time. He was next engaged in the vinegar business, and on his retirement from that he bought a farm of sixty-five acres on section 19, Franklin township. It was a tract of unbroken land full of stumps, but he has since transformed the same into one of the most highly cultivated and best improved farms of the locality. He has also tended its boundaries and now has one hundred acres.

At St. Peter's and St. Paul's church near

Solon, Iowa, Mr. Pitlik was married February 21, 1881, to Miss Katie Reyhons, who was also born in Austria, October 30, 1860, and came to the new world in 1867, with her parents, John and Josephine (Rusheck) Reyhons. The family first located in Cedar Rapids, where they lived for three years, and the father then purchased a farm in Cedar township, Johnson county, Iowa, where his death occurred June 21, 1894. The mother now makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. Joseph Vrba, in Putnam township, Linn county. The children of the family were Frank, who wedded Mary Doepar, and resides in Tama county, Iowa; Katie, wife of our subject; Mary, who died in infancy; Joseph, who married Andrew Bronlik and lives in Johnson county; Mary, wife of Joseph Vrba, of Putnam township, Linn county; and Josephine, who died at the age of four years and a half. Mr. and Mrs. Pitlik have four children: Joseph F., born February 5, 1882, is engaged in farming in this county; and Mary M., born March 18, 1884; Lizzie A., born November 10, 1891, and Eddie, born March 17, 1897, are all three at home with their parents. In political views Mr. Pitlik is a staunch Democrat and has creditably filled the office of school director in his district for two years. Religiously he is a member of St. Peter's and St. Paul's church near Solon, Iowa.

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#### M. B. PLUMMER.

M. B. Plummer, a highly esteemed citizen of Bertram and an honored veteran of the Civil war, was born in Defiance county, Ohio, January 15, 1843, and is a son of John and Malinda (Perkins) Plummer, both



natives of Kentucky, the former born in January, 1796, the latter in May, 1810. After their marriage the parents removed to Ohio, and in 1856 came to Linn county, Iowa, locating upon a farm which the father purchased in Bertram township. In the spring of 1860 he sold that place, and after living retired for a time he rented a farm, although he owned three hundred and twenty acres of land in Tama county, Iowa. Owing to ill health he and his wife went to California in 1870, and remained on the Pacific coast for two years, returning to this county in May, 1872. He died in August of the same year, and was buried in Campbell cemetery near Bertram. Subsequently his wife returned to California, where her death occurred in May, 1897. They had a family of nine children, of whom three died in infancy. The others were as follows: Alfred, deceased, married Hulda Sterner and lived in Bryan, Williams county, Ohio; Elizabeth married Andrew Steinbaugh and removed from Ohio to Iowa, then to Kansas, and still later to Los Angeles, California; Elijah married a Miss Wilcoxian and also lives in Los Angeles; Susan is the widow of Arthur Mekeel and resides in Cedar Rapids, Iowa; M. B., our subject, is the next in order of birth; and J. Chester married Fannie Fox and makes his home in California.

M. B. Plummer came with his parents to this county, and assisted his father in the work of the farm until the Civil war broke out. In August, 1862, he enlisted in Company I, Twentieth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and after being mustered in at Clinton, Iowa, was sent with his command to Benton Barracks, St. Louis, where they remained a week. They next went by train to Rolla, Missouri, and the winter was spent in that state and Arkansas. In May, 1863, they

marched to Cape Girardeau, and later went to Vicksburg by steamer, remaining there until its surrender, July 4. They next went up the Yazoo river on a scouting expedition, and then returned to Vicksburg. They subsequently spent one month at Port Hudson, and from there went to New Orleans, where they camped on the Champ de Mars, and there the Thirteenth Corps was reviewed by General Grant. On September 3 they marched to Morganzia Landing on a scouting expedition and then returned to New Orleans. Later they went to Point Isabel, Texas,—General Taylor's old battle ground during the Mexican war,—and from there they proceeded to Mustang Island, where they remained from November, 1863, to June, 1864, when they went to Brownsville, Texas, and later to New Orleans. They next went to Duvall's Bluff, Arkansas, and then back to New Orleans, from which city they were sent to Fort Morgan, assisting in the bombardment and capture of that stronghold. On their return to New Orleans they went by boat to Fort Barancas, Florida, and then to Fort Blakely, near Mobile, participating in the siege and capture of that place. This was the last engagement of the Civil war. Mr. Plummer remained in Mobile until mustered out of service, July 8, 1865, and on the 10th started for home, arriving in Clinton, Iowa, on the 23d of that month. There he was discharged three days later, and returned home the same night. The first battle that Mr. Plummer's regiment was engaged in was fought on Sunday, and by a curious coincidence the last battle of the Civil war also took place on Sunday.

For four years Mr. Plummer worked for the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad Company, but after his marriage he engaged

in farming for three years and in teaming for two years. He then resumed agricultural pursuits, to which he devoted his energies until 1888, when he commenced drilling wells, and was thus employed until his retirement from active labor. The business is now carried on by his sons.

At Marion, Iowa, September 25, 1866, Mr. Plummer married Miss Charlotte Stoneking, who was born in Kentucky November 23, 1846. Her parents, Samuel and Jane (Chaplin) Stoneking, were born, reared and married in Pennsylvania, whence they removed to Virginia, and in 1859 they came to Iowa, locating on a farm in Bertram township, Linn county. In 1866 they went to Kansas, and two years later removed to Missouri, where Mrs. Stoneking died in 1870. Her husband subsequently returned to this county with his family, and has made his home here ever since. Mrs. Plummer is the oldest of his eight children, the others being Clark, who died in Missouri at the age of twenty-one years; Spencer, who died in Iowa at the same age; Mary Ann, wife of Edward Cress, a farmer of Bertram township; John, who married Ida Richardson, now deceased, and lives in Bertram; Mildred, wife of Stephen Woods, who lives on a farm in the southern part of Bertram township; and two who died in infancy.

Mr. and Mrs. Plummer are the parents of twelve children: Lizzie M., born July 14, 1867, is the wife of W. A. Burgess, of Bertram; Sarah Ellen, born October 23, 1868, is the wife of Frank Marks, of the same place; Edward, born September 29, 1870, married Minnie Masingale; James H., born November 17, 1872, is at home; Celia B., born February 5, 1875, is the wife of Edmund Thompson, a farmer of Linn Grove; William F., born January 20, 1877,

is at home; Fannie, born January 6, 1879, is the wife of Fred Lake, who lives near Springville, this county; and Hattie, born February 15, 1881, Alice, born June 6, 1883, Statie, born July 19, 1885, Myrtie, born February 19, 1887, and Laura, born February 22, 1890, are all at home.

Mr. Plummer gives his political support to the men and measures of the Republican party, and his fellow citizens, recognizing his worth and ability, have called upon him to fill several local offices. He has served sixteen years as township assessor; justice of the peace twenty years, and secretary of the school board for the same length of time.

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#### HON. NICHOLAS B. BROWN.

Nicholas B. Brown, deceased, was one of the honored pioneers and representative citizens of Cedar Rapids, where he made his home for forty years. He was born in Sussex county, New Jersey, July 10, 1814, and was a self-educated as well as a self-made man, having none of the school privileges and other advantages usually afforded the boys of the present day. His father was a miller and as a young man our subject followed the millwright's trade, which he acquired in Pennsylvania.

About 1840 Mr. Brown came to Cedar Rapids, becoming one of the founders of the town, as well as one of its most enterprising and public-spirited citizens. He built the dam across Cedar river, and as a millwright he put in operation several of the first mills in this locality. He also had a woolen factory, which gave employment to many people, and was also engaged in the mercantile business in an early day. Meeting with suc-

cess in his business ventures, he became the owner here of considerable city property and had landed interests elsewhere, which enabled him to spend his last years in retirement from active labor.

Mr. Brown was united in marriage, May 8, 1852, with Miss Susan Emery, who was born at Demons Ferry, Pike county, Pennsylvania, August 19, 1824, a daughter of Nathan and Cornelia (Broadhead) Emery. Her ancestors came from England at an early day and settled in Pennsylvania, where her parents always made their home. The father died there at the age of ninety, the mother at the age of eighty years. Of their eleven children, four are still living, namely: Oliver and Mrs. Brown, both residents of Cedar Rapids; and Mrs. H. E. Higley and Miss M. E. Emery, both of Florida.

When Mr. Brown brought his bride to Cedar Rapids it was but a small village, and she has watched with interest its growth and advancement. Five children were born to them, but three died in early childhood. Those living are Nathan E., who is married and resides in Cedar Rapids, and Harry T., who lives with his mother.

Mr. Brown died at his home on the corner of Sixth street and A avenue September 15, 1880, leaving many friends as well as his immediate family to mourn his loss. He was a very active and generous man and a liberal supporter of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he was an official member. He was also an active member of the Masonic fraternity. Politically he was a Democrat, but he never aspired to official position, though he served for a time as mayor of Cedar Rapids. In his life span of sixty-six years he accomplished much, and left behind an honorable record well worthy of perpetuation.

Mrs. Brown received a good academic education and prior to her marriage successfully engaged in teaching school in Pennsylvania for a number of years. As a stranger she accompanied her husband to their new home in Cedar Rapids, but at once adapted herself to the place, and became interested in the welfare of the community. Since his death she has erected a very large modern brick residence on the site of their old home, and has ably managed her business affairs. He left considerable property, all of which lies within the city limits. Although quite advanced in years Mrs. Brown is still well preserved. She, too, is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, to which she is a liberal contributor, and formerly took an active part in church and charitable work. She is beloved by a large circle of friends and acquaintances, and is held in high regard by all who know her.

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#### JOSEPH M. DENNING.

Joseph M. Denning, proprietor of the Denning Fence Works, is but a recent acquisition to the progressive business men of Cedar Rapids, but his ability, enterprise and upright methods have already established for him an enviable reputation. Although he is a young man comparatively his popularity is established on a firm basis—that of his own well-tested merit.

Mr. Denning was born on a farm near Liberty Pole, Vernon county, Wisconsin, January 6, 1867, and is a son of John and Mary A. (Cass) Denning. The father was a native of Lake county, Illinois, and in boyhood removed to Rising Sun, Wisconsin. In the latter state he was engaged in mer-



J. M. DENNING.





cantile business until his death, which occurred April 3, 1883, when he was thirty-seven years of age. His wife still survives him and now makes her home in Estherville, Iowa.

The subject of this sketch was educated in the public schools of his native state, and made his home with his mother until nineteen years of age. While a young lad he learned the printer's trade with the Leader, at Viroqua, Wisconsin, which he followed for some time. In 1887 he went to Washington territory on a prospecting tour. While there he traveled over the greater portion of Washington and Oregon, working at whatever he could get to do, thereby making his way as he went. Among the most humble labors he performed while touring this country was painting, paper hanging, dining room waiter, cooking in a logging camp, working in the harvest field and many other odd jobs to earn money to carry him further on his tour, until finally he settled down at his trade at Olympia, during the fall, winter and spring of 1887-8. He worked on territorial printing while the legislature was in session and afterward became foreman in the mechanical department of the Olympia Transcript, a weekly newspaper. Although he started with no capital, at the end of ten months he had managed to save enough to invest in real estate in Seattle, which he held for two years and then sold at three times the amount he had paid for the property. He invested the proceeds in three hundred and seventy acres of land in Emmet county, Iowa, where he located in 1890, and made some improvement, but sold out at the end of two and a half years. During this time he was for two years engaged in the general mercantile and creamery

business at Swan Lake, Iowa, in connection with his mother under the firm name of M. A. Denning & Son.

In 1894 Mr. Denning embarked in the manufacture of slat fence at Estherville, Iowa, on a small scale, buying a hand machine, which he converted into a power machine. He also invented a slat cornerrib, which he manufactured in connection with the fence, and continued his operations successfully at Estherville till December, 1899, conducting what was known as the Estherville Fence Factory. He also started a branch establishment at Sioux City in 1897, and conducted both institutions. In the meantime he was working on improvements for making wire fence and completed the same in 1899, patents having been secured prior to that time. He still has three machines in operation at Sioux City. Coming to Cedar Rapids in December, 1899, he purchased property at the corner of Eighth avenue and Walnut street west, and built his present plant, forty by sixty feet, two stories and basement, putting in ten machines. He makes a specialty of woven wire fencing and corn cribs, and employs twenty men in both factories, while he has three traveling salesmen covering six states. He manufactures lawn fence, poultry netting, woven wire field and hog fence, special farm and garden fence and also slat fence, portable corn cribs, gates, etc. Mr. Denning is sole owner and proprietor of this industry, and has met with excellent success in the conduct of his business.

At Estherville, Iowa, Mr. Denning was married, December 7, 1891, to Miss Lucy A. Mattson. Mr. and Mrs. Denning have one child, J. Wayne, born in 1898. They have already made many friends during their short residence in Cedar Rapids.

Mr. Denning is a member of E-therville Lodge, No. 423, I. O. O. F., and in his political affiliations is a Republican, but has never been an aspirant for office. He occupies an enviable position in business circles, and in all his undertakings thus far he has prospered, his excellent success being but the logical result of his careful and correct business methods.

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### HENRY M. BAILEY.

Only those lives are worthy of record that have been potential factors in the public progress in promoting the general welfare or advancing the educational or moral interests of the community. In advancing his own interests Mr. Bailey never forgot or ignored the interests of others, and was always ready to lend a helping hand to advance the moral, social or material welfare of his town or county. His last years were spent at Marion, in retirement from active labor, and there he died February 18, 1880, honored and respected by all who knew him.

Mr. Bailey was born in Somersetshire, England, February 11, 1836, a son of John and Ann Bailey, life-long residents of that country, and members of the established church. The father, who was a very prominent attorney of England, visited this country twice but never located here. He died at the age of seventy-two years, and his wife, who survived him a few years, passed away at about the same age. Of their eight children Henry M. was the third in order of birth. Three of the family came to America and located in Iowa, J. G. being now a resident of Dubuque, and B. T., of Charles City, Iowa. The others were J. F., an at-

torney, who succeeded to his father's practice; Mrs. Marion Ransford; Mrs. Alice Churchill; Mrs. Amy Collins; and Mrs. Rose Lloyd, all residents of England.

Henry M. Bailey was reared and educated in his native land, and in 1852 came with his brother J. G. to the United States, locating in Dyersville, Dubuque county, Iowa, where he engaged in farming until the fall of 1875, when he removed to Marion and lived retired throughout the remainder of his life. He always took a great interest in educational affairs and was serving as president of the school board at the time of his death.

Mr. Bailey was twice married, first in 1860 to Miss Ann C. Lain. They became the parents of three children, two sons and one daughter, all of whom are now deceased. The wife and mother died in 1866 and on the 13th of November, 1867, Mr. Bailey married Miss Laura Foster, a native of Cleveland, Ohio, and a daughter of Dr. D. B. and Harriet R. Foster. The father, who was a physician and surgeon, brought his family to Iowa in 1845, but soon returned to Ohio, and did not locate permanently in this state until 1847, when he took up his residence in Clinton county, where he engaged in practice many years. He was in the Union army a few months during the Civil war and there contracted a disease which caused his discharge and later his death in January, 1867. His widow is now a resident of Marion. Their son, Henry J., died in June, 1899, at the age of forty-nine years. Besides Mrs. Bailey there is another daughter still living, Mrs. Hattie Blanchard, of Boone, Iowa.

Unto our subject and his wife were born seven children, namely: (1) Edith studied music at Cornell College and the Minne-

apolis Conservatory of Music, and now plays the pipe organ at the Methodist Episcopal church in Marion, and has a large class in music at that place. (2) Walter is a graduate of Hahnemann Medical College, Chicago, and also took a post-graduate course in New York. He has given special attention to the study of the diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat, and took up special surgical work in a hospital in New York. He is now located at Van Horn, Iowa, where he enjoys a large practice. He married Edith Hasbrouck, daughter of Dr. Hasbrouck, of Dobb's Ferry, New York, and they have two children, Joseph H. and Muriel. (3) Burt S., assessor and an attorney of Marion, married Myrtle, a daughter of Joseph Barnhill, a sketch of whom appears in this work, who died leaving one child, Henry M. (4) Ralph F., a graduate of the law department of the State University of Iowa, and also a civil engineer, has recently gone to Honolulu, largely for his health. (5) Hattie L., born in 1876, died in February, 1877. (6) Marian L. is a graduate of the Marion high school and has attended Cornell College two years. (7) Fannie G. is also a graduate of the Marion high school, and is now in Chicago preparing for kindergarten teaching.

In politics Mr. Bailey was a Republican, which party his sons also support. The family all hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, with which Mr. Bailey was officially connected for many years. At the time of his death he was serving as local preacher, trustee, steward and class leader, and always took a very active and prominent part in church work. Blest with wealth, he used it for the promotion of Christianity and the good of men. On coming to Marion he found the church of his choice incumbered

by a debt of several thousand dollars, which caused him much anxiety and hung like a pall over the congregation. He paid off this indebtedness, and took his own time and way to reimburse himself with the members. He succeeded admirably in this work, and had just completed the same when his course on earth was finished and he went to his reward. In his death his family lost a loving husband and father, the community an upright and influential citizen, the poor a friend and benefactor, and the church an active worker and supporter. Truly such a life is worth having been lived, and such lives deserve permanent record on the pages of their country's history, that others, seeing their good works, may follow in their footsteps.

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#### JOSEPH S. COWAN.

Joseph S. Cowan, an industrious, thorough and successful farmer, is the owner of a good farm of one hundred and ten acres on section 27, Franklin township. He was born in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, April 11, 1830, and is a son of Alexander T. and Margaret (Sample) Cowan, natives of Allegheny and Butler counties, Pennsylvania, respectively. They were married in Murraryville, the latter county. In 1855 they came to Linn county, Iowa, the journey being made in a covered wagon from Muscatine, as there were no railroads in this locality at that time. Here they lived until 1878, when they removed to Tama county, Iowa, making their home with their son Robert throughout the remainder of their lives. The mother died in November, 1881, the father in March, 1892, and both were buried at Salem, Tama county.



In their family were eight children, of whom Joseph S. is the oldest; David K. married Nancy Elwood, who died in 1886, and he lives in Hamilton, Marion county, Iowa; Mary R. wedded David Arb and both died in Tama county; Susan married James Kirkpatrick, of Mt. Vernon, Linn county, and died in 1874; Sarah is the wife of William B. Mayes, a farmer of Los Angeles, California; John T., who resides near Sioux City, Iowa, married, first, Anna E. Townsend, and after her death wedded Carrie Dodd; Elizabeth is the wife of John Bardue, of Webster City, Iowa; and Robert wedded Mary Townsend and lives in Salem, Tama county.

Reared in the county of his nativity, Joseph S. Cowan obtained his early education in its district schools, and under his father learned the cabinetmaker's trade. At the age of twenty-three he worked at the carpenter's trade at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, until October, 1854, when he came to Marion, Iowa, and worked at the carpenter's trade for a short time. Later in the same fall he and his father bought the George Smith farm of one hundred and twenty acres from Joseph Morford, and in payment for the same they built a kiln, manufactured the brick and erected a house for Mr. Morford, doing all the carpenter and mason work. They also cleared something from this transaction. In March, 1855, the family took up their residence on the farm, which our subject and his father operated together until 1864, when the property was divided, the father and son each taking sixty acres. Our subject has since added to his property until he now has one hundred and ten acres; has placed the wild land under a high state of cultivation, and has erected a good set of farm buildings thereon, including a

commodious country home. Mr. Cowan is engaged in stock raising to some extent, making a specialty of polled Angus cattle. At the Fat Stock Show in Chicago, in 1900, a steer of this breed was sold for one dollar and a half per pound. Mr. Cowan also raises a high grade of horses, sheep and hogs, and is one of the progressive and up-to-date farmers in his locality.

On the 30th of June, 1857, in Tama county, Iowa, Mr. Cowan married Miss Eliza Jane Crawford, who was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, July 15, 1830, a daughter of Robert and Elizabeth (Hall) Crawford, also natives of that county, where they continued to make their home until coming west in November, 1854. Locating in Tama county, Mr. Crawford entered one hundred and sixty acres of wild prairie land. When the family took up their residence thereon their nearest neighbors were living near Deer creek, a distance of five miles, where a colony of people from Pennsylvania had settled, including the Townsends, Wileys, McPriers, Dickeys and Crawfords, all members of the same church. Mr. Crawford broke his land, placed it under cultivation and erected a good house, barns and other outbuildings. There his death occurred December 21, 1879. His wife died November 4, 1891, and both were laid to rest in the Salem cemetery. They had eleven children, of whom Mrs. Cowan is the oldest; Rebecca is the wife of James McQuilkin, of Laporte City, Iowa; Robert married Isabella Wyley, now of Garretson, Butler county, Nebraska, and he died March 31, 1885; Isabella died December 1, 1885; Mary is the widow of William Galagher and a resident of Tama, Iowa; James married Nettie Cook, who died in 1886, and he resides near Broken Bow, Custer county, Nebraska; John wedded

Marian Hall and makes his home in Dickinson county, Kansas; Moriah is the wife of Richard Brown, of Abilene, Dickinson county, Kansas; William married Elizabeth Patterson and resides in Tama, Iowa; Samuel, a resident of Butler county, Nebraska, wedded Mary Overmyer, who died in 1882, and he is married again; and Martha is the wife of Silas Overmyer, of Lenox, Taylor county, Iowa. The Crawford family came to this country from the north of Ireland, while the Cowan family is of Scotch extraction.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Cowan were born nine children, namely: (1) Margaret E., born April 12, 1858, died April 15, 1899. (2) Robert C., born October 7, 1859, is an electrical engineer employed in the city electric light and water works at Grand Island, Nebraska. He married Hattie Alyea and they have four children, Maggie G., Mabel U., Joseph S. and Cora. (3) Alexander T., born October 27, 1861, is a railroad man living in Kansas. He married Nancy Bardue and they have one child, Adair B. (4) Mary G., born December 9, 1863, is a tailor-ess residing with her parents. (5) Mattie M., born August 25, 1865, is the wife of Fred McKune, a farmer living west of Mt. Vernon, and they have three children, Crawford W., May Isabella and George. (6) Isabella D., born March 25, 1867, is engaged in teaching school in Linn county and resides with her parents. (7) Sarah E., born April 5, 1869, was married, March 28, 1900, to Frank W. Blinks, a farmer of Franklin township, and they have one child, Albert. (8) Anna C., born August 8, 1871, is at home. (9) Susan R., born May 3, 1873, is teaching school in this county, and also resides at home.

In his political views Mr. Cowan is a

stanch Republican, and he has filled the offices of assessor of his township for seven years, and school director and secretary of the school board for twenty-two years, his official duties having always been most faithfully and conscientiously performed. Since the age of eighteen years he has been an active member of the Presbyterian church, and is a man highly respected and esteemed by all who know him. He has been an elder in his church for many years.

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### JAMES F. ALLISON.

Almost thirty years have elapsed since this gentleman came to Cedar Rapids and he is justly numbered among her leading citizens, having always taken a prominent part in public affairs. On his arrival here in August, 1872, he entered the employ of the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Minnesota Railroad, now the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern, and is still one of the most trusted employes of the company, serving at present as commercial agent, which responsible position he has held for five years.

Mr. Allison was born in LeRoy, Genesee county, New York, March 20, 1844, a son of James and Rachel C. (Brown) Allison, also natives of the Empire state, the former born in Ontario county, in 1820, of Scotch ancestry, the latter in Genesee county, in 1828. Our subject's paternal grandfather was a soldier of the war of 1812, and was one of a large family of children. James Allison, the father of our subject, received his education in the common schools, and in early life was engaged in mercantile business. Subsequently he served twenty-five years as station agent at LeRoy, New York,

for the Buffalo, Corning & New York Railroad, now the Erie road. In 1880 he came to Cedar Rapids, where he engaged in the flour and feed business for a few years, but spent his last days in ease and retirement, enjoying a well-earned rest. Politically he was identified with the Democratic party, and while never an office seeker, was always very active in municipal affairs in his community, and took a commendable interest in the welfare of his fellow citizens. He was a member of the Universalist church, and most highly respected and esteemed by all who knew him. He died in 1893, at the age of seventy-three years, but his estimable wife is still living and now makes her home with a son in Cedar Rapids. Of their three children, James F., our subject, is the oldest; Milton L. is a resident of Olathe, Kansas, where he follows farming; and George B. is in the employ of the Western Union Telegraph Company at Cedar Rapids. The sons were all educated in the public schools.

James F. Allison remained at home until attaining man's estate. In 1860 he came west and located in Princeton, Bureau county, Illinois, where he clerked in a hotel for three years. In 1863 he went to Fort Madison, Iowa, where he spent two years, and during the following three years was engaged in clerking in a hotel in Galesburg, Illinois. He was next in the employ of the Merchants Union Express Company for one year, and for a short time was manager of a mercantile business at that place. As previously stated, Mr. Allison came to Cedar Rapids in August, 1872, and began work for the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Minnesota Railroad Company as clerk in the local freight office, from which position he worked his way upward until he became chief clerk in the general freight office under A. L.

Mohler and John E. Utt. Later he was made local freight agent for Cedar Rapids, in which capacity he served for twelve years, and for the past five years has been commercial agent, with office in Cedar Rapids. His practical knowledge of all the details of the business renders him a most valuable employe, as is evinced by his long continuance in the service of one of the leading railroad companies of the state.

Mr. Allison married Miss Emma A. Wagner, of Princeton, Illinois, who was born in Ohio, and they have become the parents of two sons: George F., who was born in 1876, and is now rate clerk in the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad freight office; and Walter, who was born in 1879, and is in the employ of the Security Savings Bank. Both sons are graduates of the Cedar Rapids high school, and went from there to their present positions. Mrs. Allison is a graduate of the College at Ravenna, Ohio, and is a prominent member of the Woman's Club of Cedar Rapids. Her parents are both deceased, but she has two sisters and a brother living, namely: Mrs. L. E. Hitchcock, of Cedar Rapids; Mrs. J. P. Allison, a widow of Princeton, Illinois; and Charles D., also a resident of Princeton.

Mr. and Mrs. Allison are both members of the Universalist church, while he has served as chairman of the church board for several years, and has taken an active part in its work. He is also a prominent member and a director of the Commercial Club of Cedar Rapids. During his residence here he has been connected with the city government, and has exerted considerable influence in public affairs. In 1890 he was elected alderman of the third ward for a two-years' term; was elected alderman at large in 1898;

and re-elected in 1899 for two years. He has been chairman of the finance committee the last term. He is a man of even temperament and very affable in manner, and has the happy faculty of making friends easily, and as easily retaining them.

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### CHARLES J. DEACON.

Among the leading attorneys of Cedar Rapids is Charles J. Deacon, who has been successfully engaged in the practice of his profession in that city since 1874. He was born in Burlington county, New Jersey, May 21, 1849, and is the son of William and Eliza (Mason) Deacon, the former also a native of Burlington county, New Jersey, born April 25, 1815, while the latter was a native of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, born December 18, 1816, although she was reared in New Jersey. In 1853 the family removed to northern Indiana, and ten years later came to Linn county, Iowa, locating on a farm in Marion township, where the father engaged in agricultural pursuits. In his younger days he led a sea-faring life, being captain of a trading vessel. He died in Linn county, April 15, 1882, and his wife passed away August 3, 1878, honored and respected by all who knew them.

William and Eliza Deacon were the parents of nine children, all of whom reached years of maturity, though two are now deceased, namely: Solomon M., who enlisted in August, 1862, in the Eighty-seventh Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and was killed at the storming of Missionary Ridge, in October, 1863; and Anna, who died in Linn county, in January, 1878. Those living are the following named: William H., now engaged

in business in New Carlisle, Indiana, enlisted as a private in August, 1862, but when mustered out of service was captain of Company K, Eighty-seventh Indiana Volunteer Infantry. He was wounded at both Chickamauga and Atlanta, but remained at the front until the close of the war. Sarah G. is the wife of Daniel F. Baugher, of Neosho, Missouri. Hannah is the wife of James Oxley, of Marion, Iowa. Charles J., next in order of birth, is the subject of this sketch. George was graduated from Rush Medical College in 1885, and since 1887 has been engaged in the practice of his profession at Pasadena, California. Mary, engaged in teaching, makes her home with her brother in Pasadena. Edwin was graduated from Cornell College in 1885, studied law and was admitted to the bar in Minnesota, but is now engaged in the work of the ministry as pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church in Kimball, Minnesota. Both parents were also members of the Methodist Episcopal church, while the other members of the family, with the exception of William H., are connected with the Presbyterian church. All the children were given the best educational advantages obtainable.

After receiving his primary education in the public schools, Charles J. Deacon entered Parsons Seminary, at Cedar Rapids, and later was a student at the State University. On leaving school, he entered the employ of the Iowa Railroad Land Company, whose offices were in Cedar Rapids, and subsequently took up the study of law under Judges Isaac Cook and N. M. Hubbard, and in October, 1873, was admitted to the bar. The following spring he formed a partnership with Judge Hubbard, and under the firm name of Hubbard & Deacon, engaged in the practice of his profession. In 1876



Colonel Clark became a member of the firm. From 1879 until October, 1896, Mr. Deacon was alone in practice, with the exception of two years, when associated with C. S. Smith. Since October, 1890, James W. Good has been associated with him, the firm being engaged in general practice.

On the 28th of October, 1873, Mr. Deacon was united in marriage with Miss Sylvia Mansfield, a daughter of Dr. E. L. Mansfield, one of the oldest physicians in the county, but who died in Cedar Rapids in 1887. She is the oldest in a family of three children, the others being Lura, wife of James A. Reed, mayor of Kansas City, Missouri, and L. W., who has spent his entire life in Cedar Rapids. Mr. and Mrs. Deacon have five children: Lucy, wife of J. W. Good; Laura, at home; William M., who is now connected with the wholesale dry-goods house of J. S. Cook Company; and Mary and Margaret, both at home. Mrs. Deacon received her education in the public schools and Parsons Seminary of Cedar Rapids, and at Rockford Seminary, Rockford, Illinois. She is especially active in church and missionary work, and is connected with some of the leading literary societies of the city. Both Mr. and Mrs. Deacon are members of the Presbyterian church of Cedar Rapids, and politically he is a Republican, having been identified with the party since attaining his majority. Upright, reliable and honorable, his strict adherence to principle has won him the respect of all.

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#### THOMAS G. ARMSTRONG.

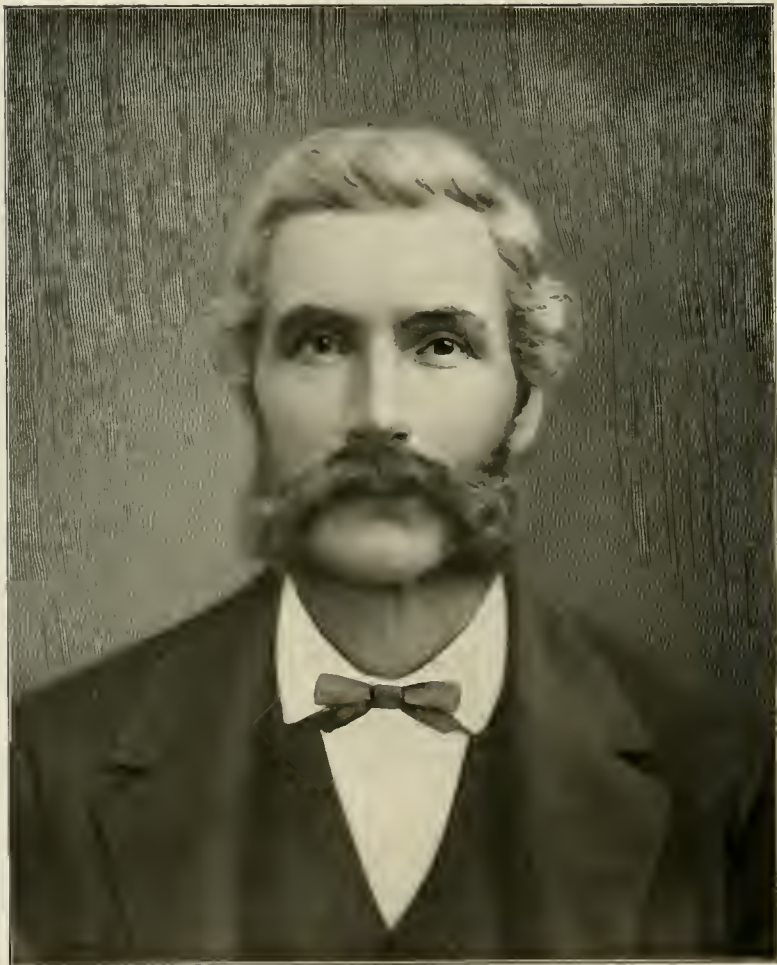
Thomas G. Armstrong, deceased, was for many years prominently connected with the agricultural interests of this section of

the state, and did much towards transforming its wild land into well-cultivated and highly improved farms. In his farming operations he steadily prospered and became an extensive land owner—one whose success was due entirely to his own well-directed efforts.

Mr. Armstrong was born in Ireland, March 19, 1829, and there passed the days of his boyhood and youth. In 1850 he emigrated to America and first located in Harrison county, Ohio. Later he spent a short time in Muskingum county, that state, and lived for a year and a half in Coshocton county, Ohio. Prior to 1860 he removed to Poweshiek county, Iowa, where he entered one hundred and sixty acres of government land, which he placed under a high cultivation, making his home there for four years. The following two years were spent in Linn county, and subsequently he was engaged in farming in Benton county, Iowa, for a number of years. He was one of the most extensive farmers in Benton county. His first purchase there was of one hundred and sixty acres in Fremont township, which he improved, and to which he added from time to time until he was the owner of two thousand and seven hundred acres, all in that township, and all of which was under cultivation. He was among the first to introduce imported cattle, and whatever he did, on the farm or in business circles, showed the master mind. He was one of the founders of the bank at Atkins, Benton county, and served as its president until his death. He was also active in farming until called to his rest.

On the 4th of July, 1861, Mr. Armstrong was united in marriage with Miss Sarah Fawcett, a daughter of George and Mary Ann (Haines) Fawcett, natives of





THOMAS G. ARMSTRONG.



MRS. SARAH ARMSTRONG.





Ohio and New Jersey, respectively. In 1855 her father came to Cedar Rapids, and after spending a short time in Linn county, located near Shellsburg, Benton county. At that time there were but three families living in his township, and he assisted in its organization, being the one to propose its name. At the first election held there only six or seven votes were polled. Being one of the leading men of his community Mr. Fawcett was called upon to fill nearly all of the township offices, and was a prominent and influential member of the Presbyterian church. During his residence in this state he met with excellent success and became the owner of seven hundred and sixty acres of valuable land. Both he and his wife are now deceased. In their family were eleven children, seven of whom are still living. Two sons, William H. and John Albert, were in the Union army during the war of the Rebellion. The former participated in the battles of Shiloh and Pittsburg Landing, the siege of Corinth and Vicksburg, the battles of Iuka and Jackson, and the Atlanta campaign. On the 22d of July, 1864, he was taken prisoner and sent to Andersonville prison, where he was held for four months, and then taken to Florence, South Carolina, suffering all of the privations of southern prison life. John A. was in the one-hundred-day service and died about the time of expiration of his term of service.

The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong were John C., an extensive farmer of Benton county; George, deceased; William J., also a farmer of Benton county; Hettie May, wife of Albert Slotterbeck, of the same county; Newton A., a farmer of Benton county; Horace T., deceased; Mary J., wife of Alfonso Ramelsburg, of Benton county; Louis N., a resident of Texas; Min-

nie, wife of C. W. Meek, attorney of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Fred and Chester A., who are attending college in Cedar Rapids; and one who died in infancy.

Mr. Armstrong continued to actively engage in farming until his death, which occurred on the 12th of July, 1895. By his ballot he always supported the men and measures of the Democracy, and took an active interest in the welfare of his county and state. He was widely and favorably known, and no man in his community was held in higher regard or had more warm friends than Thomas G. Armstrong. His estimable wife still survives him and is also highly respected and esteemed. She continued to reside on the home farm until 1896, when she removed to Cedar Rapids and purchased her present handsome residence at No. 603 Third avenue west, which is supplied with every modern convenience and is a most attractive home. While in Benton county she was a member of the Presbyterian church, of which her husband was a liberal supporter. Since coming to Cedar Rapids she has been a member of the Christian church, the church of her choice, but which was not convenient for her to attend in Benton county.

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#### MYRON K. NEFF.

The business interests of Mt. Vernon are well represented by our subject and his wife, who conduct a furniture store and undertaking establishment at that place. He was born in Springfield, Massachusetts, on the 12th of December, 1845, and comes of a very old and prominent New England family, being a descendant of William and Mary (Cor-

less) Neff, who were married January 23, 1663, and resided at Haverhill, Massachusetts, in a cottage built in 1661. William Neff died while with the army at Pemaqua (Bristol), Maine, in February, 1689, at the age of forty-seven years. On the 15th of March, 1697, his wife, being at that time a nurse with Mrs. Hannah Dustan (Dustin or Duston), of Haverhill, who had recently been delivered of a child, was captured with Mrs. Dustan by a party of Indians and carried off toward Canada, but on the 30th of that month Mrs. Dustan, Mrs. Neff and a youth named Samuel Leonardson, who had been captured previously, rose on their captors in the night and killed ten out of twelve, only one squaw and one child escaping. After cutting the hair from their captors' heads they returned to Haverhill and appeared before the assembly then in session at Boston. For this exploit the general court of Massachusetts, on their petition presented April 21, voted on June 8 that Thomas Dustan in behalf of his wife be paid out of the public treasury twenty-five pounds; Mary Neff the sum of twelve pounds, ten shillings; and the young man concerned in the same action the sum of twelve pounds and ten shillings. In 1738 a grant of two hundred acres of land was voted by the general court to Joseph Neff, a son of William and Mary Neff, for services rendered by the mother. In addition to the above grant of money, the three received many presents from their friends, and Governor Nicholson, of Maryland, gave them a very generous token of his favor in 1697 in the form of a tankard. In 1856 at a levee of the Dustan monument association, held in Haverhill, Massachusetts, this tankard was on exhibition, it being the property of Emery Coffin, of Newburyport, Massachusetts, a descendant of the Dustan

family. The vessel is of pewter and weighs two pounds and two ounces, and holds a little more than one quart. A picture of it appeared in the American Monthly Magazine in May, 1875. It bears on the front a likeness of King William III of England and a Scotch thistle, and on the other the English rose and lion, while the top of the lip bears the rough engraving of a flower in bloom, and on the other side of the lid the letters H. D. are rudely cut with a blacksmith's chisel. A monument to the memory of Mrs. Dustan, Mrs. Neff and Samuel Leonardson was erected on Dustan Island, the scene of the "thrilling capture and escape." It is at a junction of the Contoocook and Merrimac rivers, six miles north of Concord, New Hampshire. The monument, which was unveiled June 17, 1874, bears on one side the inscription: "Hannah Dustan, Mary Neff and Samuel Leonardson, March 30, 1697, midnight."

In 1711 Clement Neff, a son of William and Mary Neff, resided at Westerly, Rhode Island, and in 1734 removed to Windham, Connecticut. Some of his descendants are still living at Chaplin, Connecticut, at which place Zebulon Neff, the father of our subject, was born and reared. He married Roxana S. Kibby, also a native of Connecticut. In 1854 they came west to Linn county, Iowa, and settled on a farm near Mt. Vernon, where he engaged in agricultural pursuits for a number of years. He died in 1889, and his wife passed away in 1893, the remains of both being interred in Mt. Vernon cemetery. Of their three children Myron K. is the oldest. (2) Mary A. is the wife of D. W. Ford, and they reside on a farm four miles and a half west of Mt. Vernon. Their children are Anna, wife of William J. Gormly, a brother of the mayor of

Mt. Vernon; and Charles, who is at home with his parents. (3) Arthur G., who lives on a farm one-half mile west of Mt. Vernon, married Rose Tolman and they have two children, John and Florence.

Myron K. Neff began his education in the public schools of his native state, but was only nine years old when he accompanied his parents on their removal to Iowa. Later he attended Cornell College of Mt. Vernon, where he took a scientific course and was graduated in 1868. After teaching school for some time in Linn county he was made principal of the schools of Belle Plaine, Iowa, and continued there until 1870, when, on account of ill health, he was obliged to give up in-door work, and he turned his attention to farming until 1880, when he embarked in the furniture business at Mt. Vernon in connection with his brother-in-law, D. W. Ford, their partnership continuing for three years, at the end of which time his father-in-law, William Brackett, purchased Mr. Ford's interest in the business. They were in business together for a short time, and since then Mr. Neff's wife has been associated with him in the management of the store. They carry a large and well-selected stock of furniture, and enjoy an excellent trade. Mr. Neff has also had twenty years' experience as an undertaker and funeral director in this county, and still devotes considerable attention to that branch of the business. He owns a good business block, in which he carries on his store, but keeps his supply of caskets and burial goods in a separate building. Besides his business property he owns a comfortable residence, and all that he now possesses has been acquired through his own energy, good business ability and capable management, to-

gether with the assistance of his estimable wife.

It was on the 31st of December, 1868, that Mr. Neff led to the marriage altar Miss Anna E. Brackett, who was born in the town of Wilton, Saratoga county, New York, near Saratoga Springs, October 24, 1847, and is a daughter of William W. and Elizabeth A. (Sherman) Brackett, the former a native of Pittstown, Rensselaer county, New York, the latter of Saratoga county. In 1856 the family came to Iowa and located on a farm near Ely, Linn county, where Mr. Brackett followed farming until 1860, when he removed to Mt. Vernon. Before he came to Iowa he was associated with Mr. Tomlinson in bridge building, and later engaged in contracting and building. Originally he was a Whig in politics and later supported the Republican party. Religiously he was a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and fraternally was connected with the Masonic order. He had three children, of whom Mrs. Neff is the oldest. (2) Edgar T., a resident of Saratoga Springs, New York, and a state senator, married Emma Corliss, a niece of the great engine manufacturer, and they have one son, Charles W. (3) Clara A. married William Smith, who died in August, 1899, leaving one child, Elizabeth. Mrs. Smith resides at the old Brackett homestead in Mt. Vernon. The progenitor of the Brackett family in America was Captain Richard Brackett, who was born in Scotland in 1610. It has always been a very patriotic and loyal family, and was well represented in the Revolutionary war, the war of 1812 and the Civil war. Mrs. Neff's uncle, John A. Brackett, was an officer in the Elsworth Avengers. He was wounded on the first day of the battle of



Gettysburg and laid on the battle-field for three days before being found. He lived several days after being picked up, but never recovered.

Mr. and Mrs. Neff are the parents of three children: (1) Fred, born January 27, 1870, is engaged in the undertaking business in Cedar Rapids, and is a member of Star of the West Lodge, K. P., and several other fraternal orders of that city. He was married, October 3, 1893, to Miss Nettie Turner, a native of Cedar Rapids, and they have one child, Howard E., born January 1, 1896. (2) Charles William, born in Mt. Vernon August 2, 1872, is a registered embalmer and funeral director of that place, and is a member of Star of Bethlehem Lodge, No. 3, K. P., and the Modern Woodmen of America. He was married, January 17, 1898, to Miss Nellie Shantz, also a native of Mt. Vernon, and they have two children, Alta and Dorothy. (3) Elizabeth, born in Mt. Vernon September 22, 1885, is at home with her parents.

In his political views Mr. Neff is a Republican, and in his social relations is also a member of Star of Bethlehem Lodge, No. 3 K. P., and the Legion of Honor, while his wife is a member of the Rathbone Sisters and the Methodist Episcopal church. They are held in the highest respect by all who know them and enjoy the hospitality of the best homes of Mt. Vernon.

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#### HENRY RICKEL.

The subject of this biography is one of the honored sons of Ohio and a distinguished lawyer of Cedar Rapids—a member of the well-known firm of Rickel, Crocker & Tour-

tellot. He was born in Richland county, Ohio, August 16, 1835, and is a son of Samuel and Barbara (Smith) Rickel, both natives of Bedford county, Pennsylvania. The Rickel family is of German extraction, the first to come to America being Henry Rickel, of Frankfort-on-the-Main, who emigrated in the seventeenth century and settled in New York state. Representatives of this family bore a prominent part in the affairs of the colonies and several participated in the Revolutionary war, among them being a great-uncle of our subject who was killed in the battle of Brandywine. Our subject's maternal grandmother was a Miss Walters, whose family came to this country from Holland and were among the Dutch land owners of New York state in early days. On the maternal side his ancestors were from Saxony, Germany, and were also pioneers of America. His grandmother on his maternal side was a Miss Cleve, of an English family.

During his youth Samuel Rickel, the father of our subject, learned the trade of a cabinetmaker, and he continued to follow that occupation throughout the greater part of his life. In 1839 he removed from Mansfield, Richland county, Ohio, to Springfield, Sangamon county, Illinois, the latter place being a small town at that time. There he followed his trade for a few years, and then came northward to Galena, Illinois, which was the leading town of the west at that time, it being the place where the pioneers of Iowa secured their supplies before crossing the prairies of this state, and also timber from the northern pineries. In 1849 Mr. Rickel removed his family to Elkader, Clayton county, Iowa, which was then a village of between two and three hundred inhabitants. There he established a shop.

and with the assistance of our subject manufactured most of the furniture used by the early settlers of that section for many miles around. He died at West Union, Iowa, in 1876, and his widow still makes her home there at the age of eighty-nine years—a hale and hearty old lady, who possesses her mental faculties unimpaired, and can walk as far and easily as a woman of half her age. In their family were six children, namely: Henry, our subject; Elizabeth, widow of N. S. Fisk, and a resident of Wolf Creek, Wisconsin; Sophronia, wife of Amos White, of West Union, Iowa; and Esther, Alice and Emma, all deceased.

Mr. Rickel, of this review, was given the name of Henry, it having been a family name for centuries. He began his education in a log school house in Sangamon county, Illinois, taught by an old-time pedagogue, who wore a blue coat with brass buttons, and had a strap which he never suffered to “get rusty” from lack of use. At West Union, Iowa, he attended a select school for a time, kept by Prof. J. E. Cooke, a noted educator of that day, and while there learned the cabinetmaker’s and wood-turner’s trades, at which he became an expert.

Mr. Rickel continued to work at his trade until 1856. In 1857 he engaged in the hardware business at West Union and later, in connection with D. G. Huffman, he embarked in the book and stationery business under the firm name of Rickel & Huffman, and carried on a wholesale establishment at McGregor, and a retail store at West Union, Iowa. This business was continued until 1860, when Mr. Rickel and three other young men went to Pike’s Peak with teams, being thirty days on the road. After prospecting for a time, and finding that there was nothing to be gained there in placer min-

ing, they returned home, visiting several Indian tribes and enjoying a number of buffalo hunts on the way.

Mr. Rickel next took up the study of law with Hon. L. L. Ainsworth, later a member, 1862, when he and his preceptor raised tention for the legal profession until September, 1862, when he and his preceptor raised a company, which was mustered into the United States service at Davenport as Company C, Sixth Iowa Cavalry, with Mr. Ainsworth as captain and our subject as lieutenant. This regiment did duty on the frontier among the Sioux Indians along the upper Missouri. On account of ill health Mr. Rickel resigned in June, 1864. Before his enlistment he assisted in raising twelve companies. He possesses a great deal of personal magnetism, which made him a splendid recruiting officer.

Upon his return home Mr. Rickel resumed the study of law under Judge McClintock, of West Union, and on his admission to the bar in 1866 formed a partnership with him, which lasted until 1872, although in 1870 our subject and W. V. Allen had established a branch office at Fayette, Iowa, the latter being now United States senator from Nebraska. In 1878 Mr. Rickel came to Cedar Rapids, and became associated in practice with A. R. West and A. V. Eastman under the firm name of Rickel, West & Eastman. Two years later when Mr. West left the city, Hon. John T. Stoneman, afterward superior judge, became a member of the firm and the name was changed to Stoneman, Rickel & Eastman. This partnership was later dissolved, and in 1884 Mr. Rickel formed a partnership with E. H. Crocker under the firm name of Rickel & Crocker, which connection was continued until April 1, 1901, when P. W. Tourtellot was taken

into the firm. They are numbered among the leading attorneys of the city and enjoy a large practice. Mr. Rickel is also interested in business enterprises. In 1894 on the organization of the Cedar Rapids Candy Company as successors to the Buchanan Candy & Fruit Company, he was elected president and still holds that position. They are manufacturers and jobbers of candies, which they sell throughout Iowa, Illinois, Minnesota and South Dakota, keeping six traveling salesmen constantly on the road, and employing from sixty-five to ninety people in their factory. He is also interested in various mining interests in Colorado, and is president of the Valley Mining Company of Custer county, Colorado.

On the 14th of October, 1857, Mr. Rickel was united in marriage with Miss Susan Brown, a native of Yates county, New York, and a daughter of Oliver A. Brown and Susan Brown, of Fayette county, Iowa. Mrs. Rickel is president, and has been for a number of years, of the board of management of the Home for Aged Women of Cedar Rapids, and to her efforts is largely due the success of that noble charity.

Mr. and Mrs. Rickel are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and fraternally he is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is a Republican in politics, and served as mayor of West Union, Iowa, for several years, and as a member of the Seventeenth General Assembly, but outside of these offices he has never been prevailed upon to accept political preferment. For many years he has been active in promoting temperance reform in Iowa; has delivered many lectures on the subject in northern Iowa, and has taken an active part in enforcing the prohibitory law. As a citizen he is ever ready to discharge any duties

which devolve upon him, and his honorable and well spent life has gained for him the confidence and respect of all who know him.

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#### JOHN M. SMITH.

For many years this gentleman has been engaged in the real estate business in Jones, Cedar and Linn counties and other parts of the state, and is accounted one of its most honorable and upright business men. He was born in Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, December 30, 1826, a son of James and Matilda (Shade) Smith. The father was a native of Lebanon county, that state, where he spent almost his entire life in Lycoming county, dying there at the age of eighty-four years. He was a shoemaker by trade and followed that occupation for a great many years, but afterward engaged in farming. In politics he was a Democrat, but never cared for official honors, though he was a public-spirited man, who advocated all that tended to public improvement. The mother of our subject died in 1852, at the age of fifty-three years, shortly after visiting her sons in Iowa. She was born near Lock Haven, Clinton county, Pennsylvania, and remained there until her marriage. She was a devout member of the Methodist church and a constant attendant upon its services. In her family were eight children of whom our subject is the only survivor, although all grew to man and womanhood with the exception of one who died in infancy. One son, James C. Smith, was a Methodist minister and was presiding elder in St. Louis for three years, his death occurring at the age of forty-two. He was well known in Linn county and throughout this state.

John M. Smith was reared near his birth-



place and attended the common schools of his native state. The knowledge there acquired was greatly supplemented by home study as he was a great lover of books. From early boyhood he has made his own way in the world, and during his youth learned the clothing business, but has never followed the same since attaining man's estate. He first came to Iowa in 1849, but after a year spent in this state returned to Pennsylvania, and did not locate permanently here until 1852. For a time he made his home in Maquoketa, Jackson county, where he followed various occupations, and then removed to Wyoming, Jones county, erecting the first house at that place, but as the railroad was not built through there as soon as he expected, he sold out, and after a short time spent in Anamosa, came to Marion, Linn county, where he lived until 1892, when he removed to Kenwood Park—his present home. Here he purchased a number of village lots, which he has since sold, but still has large property interests in Marion, Kenwood and elsewhere in this and other states. Throughout his active business life he has been a real estate dealer, buying and selling not only city property, but also farm lands. He has built a commodious and pleasant residence for himself on First avenue, Kenwood Park.

On the 18th of October, 1851, at Freeport, Pennsylvania, Mr. Smith wedded Miss Mary J. Morehead, a native of Butler county, that state, and a daughter of J. M. and Anna (Graham) Morehead, and granddaughter of David and Martha (Stanley) Morehead, who spent their entire lives in Pennsylvania. The father, who was engaged in general farming, died at the age of seventy-seven years, and the mother passed away at the age of forty-nine. Mrs. Smith

is the oldest of their eight children, six of whom are still living. Her maternal grandfather, Joseph Graham, was a native of Scotland, and at an early day came to the United States and located in Pennsylvania, which was then but sparsely settled. There he spent the remainder of his life. His wife bore the maiden name of Mary Ralston.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Smith were born two children: Sarah M., born in Maquoketa, Iowa, in 1852, died at the age of nine years. Oscar M., born in Wyoming, Jones county, July 17, 1857, is traveling and is now in Montana. He married Emma Bennett, a native of Mechanicsville, Iowa, who died at that place April 21, 1896. She was a lady of more than ordinary intelligence, a devoted wife and a kind and loving mother, and was dearly loved by all who knew her on account of her strength of character and Christian spirit. She is therefore greatly missed by a large circle of friends. She left one child, J. Bennett, who was born October 6, 1888, at Marion, and now makes his home with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Smith.

Our subject gives his political support to the Republican party, and is now serving as councilman of the village of Kenwood Park, which position he has filled with credit to himself and to the entire satisfaction of his constituents for several years. Socially he is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and religiously holds membership in the Methodist church, while his wife is a member of the Episcopal church.

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#### LAWRENCE GILCHRIST.

Prominent among the active and enterprising citizens of Center Point is this well-known lumber dealer, who has successfully



engaged in that line of business for twenty years. A native of Linn county, he was born in Grant township January 31, 1858, and is a son of Corydon Gilchrist, whose birth occurred in Oswego, New York, in 1829. His paternal grandfather, Daniel M. Gilchrist, was born in Nova Scotia in 1800, of Scotch ancestry, the family being founded there at an early day by Scotch emigrants. About 1838 he removed to Illinois, and was one of the early settlers of De Kalb county, where he opened up a farm. There Corydon Gilchrist grew to manhood, and in 1856 came to Linn county, Iowa, locating in what is now Grant township, where he became the owner of a fine farm of three hundred and twenty acres. In connection with the operation of his land he also carried on the lumber business at Walker for some years, and was one of the well-to-do and prosperous citizens of his community. He was a staunch Democrat in politics, and filled various public positions of honor and trust, serving as county supervisor for a number of years. In Linn county he married Margaret Davis, a native of Illinois, and a daughter of William Davis, who was a pioneer of the Prairie state, and came to this county about 1840. She died in 1863, and her husband, who long survived her, passed away in 1893.

Lawrence Gilchrist was reared to manhood upon the home farm, and his primary education, acquired in the country schools, was supplemented by four terms' attendance at Cornell College, Mt. Vernon. He early became familiar with the lumber business while working in his father's yard at Walker. In 1881 he purchased the lumber yard at Walker in connection with Mr. C. G. Gitcheil, where they were engaged in business for nine years, as dealers in lumber and building material. In 1884 the firm pur-

chased the lumber yard at Center Point, which Mr. Gilchrist has since conducted with good success, having built up an excellent trade, which is constantly increasing. In 1890 the firm dissolved partnership, since which time Mr. Gilchrist has remained alone.

In this county Mr. Gilchrist was married, in June, 1900, to Miss Carrie Vinton, who was born near Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, but was reared and educated in Linn county, Iowa, her family having located here in 1874. For about ten years prior to her marriage she successfully engaged in teaching school. Her father, John Vinton, purchased a farm in Jackson township, and became one of the substantial men of that locality. He died about 1898, but his wife still survives him and resides on the old homestead.

Although reared a Democrat Mr. Gilchrist is a staunch supporter of the Republican party. He has served as a member of the village board, and has always taken a deep and commendable interest in public affairs. Fraternally he is a prominent member of Center Point Lodge, F. & A. M., of which he is past master, and which he had represented in the grand lodge of the state. He has also filled the chairs of the Odd Fellows Lodge and the Knights of Pythias fraternity, to which he belongs. He is quite popular both in business and social circles, and is a man highly respected and esteemed by all who know him. Mrs. Gilchrist is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

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#### JOHN ELLISON.

John Ellison, deceased, was for half a century one of the most enterprising and successful farmers and stock dealers of Linn township. His possessions were all acquired



JOHN ELLISON.



through his own well-directed efforts, and as the result of his consecutive endeavor he became one of the most substantial and wealthy citizens of his community. He was born in Ulster, county Tyrone, Ireland, March 14, 1825, and was a son of William and Mary Ellison, natives of the same country, where both died when comparatively young. By occupation the father was a farmer. In his family were eleven children, nine sons and two daughters, of whom six are still living: William and Joseph, both residents of Ireland; James and David, of California; Mrs. Matilda Campbell, of Indiana; and Stewart, of Lisbon, Iowa.

It was in 1845 that John Ellison bade good-bye to home and friends in the Emerald Island and came to the United States. He spent four years in Baltimore, Maryland, where he was employed as a stage driver, and then came to Linn county, Iowa, locating on the military road in Linn township, where he took up one hundred and sixty acres of government land on section 25, which he at once commenced to improve and cultivate. To this property he added from time to time until at one time he was the owner of eleven hundred acres of land, though at the time of his death he had sold a number of small farms to his children which he had improved. He also had large property interests in Jones county, owning one-third of all the buildings in the village of Martelle, including four stores and the hotel at that place. At his death each of his daughters obtained eighty acres of the home place and other farms, while the widow retained one hundred and sixty acres.

On the 3d of July, 1851, Mr. Ellison was united in marriage with Miss Rachel R. Curtis, a native of Belmont county, Ohio, and a daughter of Elisha and Frances

(Scott) Curtis. His father was born in Virginia, and at an early day removed to Belmont county, Ohio, where he followed farming for some years. When Mrs. Ellison was about a year old her father removed with his family to Washington county, the same state, and in 1849 came to Linn county, Iowa, purchasing land in Linn township, on which he made his home until his death in 1881, when he was about seventy-nine years of age. His wife survived him and died in 1889. In their family were ten children.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellison became the parents of eleven children, all born in Linn county. Nine of the number are still living and reside within a radius of four miles of the old homestead. In order of birth they were as follows: (1) James, a farmer by occupation, married Hannah Ray, and died in August, 1876. Their only child died in infancy. (2) Elisha Franklin, a farmer of Jones county, Iowa, married Allie Hunter, who died March 24, 1889, leaving six children, George, William, Walter, Cora, Myrtle and Annie. For his second wife he married Sadie Paul. His farm consists of one hundred and sixty acres of land in Greenfield township, Jones county. (3) Charles, a farmer, married Ellen Boone, and she died four months after their marriage, and for his second wife he married Jane Boone, sister of his first wife. She is now a resident of Martelle, Iowa. He died December 12, 1900. (4) Joseph, a farmer of Nebraska, married Lucy Wilton and they have four children, Otis, Orpha, Ogle and an infant. (5) Huldah is the wife of Joseph Kohl, a railroad employe of Martelle, and they have one child, Ethel. (6) Mary R. is the wife of Frank Boxwell, of Martelle, a son of William Boxwell, and



they have four children, Vertis and Virgil, twins, Hazel and Jessie. (7) Nancy is the wife of Jasper E. Wood, who has a farm of ninety-eight acres in Linn county, and to them have been born four children, Nellie, John, Herbert and Ruth. (8) Linnie is the wife of John Moon, a farmer of Franklin township, and they have two children, Oscar and Freda Alpha. (9) John, who resides on a part of the farm in Linn township which his maternal grandfather owned, married Daisy Joslin and they have one child, Cecil. (10) Clara is the wife of Frank Meyers, a farmer of Linn township, and they have two children, Alta and Vernie. (11) Bertie is the wife of George Joslin, who resides on the old homestead in Linn township, and they have one child, Sylvia. Since her husband's death Mrs. Ellison has made her home in Martelle, Jones county, where she owns considerable property.

During his early residence here Mr. Ellison was prominently identified with the growth and development of this county, and aided materially in transforming its wild lands into highly cultivated farms. In 1882 he recrossed the Atlantic and visited the home of his youth. After a long, busy and useful life he passed away August 17, 1899, honored and respected by all who knew him. He had been ill for nearly three years. In politics he was a Democrat, but he never cared for official honors. In his native land he held membership in the Episcopal church, but after coming to this country identified himself with the Presbyterian church, and was a true and earnest Christian gentleman, who commanded the respect and confidence of his fellow citizens in a marked degree. In business affairs he prospered, but conducted all transactions on the strictest principles of honesty and integrity. Certainly

the record of such a life is well worthy of perpetuation and deserves an honored place in the history of his adopted county.

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#### GEORGE W. HOGLE, M. D.

Dr. George W. Hogle is a successful physician of Mt. Vernon, who has much natural ability, but is withal a close student and believes thoroughly in the maxim "there is no excellence without labor." His devotion to the duties of his profession therefore, combined with a comprehensive understanding of the principles of the science of medicine, has made him a most successful and able practitioner, whose prominence is well deserved.

The Doctor was born in Scott county, Iowa, November 18, 1860, a son of Enoch and Isabella (Winey) Hogle, natives of New York and Pennsylvania, respectively. His parents came to this state when young, and met and were married at Allen's Grove, Scott county, in 1855. After residing in that county for a number of years, they removed to Clinton county, Iowa, in 1866, and the father purchased a tract of raw prairie land near Big Rock, to the improvement and cultivation of which he devoted his energies for ten years. He next resided near Vail, Crawford county, Iowa, until January, 1891, when he came to Mt. Vernon, and now makes his home near his son's sanitarium. He has retired from active labor and is enjoying a well-earned rest. Religiously he is a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church. In his family were nine children of whom two died in infancy. The others were as follows: Mary E. married W. H. Andre and died in Mt. Vernon in

1899; Jemima is the wife of Richard M. Botts, who lives near Neligh, Nebraska; George is next in order of birth; Anna is the wife of H. L. Streby, a farmer of Mt. Vernon; Isaac W. married Marian Dickson, of Cedar Falls, and resides near Bishop, California. He is a registered pharmacist; Herbert S. married Lizzie Whitcomb and lives in Mt. Vernon; Burton W. died at that place in 1897; and Stella May is the wife of Merton Kepler, a farmer living west of Mt. Vernon.

Dr. Hogle obtained his primary education in the district schools of Clinton and Crawford counties, and attended the public schools of Vail for a time. In the fall of 1882 he entered Cornell College, of Mt. Vernon, where he was a student for four years, and on leaving that institution received a diploma from the engineering department. He next entered the medical department of the Miami University of Ohio, where he was graduated with the degree of M. D. in 1891, and immediately entered upon the practice of his profession at Mt. Vernon, Iowa. In 1894 he went abroad to further perfect himself in his chosen profession, and while there renewed his acquaintance with Dr. Kate A. Mason, whom he had formerly met at Mt. Vernon, and who had also gone to Europe to study medicine. They were married in London, England, October 13, 1894, and both took a course in the London Post Graduate School, returning to Mt. Vernon in December of that year. Since then they have been actively engaged in the practice of their profession here, and for a time also conducted a pharmacy in connection with his brother, I. W. Hogle, which partnership continued until 1898. In June, 1900, Dr. Hogle bought and rebuilt an elegant home at the corner of First and Fourth streets, and

here conducts a private hospital and sanitarium, known as the Palatine Hospital and Sanitarium. It has been fitted up in the most approved manner, being supplied with all modern conveniences for the practice of medicine and surgery, is heated by steam and lighted by gas, there being a plant for this purpose in connection with the building. They have been most successful in the treatment of cases brought to them, and their sanitarium has already won a wide-spread and enviable reputation.

Dr. George W. Hogle makes a specialty of the diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat, and holds a certificate from Kings College, London. He is a member of the Iowa State Medical Association and the Iowa Union Medical Association, and is now a member of the committee on necrology. Socially he is a member of Mt. Vernon Lodge, No. 112, F. & A. M., and religiously is a member of the Methodist church, of which he is now a trustee. He finds no time to devote to political affairs, but his sympathies are with the Prohibition party, and he always supports that ticket.

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KATE ANNA MASON HOGLE, M. D.

In the last few years women have become very active in business affairs and many of them have become deservedly prominent in professional circles. Among these is Dr. Kate A. Mason Hogle, of Mt. Vernon, who is a native of this county, her birth having occurred at Marion, August 9, 1859. Her father, Levi H. Mason, was born in New York, and when a young man came to Linn county, Iowa. He was twice married, his first wife being Miss Eunice Ann

Smith, and by that union were the following named children: Emily A., wife of John W. Coombes, of Whitman, Nebraska; Laura M., who married William D. Brown and died at Rosehill, near Wichita, Kansas, in 1884; and Gertrude A., who married Cyrus H. Aiken, of Louisburg, Kansas, and died in 1880. Near Mt. Vernon, Iowa, in 1856, Mr. Mason was united in marriage with Miss Mary Ide, a native of Massachusetts, who was then teaching school in this county. They made their home at Marion until 1860, while Mr. Mason served as sheriff of the county, and then removed to Mt. Vernon. During the Civil war he enlisted as quartermaster in the Thirty-first Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and was taken ill during the siege of Vicksburg. He was brought home but died the night after his arrival. His wife still survives him and resides three-fourths of a mile south of Mt. Vernon. They were the parents of the following-named children: Carrie, wife of H. T. Moen, of Rosehill, Kansas; Kate A., of this sketch; Homer A., who died at the age of two years; and Levi H., who died at the age of three months. The Mason family was founded in America by John Mason, who lived in New York prior to 1800, having emigrated to this country from Ireland.

Dr. Kate A. Mason Hogle acquired her early education at her mother's knee. The latter had been a successful teacher, having been educated at the State Normal School in Westfield, Massachusetts. Later the Doctor attended Cornell College, where she was graduated in 1882, with the degree of A. B., and then entered the Woman's Medical College of Chicago, which is now a part of the Northwestern University, and from which she was graduated in 1885, with the degree of M. D. She received the appoint-

ment as house physician at the Hospital for Women and Children, as the result of a competitive examination, and remained there six months. She was next engaged in practice at Wellington, Kansas, for two years, and in 1889 opened an office in Mt. Vernon, Iowa, where she has since engaged in practice with marked success. In 1891 she took a post-graduate course at the Polyclinic in New York city, and then returned to Mt. Vernon, but in 1894 went to Europe to continue her studies. She attended lectures at the University of Zurich, Switzerland; also took up clinical work at Berlin, Germany; and a post-graduate course in London, England. While at the last named place she gave her hand in marriage to Dr. George Hogle, of Mt. Vernon, Iowa, as stated in the preceding sketch. Since their return to this country they have continued practice at Mt. Vernon. They have one son, Berton Mason, born May 6, 1899.

Dr. Kate A. Mason Hogle is a member of the State Medical Society and the District Medical Society, and is one of the ablest lady physicians engaged in practice in this state, having not only taken a thorough course of study in this country, but the year in Europe was well spent. She belongs to the Engleſide Club and the Woman's Relief Corps of Mt. Vernon, and is an active member of the Methodist Episcopal church and the Home and Foreign Missionary Societies connected with the same.

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#### MICHAEL L. HEALY.

Since 1877 this gentleman has been an honored resident of Cedar Rapids and for fifteen years he has efficiently served as deputy United States marshal in what is



M. L. HEALY.





now known as the Cedar Rapids division of the northern district of Iowa, comprising fourteen counties. He was born in Lafayette, Wisconsin, April 9, 1855, and is a son of P. F. Healy, a native of Ireland, who came to this country when a young man and located in Cazenovia, New York, where he learned the tailor's trade, which he followed for many years. His last days were spent in retirement from active business on a small farm in Wisconsin, where he died in 1893, at the age of seventy-three years. He was rather an unassuming man, who gave strict attention to his own affairs. In New York he married Miss Frances Monahan, who was also born in Ireland, in 1831, and was only eight years old when brought to America by her parents, the family locating in New York, where her father followed the carpenter's trade. She still survives her husband. In their family were nine children, all of whom reached maturity, namely: John, a resident of New York; Mrs. Catherine Enright, of Walworth county, Wisconsin; Michael L., our subject; Thomas F., deceased; Mrs. Walter Sutliff, of Chicago; Mrs. John A. Lessner, also of Chicago; Martin P., who died in Cedar Rapids in 1899; Margaret, who is living with her mother in Wisconsin; and James A., of Havana, North Dakota. The children were all educated in the public schools of Wisconsin.

Michael L. Healy left school at the age of sixteen years and began his business career, following various occupations until he secured a position as traveling salesman for a hardware firm, his territory being Wisconsin and Michigan. Later he engaged in railroad construction, and though he started in as a boy he rapidly advanced to the position of foreman. When only eighteen years of age he assisted in building the road from

Clinton to Dubuque for the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad Company. He first came to Cedar Rapids in 1873, and while here he determined that whenever he decided to settle down in life he would make this city his home. Accordingly after his marriage, in 1877, he located here and secured employment in the packing house of The T. M. Sinclair & Company, but remained with that firm only a short time. He next entered the employ of Gabriel Carpenter, now deceased, as a general worker, and was with him three years. Since then his attention has been mainly devoted to his public duties, though for a number of years he was engaged in the real estate business. He was a promoter of and is a stockholder in the Auditorium of Cedar Rapids.

Mr. Healy was married, in Elkhorn, Wisconsin, January 3, 1877, to Miss Ella B. Bagnell, who was also born in that state in 1855. They have one daughter, Nellie M., who was born in Cedar Rapids, in June, 1881, and is a graduate of St. Joseph's Academy of that city. The family are communicants of the Catholic church, and Mr. Healy is a prominent member of the Catholic Order of Foresters, in which he has passed through all the chairs, and is now state chief ranger of Iowa, Kansas and Nebraska. He is also a member of the National Union of Cedar Rapids.

After leaving the employ of Mr. Carpenter Mr. Healy accepted a position on the police force, and during his connection with that department filled every position, being chief of police the last year. While making an arrest in 1882 he was wounded, and was then given inside work. Later he was made captain, and continued his connection with the police department until appointed deputy United States marshal in 1886. He

was elected constable of Rapids township the same year and filled that office eight years, when his increasing duties as deputy marshal claimed more of his attention and a successor was elected as constable. Politically he is a Jacksonian Democrat, and has been actively identified with public affairs as a party leader, but he has never sought political prominence. His official duties have been discharged with a promptness and fidelity worthy of the highest commendation, and he has been found true to every trust reposed in him, whether public or private. He has dealt quite prominently in real estate and now owns considerable resident property in the city. His success in life is due to his own unaided efforts, and he has justly won the proud American title of a self-made man.



#### CHARLES P. HUBBARD.

One of the most progressive, enterprising and public-spirited citizens of Cedar Rapids is Charles P. Hubbard of the Hubbard Ice Company. He bears in his veins some of the best blood of our early colonists, and is in every way a splendid type of our best American citizenship. The Hubbard family is of German extraction and the name was originally spelled Hobert. The genealogy can be traced back over one thousand years, and the family was founded in America in early colonial days.

Mr. Hubbard was born on the 27th of September, 1846, in West Cummington, Massachusetts, of which state his parents, Samuel Porter and Venila (Mitchell) Hubbard, were also natives. The father was educated in the schools of that state and in early life learned the trade of a tanner with

his father, who was engaged in that business in West Cummington. There Samuel P. Hubbard was married and continued to reside until our subject was a year old when he removed to Oswego, New York, where he followed the same business, making his home there until called to his final rest in 1893, at the age of eighty-four years. His wife survived him some time, dying in March, 1900, at the age of eighty-six. In their family were four children, namely: Lucius, who died in Ottumwa, Iowa, at the age of sixty-five years; Maria, wife of William A. McCarthy, of Oswego, New York; Charles P., of this sketch; and Helen, also a resident of Oswego, New York.

Charles P. Hubbard acquired his literary education in the schools of Oswego, and at the age of fourteen years began his business career. In 1866 he came to Cedar Rapids with a firm representing W. S. Bradley & Company, who opened a leather store at this place, and he clerked for them one year. At the end of that time he went upon the road, selling their goods throughout Iowa, and remained with the firm as traveling salesman for five years.

In 1871 Mr. Hubbard became interested in the ice business in connection with E. T. Hooper, and under the firm name of Hooper & Hubbard they carried on business together until 1882, when the partnership was dissolved and Mr. Hubbard has since been alone. For a time he did only a retail business, but for the past twenty years has devoted his attention to the wholesale trade also, shipping large quantities of ice to Missouri and other southern states, as far as New Mexico and Memphis, Tennessee, besides selling about sixteen thousand tons for use in Cedar Rapids. He also furnishes ice to the Chicago & Northwestern; the

Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul; and the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad Companies, furnishing the last named about three thousand tons per year for refrigerator purposes mainly. He is a wide-awake, energetic business man who owes his success in life to his own well-directed efforts and sound judgment in business affairs.

On the 11th of May, 1869, Mr. Hubbard was united in marriage with Miss Martha E. Hanney, a native of Canada, who came to Cedar Rapids as a child with her mother and the Weare and Ely families, her father having died when she was about a year old. The city at that time was a mere hamlet, and the country round about was all wild and unimproved. She made her home with Dr. John F. Ely, who is represented elsewhere in this volume, and was educated in the schools of Cedar Rapids, after which she engaged in teaching for a number of years. Mr. and Mrs. Hubbard are the parents of five children, namely: Lucius Ely, who married Emma Market and is engaged in the ice business with his father; Lawrence P., who died at the age of two and a half years; Chester W., who was graduated from the Cedar Rapids high school, and from the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Chicago, with the class of 1901; Charles M., who is in the employ of the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad, and makes his home with his parents; and Helen Venila, who is attending the Cedar Rapids schools.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubbard are members of the First Presbyterian church, and he is also connected with the Knights of Pythias fraternity at Cedar Rapids. In his political affiliations he is a Republican, but has never cared for the honors or emoluments of public office, preferring to devote his undivided

attention to his business interests. He is, however, public-spirited and gives his support to all enterprises which he believes will promote the moral, social and material welfare of the community in which he lives.

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### MARCUS M. HALL.

One of the most enterprising and progressive business men of Cedar Rapids is Marcus M. Hall, a prominent contractor and builder, whose office is in the Higley block. He is a native of Massachusetts, his birth occurring in Worcester, on the 16th of June, 1850. His father, John S. Hall, was born in the same city, August 22, 1818, and attended the common schools of his day, but was principally self-educated. For many years he was engaged in car building. When about thirty-seven years of age he removed to Aurora, Illinois, and took charge of the passenger coach department of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad shops at that place, which responsible position he held for a number of years, and was numbered among its honored citizens. Politically he was a Republican and religiously a Baptist. He died at Aurora, March 7, 1901, and there his widow still resides. In early life he married Miss Abbie B. Hastings, who was born in Millbury, Massachusetts, March 20, 1818, and is of English descent.

Marcus M. Hall is the fourth in order of birth in a family of six children, the others being George, who was a soldier of the Civil war and was killed in the battle of Stone River; Abbie R., wife of Charles Brundage, of Lincoln, Nebraska; Mary, wife of Wilbur F. Wheadon, of Van Buren, Indiana; Susan M., wife of O. M. Barth, who is en-



gaged in the hardware business in Chicago; and Myron, who died in early childhood. The children were all educated in the public schools of Aurora.

During his boyhood and youth Marcus M. Hall attended the high school of Aurora, though it was not graded at that time. At the age of sixteen years he entered the employ of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company as a telegraph operator, and in 1869 began work in the construction department of the Pullman Car Company, becoming an expert workman in his line. Later he was with one of the leading contractors of Chicago, and was employed on the construction of many buildings erected in that city after the great fire of October, 1871. He continued work there until the panic of 1873, when all building was practically suspended. Mr. Hall then came to Cedar Rapids, Iowa, to superintend the finishing of a school building, and from time to time has been identified with the building interests of this city. He takes only large contracts, confining himself wholly to the erection of public buildings, and has done a large amount of work both in Iowa and Minnesota. In business affairs he is energetic, prompt and notably reliable, and always faithfully fulfills his part of any contract.

February 11, 1875, Mr. Hall was married in Cedar Rapids to Mrs. Leonora Preston, widow of Horace Preston, by whom she had two children: Maude, now the wife of Charles A. Locke, of Le Mars, Iowa; and Horace, an engineer on the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railroad, with residence at Dennison, Texas. To Mr. and Mrs. Hall have been born five children, namely: Abbie H., a graduate of Coe College and now a teacher in the Madison school of Cedar Rap-

ids; George L., who is now taking a classical course at Coe College preparatory to fitting himself for a physician; Myron M., who was graduated from the Cedar Rapids high school, and is now a clerk in his father's office; Edward J., who will graduate from the high school in June, 1901; and Marcus W., who is a student in the grammar school. Mrs. Hall is a leader in the ladies clubs of Cedar Rapids and an active worker in the Baptist church, and the church societies to which she belongs.

Mr. Hall is one of the prominent Masons of Cedar Rapids, holding membership in the blue lodge, chapter, commandery and consistory, and taking an active part in fraternal work. He served as commander of the commandery in 1895 and 1898, and is a standing delegate to the grand commandery conclaves. In his political affiliations he is a Republican, but has never cared for the honors of public office. In manner he is quiet and unassuming, yet he makes many friends, and is held in high regard by all with whom he is brought in contact either in business or social life.

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#### CARL H. KRUEGER.

Carl H. Krueger has for many years been prominently identified with the agricultural and stock raising interests of Linn township, his home being on section 36. He was born at Kloster Dobbertin, Mecklenburg, Schwerin, Germany, April 23, 1849, and is a son of Frederick and Frederica (Hahn) Krueger, who spent their entire lives in that country. In early life the father was a coachman, and later was a forester in the employ of the government. Our subject is the eld-



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est in a family of seven children. He resided at the place of his birth until coming to the United States in 1873, and followed the occupation of a gardener.

On the 1st of November, 1873, Mr. Krueger landed in New York city, and at once proceeded to Michigan City, Indiana, where he spent two years at various occupations. Later he resided for a time at La Porte, Indiana, and from there removed to Davis Junction, Illinois, where he engaged in dairying for four years. The following four years were spent in Vinton, Iowa, where he followed the same pursuit, and from that place he came to Linn township, this county.

Mr. Krueger was married, September 25, 1883, to Miss Sovena Frederick, a daughter of William and Elizabeth (Werner) Frederick, both natives of Pennsylvania, and a granddaughter of George Frederick, who was born in Germany and came to America when a child of four years. The father was born in Northampton county, Pennsylvania, January 30, 1820, and in early life engaged in farming during the summer and in working at the cooper's trade in winter. In 1869 he came to Linn county, Iowa, and purchased a farm of eighty-six acres on section 36, Linn township, where our subject now resides. He engaged in general farming and stock raising until 1883, when he retired from active labor and removed to Lisbon, where he died October 21, 1896. He was a member of the United Evangelical church, and a Republican in politics. His first wife died in the spring of 1878, at the age of sixty-three years, and he subsequently married Mary A. Huffer, who is still living, and is now the wife of Amos Kohl, of Lisbon. By his first marriage Mr. Frederick had three children, namely: Thomas, who conducts a sash, door and blind factory at his birth-

place in Northampton county, Pennsylvania; Sovena, wife of our subject; and Frank W., whose sketch appears on another page of this volume.

After his marriage Mr. Krueger located on his father-in-law's farm on section 36, Linn township, consisting of eighty acres, and he also operates an adjoining eighty-acre tract. He makes stock raising his principal business, however, his specialty being thoroughbred Holstein Friesian cattle. His wife being a farmer's daughter, has always taken a delight in fine cattle, and together they embarked in the business. They first tried common cows for dairying, but soon learned that Holsteins were far more profitable, and for the past ten years have kept that breed exclusively, having one of the finest herds and some of the best individual cows in the state. A large number of their cows are in advanced registry, and three cows in the herd of 1896 took premiums in the competitive test for officially authenticated records made by the Holstein Friesian Association. Mr. Krueger's stock farm is conveniently located one and a half miles north of Lisbon, on the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad, and five miles south of Martelle, on the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad. He is a self-made man whose success in life is due to his own industry, perseverance and good management, and he is held in high regard by all who know him.

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#### LEONIDAS L. WILSON.

Probably no one in Center Point is more widely known or highly esteemed than Dr. L. L. Wilson, who has been a resident of this county since March, 1855. He was



born in Chesterville, Morrow county, Ohio, July 23, 1843, and is a son of Dr. John F. Wilson, whose birth occurred in Emmitsburg, Maryland, August 17, 1812. His paternal grandfather, Thomas Wilson, was a native of County Monaghan, Ireland, and was a child when he came to the new world with his parents and settled in Emmitsburg, Maryland. The latter's father owned property in County Monaghan, which he leased for a term of one hundred years on his emigration to America.

Dr. John F. Wilson, father of our subject, was reared and educated in his native state, and on going to Ohio first located in Cambridge and later in Chesterville, where he studied medicine and engaged in practice for some years. There he married Miss Mary E. Maxfield, who was born in Fredericktown, Ohio, in 1818, and was a daughter of Dr. Albert Maxfield, the first physician of Mt. Vernon, Ohio. In March, 1855, Dr. Wilson came to Linn county, Iowa, and resumed practice at Center Point, where he soon afterward started a drug store. In connection with that business he also engaged in compounding and manufacturing medicines, and continued in active business here until his death, which occurred May 10, 1881. His wife passed away July 14, 1885.

The subject of this sketch was a lad of twelve years when he accompanied his parents on their removal to this county, and he remained with them until reaching manhood, working on the home farm during the summer season and attending the district schools through the winter months. When the Civil war broke out he joined the boys in blue, enlisting in August, 1862, as a private in Company B, Twentieth Iowa Volunteer Infantry. The first engagement in

which he participated was the fight at Newtonia, Missouri. Later he took part in the battle of Prairie Grove, Arkansas, and the siege of Vicksburg, and after the surrender of the latter place he was in the battles of Yazoo City, Fort Morgan, Fort Blakely and Mobile, besides a number of skirmishes. Several times his clothes were pierced by bullets and his hat was once shot off, but fortunately he was never injured, though he received a sunstroke at Vicksburg, and was in the hospital at that place after the siege. He accompanied his regiment, on their removal to New Orleans, but had not yet recovered from the effects of the sunstroke and was soon sent home on sick leave. As soon as able he rejoined his command at Duvall's Bluff, Arkansas, and remained at the front until the close of the war. He was mustered out at Mobile and discharged at Clinton, Iowa, in July, 1865.

On his return home Dr. Wilson took up the study of medicine with his father and uncle, B. W. Wilson, devoting two years to that pursuit. He then became connected with his father in the drug business and the manufacture of Dr. J. F. Wilson's Hawk-eye State Remedies, which he carried on quite extensively for a quarter of a century, at the end of which time he sold out. He and his father established the first newspaper published at Center Point, which was called The Center Point Lotus, the first issue appearing November 15, 1873, but they sold the plant at the end of two years. After selling his drug store our subject continued to engage in the manufacture of the Dr. J. F. Wilson & Company's remedies, including Iowa liniment, Iowa pain remedy, lung syrup, cholera remedy, vegetable anti-bilious pills, and the L. L. Wilson's Columbian electric panacea and headache cure, the merits of which have

long been known. The Doctor is also interested in breeding and dealing in fancy poultry, and is the inventor of the Wilson, Keagle & Company's wharf and fishing lamp, which is a very useful invention.

At Center Point, January 24, 1867, Dr. Wilson married Miss Emma L. Hughes, a native of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and a daughter of F. F. Hughes, who was born at Cape May, New Jersey, and brought his family to Iowa in 1857, Mrs. Wilson being reared in Benton and Linn counties. By this union was born one daughter, Lora E., now the wife of W. A. Rogers, a farmer of Washington township, this county, and the only son of John Rogers, who is now living a retired life in Center Point. They have two children, Beth E. and Leo J.

Politically Dr. Wilson is a life-long Republican, having cast his first presidential vote for General U. S. Grant and for every presidential candidate of the party since that time. He drew up the documents for the organization and incorporation of Center Point, and has ever taken an active and influential part in public affairs. He was a member of the first city council, and has since served as township clerk, city assessor, and school treasurer. He has been a member of the school board twenty years, and was first treasurer and later secretary of the same. In 1901 he was elected supervisor, and is now a member of the county board. The Doctor is also prominently identified with a number of civic societies. He was created a Master Mason at Center Point in 1865, and is a member of the Knights of Pythias Lodge at that place, of which he is past grand chancellor. He was one of the organizers of Dennison Post, No. 244, G. A. R., of which he was commander from 1883 to 1889, and again in 1899, and has

been a delegate to the state encampments, as well as the national encampment at St. Paul, Minnesota. He has also been a member of the commander-in-chief's staff and the department commander's staff; was president of the Twentieth Iowa Veteran Association; and vice-president and secretary of the Linn County Association. Dr. Wilson was one of the men who were instrumental in getting the right of way for the railroad through this county, and as a public-spirited progressive man he has taken a very active part in advancing those interests calculated to prove of public benefit.

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R. K. RANDALL.

For fourteen years the subject of this sketch has been actively identified with the building interests of Mt. Vernon, and is one of the most skillful carpenters of the place. He was born in Bennington county, Vermont, July 19, 1831, and is a son of Levi and Anna (Hurd) Randall, who were born in Connecticut but were married in the Green Mountain state, where they continued to reside until their removal to Wisconsin in 1851. One son, A. B. Randall, had taken up one hundred and sixty acres of government land near Appleton, and a state claim of eighty acres, of which the father purchased one hundred and twenty acres, and in the midst of the forest began to clear and improve his farm. There his wife died in 1862, but he long survived her, passing away in April, 1887, at the age of eighty-seven years.

In their family were ten children, namely: Asa B. was married in Vermont to Theresa Gridley, and was residing in south-

ern Pennsylvania at the time of his death in 1897: Henry R., now deceased, married Harriet Russell, who died about 1859, and for his second wife he wedded Sarah Sair; Ransford B. married Sarah A. Smith and lives on the old homestead at Sand Gate, Vermont; Harriet A. is the wife of C. V. Smith, of Sand Gate; Riar H. married Sarah A. Prindell and lives in Appleton, Wisconsin; Levi L., also a resident of Appleton, married first Jennette Gridley and second a Mrs. Lampher, both of whom are now deceased; R. K., our subject, is the next in order of birth; Theresa A. married, first, Sherman Morehouse, and second, James Parkhurst and resides in Appleton, Wisconsin; Palmer died in 1871, at the age of twenty-two years; and Flora is the wife of George Thompson, of La Junta, Colorado.

R. K. Randall was reared and educated in the county of his nativity, attending the district schools in winter, and aiding in the work of the farm through the summer months. In 1851 he removed to Wisconsin with the family, and assisted his father in the arduous task of clearing a tract of wild timber land and transforming it into a good farm. He was married at Appleton on the 24th of June, 1857, to Miss Elizabeth Taylor, who was born in Paisley, Scotland, July 26, 1837, a daughter of James and Agnes (McDonald) Taylor, natives of Glasgow and Paisley, respectively. In 1839 the family came to America on a sailing vessel, and after six weeks spent upon the water landed in Montreal, Canada, from which place they accompanied Mr. Taylor's brother to Hinchinbrook, Canada, near Plattsburg, New York, where Mrs. Randall's father died in 1847, at the age of thirty-three years. Later the mother married James Small, and died in April, 1857. By her first marriage

she had six children, of whom Mrs. Randall is the oldest. Catherine died in Paisley, Scotland. Agnes was married in New York to Isaac Dodds, who died shortly afterward, and she later removed to Appleton, Wisconsin, where she wedded Josiah Plummer, who died at Menasha, that state. For her third husband she married Joseph Sherwood, and now resides in Whitehall, Wisconsin. Catherine was married in Appleton to Henry W. Stevens, and is now living in Milwaukee. Margaret married Albert Converse, of New York, and they make their home in Minneapolis, Minnesota. John is married and lives in Whitehall, Wisconsin. By her second union the mother had three children, Jessie, Mary and Ellen. Mr. and Mrs. Randall have three children: May, born August 25, 1865, is assistant cashier in the office of the Aetna Life Insurance Company, of Chicago; Agnes A., born November 11, 1868, was graduated at Cornell College in vocal and instrumental music, and is now a music teacher of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and organist in the Washington Avenue Methodist Episcopal church; and Olive Edna, born October 23, 1871, is engaged in the millinery business with Mary M. Kepler at Mt. Vernon, Iowa, and resides with her parents. She was graduated in elocution at Cornell College.

When the Civil war broke out Mr. Randall decided to strike a blow for the Union, and on the 21st of September, 1861, enlisted in Company G, First Wisconsin Cavalry, at Appleton, Wisconsin, and on the 31st of October was mustered into service at Rippon, that state. It took until the following March to recruit the regiment, which was completed at Kenosha, Wisconsin, and on St. Patrick's day, 1862, they left for Missouri, going by train to Alton, Illinois, and



by boat to St. Louis, where the regiment was mounted. From there by boat they went to Cape Girardeau, which was the supply post for the command while they were on scout duty until May, 1863. During this time the regiment was in some pretty sharp engagements with General Price. In May, 1863, they were transferred to the Army of the Cumberland, which had its headquarters at Murfreesboro, under command of General Rosecrans. They remained there until June 17, when a general forward movement was made. They drove Bragg back until he crossed the Tennessee river. Our subject's command continued to do general scout duty until September, when they crossed the Tennessee river near Sand Mountain, and then crossed that mountain into Dixie Valley, and over Lookout Mountain into Chickamauga Valley, where they took part in the famous battle at that place on the 19th and 20th of September, 1863. After the battle the forces all concentrated at Chattanooga and our subject's regiment remained in that vicinity three days, and then went to Bridgeport, Alabama, for two days. Wheeler having cut off the supply train in the rear of the Union army, the cavalry force started in hot pursuit and drove him over the Cumberland Mountains, through Murfreesboro, middle Tennessee, to Mussel Shoals, Alabama, the soldiers being in the saddle almost constantly for over a week, during which time a great many horses gave out. Returning to Winchester, Tennessee, the regiment to which our subject belonged was recruited and then ordered east of the Cumberland mountains. They spent the winter in east Tennessee, and were in a number of skirmishes with General Forrest's troops, capturing a battery from the enemy at Tazewell. In the spring of

1864 they joined General Sherman's command at Cleveland, near Chattanooga, and remained with him until the battle of Atlanta. As his term of enlistment had expired our subject was mustered out of service at Calhoun, Georgia, October 31, 1864. After his return home General Harnden, commanding the First Wisconsin Cavalry, was ordered by General Wilson to take forty picked men and scour the country for Jeff Davis. In connection with the Fourth Michigan Cavalry, which was sent to his aid they captured the president of the Confederacy near Irwinville, Georgia.

Returning to his home in Wisconsin, Mr. Randall engaged in carpentering and contracting there for three years, and then removed to Grundy Center, Iowa, where he was similarly employed for fifteen years. In September, 1887, he came to Mt. Vernon, where he has engaged in the same business ever since, assisting in the erection of a large number of private residences and public buildings at this place. Since casting his first presidential vote for General Fremont, he has been an ardent supporter of the Republican party and its principles. Religiously he is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and socially is connected with W. C. Dimmitt Post, No. 400, G. A. R. During his residence in Mt. Vernon he has made a host of warm friends, and he stands high both in business and social circles.

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GEORGE K. WENIG.

This well known stock dealer of Cedar Rapids comes from the fatherland and the strongest and most creditable characteristics of the Teutonic race have been marked ele-



ments in his life and have enabled him to win success in the face of opposing circumstances. He possesses the energy and determination which mark the people of Germany and by the exercise of his powers he has steadily progressed, and has not only won a handsome competence but has commanded universal respect by his straightforward business methods.

Mr. Wenig was born in Saxony, Germany, July 23, 1842, and is a son of Christian and Margaret (Heller) Wenig, who spent their entire lives in that country. The father was a mechanic and was employed in a factory there. For some time he was a soldier in the German army. He was born in 1811, and died about 1867. In his family were five children, four sons and one daughter, all of whom reached maturity, namely: George K., the subject of this sketch; Philip V., who died in Pleasanton, California, in 1900; Margaret, a resident of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Henry, of Chicago; and Christian, of Germany. They were all reared and educated in Germany, and came to this country at different times.

Our subject is indebted to the public schools of his native land for his educational privileges. In early life he learned the butcher's trade, and remained at home until twenty years of age, when he crossed the Atlantic and took up his residence in Baltimore, Maryland, where he worked for others at his trade for a few years. He subsequently spent a short time in Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, and in 1866 went to Chicago, where he followed his chosen occupation for two years.

In 1868 Mr. Wenig came to Cedar Rapids and entered the employ of Kingman & Bradley, for whom he worked two winters. In 1870 he started in business for himself on

a small scale, and gradually increased it to meet the growing demands of his trade as the city increased in population. It was a place of only about five thousand inhabitants when he located here. For eleven years Mr. Wenig was in partnership with Casper Schaeffer, who lives on a farm on the west side of the river, and was then alone in business until 1897, when he sold his meat market to Mr. Fluckeger. He then purchased what is known as the Cedar Valley Stock Farm, a tract of three hundred and fifty acres on sections 17 and 18, Rapids township, particularly suited for stock raising purposes, and to that industry he has since devoted his time and attention. He raises fancy stock for sale and breeding purposes, making a specialty of Shorthorn cattle, all eligible to be registered, and in this enterprise he is also meeting with marked success. He also devotes considerable attention to breeding standard bred horses and has raised some very fast animals. He sold recently a horse, *Algoa Star*, with a record of 2:11½, to Chicago parties for six thousand dollars, the highest price ever paid for a horse in Cedar Rapids. Besides his farm he owns city property on A avenue, and the building now occupied by the Preston Shoe Company on First avenue.

Mr. Wenig was married in March, 1871, the lady of his choice being Miss Ida Ernst, also a native of Germany, who came to Cedar Rapids, when a young lady, and to them have been born eight children, namely: Carrie, at home; Lizzie, wife of Dr. J. W. Griffith, of Cedar Rapids, by whom she has one son, George William; Henry, a resident of California; and Christian, Birda, Ernest, Helen and Carl, all at home. They have attended the public schools of Cedar Rapids.

Mr. Wenig is identified with no political

party, but is inclined toward the Democracy. At local elections he supports the men whom he believes best qualified for office, and has never cared for political preferment. He is practically a self-educated man who has acquired an excellent knowledge by reading instructive literature, and keeps abreast of the times by taking many good papers and magazines. He is a lover of horses and an excellent judge of the noble steed. His success in life is due entirely to his own well-directed efforts, indomitable enterprise and good business ability, as he had but little capital on landing in this country, and the prosperity that has crowned his efforts is certainly well-merited. His wife is a member of the Lutheran church, and he gives liberally to the support of church work.

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#### ROYAL HERBERT HOLBROOK.

Royal Herbert Holbrook, an expert engineer, who for ten years has been connected with the Cedar Rapids & Marion Electric Railway Company and has had charge of its plant since the construction of the road, was born in Wonewoc, Juneau county, Wisconsin, March 25, 1868, and is a son of Austin H. and Lavinia De Voe (Huff) Holbrook, the former a native of Vermont, the latter of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He and his twin brother, Leroy, were the fourth in order of birth in the family of seven children. The latter died in infancy. The mother is still living and now makes her home in Portland, Oregon, but the father died during the childhood of our subject. He was a civil engineer by profession, and in that capacity went to Wisconsin at an early day to survey the Kickapoo Indian reservation, and from

that time on made his residence in that state. At the time of his death he was conducting a general store in Wonewoc, carrying all of the various lines of merchandise.

The early education of Royal H. Holbrook was obtained in the common schools of his native state, and in 1883 he was graduated from the high school at Wonewoc. Subsequently he attended the Normal School at Winona, Minnesota, where he was graduated in 1887, and then engaged in teaching school for two years. In 1889 he went to St. Paul and entered the employ of the St. Anthony Hill Electric Light & Power Company, with which he was connected until coming to Cedar Rapids in September, 1891. He assisted in the construction of the place of the Cedar Rapids & Marion Electric Railway, and on its completion took charge of the engines, serving as chief engineer since 1896 in a most capable and satisfactory manner, but on the 1st of April, 1901, he severed his connection with this company and removed to Ottumwa, Iowa, to become general manager of the Ottumwa Electric & Steam Company.

Mr. Holbrook is widely known as a contributor to the daily papers of Cedar Rapids, having written many able articles on literary and mechanical subjects, philanthropy, charity, etc., and he has creditably filled the position of secretary of the local university extension for seven years, being practically the life of that association. He is also prominently identified with the Methodism of the state, and takes a deep interest in educational matters, having delivered some able addresses before Coe College, of Cedar Rapids, and Cornell College of Mt. Vernon. He is an active member of the Iowa Engineering Association, the Iowa Elective Association, and is an associate member of the

American Society of Civics, with headquarters in New York city. He has done considerable as a consulting engineer in Cedar Rapids, Marion, Mt. Vernon, Charles City, Emmetsburg, and other Iowa towns, also in Kansas City, Missouri, Lansing and St. John, Michigan, in surveying about fifty miles of railroad. During the ten years of his residence in Cedar Rapids he has become especially well and favorably known and on his removal to Ottumwa has left many friends here.

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J. V. JOHNSON.

This well-known retired farmer of Lisbon was born October 23, 1830, in Thorp, Northamptonshire, England, and is a son of Thomas and Sarah (Ballard) Johnson, the former also a native of Thorp, the latter of Rowell, the same shire. There the father was employed as a game keeper until June, 1845, when he brought his family to America. They took passage on the *Cornelia*, a sailing vessel, which carried seven hundred and sixty-three passengers, and was seven weeks and four days in crossing from Liverpool to New York, during which time they encountered a severe storm. One child was born during the voyage, while three passengers died from smallpox and four from other causes. On landing in New York the Johnson family took a steamboat up the Hudson river to Albany; by canal they proceeded to Buffalo, then crossed the lake to Ashtabula harbor, and by wagon went to Geneva, Ashtabula county, Ohio, where they resided for two years. The father then purchased two hundred acres of land in Harpersfield, that county, and was engaged

in dairy farming there for twenty years. He then moved to Madison, Lake county, Ohio, where he died in 1894. The mother of our subject died in 1892, and both were buried at Harpersfield. Unto them were born eight children, namely: (1) Richard married Eliza Morris, now deceased, and resided in Harpersfield. When the Civil war broke out he enlisted in the Fifteenth Ohio Battery, under Captain Burrows, and took part in twenty-one battles, being wounded several times. He died six weeks after his return home from disease brought on by exposure. (2) Elizabeth married Reily Woodworth, of Harpersfield, Ohio. (3) One child died in infancy. (4) John V., our subject, is next in order of birth. (5) Benjamin, a resident of Harpersfield, married, first, Laura Wheeler, and after her death Emma Chapman. (6) George married Clara Brakeman and lives in Harpersfield. (7) Emma died at the age of fifteen years. (8) Fannie is the widow of Nathan Brakeman, who was a soldier in the Civil war, and a resident of Harpersfield. Our subject had three uncles, George, John and William Johnson, who were members of the Queen's Guard in England.

During his boyhood John V. Johnson had little opportunity to attend school. At the age of eight he commenced work for an old lady who owned a dairy farm, where he learned the dairy business and the breeding of cattle. He remained there until fifteen years of age, when he came to America with his parents and settled in Ashtabula county, Ohio. At Harpersfield, March 12, 1859, he married Miss Kate A. Ingalls, who was born in Franklinville, New York, March 25, 1839, a daughter of Simeon and Martha Ingalls.

On her mother's side Mrs. Johnson traces



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her ancestry back to her great-grandfather, Alexander Campbell, a peer of Scotland, belonging to the clan of Campbells. He was disinherited for marrying a French lady outside the clan peerage. They emigrated to this country, where Mrs. Johnson's grandmother, Katy Campbell, was born. Her brother, John Campbell, while a soldier of the war of 1812, was taken prisoner, and with four others was confined in a Canadian prison at Quebec. It had been decided to give them up to the Indians, who claimed a portion of the prisoners, they being allies of the English, but the prisoners procured an old file and every night would sing aloud while filing the bars off their prison. The night their work was completed they decided to escape, as they had been notified that they were to be given over to the Indians the next day for torture. As they all sang the highest strains of the hymn called Blackburn they broke the bars. By means of ropes made of their bedding they scaled the wall, but as the last one came down the rope gave way, as there was no one above to hold it and he broke his leg. The others took turns in carrying him all night, but at daylight he persuaded them to leave him and make their escape, being convinced that they would all be killed if they remained. They left him beside a log, where he was found by a farmer, by whom he was saved. Later he made his way to the United States. The others made their way southward by night. Coming to a swamp at daylight, they ran out on a log and jumped into the mud, where they buried themselves, all except their faces, lying there all day. They often saw the Indians and dogs sent out to capture them, but all trace was lost after reaching the log. The prisoners were stiff from lying in the cold mud and nearly starved, but

finally reached the United States in safety. In after years, when but two or three of the number remained, they would hold reunions and talk over the awful scenes they had passed through.

Katy Campbell, the grandmother of Mrs. Johnson, married Thomas Denny Storrs, and to them were born seven children, five sons and two daughters. One was a lawyer and state senator and the father of Emery A. Storrs, a noted lawyer of Chicago; one a Baptist minister; one a graduate of the State Normal School and a surveyor; while the other two sons engaged in farming. Only one of the number is now living.

Miss Martha Storrs, the oldest child and the mother of Mrs. Johnson, was married, in Worcester, Otsego county, New York, to Simeon Ingalls, and in 1829 they removed to the western part of that state, where Mr. Ingalls bought land. There were no roads through the forest, only what was called cow paths, while howling wolves and prowling bears and panthers made the night hideous. They made fearful havoc with the stock, often killing or carrying off hogs and calves, and the wolves would raid a whole line of habitations, killing hundreds of sheep in one night. No man ever went to the little town nine miles away or even to a neighbor's without carrying his gun. Among the beautiful hills and the sugar camps of Cattaraugus county Mrs. Johnson spent her early childhood. From New York the family removed to Grafton, Ohio, and in 1858 went to White county, Tennessee, where her father bought land and successfully engaged in farming until the Civil war broke out. Being a northern man and a strong Unionist, his life was always in danger during those trying times, and no words can tell the sufferings such men had to un-

dergo when living in the south. They were hunted by guerrillas and rebels, and their houses were often robbed of all that could be carried away or destroyed, while the owners would be forced to hide for weeks or months in hollow trees or caves. With the aid of a scout Mr. Ingalls finally succeeded in reaching Kentucky and joined the Union army. He was sent with a provision train, which was surrounded, and all of the soldiers taken prisoners. He was first taken to the Nashville jail, where he nearly starved, and later was sent to the loathsome Libby prison at Richmond, Virginia, where it was almost impossible for a human being to long survive, as the filth on the floor came up to the tops of their shoes. The prisoners were shot if seen for a moment at the barred windows, where they would go for a breath of fresh air. After some months Mr. Ingalls was exchanged and sent to Annapolis, Maryland, where he was given a parole. He then went to the home of his daughter, Mrs. Drown, then living in Sparta, Pennsylvania, where he remained for nearly a year under the doctor's care, his health being so impaired by the hardships he had undergone. Through the aid of General Cliff, then stationed at Sparta, he made his way to his old home in Tennessee, and from there removed to southern Illinois, where he spent some years. He then came to Mt. Vernon, Iowa, where his daughter, Mrs. Drown, had located in the meantime. He had nine children, five of whom are still living. One son, William O. Ingalls, also joined the Union army and died in a hospital in Tennessee, in which state he was buried.

Two years after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Johnson came to Mt. Vernon, Iowa, and the following winter Mr. Johnson fed one hundred and seventy head of cattle for

Hazlett & Young at Shellsburg. The next summer he had a stable at Mt. Vernon, where he trained cavalry horses for the government service, and in the winter engaged in feeding cattle for McCune & Wilcox in Johnson county. The following spring he went to the oil regions of Pennsylvania, where he engaged in teaming for two years and a half, and then returned to Linn county, Iowa, locating in Franklin township, where he purchased eighty acres of land for thirty dollars per acre, and another forty-acre tract for twenty-five dollars per acre, all of which is now worth eighty dollars per acre. Later he bought another forty acres for thirty-three dollars and a half per acre; eighty acres for thirty-six dollars and a half; eighty acres for fifty dollars; and ten acres of timberland for fifty dollars per acre. His son, Ernest R., who is a most progressive and energetic young farmer, now operates the old homestead of two hundred acres, while our subject rents eighty acres, including the timber tract. In February, 1897, he removed to Lisbon, where he purchased one of the best homes in the place, it being a splendid brick residence, with all modern improvements, and surrounded by an elegant grove and drives. At this pleasant place he is now practically living retired, enjoying the accumulations of former years. Since locating here he has added to his possessions a farm of one hundred and ten acres in White Oak township, Jones county, Iowa. Throughout his active business life he successfully engaged in breeding fine cattle, and has bought and sold hundreds of head. He also has an enviable reputation as a veterinary surgeon, especially in the treatment of diseases of cattle.

In politics Mr. Johnson is a staunch Democrat, and for twenty years he most effi-

ciency served as school director in his district, while for eighteen years he creditably filled the office of road commissioner, during which time he had charge of the construction of thirty-nine bridges of different sizes in his township. Both are held in the highest esteem by their friends and neighbors. Those in sickness or distress have never sought their aid in vain, and the road was never too long or the night too dark for them to go to the aid of their neighbors.

Ernest R. Johnson, son of our subject, was born in this county November 10, 1868, and was educated in the district schools and at Cornell College, Mt. Vernon. On leaving school at the age of eighteen years he turned his attention to the work of the farm, and is still operating the old homestead with good success. He is also engaged in breeding a high grade of cattle, and buys, feeds and sells stock quite extensively, raising horses, sheep and hogs, as well as cattle. He is a staunch supporter of the Republican party, and is a member of Mt. Vernon Lodge, I. O. O. F.

On the 22d of November, 1888, Ernest R. Johnson was united in marriage with Miss Katie Light, of Cedar county, Iowa, who died January 14, 1889, and on the 31st of December, 1890, in Cleveland, Ohio, he was again married, his second union being with Miss Bertha K. Mitchell, who was born in that city February 5, 1868, a daughter of George and Eva (Lankhaupt) Mitchell. The father was born in Germany, and served as a lieutenant in the German army, while the mother was born in Amsterdam, Holland, where their marriage was celebrated. In 1851 they came to America and located in Cleveland, Ohio, where the father died in 1887, the mother in May, 1897. They had five children, namely: Mary, deceased

wife of Edward Manzelman, of Ohio; George, who wedded Mary Emde and lives in Cleveland; Louise, wife of Henry Blarem, a master mechanic of that city; Henry, a bookkeeper, who died at the age of twenty years; and Bertha K., now Mrs. Johnson. She and her husband have five children, whose names and dates of birth are as follows: Amy Laura, March 8, 1892; Edna Vera, July 29, 1893; Floy Minerva, January 4, 1895; Roy Venard, August 5, 1896; and Edith Bertha, August 4, 1900.

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FRANCIS M. YOST, M. D.

There is no profession or line of business that calls for greater self-sacrifice or more devoted attention than the medical profession, and the successful physician is he who through love of his fellow men gives his time and attention to the relief of human suffering. We find an able representative of this noble calling in Dr. Yost, who has been successfully engaged in practice at Center Point for forty-six years.

A native of Maryland, the Doctor was born near the city of Baltimore in March, 1830, and when a child removed with his parents to Pennsylvania, where he grew to manhood, receiving his primary education in its public schools and later attending the higher schools and academies. Subsequently he commenced the study of medicine and attended lectures at the University of Pennsylvania, where he was graduated with the degree of M. D. in 1851.

For two years Dr. Yost was engaged in the practice of his chosen profession in southern Pennsylvania, and in the spring of 1855 came to Iowa in search of a suitable



location. After traveling to some extent throughout the state he finally decided to locate at Center Point, which was then a cross road village containing only one or two business houses, but he considered it a good location for a young physician, and his success here has verified his judgment. His practice has extended over a large part of this county and into adjoining counties, and has been large and remunerative. He is now the oldest practitioner of Linn county, and still responds to the call of his many friends whom he has attended professionally for years, and who could not be persuaded to accept the services of a younger physician. Physically he is well preserved and his mental faculties are unimpaired. Dr. Yost has not only been successful professionally, but has also prospered financially, and is to-day one of the substantial men of his community, owning besides his present residence one of the best business blocks in Center Point, and two good farms near the village.

On the 13th of March, 1857, in Linn county, Dr. Yost married Miss Charlotte A. Gitchell, a daughter of Benjamin Gitchell, who was one of the pioneers of Linn county from Pennsylvania. She is also a sister of John R. Gitchell, a banker and financier of Center Point. Unto the Doctor and his wife were born four children, namely: Jessie, now the wife of W. G. Porter, a prominent lawyer and assistant United States attorney at Sioux Falls, South Dakota; Frank L., a substantial business man and hardware dealer of Center Point; and Bartley B. and Charles G., who were graduated in the same class at the St. Louis Medical College and are now engaged in practice, the former at Urbana, Linn county, and the latter with his father at Center Point.

Before coming to Iowa Dr. Yost joined

the Masonic fraternity and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, but has never affiliated with either society during his residence here, his professional duties claiming his entire time and attention. Politically he is a strong Jeffersonian Democrat, and cast his first presidential ballot for Franklin Pierce in 1852, but he has never cared for official honors. As a physician he has been quite successful, and his ability is recognized by all, while as a citizen he is ever ready to promote any enterprise tending to the advancement of his town and county, and he is therefore honored and esteemed by all who know him.

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#### JACOB H. RICHARDS.

Jacob H. Richards, who is now efficiently serving as secretary of the board of education of Cedar Rapids, is one of Linn county's native sons, his birth having occurred in Fayette township, July 17, 1850. The family to which he belongs is an old and honored one, and has been prominently identified with the agricultural and business interests of the county since pioneer days.

Daniel Richards, the father of our subject, was born in Muskingum county, Ohio, June 5, 1818, and was reared amid rural scenes in that state, his education being acquired in the district schools. He early became familiar with every detail of farm work, and devoted almost his entire life to that pursuit, though he owned and operated a sawmill in connection with farming for some years. On leaving the Buckeye state he removed to Indiana, and in 1841 came to Linn county, Iowa, which at that time was very sparsely settled and most of the land was unbroken prairie. He purchased a tract of

government land and began the improvement of the old homestead, which is still in possession of the family, it being owned by one of the sons. His father-in-law, John Lewis, was one of the first settlers of the county, having located in Fayette township in 1839. He took up land and made his home there until his death in 1855. He erected the first flouring mill in the western part of the county. Daniel Richards became one of the leading farmers of his community, and took a very active and prominent part in promoting those enterprises which he believed would prove of public benefit. When the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Minnesota Railroad was being built, he with others gave five hundred dollars each to have it pass through their township. Politically he was first a Whig and later a Republican, and was strongly partisan. In religious faith he was a devout Methodist, and was one of the founders and pillars of the church in Fayette township, always taking a very active and influential part in all church and charitable work. He died January 2, 1897, and thus passed away one of the honored pioneers and highly esteemed citizens of Linn county. When he first located here all trading was done in Dubuque and Davenport, the farmers hauling all produce overland to those cities, where it was exchanged for supplies, little money being in circulation in this region at that time. The mother of our subject, who bore the maiden name of Sarah Lewis, was born in Virginia, June 3, 1821, and died in this county, May 14, 1896.

Of the fourteen children born to Daniel and Sarah (Lewis) Richards, one died in infancy, and two when young ladies. The others were as follows: John, who resided in Cedar Rapids until 1899, when he removed to western Iowa, where he died in 1900;

Elizabeth, wife of David Blackburn, of Nebraska; Martha, wife of Clay Wilson, of the same state; Adaline, wife of Hiram Bloodgood, of North Havey, a suburb of Chicago; Jacob H., of this sketch; William, a general contractor of Cedar Rapids; Sylvester, who died in Nebraska in 1897; Nathan, a resident of Cedar Rapids, who is now attending medical college in Kansas City, Missouri; Melissa, who married Lafe Hoover and died in Indiana in 1895; L. G., who lives on the old homestead in Fayette township, this county; and Webster, an architect of Cedar Rapids. All of the children were born in this county with the exception of the eldest son, whose birth occurred in Indiana in November, 1840. They all attended the public schools and completed their education at Cornell College, Mt. Vernon, Iowa. When the school was founded the father purchased a scholarship, and his father also purchased one, which passed to his son Daniel at his death.

During his boyhood Jacob H. Richards pursued his studies in the public schools of Fayette township, and also attended the high school of Cedar Rapids, and spent one term at Parson's Seminary, now Coe College. He then took a two-years' preparatory course at Cornell College, and on leaving that institution in 1873 returned home and taught in the country schools for four years. For two years he was also associated with his father in operating the flouring and saw-mill.

In 1875 Mr. Richards was united in marriage with Miss Martha McFarland, of Shellsburg, Benton county, Iowa, who was born in Ohio August 17, 1852, and prior to her marriage had resided with her parents in Mt. Vernon, this county, for a time, her father, Samuel McFarland, being en-

gaged in mercantile business there. He died in Benton county in 1886. Mrs. Richards was only four years old when her mother died. Her only sister is Emma, wife of Charles H. Taylor, of Yankton, South Dakota, but she has a half-sister, Mrs. Mary Holcomb, a resident of Kansas City, Missouri. Mrs. Richards completed her education at Cornell College, and for a time successfully engaged in teaching school in Benton and Linn counties. Our subject and his wife have five children, namely: Jay J., born in 1876, is a graduate of the Cedar Rapids high school, and being a natural mechanic is now foreman in the pattern department of Carmody's foundry; Ole O., born in 1878, is also a graduate of the high school, and is a carpenter by trade; Richard Lee, born in 1881, was graduated from the high school in 1900; and Rush C., born in 1884, and Mae V., born in 1886, are still in school. They also reside at home with their parents.

Mr. Richards owned two farms in Fayette township, and for ten years after his marriage engaged in agricultural pursuits. He then sold one of these and for two years was interested in the mercantile and creamery business in Palo, being fairly successful in that business venture. On the 10th of February, 1891, he removed to Cedar Rapids in order to give his children better educational advantages, and soon became identified with the interests of the city. Deciding to make this his permanent home, he sold his farm in Fayette township and purchased property in Cedar Rapids, building thereon the large modern residence which he now occupies.

The Republican party has always found in Mr. Richards a staunch supporter of its principles, and he has done all in his power to insure its success. He has been a dele-

gate to both county and state conventions, and has been an active party worker. Since his residence in Cedar Rapids he has served as county assessor one term, and in September, 1900, was elected by the board of directors as secretary of the board of education of Cedar Rapids. The duties of this office include the supervision and care of all school buildings. Mr. Richards also gives his personal attention to the distribution of all supplies and attends to all repair work on the buildings in addition to the duties prescribed by law. His services are giving unmost satisfaction, and have won for him the commendation of all concerned. Fraternally he is a member of the Odd Fellows Lodge, in which he has passed all the chairs, and also belongs to the Grand Lodge of the state, and the Daughters of Rebekah, of which he is a trustee. He is a member of the National Union, an insurance order; the Knights of Pythias, and the Temple of Rathbone Sisters, his wife holding membership with him in both orders to which ladies may belong.

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#### J. C. & C. C. LOOMIS.

Among the most practical, enterprising and successful young business men of Cedar Rapids is the firm of James C. & Charles C. Loomis, general contractors and builders. These brothers are both natives of Benton county, Iowa, the former born in 1868, the latter in 1871, and are sons of Morgan L. and Mary (Hamilton) Loomis. The father was born in Bowling Green, Ohio, in 1834, and in 1854 came to Cedar Rapids, Iowa, where he spent three years at work at the wagonmaker's trade. Here he was married, in 1856, to Miss Mary Hamilton, a native



of Missouri, who was born in 1835 and came to Iowa when twelve years of age. She lost her parents when a young girl, but has two sisters and one brother still living, namely: Sarah, a resident of Cedar Rapids and widow of William Davidson, who was a blacksmith by trade; Frances, a resident of Palo, Linn county, and widow of Levi Lunsford, who was a stone mason; and William, a resident of California. After three years spent in Cedar Rapids Morgan L. Loomis removed to Laporte City, Iowa, and later to Shellsburg, but in 1876 returned to Cedar Rapids, where he continued to make his home until his death in 1880, his time and attention being devoted to carpenter work, although he had always previously followed the wagonmaker's trade. His ancestors were of English origin and settled early in New York. His wife is still living and continues to reside in Cedar Rapids. Of their six children three died in early childhood, while the survivors are Celia A. E., wife of S. W. Neal, of Little Rock, California, by whom she has one daughter, Blanche; and James C. and Charles C., of this review.

During their boyhood and youth James C. and Charles C. Loomis attended the public schools, and the former also took a preparatory course at Coe College. They were also students at the Cedar Rapids Business College for a time. They thoroughly mastered the carpenter's trade in the employ of A. H. Connors, and for five years Charles C. had charge of the business as foreman. In May, 1899, the brothers formed a partnership and embarked in business on their own account as general contractors in stone, brick and wood work, and in the short time that has since elapsed have built up a good paying trade which is constantly increasing. They make a specialty of large contracts, and have

done considerable work in adjacent towns and counties, besides building the Home of the Friendless, the Bohemian Turners Hall and numerous other large buildings in Cedar Rapids. During the busy season, which lasts about seven months of the year, they employ about fifty men.

In 1894 James C. Loomis was united in marriage with Miss Lola I. Miller, a native of Cedar Rapids and a daughter of Judson A. Miller, of this city, and to them have been born three children, namely: Charles W., Benjamin C. and Florence I. Charles C. Loomis was married, in 1899, to Miss Kate Terry, who was born in Johnson county, Illinois. The brothers are both Republicans in politics, but take no active part in political affairs, preferring to devote their undivided attention to their business interests, in which they have been eminently successful thus far. They are both competent workmen and are well liked both in business and social circles. Fraternally James C. is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

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#### JOHN M. KIRKPATRICK.

Prominent among the successful and enterprising farmers of Franklin township is the subject of this biography, who resides on section 22, and is considered one of the most industrious and worthy citizens of that part of the county. He was born in that township January 28, 1861, and is a son of James Kirkpatrick, whose sketch appears on another page of this volume. Until about twenty years of age he attended the district schools through the winter months, while the remainder of the year was devoted to farm work. He continued to assist his father in the operation of the farm until a year after



he attained his majority, and then rented a tract in Franklin township of his father, on which he resided for four years.

On the 18th of March, 1886, Mr. Kirkpatrick was married, in Lisbon, to Miss Mary Long, who was also born in Linn county, March 6, 1862, a daughter of Samuel and Sarah (Urich) Long, natives of Pennsylvania, who removed to Lisbon, Iowa, in 1856. Here her father engaged in business as a contractor and builder, and was also interested in the machine works and plow factory. He died March 28, 1871, and his wife departed this life April 22, 1889. She was one of a family of sixteen children, all of whom reached years of maturity, namely: Mollie, wife of Daniel Netrore, of Ohio; Sarah, mother of Mrs. Kirkpatrick; Lizzie, wife of William Wolf, of Middletown, Pennsylvania; John, who died in Annville, Pennsylvania; David, a resident of Lebanon county, Pennsylvania; Louisa, wife of Leige Mollfair, of the same county; Henry, who married Becky Clay and lives in Pennsylvania; Maria, a resident of the same state; Rose, wife of Samuel Kleinpelter, of Pennsylvania; Adam; Kate, wife of Henry Poorman; Lewis; Ezra; Emma, wife of William Klein; Cyrus, who married Becky Wymer, and Lydia, wife of Gideon Wagner, all residents of Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Kirkpatrick is the fifth in order of birth in a family of seven children, the others being Jacob and Moses, both of whom died in infancy; Lizzie, who died at the age of sixteen months; David, who married Emma Kirkpatrick and is engaged in the dry goods business in Mt. Vernon; Alta, wife of Corban Davis, of St. Joseph, Missouri; and Erwin, who married Myrtle McIntyre and is pastor of the United Brethren church at West Union, Iowa.

Six children blessed the union of our subject and his wife, namely: Ray O., born January 7, 1887, Sarah, born April 3, 1890, George E., born May 30, 1891, and Kenneth, born September 20, 1895, are all living, while a son, born May 8, 1897, and a daughter, born January 5, 1900, both died in infancy.

After his marriage Mr. Kirkpatrick continued to engage in farming, and in 1891 purchased what was known as the Lewis Maybower farm on section 22, Franklin township, consisting of one hundred and twenty acres. In 1899 he bought another farm of ninety-eight acres on sections 21, 27 and 28, the same township, and to the improvement and cultivation of his land he has since devoted his energies until he now has one of the best farms in the locality. In connection with general farming he is also engaged in the breeding of thoroughbred short horn cattle and Poland China hogs. He also raises horses for market, owning an interest in the coach stallion, Quinn, and is agent for the Page wire fence. Politically he is an ardent Republican, and he has most efficiently served as school director for a number of years. In religious connection he is a member of the United Brethren church.

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#### GEORGE A. YEISLEY.

More than sixty years ago George A. Yeisley came to Linn county, Iowa, and during this time, which covers nearly the whole span of the county's development from a primitive state to its present flourishing condition, he has been actively interested in its progress. A native of Pennsylvania, he was born in Monroe county (then Northampton county) October 27, 1811, a son of John



G. A. YEISLEY.



and Saloma (Kemrey) Yeisley, also natives of that state and of German descent. When he was twelve years of age the family removed to Ohio, where the father followed farming until his death. The mother died in the same state. In their family were fourteen children, nine sons and five daughters.

George A. Yeisley passed his boyhood and youth in much the usual manner of farmer boys of his day, receiving a good practical education in the common schools. On starting out in life for himself he engaged in chopping wood for two years, and then turned his attention to farming. On leaving Ohio he came to Linn county, Iowa, in November, 1839, and located in Linn township near his present home on section 21, where he secured a squatter's claim, as the land had not yet come into market. Four years later he bought one hundred and sixty acres from the government. Here he began life in true pioneer style in a log cabin. The region round about was all wild and unimproved, and he has watched with interest its development, acre after acre being placed under cultivation until now the county is covered with fine farms, while city and villages have sprung up and all of the conveniences of an advanced civilization have been introduced. Being a man of industry and perseverance, as well as economical and enterprising, Mr. Yeisley prospered in his new home, and added to his landed possessions from time to time until he owned five hundred and thirty-eight acres of land, two hundred and thirty acres of which were covered with timber. He still retains a farm of two hundred and forty acres on section 21, Linn township, where he makes his home, but is now living a retired life, enjoying the fruits of former toil.

In Ashland county, Ohio, January 5,

1837, Mr. Yeisley was united in marriage with Miss Nancy Deal, who was born in Somerset county, Pennsylvania, December 13, 1818, her parents being Frederick and Catherine (Cotfelter) Deal, also natives of that state and of German ancestry. At an early age she accompanied her parents on their removal to Ashland county, Ohio. She died on the old homestead April 15, 1896, and was laid to rest at Mt. Zion church in Linn Grove. She was a quiet, unobtrusive and most estimable woman, a good and kind neighbor, a devoted wife and loving mother, and her death was an irreparable loss to her husband and family.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Yeisley were born ten children, all born on the old homestead in Linn township with exception of the eldest, whose birth occurred in Ohio. They were as follows: (1) Oliver passed his early life upon his father's farm in Linn township, but for twenty years has been a resident of California, and is now engaged in mining at Camptonville. He married Rebecca Keenon, and they have four children, namely: (a) John William, who resides on the farm of our subject in Linn township, married Susie Hoover and they have one child, Ralph. (b) Ella is the wife of Thomas Daniels, a farmer of Springville, Brown township, this county, and they have two children, Bernice and Charles W. (c) Harold E. lives with his brother Hugh. (d) Hugh O., who is engaged in farming on section 28, Linn township, married Bessie Hoover, and they have two children, Kenneth O. and Ruth Ione. (2) Catherine is living at home with her father. (3) Josiah is engaged in farming in California. (4) Eliza J. died when a small child. (5) Anna is the wife of Samuel Johnson, a retired farmer of Lisbon, and they have five chil-



dren, namely: (a) Elice M. is the wife of Arthur Kamerling, of Cedar county, Iowa, and they have six children, Ray, Charles, Glenn, Alva, Delmer and Nellie May. (b) Charles is engaged in farming near Iowa Falls, Franklin county. (c) Carrie is the wife of Jean Albaugh, a retired citizen of Iowa Falls, and they had six children, Earl, Don, Paul, deceased, Lee, Edith and one unnamed. (d) Eva is the wife of Myron Albaugh, of Lisbon. (e) Nettie M. is at home with her parents. (6) Salina died in infancy. (7) Mary is the wife of George W. Belden, who resides on a farm owned by our subject, and they have seven children, namely: Frank, a farmer of Jones county, Iowa, who married Clara Phillips and has one child, Hazel Fay; Abetha D., wife of John Yanish, a farmer of Floyd county, Iowa; and Clyte, John, Katie, Pearl and Clara, all at home. (8) George L., who owns and operates a farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 4, Linn township, married Miranda Paul, daughter of the late Enoch Paul, of Linn township, and they have two children, Bertha May and Paul Ivan. (9) John F. E. resides on the old homestead, which he operates in connection with his own farm of fifty-two and a half acres on section 28, Linn township, adjoining his father's place. He was educated in the common schools and is also a graduate of the Davenport Business College, in 1880, and throughout his active business life has successfully engaged in general farming and stock raising, making a specialty of hogs and cattle. Politically he is identified with the Democracy, and socially affiliates with Mt. Vernon Lodge, No. 551, I. O. O. F. (10) Rebecca M. is also living on the home farm with her father.

Since casting his first presidential vote

for Andrew Jackson in 1832 Mr. Yeisley has never failed in his allegiance to the Democratic party, and has supported all of its presidential candidates until the fall of 1900, when ill health prevented him from going to the polls. He has served as supervisor of his township, and has filled all of the local offices, being school director in his district for a great many years. In early life he was a Presbyterian in religious belief. He can look back with satisfaction upon a well spent life, in which he has not only acquired a comfortable competence for himself and family through his own well-directed efforts, but his career has even been such as to command the respect and confidence of all with whom he has come in contact either in business or social life, while his labors as one of the founders of the county justly entitle him to a prominent place in its history.

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#### THOMAS G. ISHERWOOD.

Thomas G. Isherwood, deceased, was numbered among the honored early settlers of Linn county, Iowa, where he located in the spring of 1850, and with whose development and upbuilding he became closely identified. A native of Pennsylvania, he was born in Lancaster City, Lancaster county, that state, November 6, 1816, and was a son of Robert and Ann (Green) Isherwood. The father was a native of England, and made his home in Liverpool for many years. He was a member of the Methodist Protestant church, where he was leading tenor in the choir. He composed his first poem when ten years old. Although it was of great length his mind retained it throughout life and he could recite it at any time. He

wrote some hymns, and after he was eighty years old would often dictate a verse to some grandchild to pen. The following two have been preserved:

“‘Love Jesus.’ He will be your friend,  
And when on earth your time shall end,  
Your happy soul to God will soar  
And dwell with Jesus evermore.”

“‘O, happy place,’ I still must say,  
‘Where all but love is done away.’  
There dwells my Saviour, and my God,  
Lord, bring me to that blest abode.”

About 1809 he came to the United States and settled in Lancaster, where he remained for a few years before his removal to Greene county, Pennsylvania. There he engaged in mercantile pursuits. In 1850 he came to Linn county, Iowa, and there made his home until called from this life at the ripe old age of eighty-six years. His wife had died some years earlier.

The early life of Thomas G. Isherwood was passed at his birthplace, and there he obtained his primary education, completing his studies in the high school at Brownsville, Pennsylvania. After reaching manhood he was in the employ of silk and woolen manufacturers at various places for some years. As previously stated, he came to Linn county, Iowa, in the spring of 1850, and purchased a partially improved farm near the village of Mt. Vernon, to the further development and cultivation of which he at once turned his attention. Here he continued to successfully engage in general farming, stock raising and grain dealing until his death, which occurred on his farm in Franklin township November 23, 1890. He was a

consistent and faithful member of the Methodist Protestant church, and for many years was also connected with the Masonic fraternity. He always took a deep and commendable interest in educational affairs, and was a generous contributor to Cornell College in its early days.

At Brownsville, Pennsylvania, Mr. Isherwood was married, in May, 1849, to Miss Herpalice Lowry, who still survives her husband and now resides on College Boulevard, Mt. Vernon, Iowa, using the farm as a summer retreat. She is a native of Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, and a daughter of Dr. Stephen and Ann (Pollock) Lowry. The first of the Lowry family to come to America was her grandfather, who was born in Scotland. Her grandfather, Stephen Lowry, Sr., was born in 1741. He came to the United States and located in Cecil county, Maryland, where, in 1775, he married Anna Pollock, and moved to Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, with his wife and two-year-old slave girl, Clarissa (a wedding present from his wife's father). Clarissa was freed by Mr. Lowry while Pennsylvania was yet a slave state, but she never left the family, and lived to care for two generations of children and to be loved by them in return and respected by everyone who knew her. The birth of Mrs. Isherwood's father occurred in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, in 1791, and his literary education was obtained at Jefferson College, Cannonsburg, Pennsylvania. Later he attended Philadelphia Medical College and on his graduation was granted the degree of M. D. He commenced the practice of his chosen profession at West Newton, Pennsylvania, dying there at the early age of twenty-eight years. Soon after his graduation from Jefferson College, when twenty-

one year of age, he entered the army for the war of 1812 as a member of Captain Markle's troop of Volunteer Light Dragoons. His discharge reads as follows: "Stephen Lowry, a private of the above mentioned troop, having faithfully performed his duty for eleven months, conformably to act of congress of 6th of February, 1812, is hereby honorably discharged at Franklinton, Ohio, this 17th of August, 1813." Signed, Joseph Markle, captain. His wife survived him a number of years, dying at the age of sixty-two. He was the father of one son and a daughter, of whom Mrs. Isherwood is the older, and Hortensius, who died about nine years ago at the age of seventy. Throughout his active business life he followed farming, and never left the old homestead in West Newton, Pennsylvania, on which his own child, Charles Lowry, now resides. The house was built by Mrs. Isherwood's grandfather about 1792, and was rebuilt by her brother Hortensius with the same brick in 1879.

Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Isherwood, namely: (1) Hortensius Lowry, born in Franklin township, Linn county, in the fall of 1850. He pursued the literary and civil engineering courses at Cornell College, and was graduated there in 1876. Subsequently he attended the Bryant & Stratton Commercial College at Chicago, and then entered Rush Medical College, where he was graduated in 1877, having taken a partial course before his graduation at Cornell. Since receiving his degree he has successfully engaged in practice at Carl Junction, Missouri, and is now surgeon for the railroad passing through that place. He also owns a drug store there, and a large farm and lead mines in the locality. In 1892 he represented his district in the Missouri legislature. He

married Miss May Cons, and they have three children, Niena M., Hortensius Lowry, and Eber Dudley.

(2) Alonzo D. is now a resident of Rocky Ford, Colorado, about fifty miles east of Pueblo, where he owns a fine fruit ranch. He also owns another ranch near La Junta, that state. On this ranch is an eight-acre fish pond, filled from the Arkansas river, known as Crystal Lake, which is stocked with mountain trout. He is extensively engaged in raising, feeding and shipping cattle for the Chicago market, and also raises large quantities of melons for shipment and beets for the beet sugar factory recently started at Rocky Ford. He has been very successful in business affairs, and is now the owner of some valuable property.

(3) Mattie A., now residing with her mother in Mt. Vernon, obtained her literary education at Cornell College, Iowa, and Mt. Union College, Ohio. She is an artist of recognized ability, and pursued her studies along that line at the National Academy, New York city, and took private lessons of B. F. Reinhart. As a writer she also possesses considerable merit, and at the World's Fair in Chicago she read a paper before the woman's world's congress auxiliary which called forth the following favorable comment from a Philadelphia journal: "The scholarly paper of Miss Mattie Isherwood, of Mt. Vernon, Iowa, was on Scientific Farming, in which she showed the progress made in farming under the influence of science, and she wasted no sympathy on the plodding farmer. She is a college graduate and an artist of sufficient merit to have pictures exhibited at the World's Fair. We meet with the products of her pen in our art, literary and farm journals. She also has under her control a stock and grain farm

of over four hundred acres. Which all goes to show not only that brains are now taking the place of brawn on the farm, but it also shows what high and diverse attainments are possible to the American girl of the period."

(4) Thomas G. was graduated from Cornell College in 1881, and then took a course of lectures at Rush Medical College, where he was graduated in 1883, with the degree of M. D. He is now successfully engaged in the practice of his chosen profession at West Chicago, Illinois, and is serving as county coroner at that place and as surgeon for two railroads that pass through there. He has also held the office of mayor of the city for two or three terms. He married Miss Lizzie Jones, of Geneva, Illinois, and they have two children, Paul Alonzo and Helen Louise.

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#### HON. JOHN W. HENDERSON.

There is particular satisfaction in reverting to the life history of the honored and venerable gentleman whose name initiates this review, since his mind bears impress of the historical annals of the state from early pioneer days, and from the fact that he has attained to a position of distinctive prominence in the communities where he has made his home. He is one of the revered patriarchs of Cedar Rapids, and by his numerous friends is familiarly known as Uncle John.

Mr. Henderson was born in Dover, Stewart county, Tennessee, July 26, 1819. His paternal grandfather, John Henderson, was a native of Virginia and one of the first settlers of Kentucky, in which state our subject's father, Colonel William H. Hen-

derson, was born in 1793, and there grew to manhood. When a young man the latter removed to Tennessee, where he served as colonel in the state militia, and was also a soldier of the war of 1812. He was married, in Tennessee, to Miss Lucinda Wimberly, a native of that state and a daughter of Levi Wimberly, who moved there from North Carolina at a very early day. In 1831 Colonel Henderson and others went to Illinois and established a little colony in La Salle county. Five years later he removed to Putnam county, that state, taking up his abode near what is now Toulon, Stark county, where he made his home until 1846. There he took a very prominent and active part in public affairs, and represented his district in the state legislature for one or more terms, while our subject served as assistant to the clerk in the house every other day. In 1846 Colonel Henderson removed to Johnson county, Iowa, and spent the last years of his life with his son, H. C. Henderson, in Marshalltown, this state, where he died at the age of seventy-one years. His wife survived him several years and died at the same place, and was laid to rest by the side of her husband. One of their sons, Colonel Thomas J. Henderson, is an ex-congressman residing at Princeton, Illinois, and is a prominent statesman of that locality.

John W. Henderson, of this review, was seventeen years of age on the removal of the family to Illinois, and he grew to manhood in Stark county. There he was married, in 1840, to Miss Mary Perry, a native of Virginia and a daughter of Swift Perry, who removed from the Old Dominion to Illinois in pioneer days. Before he attained his majority Mr. Henderson was appointed clerk of the circuit court by Judge Ford,



this being a temporary appointment until he reached his twenty-first birthday. He was retained in that position for about six years, or until Judge Ford was elected governor and was succeeded by Judge Caton, who, being a Democrat, deposed Mr. Henderson, as the latter was a Whig in politics. He was then appointed the first postmaster of the new county seat, Toulon. Later he was elected and served two years as sheriff of Stark county, and four years as recorder. He also represented the district comprising Stark, Henry and Rock Island counties in the lower house of the Illinois legislature one term, and served with distinction in that capacity. Subsequently he filled a political position at Washington, D. C., for one year, and then returned to Illinois.

In 1853 Mr. Henderson came to Linn county, Iowa, and purchased land in the southern part of the county on the Johnson county line, where he was engaged in agricultural pursuits for about four years. For about the same length of time he carried on merchandising at Western College, but in 1865 he sold his property there and purchased a residence in Cedar Rapids, where he has since made his home. He accepted a position with the old Farmers Mutual Insurance Company, and in 1868 was one of the prime movers in re-organizing the same into a stock company, of which he has since been a stockholder and treasurer, having now filled that position for nearly a third of a century.

Mr. Henderson's first wife died in Stark county, Illinois, in 1846, and two of the three children born of that union are also deceased, the other being Mary Ann, wife of Jacob A. Shuey, of Red Oak, Iowa. He was again married, in Illinois, his second union being with Miss Elizabeth Butler, by

whom he had five children, namely: Kate, wife of James E. Seviler, now of Tennessee; John B., secretary of the Farmers Insurance Company of Cedar Rapids; Edward, who died at the age of fourteen years; George, who also holds a position in the office of the Farmers Insurance Company; and Ella, wife of H. G. Burr, of Cedar Rapids. The mother of these children departed this life in 1889.

In his social relations Mr. Henderson is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is a Knight Templar Mason, and a prominent member of Crescent Lodge, F. & A. M., in which he has served as treasurer continuously since 1868. On coming to this county he found Cedar Rapids a small cross roads village with only two or three business houses, and has since watched with interest its growth and development. He was vice-president and director of the Merchants National Bank on its organization and for some years. He has been prominently identified with public affairs, and served as mayor of the city two terms. He also represented his district in the state senate for eight years, and has filled other positions of honor and trust, always proving a faithful and efficient officer. After a pure, honorable and useful life, actuated by unselfish motives, prompted by patriotism and guided by truth and justice, Mr. Henderson well deserves the high regard in which he is uniformly held by his fellow citizens.

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#### ELIJAH G. CHAMBERLIN.

Elijah G. Chamberlin, a well-to-do and successful agriculturist, owns and operates a fine farm of one hundred and sixty acres of land on section 33, and eighty acres on

section 32, Linn township. He was born near Mt. Clemens, Macomb county, Michigan, May 1, 1847, and resided there until five years of age, when he came to Jones county, Iowa, with his parents, Charles and Sarah (Livingmore) Chamberlin. The mother was a native of Massachusetts, and a daughter of Benjamin and Mary Livingmore. The family located in Greenfield township, Jones county, Iowa, where the father took up eighty-four acres of government land, and for several years devoted his time and attention to the improvement and cultivation of that place. On selling the farm in 1867 he came to Linn county and purchased a place in Linn township, where he lived until the death of his wife, which occurred April 17, 1884, when she was seventy-four years of age. He then made his home with our subject, and died there January 21, 1892, at the ripe old age of seventy-nine years and ten months. Of his five children Elijah G. is fourth in order of birth and the only one now living. The others were as follows: Elisha resided in Macomb county, Michigan, until the breaking out of the Civil war, when he enlisted in Company F, Twenty-second Michigan Volunteer Infantry, and being taken prisoner at the battle of Chickamauga he died in Libby prison. He had married Marlida Card, who still survives him and resides on the old homestead in Michigan. They had one child, William W. Mary A., sister of our subject, was the wife of Henry Fimmigan, of Jones county, Iowa, who is now engaged in farming in Rapids township, Linn county. One child died in infancy unnamed, and Charles V. also died at the age of thirteen years.

Mr. Chamberlin, of this review, grew to manhood in this state, and has always en-

gaged in general farming and stock raising. He formerly gave considerable attention to the raising of hogs, but now makes a specialty of graded short-horn cattle, of which he has a fine large herd upon his place. In politics he is a Democrat, but has never cared for the honors or emoluments of public office, though he is a public-spirited and enterprising citizen who takes a deep interest in public affairs.

At Linn Grove, March 30, 1881, Mr. Chamberlin married Miss Ruth Ellison, and they have one daughter, Alice M., who was born on the home farm on section 33, and was educated in the public schools of Linn township.

Samuel Ellison, the father of Mrs. Chamberlin, was born in county Tyrone, Ireland, in 1820, and was a son of William and Mary (Wright) Ellison, who spent their entire lives in that country. He was the second in order of birth in a family of eleven children, some of whom still live in Ireland and two in California. A brother, John, was at one time a prominent and wealthy citizen of Linn township, this county. At the age of nineteen years Samuel Ellison came to the United States, and on landing in New York proceeded at once to Iowa. He purchased eighty acres of government land at Linn Grove, Linn township, this county, to which he added until he had two hundred and forty acres, and also acquired several other farms in various parts of the county. He owns a large amount of land and before his death gave to each of his children a farm in Linn county, while for one son he purchased a farm in Jones county. He resided upon his first farm for over thirty years, but after the marriage of his oldest son he gave the place to him and removed to an adjoining farm, where he made his

home until death, which occurred March 23, 1888. In connection with general farming he was quite extensively engaged in stock raising. He was a member of the Episcopal church and a Democrat in politics, and was called upon to fill nearly all the local offices. His estimable wife still survives him and resides in Mt. Vernon.

It was on the 7th of March, 1849, in Cedar county, Iowa, that Mr. Ellison wedded Miss Mary Scott, a native of Montgomery county, Ohio, and a daughter of Colonel Prior and Ruth (Carraway) Scott, natives of Kentucky and Ohio, respectively. At an early day her father removed to Ohio, and after his marriage engaged in farming in Montgomery county for a number of years. In 1836 he came to Iowa, and a year later brought his family to this state and settled near Mechanicsville, Cedar county, where he took up a tract of government land, but after residing there for four years he removed to Linn county, and built a sawmill on Big creek, where he made his home for some years. He finally returned to Cedar county, but still retained his property in Linn township, this county. He died in Pioneer township, Cedar county, when about ninety years of age, and his wife passed away at the same place at the age of seventy years. He was colonel of a regiment in the early Indian wars. Like her husband, Mrs. Ellison was also second in order of birth in a family of eleven children, four of whom are now deceased.

Of the six children born to Mr. and Mrs. Ellison five are still living, namely: (1) William G., who resides on the old homestead farm in Linn township, married Jane Baird and they have four children, Otis, Irvin, Nellie and Harry. (2) James Prior, a farmer of Jones county, married Eva New-

man and they have two children, Samuel and Ethel. (3) Ruth Ann is the wife of Elijah G. Chamberlin, whose name introduces this sketch. (4) Mary M. is the wife of Marshall Oxley, a farmer of Linn county, and they have three children, Clarence, Bertha and Ralph. (5) Margaret J. is the wife of Cass Platner, a farmer of Mechanicsville, Iowa, and they have two children, Mary and Howard.



GEORGE EDWARD FOSBERG, A. M.,  
M. D.

One of the most exacting of all the higher lines of occupation to which a man may lend his energies is that of the physician. A most scrupulous preliminary training is demanded, a nicety of judgment but little understood by the laity. Our subject is well fitted for the profession he has chosen as a life work, and his skill and ability have won for him a large and lucrative practice.

The Doctor was born in Afton, Minnesota, July 20, 1866, and is a son of Rev. Charles G. Fosberg, a Methodist Episcopal minister, who was born in Germany in 1823 and came to this country at the age of sixteen. He preached in New York and Chicago, and as early as 1849 went to Minnesota and located on the present site of St. Paul, although there was no town there at that time. He purchased a tract of government land and still has landed interests at that place. For a number of years he served as a presiding elder in Iowa, Minnesota and Illinois, and became widely known throughout those states, but is now living a retired life in St. Paul, honored and respected by all who know him. His life has mainly been



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devoted to the work of the ministry, and he has labored untiringly for the betterment of his fellow men. He assisted in building the various churches of St. Paul. In his religious work he was always ably assisted by his estimable wife, who in her maidenhood was Miss Anna Collins. She was born in Jersey City, New Jersey, in 1842, and was killed in a railroad accident at Red Wing, Minnesota, in 1893. In the family were three children, namely: Alpha J., wife of J. A. Fulton, who is engaged in mercantile business in Chicago; George E., our subject; and Bernie E., a soloist in the Peoples church of St. Paul.

Dr. Fosberg's early education was obtained in the public schools of St. Paul, and he was graduated from the high school of that city in 1879. He next took an elective course at the State University, fitting himself for a teacher, and he was graduated from that institution in 1887 with the degree of A. M. During the following year he engaged in teaching school and then accepted a clerkship in St. Paul, which he held for two years. At the end of that time he took up the study of medicine at the University of Minnesota, where he was graduated in 1892, with the degree of M. D. He was engaged in practice at St. Paul for a time and met with good success, but sold out there and went to Chicago, where he attended Rush Medical College, graduating from that institution in 1896 as A. M., M. D. Before completing the course there, however, he went abroad and spent the years 1894 and 1895 in study at the Guenther Laboratory, Berlin, and the University of Berlin.

After leaving Rush Medical College Dr. Fosberg traveled over this country looking for a location, and finally decided on Cedar

Rapids, where he opened an office in 1896, and has since made this place his home, though he has divided his time between this place and Chicago. He has met with most excellent success in his chosen profession, and receives the patronage of the best people of the city. He is also medical examiner for some of the old line insurance companies and the fraternal societies of Cedar Rapids.

In 1897 Dr. Fosberg married Miss Ula Delle Collins, who was born in Galesburg, Illinois, and is a graduate of Knox College and also a kindergarten normal school. She taught for about four years in Chicago, and was a soloist in the First Baptist church of that city, the Oak Park Methodist Episcopal church and the First Methodist Episcopal church of Edgewater. After coming to Cedar Rapids she held a position as soloist in the First Presbyterian church for a time. She is a graduate of Chicago Music College, of Chicago, and has taken a post-graduate course in that city. She is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and very popular both in social and musical circles. Her father, who was a preacher of that denomination, was killed in the Chatsworth wreck in 1886, and her mother now makes her home on Drexel boulevard, Chicago.

Fraternally Dr. Fosberg is a member of Ashler Lodge, No. 308, A. F. & A. M., Chicago. He belongs to the Iowa State Medical Society and the American Medical Association, and is a charter member of the Roentgen X Ray Society of the United States. He has contributed some able articles on X ray work to several leading medical magazines, and is considered authority on that subject. As a physician and surgeon he ranks among the foremost in this section of the state, and as a man is very popular among his fellow citizens.

## LEWIS P. MAIN.

Among the able representatives of the legal profession now practicing at the bar of Cedar Rapids is Lewis P. Main, whose office is in Room No. 2, Union block. He is a native of this state, born in Independence September 1, 1862, and is a son of Lewis A. and Fanny (Loomis) Main, both of whom were natives of Madison county, New York, and descendants of good old New England families, the latter tracing her ancestry back to Elder Brewster and Governor William Bradford, of the Plymouth colony. She died in Independence, Iowa, in 1899, at the age of sixty-seven years. In early life the father was a merchant. During the Civil war he enlisted in the Twenty-seventh Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and served as corporal of Company C until the close of the war. He was in active service for three years, and after the cessation of hostilities was employed as chief clerk of the purchasing commissary of the department of the Gulf for eighteen months. On the expiration of that time he returned to Iowa, and soon afterward was elected treasurer of Buchanan county, which office he most creditably filled for six years. He then turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, owning and occupying a valuable farm near Independence, which he purchased upon his return from the army. He has always been a staunch supporter of the Republican party since voting for John C. Fremont in 1856. He was educated in the Madison University at Hamilton, New York, and is a very well informed man, who has a large circle of friends and is held in high regard by all who know him. His children are Helen, at home; Lewis P., our subject; Wilhs, a farmer of Buchanan county; and

Maurice and Merton, who conduct the home farm.

Lewis P. Main received his elementary education in the public schools of Independence and was graduated from the high school at that place in 1879. The following year he entered the freshman class of Knox College, Galesburg, Illinois, where he pursued the classical course for four years, graduating in 1884 with the degrees of A. B. and A. M. in course, and then took up the study of law in the office of Woodward & Cook, of Independence, Iowa, and later continued his studies along that line with Charles J. Vail, of Blairstown. While at the latter place he also served as assistant superintendent of the Iowa Seminary for two years.

In 1888 Mr. Main was admitted to practice before the supreme court of Iowa, and the same year opened an office in Shelton, Buffalo county, Nebraska, where he engaged in practice for two years. He then removed to Kearney, Nebraska, and during the nine years spent at that place became one of its most successful and prominent lawyers, as well as one of its leading citizens. He built up a large practice in the local, supreme and federal courts and found a wide field for his labors in that locality. He argued about fifty cases in the supreme court during his residence in Nebraska, and met with marked success both professionally and financially, becoming owner of some valuable property in Kearney, which he still has in his possession.

Mr. Main was married, in 1887, to Miss Edith Borst, who was born in Wisconsin, but was then living in Independence, Iowa. They have one daughter, Grace H., born in 1893. While a resident of Kearney, Nebraska, he was prominently identified with

the Republican party, and as an orator he took a very active part in campaign work, besides serving as a delegate to the state conventions and as secretary of the county central committee. He never sought political honors, though offices were several times tendered him, and he served as president of the school board in Kearney. He was also quite active and prominent in literary circles. In 1896 he was a delegate from Nebraska to the Presbyterian General Assembly at Saratoga, New York, and for ten years was a member of the board of trustees of Hastings College. He was also a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen at Kearney, and was quite active in lodge matters.

Having always had a wide circle of friends and acquaintances in Cedar Rapids, he removed to this city in 1899, and has been engaged in successful practice here ever since. Being a man of recognized ability, and having already won a prominent place in his profession, he has already built up a fair practice, which is constantly increasing. He now holds membership in the First Presbyterian church of Cedar Rapids, the Masonic fraternity, Linden Camp, No. 145, M. W. A., of which he is now venerable consul. He is what the world terms a self-made man for his success is due entirely to his own well-directed efforts, his close attention to business and his natural ability in his chosen calling.

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#### RALPH KIRKPATRICK.

This well-known and representative farmer of Franklin township, whose home is on section 27, was born in West Salem,

Wayne county, Ohio, on the 21st of April, 1853, a son of James and Sarah (Henderson) Kirkpatrick, and was only five days old when his mother died. A sketch of his father appears on another page of this volume. He was only a year and a half old when his father returned to his old home in Franklin county, Pennsylvania, and at the age of five he came to Linn county, Iowa, with an uncle, John Ross, his boyhood and youth being passed on the old homestead in Franklin township, and he is indebted to its district schools for his educational privileges. After leaving school at the age of twenty years he worked on the home farm until 1873, when he rented sixty acres of land and commenced farming on his own account.

Mr. Kirkpatrick was married, October 12, 1875, to Miss Anna Crawford, who was born in Franklin county, Pennsylvania, September 2, 1840, and died September 26, 1899. She was the fourth in order of birth in a family of six children, the others being John, who married Sarah Menser and lives in Franklin county, Pennsylvania; Agnes, wife of John Daniels, of the same county; John, deceased, who married Lucretia Logan, also a resident of Franklin county, Pennsylvania; Alice, who resides with our subject; and one who died in infancy. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Kirkpatrick was born a son, Frank Crawford, whose birth occurred July 29, 1876. He assists his father in the operation of the home farm, and is one of the most up-to-date and progressive agriculturists of the community, and is honored and respected by all who know him.

After his marriage Mr. Kirkpatrick purchased a farm of sixty acres in section 27, Franklin township, and has since added to it an eighty-acre tract, making a good farm of one hundred and forty acres, which he



has placed under a high state of cultivation and improved with good and substantial buildings which stand as monuments to his thrift and enterprise. He has filled the office of school director for a number of years, and by his ballot supports the men and measures of the Republican party. Religiously he is a member of the Presbyterian church, and he is held in the highest respect and esteem in the community where he has so long made his home.

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THEODORE HAMBLIN.

This well-known hardware dealer is one of the representative business men and influential citizens of Walker. A native of New York, he was born near Binghamton, at Shenango Forks, February 25, 1847, and is a son of George P. and Maria (Schermerhorn) Hamblin, who were also born in that state, the former in Dutchess county, the latter in Utica, Oneida county. The father, who was a farmer by occupation, removed to Lee county, Illinois, in 1850, and resided on a farm near Amboy until 1862, when he traded his property there for a farm in Columbia county, Pennsylvania, taking his family with him. After a few years spent in the Keystone state he returned to Illinois, and later came to Iowa, purchasing a farm of eighty acres in Grant township, this county. He continued in active business throughout life and worked in the fields until a week prior to his death. He was born August 27, 1804, and died August 25, 1887, at the age of eighty-three years, and his wife passed away in 1892, at the age of seventy-eight.

Theodore Hamblin is the fourth in order of birth in a family of six children, four of whom are still living. During his boyhood and youth he accompanied his parents on their various removals, and drove across the country from Amboy, Illinois, to Columbia county, Pennsylvania. After a year spent in the latter state, however, he returned to Lee county, Illinois, and commenced work for an old neighbor. There he obtained a portion of his education in a log school house situated about three and a half miles from his home. He only worked for about six weeks after his return to Illinois, when he enlisted, at Dixon, May 29, 1864, in the one hundred day service, becoming a member of Company D, One Hundred and Fortieth Illinois Volunteer Infantry. He was only seventeen years of age at that time. With his regiment he did picket duty near Memphis, being at that place at the time of Forrest's raid. He was discharged from the service at Chicago October 29, 1864, and returned to Lee county, Illinois. In 1865 the family came to Linn county, Iowa, by rail with exception of our subject and his younger brother, who drove across the country to Centre Point, Washington township.

At the age of twenty-four Theodore Hamblin left home and for four years traveled over the country as a peddler of tinware. In 1873, in partnership with another gentleman, he opened a general store in Walker, which they conducted until the early part of 1875, when they met with business reverses. Mr. Hamblin next embarked in the hardware and grocery business with his cousin, Harlow Porter, but this partnership was dissolved a year later, and he has since carried on the hardware trade alone. He learned the tinner's trade at his own bench without the help of any one, and is now





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successfully engaged in business, carrying a large and well-selected stock of shelf and heavy hardware. He owns the block in which his store is located, and has other real estate interests in Walker.

Mr. Hamblin was married, November 25, 1876, to Miss Hattie M. Lovering, a native of New Hampshire and a daughter of Dr. Moses Lovering. Two children were born to them, namely: Birdie, born September 11, 1880, died in his ninth year; and Leo L., born in 1887, on March 3d, is attending school in Walker.

Mr. Hamblin is quite prominent socially, and is an honored member of the Masonic Lodge at Walker, in which he has served as senior deacon and is now senior warden. He has also passed all the chairs in the Odd Fellows Lodge, and is a member of the Rebekah Lodge of that order. He also belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic, the Iowa Legion of Honor and the Modern Brotherhood of America. In politics he is a Democrat, but in local affairs supports the men whom he believes best qualified to fill the offices regardless of party lines. Although his township is strongly Republican, he has been elected for twelve consecutive years as justice of the peace, and has held various other township offices. He has also served as mayor of the village of Walker at different times, being one of the six commissioners that elected the first mayor of Walker, and he was chosen by the people to serve as the second mayor of the city. At the present time he is serving as one of the city council. He is always willing to aid every enterprise for the betterment of the village, taking an active interest in securing the present system of water works, as well as a number of other improvements. He is pre-eminently public-spirited and progres-

sive, and is recognized as a valued and useful citizen in the community where he resides.

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### JOSEPH MUTCHLER.

For a period of over thirty-four years the subject of this review was prominently identified with the farming interests of Linn county, owning and operating a fine farm of three hundred and twenty acres near Center Point, but he has now laid aside active labor and is living retired in that village. He was born in Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, on the 5th of July, 1840, and is a son of Jacob Mutchler, a native of Germany, who came to the new world with his father, Matthias Mutchler, and located in Lycoming county, Pennsylvania. On reaching manhood Jacob Mutchler was married there to Miss Elizabeth Birch, who was born in that state of German parentage. He owned and operated a farm and sawmill, being engaged in the manufacture of lumber for some years. In 1849 he removed to Crawford county, Ohio, where he followed agricultural pursuits until coming to Linn county, Iowa, in 1864. He located on a farm in Grant township and continued to make his home here until about twelve years before being called to his final rest in the spring of 1894, at the age of eighty-four years. His wife had passed away some years previous, dying in 1877.

Joseph Mutchler was fourth in order of birth in a family of six children born to Jacob Mutchler and wife, the others being: (1) Sophia, deceased, was the wife of John Herely, and they made their home in Grant township. (2) Benjamin was killed by an accident at the age of nine years. (3) Mary, deceased, was the wife of Rev. J. S. Schnei-

der and were residents of Ohio. (4) Our subject was next in order of birth. (5) Rosie, wife of Fred Herely, resides in Center Point, where he is living retired. (6) Sarah, widow of John Leonard, makes her home in Center Point.

Joseph Mutchler spent the days of his boyhood and youth on his father's farm in Ohio, and attended the district schools of that locality. When the country became involved in civil war he laid aside all personal interests and in August, 1862, enlisted in Company K, Eighty-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry, which was assigned to the Army of the Tennessee, under the command of General Dodge, and later under General John A. Logan, being transferred from the Sixteenth to the Fifteenth Army Corps. His first engagement was a skirmish in Mississippi, and was followed by the battles of Corinth, Mississippi, Tuscumbia, Alabama, Lay Ferry, Georgia, and Rome Cross Roads, where he received a gunshot through the left thigh and was in the hospitals at Nashville, Tennessee, Louisville, Kentucky, and other places for about two months. After rejoining his regiment at Atlanta he went with Sherman on the memorable march to the sea, and took part in the battle of Bentonville, North Carolina, which was the last engagement of the war. The army then marched north through Richmond to Washington, D. C., and participated in the grand review. Mr. Mutchler's regiment was then sent to Louisville, Kentucky, and was finally mustered out at Camp Dennison, Ohio, being discharged in July, 1865.

In the meantime our subject's parents had removed to this county, and on leaving the army he rejoined them here, remaining under the parental roof one year, while he commenced to break and improve an eighty-

acre tract of land which he had purchased. In 1866 he located upon his farm and successfully engaged in its cultivation for over a third of a century. He has added to his property from time to time until he now has three hundred and twenty acres, and has made many useful and valuable improvements upon the place, including the erection of good buildings. Besides this farm he owns another in Linn county, and one hundred and fifteen acres of land partly in Benton county and partly in Linn county, Iowa. Renting the homestead in 1900, he has since lived a retired life in Center Point, where he built a good brick residence in the summer of 1900.

On the 15th of November, 1866, Mr. Mutchler was married, in Linn county, to Miss Ella Rogers, who was born in Ohio, but was reared in this county, her father being one of its pioneer settlers. By this union were born five children, namely: Jacob S., who holds a position as pharmacist in Iowa City; Edwin F., who is now successfully engaged as principal of the school in Manley, Iowa, and has held a state certificate for four years; John A., who has been engaged in the practice of medicine at Swea City, Iowa, for two years; Ira, at home; and Jennie Belle, who died at the age of three years. The mother of these children died May 28, 1889, and for his second wife Mr. Mutchler married, February 25, 1891, Miss Florence Gilchrist, a sister of Lawrence Gilchrist, whose sketch appears on another page of this volume. She was born and reared in Linn county. To this marriage was born one child, Margaret Josie, who was born May 2, 1893, and died August 8, 1897, and interred in the Center Point cemetery.

Mr. Mutchler cast his first presidential

vote for Stephen A. Douglas, the "little giant," but since then has been a staunch supporter of the Republican party and its principles. He takes an active interest in educational affairs and has served as a member of the school board. He is a member of Dennison Post, No. 244, G. A. R., of which he is past commander, and he has been a delegate to the state encampment and also to the national encampment at Milwaukee. Both have held membership in the Evangelical church. As a business man he has been eminently successful, and the prosperity that has come to him is certainly well deserved, as it is due entirely to his own industry, perseverance and good business ability.

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#### RICHARD A. MOSES.

In January, 1896, there came to Cedar Rapids, Iowa, this bright and able lawyer, who has already won a prominent position at the bar of Linn county, and is enjoying a large and lucrative practice. He comes from the far-off state of Connecticut, his birth having occurred in Unionville August 13, 1850. His father, Richard Moses, was also a native of that state, which was the home of his ancestors for many generations, the family having been founded there in 1641 by John Moses, who came to this country from England, and after residing in New Hampshire for a short time removed to Connecticut. Our subject's great-grandfather was a soldier of the Revolutionary war, and at one time owned the land on which the Brooklyn navy yard stands. The grandfather, Joshua Moses, was one of the defenders of the country in the war of 1812. Richard Moses, the father of our subject, who was one of the leading farmers of Hart-

ford county, Connecticut, and a miller by trade, died in 1860, at the age of fifty years. He married Rachel Norton, who was born in Connecticut of Scotch ancestry and long survived her husband, dying in Minnesota February 13, 1900. The family to which she belonged was founded in Massachusetts in early colonial days.

Unto Richard and Rachel (Norton) Moses were born nine children, but one died in early childhood, another at the age of fifteen years, and two daughters after they were grown and married. Those of the family still living are Adrian, a contractor of Connecticut; Emerson, a farmer and dairyman of Minnesota; Bernard, a professor in the University of California, who is now in the Philippines on the Taft commission; Richard A., of this review; and Lucius H., a farmer and stock man of Minnesota. All were educated in the common schools of Connecticut.

Richard A. Moses first attended the public schools of his native state and later took a preparatory course at Wesleyan Academy at Wilbraham and Williston Seminary at East Hampton, Massachusetts. Subsequently he entered Michigan University, Ann Arbor, where he pursued a literary course and was graduated in 1872 with the degree of A. B. During the following six years he taught in the state high school at Mantorville, Minnesota, and in the meantime commenced the study of law, to which he devoted considerable attention for ten years, and in 1882 was admitted to the bar in Minnesota. He then engaged in practice at Kasota, that state. He served as county superintendent of schools in 1879 and 1880, and in 1882 was elected county attorney. He engaged in the practice of law in partnership with another gentleman, which connection



was continued until his removal to Woonsocket, South Dakota, in 1887. During his residence there he served as county superintendent of schools, in connection with his professional duties. On first coming to Linn county, Iowa, in 1895, Mr. Moses located in Marion, where he worked up a fair practice, but believing that Cedar Rapids furnished a better field for his labors he removed to this place in January, 1896, and as a man of ability and enterprise has always built up an extensive practice.

On the 11th of February, 1877, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Moses and Miss Florence M. Russell, whose mother was a sister of Judge Lord, of Minnesota, who was a very prominent man politically in that state. By this union were born two children, one of whom died in infancy, the other being Bernice E., at home. The family are attendants of the Episcopal church, and Mrs. Moses is quite an active worker in the laides' societies.

Mr. Moses has purchased residence property in Cedar Rapids, where he intends making his permanent home. He was one of the organizers of the Fraternal Bankers' Reserve, which was started in January, 1901, and has its main office in Cedar Rapids. It is a fraternal organization, incorporated under the laws of the state of Iowa, and has supreme and subordinate lodge system, admitting both men and women on equal terms. It issues certificates in the sum of six hundred, twelve hundred and twenty-four hundred dollars on the graded assessment plan. The officers of the supreme lodge are J. W. Roe, of Cedar Rapids, president; George F. Johnson, of Des Moines, secretary; William Bierkamp, Jr., of Bennett, Iowa, banker; R. A. Moses, of Cedar Rapids, attorney; and Dr. Richard Lord, of Cedar Rapids, medical

examiner. As an attorney Mr. Moses represents some of the large business concerns of his adopted city. Fraternally he is a Master Mason and a member of the Modern Brotherhood of America and the Mystic Workers of the World, while politically he is prominently identified with the Republican party, and takes an active interest in public affairs.

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#### STEPHEN MANN.

On the 22d of January, 1892, there passed away at his home in Linn township this well-known farmer, who had long been numbered among the foremost citizens of his community. He was born in that town November 19, 1849, and was a son of Adam and Jennie (Whitlatch) Mann, of whom extended mention is made in the sketch of Alva Mann on another page of this volume. Our subject was reared on the home farm, his time being divided between work in the fields and study in the neighboring schools.

On the 2d of July, 1871, in Linn township, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Mann and Miss Lucy Coleman, a native of Henry county, Iowa, and a daughter of Elisha and Rebecca (Carr) Coleman, both now deceased. Her father followed farming in Franklin and Linn townships, this county, for a number of years, and then removed to Nebraska, where he lived for some time, but his last days were spent in Kansas, where he died at the age of seventy-three years. Her mother departed this life in Nebraska at the age of sixty-nine. In the family were nine children, of whom seven are still living.

After his marriage Mr. Mann located on a farm of eighty acres on section 10, Linn township, given him by his father. He made



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most of the improvements upon the place, and added to it a tract of forty acres which he purchased. He also bought land in other parts of the township, and at his death owned over three hundred acres of fine farming land under a high state of cultivation. He was quite extensively engaged in stock raising, and being a man of good business and executive ability he met with success in all his undertakings. He was public-spirited and enterprising, and always gave his support to the men and measures of the Democratic party. After a lingering illness of five years he departed this life January 22, 1892, and was laid to rest in the Paralta cemetery. In his death the community lost one of its best and most highly esteemed citizens, and his loss was deeply mourned.

There were four children born to Mr. and Mrs. Mann, namely: (1) Emmet, born on the home place August 19, 1872, lives on a farm adjoining his birthplace in Linn township. He married Eva Dunlap and they have two children, Ivan and Beulah. (2) Franklin died at the age of two months. (3) Nora is the wife of Frank I. McShane, a farmer of Paralta, Linn township, who resides on property formerly owned by her father, and they have one child, Ethel. (4) Edna was married, January 30, 1901, to Samuel Johnston, and they reside on the home place with Mrs. Mann.

Samuel Johnston is a son of John and Mary (Kearns) Johnston, who reside on section 22, Linn township, where his father owns a well improved and valuable farm of one hundred two and a half acres. He was born December 27, 1822, in Ohio, where he continued to make his home until coming to Iowa in 1850. Shortly after his arrival in Linn county he located on the farm which he now occupies and has since successfully

engaged in general farming and stock raising. In politics he is a Republican, and in religious belief is a Presbyterian, having been elder of that church for a number of years. He has been twice married, his first wife being a Miss Hyland, who died, leaving one child, Ellen, now the wife of Thomas Dumont, of Mt. Vernon. For his second wife he wedded Mary Kearns, a daughter of John and Margaret (Grubaugh) Kearns, who were of German descent, and came to this country in 1853. By this union were born nine children, of whom two died when young. The others were as follows: (1) John E., a farmer of Linn township, married Ida Platner, of Mt. Vernon, and they have three children, Hazel, Grace and Delbert. (2) Charles F., a farmer of Linn township, married Annie Drach and they have two children, Marvin and Laura. (3) Ina is the wife of Charles Meek, a carpenter of Mt. Vernon. (4) William E., a farmer of Black Hawk county, Iowa, married Blanch Strother, of Linn township, this county, and they have seven children, Floyd, Helen, Forest, Gladys, Howard and Dorothy. (5) Henry Clyde, a farmer of Linn township, married Nora Boxwell, daughter of Robert Boxwell, of that township, and they have one child, George R. (6) George, a resident of Mt. Vernon, married Grace Perkins, daughter of William E. Perkins, and is teaching in the district schools of this county. (7) Samuel completes the family.

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#### THOMAS H. SIMMONS.

Among the most competent and faithful officials of the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad residing in Cedar



Rapids is T. H. Simmons, the well-known general freight agent. He was born May 28, 1849, in Augusta, Maine, of which state his parents, Charles and Lucy N. (Gilman) Simmons, were also natives. The family to which he belongs was founded in America at an early day, and his great-grandfather, Benjamin White, was a soldier of the Revolutionary war, entering the service as private and being mustered out as corporal. The father of our subject, who was a publisher and a dealer in books and stationery, served for a time in the regular army and was captain of a company in the Mexican war, being a member of General Franklin Pierce's staff. He participated in a number of engagements. He died at Augusta, Maine, when our subject was a mere lad, while his wife survived him twenty-five years, and departed this life at Cedar Rapids, Iowa. In their family were nine children, of whom our subject is the youngest and only one living in Cedar Rapids. For many years the father was a prominent politician of Maine, and took a very active part in local affairs.

T. H. Simmons was educated in the grammar and high schools of Augusta, and at the age of fourteen years began his business career as a clerk in his brother's drug store at that place, remaining with him until the summer of 1869, when he came west and worked on a farm in Polk county, Iowa, for nearly a year. In 1870 he entered the employ of a druggist at Des Moines as clerk, and on leaving him a year later went to Omaha, Nebraska, where he was similarly employed for a time.

In March, 1872, he entered the railway service, with which he has since been connected. He was with the engineering corps on the Omaha & Northwestern Railroad un-

til August of that year, and was then clerk in the general freight department of the Central Iowa Railroad until February, 1875, when he was made chief clerk, serving in that capacity for three years. He was next agent for the same road at Eddyville, Iowa, until June, 1879, and from that date until the following November was again chief clerk in the general freight department. He was then made assistant general freight agent for the Central Iowa Railroad, and served in that capacity until April 1, 1886, when he became general northwestern freight agent for that road and the Minnesota & Northwestern system, with headquarters at St. Paul, Minnesota, but on the 15th of October, the same year, was appointed general freight agent for the Central Iowa Railroad. On the 15th of August, 1887, he accepted the position of assistant general freight agent for the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad, and served as such until appointed to his present position as general freight agent for the same road February 1, 1893. His practical knowledge of all the details of the business, as well as his acquaintance with men, renders him a most valued employe, as is evidenced by his long continuance in so important a position with one of the leading railroad companies of the state.

Mr. Simmons was married, March 3, 1875, to Miss Ida Baldwin, a native of Iowa and a daughter of Levi and Emily Baldwin. They have four children: Lucy E.; Althea E., who is now attending a seminary in New York city; Richard S., who is pursuing his studies at the State University of Iowa with the view of entering the legal profession; and Thomas H., a student in the Cedar Rapids schools. In his political views Mr. Simmons is a Democrat, but has never cared

for official honors, his time being wholly taken up with his business affairs. He is widely and favorably known, and has a host of warm friends in Cedar Rapids.

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WILLIAM J. SLOAN.

The subject of this sketch, who is now so efficiently serving as justice of the peace in Cedar Rapids, has been a resident of the city since the spring of 1874, and is numbered among its highly esteemed citizens. He was born in county Antrim, Ireland, on the 31st of October, 1846, a son of James and Jane (Stewart) Sloan, also natives of the Emerald Isle and of Scotch ancestry. The father was reared to farm life, to which he continued to devote his time and energies until called to his final rest in 1864, at the age of sixty-five years, his death occurring in Ireland. Subsequently his widow came to America, and died at the home of her son Robert in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, in 1879, at the age of seventy-six years. Our subject's grandmother Sloan lived to be ninety-six years of age, while her husband was between seventy and eighty years of age at the time of his death.

Of the ten children born to James and Jane (Stewart) Sloan, one died in infancy, and two after reaching maturity, these being Mary, whose death occurred in Ireland; and Martha, who died in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Those still living are Joseph, who lives on the old homestead in county Antrim, Ireland; Elizabeth, also a resident of Ireland; Jane, wife of Joseph Moore, of Cedar Rapids; Margaret, of Ireland; Ann, wife of Samuel McClure, of Tecumseh, Michigan; William J., our subject; and Robert, of San Diego, California.

William J. Sloan received a common school education in Ireland, and grew to manhood on the farm. After the death of his father he left home in the winter of 1865-6, and came to the new world. In January of the latter year he went to Jones county, Iowa, where he engaged in farm work for a time. He then learned the cooper's trade and did custom work among the farmers for eight years. Coming to Cedar Rapids in 1874, he entered the cooperage department of T. M. Sinclair's packing house, where he remained twenty-five years, during which time the trade of the firm grew and the number of men employed at the business was correspondingly increased.

In 1874 Mr. Sloan married Miss Jennie Armstrong, who was then living in Buchanan county, Iowa, but was also a native of county Antrim, Ireland, and came to this country when a small child. In 1882 they returned to Ireland, where they spent an enjoyable summer among friends and relatives, and while there adopted Martha A. G., a niece of Mrs. Sloan, who was then only six months old, but is now a young lady of nineteen years and is keeping house for our subject. She was educated in the high school of Cedar Rapids. Mrs. Sloan died here in 1884, at about the age of thirty-two years. Our subject was again married, in 1887, his second union being with Miss Phoebe Mitchell, a native of Stephenson county, Illinois, of which place her parents were old settlers. She was born August 15, 1863, and departed this life January 19, 1891, at the age of twenty-eight years.

Mr. Sloan has been an active worker in the ranks of the Republican party, but has never sought political preferment, though he has been offered public positions. He has been a delegate to county and state

conventions; is a recognized leader in political affairs, and has always been identified with the various clubs of the city. On leaving the employ of Sinclair in the fall of 1898 he was elected justice of the peace, and so acceptably did he fill the office that he was re-elected in 1900. He is thoroughly impartial in meting out justice, his opinions being unbiased by either fear or favor, and his fidelity to the trust reposed in him is above question. In connection with his official duties he is also engaged in the real estate and loan business.

Religiously Mr. Sloan is an active and influential member of the Third Presbyterian church of Cedar Rapids, in which he has served as elder since its organization, while previously he was connected with Hope Mission. He also takes an active interest in fraternal matters, and is now serving as master workman of Cedar Rapids Lodge, No. 278, A. O. U. W. He also holds membership in Crescent Lodge, No. 26, A. F. & A. M., and the Royal Arcanum. He is a pleasant, genial gentleman who makes many friends, and his life has ever been such as to win him the confidence and respect of all with whom he has come in contact either in business or social life.

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#### T. M. ROBINSON.

Among the early settlers and representative citizens of Franklin township is this well-to-do farmer, whose home is on section 25. He is a native of this state, born in Dubuque March 7, 1843, and is a son of Joseph and Margaret (McClelland) Robinson, the former of whom was born in Ireland, while the latter was born in Pennsyl-

vania of Irish ancestry. They were married, however, in Dubuque county, Iowa, where they continued to make their home until our subject was a year and a half old, and then came to Linn county, being among the pioneer settlers of Franklin township. There the father died October 30, 1850, and the mother, who long survived him, departed this life February 20, 1873, the remains of both being interred in Downing cemetery. Six children blessed their union, namely: (1) John W. enlisted for three months in Company K, First Iowa Volunteer Infantry, at the outbreak of the Civil war, and later re-enlisted in Company F, Twenty-fourth Iowa Regiment. Becoming ill, he was honorably discharged and returned home, at which time he weighed only ninety pounds, and his mother did not recognize him. For thirty-three years he has been a telegraph operator for the Northwestern Railroad Company and now resides in Stanwood, Cedar county, Iowa. He married, first, Belle Simpson, and after her death wedded Mary Harmen. (2) T. M., our subject, is second in order of birth. (3) Henry L. died at the age of ten years. (4) Margaret is the wife of J. B. Irons, who lives a mile and a half east of Toledo in Tama county, Iowa. (5) Sally D. is the wife of Frank Doe, of Toledo. (6) Lydia married Frank Barnes, a resident of Benton county, Iowa, and died in 1873, since which time he has married Lizzie Kenderdine.

When the family came to Linn county the father entered a claim on section 28, Franklin township, and upon that place our subject was reared amid pioneer scenes. Their nearest neighbor was two miles distant, so sparsely was the county settled at that time, and both life and property were



often threatened by the constant occurrence of prairie fires, the prairies being covered at that time with an abundance of wild grass which in the dry season would catch fire easily. There was plenty of game, including wild hogs, deer and turkeys, and wolves would frequently prowl round the house at night. The school houses were primitive structures built of logs, and supplied with benches made of split logs with pegs for legs. During the winter the Indians would camp in this region, being engaged in hunting game and making sugar when the spring came on.

Mr. Robinson completed his education at the age of seventeen years, and then worked on the farms of either his uncle or his mother until his marriage. On the 27th of September, 1868, in Franklin township, he wedded Miss Rachel Eastlack, who was born in Ohio October 18, 1847, a daughter of John and Jerusha (McVey) Eastlack. Her parents were natives of New Jersey and Pennsylvania, respectively, and were married in Ohio, making their home in Highland county, that state, until 1854, when they came to Linn county, Iowa, and located in Franklin township, where the mother died November 15, 1859, her remains being interred in Mt. Vernon cemetery. In 1863 the father wedded Miss Mary Shattuck, a native of New York, who died December 18, 1893, and was buried in Cedar Rapids, while he died December 19, 1883, and was laid to rest by the side of his first wife in Mt. Vernon cemetery. By the first union he had thirteen children, namely: Isaac E. died at the age of twelve years; Keziah, deceased, was the wife of George Hardy, who lives near Leesburg, Ohio; James and William both died in childhood; Abigail died at the age of seven years;

Sarah is the widow of E. H. Coles and lives near Jameson, Daviess county, Missouri; Catherine is the widow of Henry Ryan and resides in Clarke county, Iowa; Anna married Washington Shantz and both are now deceased; Susan is the wife of John Stein, of Cedar Rapids; Eliza died in infancy; Rachel is the wife of our subject; John W. died at the age of four years; and Charles H. is represented on another page of this volume. By his second union the father had two daughters: Stella, wife of Lucius Walker, of Cedar Rapids; and Josephine, wife of Edward Elliott, of the same place.

Mr. and Mrs. Robinson began their domestic life on a farm of one hundred and twenty acres in Franklin township, which he then owned, and fifty acres of which he sold to John Blessing, it being known as the Blessing farm. In 1872 he disposed of the remainder of the place, and in a covered wagon moved to Winterset, Adair county, Iowa, where he spent four years. He then resided in Ottawa county, Missouri, for the same length of time, and in 1880 returned to this county, and soon afterward purchased the Henry Sailor farm of one hundred and fifty-two acres in Johnson county, to the cultivation of which he devoted his time and energies for fourteen years. In 1894 he removed to Lisbon, where he was engaged in carpentering for two seasons, and on the expiration of that period located upon his present farm on section 25, Franklin township, which he had purchased in 1895. This place, which was known as the Daniel Kohl farm, consists of one hundred and twenty acres of rich and arable land, which he has placed under a high state of cultivation and improved with good and substantial buildings, including a most pleasant residence. In connection with general farm-



ing he is also engaged in stock raising, and is meeting with marked success. Politically Mr. Robinson is a supporter of the Republican party, and has served as treasurer of the school board, but has never cared for official honors. He is an earnest and consistent member of the Christian church, and is held in high regard by all who know him.

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### JOHN A. FLEMING.

John A. Fleming, a well-known retired farmer and highly respected citizen of Center Point, has made his home in this county for almost half a century. He was born in Jefferson county, Indiana, May 10, 1843, and is a son of James Fleming, an honored pioneer of Linn county residing in Marion. The father is a native of Kentucky and a son of John and Mary (McCrury) Fleming, who were also born in that state of Scotch-Irish ancestry, and there the former died in 1833. His wife subsequently came to Linn county, Iowa, to make her home with her children, and died here in 1877. In their family were eight children. While a resident of Jefferson county, Indiana, James Fleming married Armilda Evans, by whom he had two children: John A., our subject; and George W., who married and went to Nebraska, where he resided for a few years, but was living in Montana at the time of his death, which occurred May 20, 1900. In 1851 the father brought his family to Linn county, Iowa, where he engaged in farming until 1889, and has since lived a retired life in Marion. He is a hale and hearty old man of about eighty years. His first wife died in Indiana, and he has since been twice married, having by the second

union four children, namely: Henry S., a resident of Linn county; James C. and Meda A., both of California; and Melinda, wife of Leroy Birch, a farmer of this county. The children by the third marriage were Judson and Florence. The second wife died in Linn county, while his last is residing in Marion.

The subject of this sketch was in his ninth year when he came with his parents to this county, and he grew to manhood upon the home farm. He had no educational advantages in early life, and he is therefore almost wholly self-educated since reaching years of maturity. When a young man he went to Princeton, Bureau county, Illinois, to work for an uncle, and while there he enlisted, in 1864, in the one hundred days' service, becoming a member of Company A, One Hundred and Thirty-ninth Illinois Volunteer Infantry. He was mustered in at Peoria and was engaged principally in doing guard duty in Missouri, Kentucky and Tennessee. On the expiration of that time he re-enlisted for one hundred days, and went to western Missouri in pursuit of Price. After seven months of faithful service he was honorably discharged in the fall of 1864 and returned home.

During the following year Mr. Fleming spent six months in Dakota and Nebraska, and on his return to this county rented and operated a farm with an uncle for about two years. He then purchased an eighty-acre tract of wild land on time, and at once commenced to break, fence and improve the place. Selling it at a good profit, he next bought forty acres at Round Grove, which he operated for two years, and on disposing of that place bought eighty acres of wild land in Spring Grove township, which he converted into a fine farm, adding to

it one hundred and twenty acres, which he also improved. To the cultivation place and removed to Center Point, where he bought a residence and has since made his home. For two years he engaged in the butcher business and on selling out embarked in the hardware trade, carrying a full line of shelf and heavy hardware, pumps, etc., but at the end of three years he sold his interest in the business to his partner and has since lived a retired life, enjoying the accumulations of former years. He deserves great credit for the success that he has achieved in life, as it is due entirely to his own well directed efforts and the assistance of his estimable wife.

On the 14th of November, 1870, in Linn county, Mr. Fleming was united in marriage with Mrs. Emily C. Hyde, who was born, reared and educated in St. Lawrence county, New York. Her father was McIntyre Putney, a native of the same county, who went to California about 1849 or 1850, and died there. She first married John Hyde, who died in St. Lawrence county, New York, leaving one son, who is now married and resides in Montana. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Fleming have been born two daughters: Alma A., wife of Dr. Mark A. Newland, of Center Point; and Maud L., at home.

Politically Mr. Fleming has always affiliated with the Republican party since he cast his first presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln in 1864, but he has never cared for official honors. He is a prominent and active member of Dennison Post, No. 244, G. A. R., in which he has held all the offices, and is now past commander. He has been a delegate to the state encampments and has attended three national encampments. Both he and his wife are earnest and faithful members of the Christian church of Center

Point, and he is now serving as elder and treasurer of the same. During the half century he has made his home in this county he has witnessed almost its entire growth and development, and has seen the village of Cedar Rapids transformed into a flourishing city. He has ever borne his part in the work of advancement, and as an agriculturist he materially aided in the upbuilding of the county. He is a man of exemplary habits and tried integrity, and has the confidence and high regard of the entire community.

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#### JOSEPH LILLY.

Joseph Lilly, a successful blacksmith of Cedar Rapids, residing at No. 520 Third avenue west, was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, in 1848, and is a son of Joseph and Mary Ann (Fanning) Lilly, natives of Maryland and Virginia, respectively. In their family were ten children, nine of whom are still living, our subject being the fifth in order of birth. In 1855 the father came to Linn county, Iowa, and purchased a farm six miles south of Cedar Rapids, it consisting of one hundred and sixty acres of wild prairie and timber land, which he commenced to clear and improve. He continued its cultivation until after the death of his wife, which occurred in 1883, and then went to live with a son and daughter in Pocahontas county, Iowa, where he died in 1895. Politically he was a Jacksonian Democrat, and an earnest advocate of the principles of his party.

The subject of this sketch was a lad of seven years when he came to this county with his parents, and its public schools afforded him his early educational advantages.

He attended school, however, only a few months during the winter time, while through the summer months he assisted his father in the work of the farm. At the age of eighteen he started out in life for himself. Going to Iowa City, he commenced learning the carriagemaker's and blacksmith's trades, and during his apprenticeship received forty-six dollars for the first year, fifty-six dollars for the second and sixty-six dollars for the third, while he virtually did errands for his board. He then worked in smaller towns until 1872, and then came to Cedar Rapids, where he was in the employ of others for about fourteen years, and then embarked in business for himself as a general blacksmith. His first shop was just across the street from his present location, and he has engaged in business at only these two places. He has built up an excellent trade and now furnishes employment to five skilled workmen the year round. His accumulations are the result of his own untiring industry, perseverance and good management, and he deserves great credit for the success he has achieved in life. He has been somewhat handicapped, having met with a serious accident about five years ago, when a horse ran away with him, fracturing his knee so that the limb had to be amputated.

In June, 1874, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Lilly and Miss Jennie Anderson, also a native of Ohio, and a daughter of John and Anna (Powers) Anderson, in whose family were seven children. In 1854 she came with her parents to Linn county, Iowa, where the father died in the fall of the same year. The family then returned to Ohio, but later they again removed to Iowa, making the journey in a covered wagon. Unto our subject and his wife was

born one child, Eddie, who died at the age of four years and a half.

In his political views Mr. Lilly is a Prohibitionist, and in his social relations is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America. Religiously both he and his wife hold membership in the Christian church, and they are highly respected and esteemed by all who know them.

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#### CONRAD KEPLER.

This honored and highly respected citizen of Franklin township, whose home is on section 4, was born in Frederick county, Maryland, January 5, 1811, and is a son of John Kepler, of Pennsylvania, who was born in 1778 and died in 1848. The mother, who was about eight years older than her husband, was born in 1770, and died in 1841. They had six children, namely: Rachel, John, Peter, Mary, Conrad and Henry.

Conrad Kepler spent the days of his boyhood and youth on the home farm, and remained with his parents until he attained his majority, in the meantime acquiring a good practical education in the district schools. On the 16th of December, 1832, he married Miss Margaret Lingenfelter, a native of Maryland and a daughter of John Lingenfelter, who was born in the same state. They became the parents of the following children: John William, born March 18, 1834, married Sarah Kepler, and is now engaged in the wood business in Mt. Vernon, but formerly followed farming in Franklin township, this county. Peter H., born May 23, 1836, married Elizabeth Doty, and died on his farm in Franklin township. Thomas S., Charles W. and Columbus Howard are all represented elsewhere in this volume. Annie Rebecca, born October 20, 1848, is



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the wife of George Riley, a farmer of Franklin township. Edwin M., born July 26, 1843, married May McKay, and is a veteran of the Civil war, and a farmer, residing in Kansas. Elizabeth A., born February 25, 1851, is the wife of Obadiah Cole, of Cedar county, Iowa.

In 1843 Mr. Kepler left his old home in Maryland, and with four horses and a wagon started with his family for Iowa, carrying their household effects and provisions with them, and camping and cooking by the way. After traveling for forty-five days they landed in Linn county, and Mr. Kepler purchased two hundred and forty acres of land in Franklin township, where he successfully engaged in general farming and stock raising throughout his active life, but is now living retired. His wife, who was a devout and faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal church, died December 29, 1879, at the age of sixty-nine years, and was laid to rest in Sugar Grove cemetery. She was beloved by all who knew her, and her loss was keenly felt by a wide circle of relatives and friends.

The Republican party has always found in Mr. Kepler a staunch supporter of its principles, and he has held many township offices. He is one of the leading citizens of the community in which he resides, and is held in high regard by all who have the pleasure of his acquaintance. In religious faith he was formerly a Lutheran, but now holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal church.

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#### Z. TAYLOR COCHRAN.

Numbered among the substantial and enterprising citizens of Center Point is Z. Taylor Cochran, who is one of Linn coun-

ty's native sons, his birth having occurred in Otter Creek township July 11, 1849. His father, George Cochran, was born in Virginia in 1807, and was a son of George Cochran, Sr., also a native of the Old Dominion and of German descent. The latter was a soldier of the war of 1812, and one of the pioneers of Pickaway county, Ohio. There his son, George Cochran, Jr., grew to manhood and married a Miss Ward, by whom he had two children: John, a resident of Center Point, Iowa; and Mary Jane, wife of Ulysses Hendrickson, of Oronogo, Jasper county, Missouri. For his second wife he married Miss Susan Gunn, and our subject was the only child born of this union. Coming west in 1840, the father entered land in Linn county, Iowa, and the following year took up his residence thereon, owning and operating a good farm of two hundred and sixty acres in Otter Creek township. In 1850 he went overland to California, and after spending about one year on the Pacific slope returned to this county by way of the Isthmus of Panama, New Orleans, St. Louis and Davenport. He filled the office of township trustee and filled other positions of honor and trust, and was an active and prominent member of the Christian church, to which he gave liberally. He died upon his farm in 1887, and his wife passed away in 1880. She was born in Virginia, but was reared and educated in Ohio, and engaged in teaching school in Linn county, Iowa, prior to her marriage.

Z. Taylor Cochran grew to manhood on the homestead farm, and after attending the common schools of the county for several years he entered Oskaloosa College, where he pursued his studies for two years. He then engaged in teaching school in Otter Creek township for five or six years. On

the 16th of June, 1872, in this county, was celebrated his marriage with Miss Sarah A. Rose, who was born in Dekalb county, Illinois, but was reared and educated in Linn county, Iowa, and also followed teaching in this county. Her father, Cyrus Rose, removed from New York to Illinois, and later came to this county.

Mr. and Mrs. Cochran began their domestic life on his father's homestead, which he subsequently purchased, and he followed farming for a number of years with good success. There his wife died in 1890, and he afterward engaged in merchandising at Alburnett and Lafayette, owning an interest in stores at both places, but at the end of three years he sold out. In 1893 he was again married, in this county, his second union being with Mrs. E. J. Wormer, a native of Iowa, who first married Willard Wormer, a farmer of Linn county. Her father was D. M. Briggs, one of the early settlers of Jackson county, Iowa. By her first marriage Mrs. Cochran had two children: Pearl, now a school teacher of Linn county; and Frank, a student in the high school at Center Point.

In 1896 Mr. Cochran removed to Center Point, and has since lived a retired life. Politically he has been identified with the Republican party since he cast his first presidential vote for General U. S. Grant in 1872, and has taken quite an active and influential part in local politics. He has served as a delegate to numerous conventions, and was clerk of Otter Creek township for a number of years. Both he and his wife hold membership in the Christian church, and he is now serving as a member of the official board and clerk of the church. His upright, honorable course in life has gained

for him the confidence and high regard of his fellow citizens, and his friendship is highly prized.

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A. H. NEWMAN.

One of Cedar Rapids' most wide-awake and energetic business men is A. H. Newman, the secretary, treasurer and manager of the Cedar Rapids Candy Company, which largely through his well-directed efforts has become an important industry. He was born in Seneca Falls, New York, on the 30th of March, 1857, his parents being Thomas G. and Eliza (Powell) Newman, who were natives of Somersetshire, England, and came to America shortly after their marriage in 1854. In his native land the father had served a seven-years' apprenticeship to the printer's trade, and continued to follow that occupation there until his emigration to the United States. Locating in Seneca Falls, New York, he immediately turned his attention to the newspaper business, publishing a religious monthly, known as the *Millennial Harbinger*, in connection with a general printing business for a number of years. In 1866 he returned with his family to England, and was engaged in the same business at Teignmouth, Devonshire, for three years. On again crossing the Atlantic to the new world in 1869 Mr. Newman came to Cedar Rapids, Iowa, where he located on the 23d of June. Here he purchased a half interest in the office of the *Linn County Signal*, which he published in partnership with F. H. Williams, now of Mechanicsville, Iowa, for six months, and then became sole proprietor. In the fall of 1870 he started the

Cedar Rapids Observer, which was the first daily of Linn county, and continued to publish that paper for two years, during which time he secured a large circulation. In the spring of 1872 he sold out to a stock company organized under the name of the Republican Printing Company, who still conduct the paper. After disposing of his interest in the same Mr. Newman remained one year as manager of the Republican. He removed to Chicago in 1873 and made his home there until 1896, publishing the American Bee Journal with good success, but in the spring of the latter year he went to San Francisco and established the Philosophical Journal, which he has since conducted. He has three children, all of whom were born in Seneca Falls, New York, namely: Henrietta, wife of Henry A. Cook, editor and publisher of the Fort Dodge Post; A. H., the subject of this sketch; and Matie, wife of Fred H. Chenoweth, who is engaged in the iron business in San Francisco, California.

Mr. Newman, of this review, acquired his early education in the schools of Seneca Falls, New York, and Devonshire, England, where he attended a private school. On the return of the family to America he entered the printing office with his father and learned the trade. At the age of fifteen he was occupying the position of bookkeeper, advertising solicitor, and when his father sold out his business here he remained in the employ of the Republican for one year. He accompanied his father on his removal to Chicago, and was identified with him as a partner in publishing the American Bee Journal until 1892, when he returned to Cedar Rapids, and in connection with Henry Rickel organized the Cedar Rapids Candy Company, of which Mr. Rickel is presi-

dent; E. H. Crocker, vice-president; and Mr. Newman, secretary, treasurer and general manager. They manufacture all kinds of candy, but their specialty is the Acme chocolates, for which the house has gained an excellent reputation. They do a large jobbing business and furnish employment to from sixty to eighty people, including six traveling salesmen, who solicit trade all through Iowa, Minnesota, South Dakota and Illinois.

On the 6th of May, 1880, Mr. Newman married Miss Lillian Rickel, a daughter of Henry Rickel, of Cedar Rapids, whose sketch appears on another page of this volume. They have two children: Irene, who is now attending the preparatory school for Vassar College; and John H., a student in the Cedar Rapids high school. Mr. Newman is president of the Occidental Club of Cedar Rapids, a social organization, and is an active member of the First Presbyterian church, in which he has served as usher many years and as a teacher in the Sunday school. In politics he is a Democrat, but supported William McKinley for the presidency in 1896 and 1900. As a business man he is conscientious and thoroughly reliable, and in all the relations of life has been found true and faithful to every trust reposed in him, so that he well merits the high regard in which he is uniformly held.

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C. A. GILLETTE.

C. A. Gillette, who is now residing on section 11, Franklin township, has the honor of being one of Linn county's native sons, for he was born in Franklin township January 24, 1846, his parents being Harvey and



Mary Maria (Snyder) Gillette. The father was born in Connecticut June 15, 1797, and belonged to a family of English origin which was founded in that state at an early day. Our subject's grandfather, who was known as Captain Gillette, is supposed to have been in the Revolutionary war. At the age of nine years the father left his native state and went to Westfield, Massachusetts, where he made his home for a number of years. He then came west as agent for a company who were buying lands from the half-breed Indians, and went up the Missouri river near Eddyville. He bought quite a large amount of land and spent some time with the Black Hawk tribe, there being six weeks that he never saw a white man. He first married a Miss Lee, a native of Massachusetts, and they lived for some time in Muscatine, Iowa, but later returned to the east, where she died. Later, while on his way to Iowa, he met the lady who subsequently became his wife, she being the mother of our subject. They were married in Tipton, Iowa, in 1845. She was born in New York state July 15, 1827, of Holland ancestry, and died February 5, 1883, and both were buried at Tipton. By his first marriage he had six children, only two of whom are now living. Those born of the second union were C. A., our subject; J. A., now deceased, married Martha Stonacker, now a resident of Cedar Rapids; F. A., a resident of Marshalltown, Iowa, who first married Jennie Mills and after her death wedded Sarah Kennedy; John H., who married and lives in Burlington, Iowa; Sarah M., deceased, who first married William Carnahan, and second C. W. Morton, of Dennison, Iowa; and Emma, who died at the age of six years.

C. A. Gillette was reared in this state

and attended the district schools until fourteen years of age. He was next a student at the Tipton high school for about five months, and completed his education at Cornell College at the age of sixteen. During the terrible tornado of 1860 he was with the family upon the home farm, while the father was serving as postmaster at St. Mary's. Our subject was engaged in agricultural pursuits until 1866, when the father traded his farm for a stock of merchandise at Mt. Vernon, and the following year bought a hotel, a part of which he converted into a store room. Our subject assisted his father in conducting the store until it was destroyed by fire in 1868, after which they ran a dray and hack line for some time. This business was subsequently carried on by our subject and his brother until 1876, when the former commenced traveling through northeastern Iowa buying wool and selling woolen goods. The following year he traveled through the country introducing the patent medicines now known as the Chamberlain remedies, which are manufactured at Des Moines. He was next engaged in teaming until 1881, when he embarked in the creamery business, establishing a regular route, over which he traveled in the winter time, buying poultry, and also spent some winters in the poultry house at Lisbon. His time was thus taken up until the fall of 1899, when he rented a place belonging to his father-in-law and resumed farming. He is also interested in the fruit and nursery business, owning two acres of land which he has devoted to the same.

On the 25th of January, 1882, in Franklin township, Mr. Gillette was united in marriage with Miss Alice Yeisley, who was born in Monroe county, Pennsylvania, August 9, 1858, and is of German descent. Her

parents were Philip and Margaret (Steele) Yeisley, the former also a native of Monroe county, Pennsylvania, and the latter of New York state. They were married at Delaware Water Gap, Pennsylvania, and came west in 1870, locating first in Jones county, Iowa. In 1881 they came to Franklin township, Linn county, where the father purchased a farm on which they still reside. Mrs. Gillette is the youngest of their three children, the others being Horace, who married Josephine Shaler and resides in Lisbon, Iowa; and Charles, who wedded Mary Hilbert Caster Gilbert, now deceased, and makes his home in California. Mr. and Mrs. Gillette have three children: Harry A., born November 19, 1882; C. Edgar, born March 5, 1887; and Earl LeRoy, born March 19, 1892. The oldest son will graduate at the Lisbon high school in the class of 1901.

The Republican party has always found in Mr. Gillette a staunch supporter of its principles, but he has never taken a very active part in political affairs and cares nothing for office. He was formerly a member of the Legion of Honor and Star of Bethlehem Lodge, No. 3, K. P., of Mt. Vernon, and has been officially connected with both orders. He attends St. Paul's Lutheran church of Lisbon, and is held in high regard by a large circle of friends and acquaintances.

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#### JOSEPH MEKOTA, LL. B.

The subject of this review is the leading Bohemian attorney of Cedar Rapids, being a member of the well-known firm of Bingham & Mekota, who have advanced to high and honorable distinction in professional

circles. He was born in Bohemia on the 17th of April, 1866, but was only three years old when brought to this country by his parents, Frank and Dorota (Petrik) Mekota. The family located near Solon, Johnson county, Iowa, where the father followed farming with good success for several years, and is now living retired with a daughter in Cedar Rapids, at the age of sixty-eight. He is a self-made man, his success in life being due entirely to his own unaided efforts. His wife died in Iowa City in 1892. In their family were nine children, namely: John, who is now in the employ of the Parlor City Fuel Company of Cedar Rapids; Anna, wife of Joseph Janko, who lives on a farm near Western, Iowa; Frank, a business man of Solon; Mary, wife of V. Cuhel, a farmer of Fairfax township, this county; Joseph, the subject of this sketch; Wesley, who purchased the old homestead of his father in Johnson county; Fannie, wife of Frank Najt, of Cedar Rapids; Bessie, wife of Fred Barta, of Cedar Rapids; and Emma. The children were all educated in the common schools of Johnson county.

Joseph Mekota remained on the home farm with his father until 1890, assisting in the labors of field and meadow during the summer season, while through the winter he attended school. He began his education in the country schools of Johnson county, and in 1883 attended Iowa City Academy, and then entered the State University, after which he engaged in teaching in order that he might complete the college course, and in the fall of 1890 returned to the Iowa State University, and in 1892 completed the regular course; he also did the junior work in the law department, from which he was graduated in 1893 with the degree of LL. B. He was married, on the 12th of

June, that year, to Miss Mary B. Zika, and began housekeeping in Cedar Rapids, but returned to Iowa City and was graduated on the 14th of the same month. They have one child, Vega, born in June, 1895.

The day following his graduation Mr. Mekota opened an office in Cedar Rapids, and was not long in building up a very large and paying practice, which he still enjoys as a member of the firm of Bingham & Mekota. It is one of the most flourishing firms in the city, being engaged in general practice in the federal, supreme and district courts of Iowa, and their patronage comes not alone from this county, but from Johnson and other adjoining counties. Mr. Mekota commands a very large share of the Bohemian business, and as counsel represents the largest Bohemian firms and lodges of Cedar Rapids. He has met with most wonderful success in his chosen profession.

Mr. Mekota is a Democrat in politics, and is a party leader among his own people, but has never sought political honors. Fraternally he is a member of Jan Hus Lodge, I. O. O. F., which is the only Bohemian lodge of that order west of the Mississippi river, and is also a member of the C. S. P. S. Lodge, and the C. S. B. P. J. Lodge. He belongs to the Western Bohemian Fraternal Association, in which he is now serving as attorney of the supreme lodge, and is a member of the Woodmen of the World. He was one of the organizers and promoters of the Bohemian Mutual Fire Association of Cedar Rapids, of which he was a director for five years; and is a member of the board of directors of the Bohemian Building & Loan Association and attorney for the same. He is literary in his tastes, is a well informed man and a good speaker, and is a campaign orator and active

worker for the Democratic party. Mr. Mekota was one of the promoters of the new Bohemian school of Cedar Rapids, and is a member of the public library board, which is an appointive position. He takes an active interest in sports of various kinds, and is an ardent supporter of bowling, in which he is quite proficient.

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### JAMES A. NORTH.

Among the honored veterans of the Civil war now residing in Linn county is this well-known citizen of Center Point. He was born in Trumbull county, Ohio, on the 1st of January, 1829, and is a representative of a family of Scotch origin which was founded in Maryland at an early day. His paternal grandfather, George North, Sr., was a teamster for the Continental army in the Revolutionary war. His father, George North, Jr., was a native of Maryland, and when a young man removed to Ohio, where he married Miss Nancy Patterson, who was also born in Maryland. Her father, David Patterson, fought for seven years for the freedom of the colonies in the Revolution, and was wounded two or three times. He subsequently received a pension from the government. For some years the father of our subject followed farming in Ohio, and in 1849 removed to De Kalb county, Indiana, where he secured a tract of government land with a land warrant. To the improvement and cultivation of that place he devoted the remainder of his life, dying there in January, 1877, while his wife passed away in 1883.

The subject of this review was reared on the old home farm in the Buckeye state,



and received a rather limited education in its public schools. He was married, December 4, 1853, in Union county, Ohio, to Miss Martha J. Newland, who was born in Logan county, that state, January 21, 1834, and obtaining a good practical education in the Ohio schools she successfully engaged in teaching for some years prior to her marriage. She is a daughter of Andrew A. Newland, and a sister of H. D. Newland, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this work. Of the four children born to Mr. and Mrs. North the oldest, Martin W., died at the age of ten years while his father was in the army, and a daughter died in infancy. Those living are Franklin, a resident of Oklahoma City; and Charles H., who was educated in Houghton, New York, is a traveling salesman residing in Kansas City, Missouri. The latter was married, in Liberal, Kansas, May 30, 1889, to Mollie E. Nihill, and they have four children, Clarence, Estella, Robert James and Charles Henry.

For some years Mr. North was engaged in farming in Union county, Ohio, and then spent four years in following the same pursuit in De Kalb and Noble counties, Indiana, after which he returned to Ohio. On the 28th of August, 1861, he enlisted for three years in Company F, Thirty-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry, which formed a part of the Army of the Tennessee. He served for some time as third sergeant, and subsequently was promoted to orderly sergeant and still later to first lieutenant. His first engagement was at Cumberland Gap, followed by the battles of Chickamauga and Missionary Ridge, and the Atlanta campaign, ending in the siege and surrender of that city. He then accompanied General Sherman on the march to the sea and through the Carolinas,

and passing through Richmond proceeded to Washington, D. C., where he participated in the grand review at the close of the war. He had veteranized in January, 1864, and remained in the service until hostilities ceased. From Washington he accompanied his regiment to Louisville, Kentucky, and while there was granted a furlough and returned home. He was honorably discharged at Columbus, Ohio, in July, 1865. During his service he was ill in the hospital at Louisville for about two months, but with that exception he was always on active duty, valiantly defending the old flag and the cause it represented.

Mr. North continued to engage in farming in Ohio until 1867, when he came to Linn county, Iowa, and purchased eighty acres of land in Grant township, only three acres of which had been broken and a cabin erected thereon. He continued the improvement and cultivation of that farm until the fall of 1885, and extended its boundaries until they contained two hundred acres, on which he erected a good set of farm buildings. Selling his place in 1885, he removed to Stevens county, Kansas, where he secured a homestead, and there owned and operated four hundred and eighty acres of land for four years. On the expiration of that period he returned to Linn county, Iowa, and has since lived a retired life in Center Point, where he owns a very pleasant home and is surrounded by all the comforts which make life worth the living.

On attaining his majority Mr. North became identified with the Democracy, and cast his first presidential vote for Franklin Pierce in 1852, but during the Civil war he became a Republican and voted for Abraham Lincoln in 1864. On account of his views on the temperance question he now



votes the Prohibition ticket, believing that issue to be the most important at the present time. He has filled the offices of city marshal and street commissioner in Center Point and while living on the farm served as a member of the school board. He is a charter member of Dennison Post, No. 244, G. A. R., and both he and his wife are members of the United Evangelical church of Center Point. They are widely and favorably known throughout this section of the county, and are held in the highest respect by their many friends.

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#### JOHN A. KEARNS.

John A. Kearns, deceased, was for over forty-six years an honored and highly respected citizen of Linn county, much of his life being passed upon his farm on section 8, Linn township, where he owned and successfully operated one hundred and seventy-five acres of rich and arable land. He was born in Richland county, Ohio, April 25, 1835, and in 1853 came to Iowa with his parents, John and Margaret (Grubaugh) Kearns, who were of German descent. The family located in Linn township, this county, where the father followed farming for many years. He died there at the age of sixty-eight years, and his wife passed away at the age of eighty-six. They had six children, who are still living and continue to reside in Linn township.

Throughout his active business life John A. Kearns followed general farming and stock raising with good success. In March, 1863, he was united in marriage with Miss Catherine Mann, a daughter of Adam and

Jennie (Whitlatch) Mann. Her father was a native of Greene county, Pennsylvania, and continued his residence in that state during his boyhood and youth. When a young man he went to Ohio, where he lived for four years, and then came to Iowa, crossing the Mississippi at Muscatine, August 8, 1837. On this trip he was accompanied by his parents, David and Nancy Mann, who located on a farm in Greenfield township, Jones county, where they made their home until death.

Adam Mann remained with his parents in Jones county until 1840, when he came to Linn county, and took up his residence on section 8, Linn township, where he entered one hundred and sixty acres of land from the government. He at once commenced to break and improve his land, and in his farming operations here he met with marked success, owning at the time of his death nearly five hundred acres of valuable land in Linn township, though he had already given farms to some of his children. In connection with general farming he carried on stock raising to some extent. He voted the Democratic ticket, and was an earnest and consistent member of the Baptist church, as is also his wife. He died on the old home place October 6, 1889, at the age of sixty-five years, but she is still living in Linn township at the age of seventy six, and enjoys good health. She is a native of Ohio and a daughter of John W. and Annie (Mann) Whitlatch. Her father engaged in farming in Linn township for a great many years, but shortly before his death removed to Nebraska, where he passed away about twelve years ago. His wife has been dead twenty-three years.

Mrs. Kearns is the oldest in a family of



JOHN A. KEARNS.



seven children, the others being as follows: Alva is represented on another page of this work; Hamilton died at the age of two years; William B. is a farmer of southern Kansas; Stephen married Lucy Coleman and died in Linn township, this county, January 22, 1892; Nirah is the wife of William Lacock, of Linn township; and Addie is the wife of Abner Lacock, a farmer of the same township.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Kearns were born five children, namely: (1) Ulysses died at the age of seven years, and (3) Esta died at the age of twelve years. (2) Lucretia, who is a twin of Ulysses, is now the wife of Adelbert Campbell, who operates a part of the Kearns homestead in Linn township, and they have seven children: Mabel, Minnie, La Verne, John, Ethel, Leo and Melvin, all born in that township. (4) Elzadia and (5) Jennie are both at home with their mother.

Mr. Kearns died June 10, 1900, after a long and lingering illness. He was a Republican in politics, and most acceptably filled the offices of school director and road supervisor for many years. Religiously he was a faithful and consistent member of the Presbyterian church, and died on the day he was to have been ordained as elder of the same, having previously been appointed to that position. He led a quiet, useful and conscientious life, and was held in the highest regard by his neighbors and many friends. He gave liberly to the erection of the Presbyterian church at Paralta, and united with the same the day that it was organized. His remains were interred in the cemetery there. His family is one of prominence in the community where they reside, and have an extended circle of friends and acquaintances throughout Linn county.

### CHRISTIAN CORDES.

The subject of this review, who is now successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits on a farm of eighty acres on section 34, Linn township, was born near Hanover, Germany, April 13, 1835, and was ten years of age when he came to the new world with his parents, Christian and Mary (Dettmer) Cordes, also natives of that country. By trade the father was a mason, but after coming to the United States he worked in a bedstead factory in Cincinnati, Ohio. He died in that city at an advanced age, having survived his wife for some years. Of the seven children born to them only our subject is now living.

Mr. Cordes left Cincinnati when a young man and went to Switzerland county, Indiana, where he worked on his uncle's farm for about three years. He was next employed in a sawmill in Ripley county, Indiana, for the same length of time, and when the proprietors of the mill, Messrs. Bassett & Laycock, sold out and came to Iowa in 1854, he accompanied them, locating at Linn Grove. He has since made his home in this county, and has engaged in general farming in various parts of Linn township. When he located here this region was nearly all wild and unimproved, and he has watched with interest its development and progress until it is now one of the best improved counties in the state. In this work he has borne an important part, and is recognized as one of the valued and useful citizens of the community. In politics he is a Republican.

On the 1st of December, 1861, Mr. Cordes married Miss Ruha Doty, a native of Ohio, and a daughter of Ephraim and Mary Ann (Snyder) Doty. The father,



who was a farmer by occupation, died when Mrs. Cordes was a small child, and the mother subsequently came to Linn county, Iowa, and located in Linn township. She died in Mt. Vernon, at the age of eighty-three years. In the family were twelve children, of whom Mrs. Cordes is next to the youngest, but only six of the number are now living.

Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Cordes, namely: (1) Olive is now the wife of Charles Eastlack, a farmer of Franklin township, who is represented on another page of this volume, and they have three children, LeRoy, Clara and Earl. (2) Elizabeth died at the age of five and a half years. (3) Carrie is the wife of Lee Kleinecht, also a farmer of Franklin township, and they have three children, Amy, Marvin and Kenneth. (4) Addie is the wife of Barney Peddycoart, a farmer of Fayette county, Iowa. (6) John resides on the home farm with his father.

eleven children, namely: Mary, wife of Cain Holland, of Floyd county, Iowa; John, roadmaster on the Illinois Central Railroad at Clinton, Iowa; Hannah, wife of D. Holland; Patrick, who has supervision of the Illinois Central Railroad at Cherokee, Iowa; Timothy J., the subject of this sketch; Jossie, a resident of Denver, Colorado; Michael C., a priest, who is now a professor in St. Joseph's College, of Dubuque, Iowa; Agnes, wife of P. C. Murray, of Sheldon, Iowa; Kate, wife of J. Flynn, of New Hartford, Iowa; F. D., agent for the Chicago, St. Paul, Minnesota & O. Railroad at Eau Claire, Wisconsin; and C. J., chief clerk in the office of his brother F. D. The father and all the children enjoy good health.

During his boyhood Father Sullivan attended school in Massachusetts, and at Earlville and Waverly, Iowa, being a student in the high school at the latter place. In the spring of 1875 he entered St. Joseph's College, of Dubuque, where he studied for the priesthood, and was ordained May 28, 1882. He remained at that college as instructor for two years, and in September, 1884, went to Sheldon, Iowa, having charge of the parish there until November, 1889, when he was transferred to Cedar Rapids. At first his parish was quite large, covering three and a half counties, over which he had to do a great deal of riding, as the country was sparsely settled, but there are now about twelve priests in the territory of which he once had charge.

On coming to Cedar Rapids Father Sullivan found the church property in a very poor condition, but he at once purchased a lot, and on the 18th of October, 1891, laid the corner stone for the splendid church which now stands on the corner of First avenue and Fifth street west, which was

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#### REV. TIMOTHY J. SULLIVAN.

Rev. Timothy J. Sullivan, pastor of St. Patrick's Catholic church of Cedar Rapids, was born in Glen Gariff, County Cork, Ireland, on the 15th of May, 1856, and is a son of Timothy and Bridget (Crowley) Sullivan, who came to America in 1863 and located first in Sandwich, Massachusetts, but only remained there a short time. In 1865 they came to Iowa and took up their residence in Earlville. For some years the father superintended the construction of railroads in this state, but is now living a retired life in Cedar Falls, Iowa. His wife died in 1876. They were the parents of

dedicated August 28, 1892. It is a beautiful edifice and a very valuable property. In connection with the church there is a good free parochial school, which has been in successful operation since September, 1892, and is now on a self-supporting basis, having a large attendance from the parish children. St. Patrick's church belongs to the arch-diocese of Dubuque.

Father Sullivan is a very progressive and enterprising man, and is of courteous and jovial disposition, making friends wherever he goes. He is prominently identified with the best literary circles of the city, but gives the greater part of his time and attention to his church work. He is a man of good address and winning manners; is a zealous, active and efficient worker for the church, and is held in high esteem not only by the people of his own congregation, but by the residents of Cedar Rapids generally.

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#### ALLAN McDUFF.

Allan McDuff, the well-known general foreman of the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad shops at Cedar Rapids, was born in Renfrew, Scotland, on the 11th of August, 1847, his parents being Allan and Jane (Steele) McDuff, who were natives of the same country and came to America in 1868. Two of their sons had previously emigrated to the new world about 1856 and located in Marion, Iowa, but the older one, who was a carpenter and tinner by occupation, afterward removed to Missouri, where his parents joined him on coming to this country. Although the father was well advanced in years, he assisted his sons in the store until his death, which

occurred shortly after his arrival here. The mother died six months later.

The subject of this review was reared and educated in his native land, and in 1860 was indentured as an apprentice to the machinist's trade, serving as such until his emigration to the United States, in September, 1869. He first located in Sullivan county, Missouri, where he remained until the spring of 1870, and then removed to Vinton, Iowa, where he was employed as a stationary engineer in a mill and elevator until coming to Cedar Rapids in 1871. After working as a stationary engineer at this place for three months, he entered the employ of the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad in the summer of that year, their shops being very small at that time. At first he worked as a general machinist and also served as foreman, but as the road was extended the shops were enlarged. In 1883 he was made foreman of machinery. In 1887 Mr. McDuff was promoted to general foreman, with about one hundred and fifty men under his direct supervision, and also indirectly in charge of the general mechanical work of the entire division. Having a good practical knowledge of every detail of the business and being himself a skilled mechanic, he has most capably and satisfactorily discharged the responsible duties of that position.

In April, 1873, Mr. McDuff married Miss Catherine Meikleham, who was born in Canada and came to Linn county, Iowa, with her parents. Her father was a farmer by occupation. Their marriage was celebrated in Cedar Rapids, and has been blessed by five daughters, namely: Christina, Jennie May, Elizabeth and Belle, twins, and Olive Margaret. Elizabeth is a graduate of Coe College, and the others are all grad-

uates of the Cedar Rapids high school. The family have a nice home at 1526 B avenue east, where they delight to entertain their many friends. Politically Mr. McDuff is identified with the Republican party, and socially is connected with the Ancient Order of United Workmen. He is one of the founders and directors of Perpetual B. & L. Association from its organization in 1875, and a member of the Master Mechanics' Association. He attends and supports the United Presbyterian church.

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#### ABRAHAM GABLE.

Abraham Gable is now retired from the active labors of life and occupies a comfortable home in the town of Center Point, Iowa. He is a native of Ohio, born in Marion county, November 20, 1839, and passed the days of his boyhood and youth upon a farm in that locality, pursuing his education in the district schools of the neighborhood.

Mr. Gable was among the boys in blue of the war of the Rebellion, enlisting in Marion county, Ohio, in the fall of 1861, as a private in Company D, Eighty-second Ohio Volunteer Infantry. Later he was promoted to the rank of corporal and afterward sergeant. His regiment was a part of the Army of the Potomac and was under the command of General Seigel. They assisted in the capture of Moorefield, Virginia, and participated in the battle of Cross Keys and an engagement near Cedar Mountain. They were in a number of fights along the Rappahannock river, and the second battle of Bull Run, in August, 1862; the six days battle at Chancellorsville; the battle of Gettysburg, July 1, 2 and 3, 1863;

Wauhatchie, Alabama; Missionary Ridge; Knoxville and Lookout Mountain. Mr. Gable veteranized and returned home on a furlough. After rejoining his command, March 3, 1864, he marched over twenty-five hundred miles, and participated in the Atlanta campaign, the march to the sea and the Carolina campaign. At Goldsboro he was taken prisoner, but ten days later was paroled at Richmond, Virginia. He was honorably discharged at Camp Chase, Ohio, June 23, 1865, and returned to the old home farm in Marion county, that state.

There Mr. Gable was married October 19, 1865, to Miss Catharine Heverly, who was born in Pennsylvania, but was reared in Ohio. Her father was John L. Heverly. By this union were born four children, namely: Elmer E., who is married and engaged in the grocery business in Cedar Rapids; Ida L., wife of Frank Grubbs, of Center Point; Cora B., wife of Homer Markwell, of North English, Iowa; and Harley O., who will graduate from the Center Point high school in the spring of 1901.

Mr. Gable purchased a small farm in Marion county, Ohio, and there engaged in agricultural pursuits after his marriage until coming to Linn county, Iowa, in February, 1884. Here he bought a farm of one hundred and fifty-four acres, but later sold a portion of this, though he still retains one hundred and twenty acres, on which he has erected a good residence, barn and other outbuildings. In 1888 he discontinued farming and removed to Center Point, where he was engaged in the meat business for two years, but has since lived a retired life. He owns a pleasant home in that village, where, surrounded by all the comforts and many of the luxuries of life, he is enjoying a well-earned rest.

In his political views Mr. Gable is a staunch Republican, having supported that party since he cast his first presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln in 1864. He has always been an earnest and consistent Christian, and has devoted considerable time to the work of the ministry, having preached in former years all over this section of the state. In early life he was connected with the Evangelical church, and later engaged in preaching for the Congregational church at Green's Grove for two years, but now holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal church. Fraternally he is a member of Demison Post, No. 244, G. A. R., of Center Point, of which he was chaplain for a number of years, and is now past commander. His life has been an upright, honorable and useful one, and he well merits the confidence and esteem so freely accorded him by his fellow citizens.

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FRANK W. FREDERICK.

This well-known and highly esteemed citizen who is now successfully engaged in farming on section 35, Linn township, where he now owns sixty-five acres of well-improved land, was born in Northampton county, Pennsylvania, on the 14th of December, 1851, and in the spring of 1869 came to Linn county, Iowa, with his parents, William and Elizabeth (Werner) Frederick. The father was also a native of Northampton county, and was a son of George Frederick, who came to this country from Germany when only four years old. While a resident of Pennsylvania, William Frederick engaged in farming during the summer, and worked at his trade

of a cooper during the winter months. On coming to Iowa, in 1869, he purchased eighty-six acres of land on section 36, Linn township, this county, which he placed under cultivation. He continued to successfully engage in general farming and stock raising until 1883, when he laid aside active labor and removed to Lisbon, where he spent the remainder of his life in ease and quiet. Politically he always affiliated with the Republican party, but he never sought official honors. He was an active member of the United Evangelical church, which his family also attended, and was a man highly respected and esteemed by all who knew him. He died at his home in Lisbon, October 21, 1896, at the age of seventy-six, having long survived the mother of our subject, who passed away at their country home in the spring of 1878, at the age of sixty-three years. She, too, was a native of Pennsylvania. The children born to them were Thomas, who is now conducting a sash, door and blind factory at his birthplace in Northampton county, Pennsylvania; Soveva, wife of Carl Krueger, a farmer living on section 36, Linn township, this county; and Frank W., our subject. For his second wife the father wedded Mary A. Huffer, but had no children by that union. She is now Mrs. Amos Kohl, and resides in Lisbon.

The subject of this sketch remained on the home farm until his marriage, and then moved to his present farm, which he had purchased on section 35, Linn township, to the improvement and cultivation of which he has since devoted his time and energies with most gratifying results. He is accounted one of the most thorough and skillful agriculturists of his community. On the 27th of September, 1884, Mr. Freder-



ick was united in marriage with Miss Emma Hoodmaker, who was also born in Pennsylvania, her parents being Henry G. and Lucinda (Flyte) Hoodmaker, natives of the Keystone state. During the Rebellion her father enlisted in Company G, Sixty-seventh Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and served until the close of the war. He died in his native state December 29, 1877. By trade he was a mason, and continued to follow that occupation throughout life. His widow now makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. Frederick. Unto them were born seven children, five of whom are still living.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick have two children, namely: Elmer E., born November 6, 1885; and William Ray, born October 13, 1887. In politics Mr. Frederick is a Republican.

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#### JAMES E. LAWLER.

The subject of this biography, who is now foreman of the general blacksmith work in the shops of the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad at Cedar Rapids, was born in Berlin, Green Lake county, Wisconsin, on the 22d of November, 1852. His parents, Martin and Elizabeth (Flood) Lawler, were both natives of Ireland and were passengers on the same vessel on coming to this country, in 1849. They were married in St. Charles, Illinois, the same year. The father was principally engaged in farming during his active business career. At an early day he settled in Wisconsin among the Indians, and from the government purchased one hundred and sixty acres of timber land on an Indian reservation, where he cleared and improved a farm. There his wife died in 1857, and four years

later he removed with his family to Burlington, Iowa, where he engaged in contracting for stone work and in grading for ten years. He then removed to Council Bluffs, where he lived retired for a year, dying there in 1872, at the age of seventy-two years. His children were Julia, wife of George Welsh, a brickmason and contractor of St. Charles, Illinois; James E., the subject of this sketch; and Mary, widow of James McCauley, who was engaged in the jewelry business at Council Bluffs, Iowa.

James E. Lawler is indebted to the common schools of Iowa for his educational privileges. He left school and home at the age of fifteen years and found employment in a sawmill at Burlington, where he worked two years. He then entered the Burlington Iron Works as an apprentice in the blacksmith department, where he learned the business which he now follows, remaining there four years. In 1871 he came to Cedar Rapids and commenced work in the blacksmith department of the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad shops as a journeyman, in which capacity he served for two years. He was then appointed foreman and has held the position of head foreman since 1876 to the entire satisfaction of the company, having under his personal direction thirty men. He was one of the organizers and a member of the board of directors of the Cedar Rapids Perpetual Building & Loan Association, which was organized in 1875, and since 1891 he has been president of the association, which takes in Linn county only and is in a very flourishing condition, having a capital stock of five million dollars and assets two hundred thousand dollars, while the membership is four hundred and fifty. Mr. Lawler is also a stockholder of the Cedar Rapids

Loan & Trust Company, and the People's Savings Bank.

In 1876 Mr. Lawler wedded Miss Mary Kelley, who was born in St. Charles, Illinois, in 1853, her parents being Patrick and Mary Kelley. Her family came to this state about 1865 and settled in Benton county, where her father engaged in farming for some years, but is now living retired in Van Horn, Iowa. Mrs. Lawler is the fourth in order of birth in a family of nine children. The children born to our subject and his wife are Elizabeth, at home; Edward, who was graduated from Rush Medical College, Chicago, in 1900, and is now engaged in practice in Cedar Rapids; Nellie, a milliner employed in this city; Frank, who is attending high school; and Alice, Margaret, Florence and Bernard, all students in the public schools of Cedar Rapids. The family are communicants of St. Patrick's Catholic church.

In his social relations Mr. Lawler is a member of the Knights of Pythias Lodge, No. 1; the Ancient Order of United Workmen, No. 278; and the Modern Woodmen of America. Politically he votes with the Democratic party on national issues, but at local elections supports the men whom he believes best qualified to fill the offices regardless of party lines. He contributes to charitable and philanthropical enterprises, and is worthy of prominent mention among the representative citizens of his adopted county.

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#### WILLIAM J. PATTERSON.

For over sixty years William J. Patterson has been connected with the history of Linn county, and few have done more for its upbuilding than he. He was born in

Pike county, Pennsylvania, June 28, 1812, and is a worthy representative of a prominent old family of that state, being a grandson of Robert Patterson, who was of Scotch-Irish parentage, and a pioneer of Pennsylvania. The father, Isaac Patterson, was born in that state, and when a young man went to Pike county, where he married Nellie Jones, a native of that county and a daughter of Squire Jones, who was one of its earliest settlers. For several years Mr. Patterson was one of the prominent farmers of Pike county, but later removed to Knox county, Ohio, where he cleared and improved a farm, making it his home throughout the remainder of his life.

William J. Patterson grew to manhood in Knox county, Ohio, and in early life assisted his father in clearing away the timber from the farm, making rails and breaking the land. As the great part of his time was devoted to these arduous tasks he had little opportunity to attend school, and is almost wholly self-educated, though for a few months during the winter he pursued his studies in an old log school house. During his youth he learned the carpenter's and joiner's trade at Mt. Vernon, Ohio, where he served a three years apprenticeship, and then worked as a journeyman on Kenyon College for thirteen dollars a month and board. He was employed at journeyman work for some time. He spent two seasons working at his trade in Toledo, Ohio, and then returned to Knox county, though he subsequently worked at Columbus, Ohio, for two years.

In the spring of 1840 Mr. Patterson came to Marion, Iowa, having previously visited this locality in 1837, before going to Columbus. On coming to Marion he was in the employ of others for a time, and

then engaged in contracting and building on his own account. He assisted in building the court house, several years being spent in its construction, as there was no public money in the treasury and lumber was hard to obtain. Later he superintended the erection of a public school building, the poor house, and the old Smith Hotel, besides building numerous business houses and residences in Marion. In 1875 he sold his home and other property in that place and removed to Vineland, New Jersey, where he resided for about eighteen months. At the end of that time he went to Philadelphia, where the following year was passed, and in 1878 returned to Marion, Iowa. A year later he removed to Cedar Rapids and purchased a lot on which he erected his present home. After years of active labor he is now living retired, having acquired a comfortable competence which enables him to spend his declining days in ease and quiet.

Mr. Patterson was married in Marion, in October, 1852, to Miss Elida M. Dumont, who was born reared and educated in New Jersey, and became one of the pioneer teachers of this state. They have one son, W. D., a dentist of Cedar Rapids, who is married and resides with his parents.

Originally Mr. Patterson was an old line Whig in politics, and cast his first presidential vote for William H. Harrison in 1836. Owing to his removal to this state in 1840, he lost his vote that year, but since then has never failed to deposit his ballot for the candidate of his choice at each presidential election. He continued to affiliate with the Whig party until 1856, when he became a Republican, and has since been identified with that great political organization. Coming to Linn county in pioneer

days, Mr. Patterson has witnessed almost its entire growth and development. The difference between the past and present can scarcely be realized, even by those who have been active participants in the development of the county. Mr. Patterson has ever borne his part in the advancement and upbuilding of this locality. His upright course in life commands the respect and commendation of all, and his labors as a founder of this county justly entitle him to a prominent place in its annals.

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#### JOHN A. KIMBRO.

Among the old and reliable engineers on the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad, none stand higher in public esteem than John A. Kimbro, who has been a resident of Cedar Rapids since 1857. He was born in Lewisburg, Greenbriar county, West Virginia, February 27, 1841, and is a son of Robert W. and Polly (Honaker) Kimbro, the former a native of North Carolina, the latter of West Virginia. His maternal ancestors were of German descent. By trade the father was a miller and he continued to follow that occupation throughout his active business life. In 1857 he came with his family to Linn county, Iowa, and purchased a farm in College township, but the following year returned to West Virginia, where he lived retired until called to his final rest at the age of eighty years. After his death his wife again came to this county and died in Cedar Rapids in March, 1891, at the age of seventy-five years. They were well-educated people for their day and were supporters of church work, while in politics the father was a Jacksonian Democrat.







J. A. KIMBRO.



MRS J A. KIMBRO.



Of the twelve children born to this worthy couple four died in early childhood. The others all came to Cedar Rapids and seven are still living, namely: Mary, widow of Mr. Williams and a resident of Missouri; Almira, wife of Amos Heath, of Kansas; John A., the subject of this sketch; Elijah Andrew, a veteran of the Civil war and a resident of Cedar Rapids; James W., also a resident of Cedar Rapids; Caroline, wife of Frank Parkhurst, of Nebraska; Catherine, wife of William Jordan, of Cedar Rapids. They were educated in the schools of West Virginia and of College township, this county, and all lived on the home farm until after the Civil war broke out.

Mr. Kimbro of this review continued his education in the schools of College township for one year after coming to this county, and aided in the work of the farm until he entered the army, enlisting September 22, 1861, in Company A, Fifteenth Iowa Volunteer Infantry. He veteranized with his regiment and continued in the service until the close of the war. He took part in the battle of Shiloh, the siege and battle of Corinth; the engagement at Iuka; and the siege of Vicksburg, during which the regiment was under ground for forty-six days and nights. During the battle of Atlanta, July 22, 1864, he was captured by the rebels and taken to Andersonville prison, where he was held for two months, being exchanged on the 22d of September. After rejoining his regiment he was sent to the hospital, where he remained until the close of the war, being mustered out at Louisville, Kentucky, and discharged at Davenport, Iowa, in August, 1865.

For a few years after his return to Cedar Rapids, Mr. Kimbro was not engaged in any particular business, and later was employed

in the flouring mills of the city for two years, and worked at the carpenter's trade one year. In 1872 he entered the service of the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad as fireman, and four years later was promoted to engineer, in which capacity he has since served the company, having run on every division on the road. He is now the seventh oldest man in point of service on the road, and during his time has seen many improvements made in railroads. Since 1886 he has run a passenger train.

March 20, 1866, Mr. Kimbro married Mrs. Margaret Coleman, widow of George Coleman, of Cislely Grove, who was killed at Manchester, Virginia, during the war of the Rebellion. She was born in Muscatine county, Iowa, March 8, 1843, and in 1852 was brought to Linn county by her parents, James and Priscilla Frees, but later returned to her native county. Her father died on a farm west of Cedar Rapids, and her mother's death occurred at the home of our subject. There were six children in the family, but only Mrs. Kimbro and her sister Aurelia are now living. The latter is the wife of John R. Steele, of western Minnesota. The others were James P., who was killed during the Civil war; Andrew J., who served four years in the same struggle and was subsequently killed on the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad; La Fayette, who was also a soldier and died in Minnesota; and Martha E., who married Charles Dudrey, and died in Cedar Rapids. These children were all reared in Iowa and educated in its subscription schools.

Mr. and Mrs. Kimbro have a family of four children: (1) Charles R., owner of the Troy steam laundry in Cedar Rapids, is married and has two children, Gladys and Helen. (2) Andrew J., fireman on the



Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad, and a resident of Rockford, Iowa, is married and has three daughters, Margaret, Rhoda and Laura. (3) Luella is the wife of G. A. Raymer, of Cedar Rapids, and they have one son, John A. (4) Mabel is the wife of Frank Woodman, of the same city. They were educated in the public schools of Cedar Rapids.

Mr. Kimbro owns property in Cedar Rapids, which he purchased in 1876, and has since developed, and he is a stockholder in the Masonic Temple. He is a Knight Templar Mason, and has passed all the chairs in the blue lodge, and was standard bearer of the commandery one year. He is also a member of the Iowa Legion of Honor, and a man highly respected and esteemed by all who know him. His wife holds membership in the Evangelical church of the west side, Cedar Rapids.



#### FREDERICK STAUFFER.

Many of the most enterprising and prosperous citizens of Linn county have come from the land beyond the sea, and in this free country of ours have secured for themselves and family a comfortable competence. Among this number is Frederick Stauffer, who for the past fourteen years has successfully engaged in buying and shipping stock at Center Point. He was born in Germany, on the 25th of June, 1850, and belongs to an old and highly respected family of that country, his parents being Christian and Barbara (Wurtz) Stauffer. In 1863 the father brought his family to the new world and located at Turner Junction, Illinois, where he worked in the shops of the Chi-

cago & Northwestern Railroad Company until 1869, and then removed to Buchanan county, Iowa. Later he purchased a residence at Walker, Linn county, where he lived retired until his death, which occurred August 27, 1899. His wife died on the 4th of November, the same year.

Frederick Stauffer spent the first thirteen years of his life in his native land and received a good education in the German language, but his knowledge of English has been acquired through his own unaided efforts since coming to this country. He accompanied his parents on their emigration to the United States, and remained with them until 1866, when he started out in life for himself. On the first of March, 1876, he came to Center Point, and was employed on the farm of Dr. Yost for three years and a half.

On the 18th of September, 1879, Mr. Stauffer was united in marriage with Miss Edith F. Graves, a native of Linn county, and a daughter of John Graves, who came to America from England, and after spending one year in Illinois, took up his residence in this county in 1850. Here he entered land and opened up a farm, to the cultivation of which he devoted his energies for some years. His wife departed this life in 1864, and he died at the home of Mrs. Stauffer, December 25, 1891. Our subject and his wife have three sons, John, Charles and Walter, all at home.

After his marriage Mr. Stauffer continued to engage in agricultural pursuits until 1887, when he located in Center Point and commenced dealing in stock. He now buys and ships about two hundred car-loads annually, and is one of the largest stock dealers in his part of the county. In this business he has met with marked success, and

now owns a good home in Center Point and a well-improved farm near the village, which property has been acquired through his own unaided efforts, for he started out in life for himself with no capital or influential friends to assist him.

The Democratic party always finds in Mr. Stauffer a staunch supporter of its principles, and he has ever taken an active interest in public affairs, especially along educational lines, having efficiently served as a member of the school board for some years. On the 16th of August, 1876, he joined the Odd Fellows Lodge at Center Point, in which he has filled all the chairs, and is now past grand. Both he and his wife are charter members of the Rebekah Lodge, and she takes a very active part in its working, having filled all the offices and represented the lodge in the grand lodge of the state. She is now treasurer of the lodge and past grand. Religiously she is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.



#### GEORGE HYDE RATTENBURY.

Since 1892 Mr. Rattenbury has been an honored resident of Cedar Rapids and has filled the responsible position of foreman of the paint shop of the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad, having previously had charge of the Pullman Palace Car shops at Pullman, Illinois. He was born in Detroit, Michigan, on Christmas Day, 1848, and comes of a good old English family. His father, Thomas Rattenbury, was born in Cheltenham, England, in 1817, and was educated in some of the best schools of that country, his father being a very large contractor and quite wealthy.

On reaching manhood he was married in Tewksbury, the birthplace of his bride, to Miss Matilda Ganoway, a daughter of Captain Ganoway, of historic fame, who was an officer in the British navy. Four children were born to them in London, England, namely: Thomas, deceased; Mary, wife of Nelson Bloom, of Detroit, Michigan; Sarah, deceased wife of Henry Willets, who was first lieutenant in Broadhead's First Michigan Cavalry, and was killed in service during the Civil war; and John, who now has complete control as superintendent of the painting department of the Rock Island Railroad, having been in their employ for thirty-two years. The family circle was increased by the birth of four other children after coming to America, all born in Detroit, Michigan, namely: George H., our subject; Jennie, wife of David Weare, a retired contractor of Montreal, Canada; Millie, wife of Harry Sherris, a wholesale druggist of Toronto, Canada; and Alice, wife of James McDonald, of Buffalo, New York, general ticket agent of the Grand Trunk Railroad.

Thomas Rattenbury was a carver by trade, and followed that occupation while in England. In 1846 he came to the United States and settled in Detroit, where he engaged in car building for the Michigan Central Railroad, making his home there for nineteen years, and serving as superintendent of the car department most of the time. On leaving that city he went to Chicago as master car builder for the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad, and remained there from 1867 to 1872, when he entered the employ of the Pullman Palace Car Company as traveling inspector. While in Michigan he built the Prince of Wales' private car and fitted it up completely. After the

Prince had used it the car was purchased by the Pullman company and converted into their first sleeping car, as an experiment. Mr. Rattenbury was with that company until 1882, when he took charge, as superintendent, of the car department of the Northern & Northwestern Railroad at Toronto, Canada, and held that position until his death, in 1889, having devoted almost his entire life to car building. His wife, who was born in 1818, also died in Toronto, in 1886. They were quite prominent in social and church circles in the various communities where they resided, and while living in Detroit he served as class leader in the Methodist Episcopal church for many years. Before her marriage Mrs. Rattenbury was a soloist in Westminster Abbey, of London, England, and all her family are noted vocalists. Politically the father of our subject was identified with the Republican party. His brother, Rev. John Rattenbury, was president of the Methodist Episcopal conference of London for many years, and raised two million pounds sterling for the London poor while holding that office.

George H. Rattenbury obtained his literary education in the public schools of Detroit. At the age of seventeen years he entered the painting department of the Michigan Central Railroad shops, where he remained one year, and then went to Aurora, Illinois, spending the same length of time in the paint shops of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad. Going to Chicago in 1868, he took charge of the decorating department of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad shops, where he remained for five years as foreman of all decorating and designing. He was next employed as foreman of the Pullman Palace Car Com-

pany at Montreal, Canada, and after two years spent there he was connected with the Northern & Northwestern Railroad shops at Toronto for eight years. On the expiration of that period he took charge of James Crossen's car works at Coburg, Ontario, where he remained twelve years. At the death of Mr. Crossen he went to Pullman, Illinois, and had charge of the shops at that place until coming to Cedar Rapids in 1892. He has never had to seek a position, but in each move hoped to better himself, and he has always been a valued and trusted employe, having the entire confidence of the officers of the road with which he has been connected. He now has under his supervision forty men. He purchased property and erected a home in Cedar Rapids in 1892.

At Detroit, Michigan, Mr. Rattenbury was married in 1870 to Miss Frederica Paul, who was born in that city in 1850, her father, Charles Paul, being one of the leading merchants of Detroit. Both parents are now deceased. She was their only child. Of the eight children born to Mr. and Mrs. Rattenbury two died in infancy. Those living are as follows: Matilda is the wife of B. Mason, who is employed in the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad shops at Cedar Rapids, and they have one child, Helen. George Paul, master painter for the Rock Island & Peoria Railroad at Peoria, Illinois, is married and has one son, George. Alice is the wife of Richard Hamilton, a druggist of Cedar Rapids. Ethel, Grace and Thomas are all at home, and the last named is now a fireman on the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad. The two eldest are graduates of the high school of Coburg, Canada, where

both were born, and Thomas and Ethel have completed the high-school course at Cedar Rapids.

In his political affiliations Mr. Rattenbury is an ardent Republican, and was president of the Sound Money Club of Cedar Rapids in 1896, but has never sought official honors. He has taken the degrees of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is also a member of the Knights of Pythias of Toronto, Canada; the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks of Cedar Rapids; the Tribe of Ben Hur, and the Royal League of Chicago. By his fidelity to duty and capable management he has won a well-merited success in life, and in all respects is well worthy the high regard in which he is held by his fellow men. He is what the world terms a self-made man, and from the age of twenty years has been called upon to fill very responsible business positions.

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PHILIP ALER.

Among the highly esteemed citizens of this county who devote their time and attention to agricultural pursuits is Philip Aler, who resides on section 24, Linn township. He was born in Richland county, Ohio, November 30, 1837, a son of Adolphus and Elizabeth (Gunber) Aler. The father was a native of Germany, and when a young man came to the United States, locating in Sandusky township, Richland county, Ohio, where he worked at his trade of blacksmith until his death, which occurred when our subject was only nine months old. His wife was also a native of Germany. Philip was the only child born of the union. For her second husband the mother married Jacob

Miller, a farmer, who died in Ohio, and by that marriage she had seven children, all of whom are living with one exception. She has now reached the age of eighty-five years, and makes her home with our subject.

Philip Aler spent the first twenty-five years of his life in the county of his nativity, and in 1862 came to Linn county, Iowa, where he worked by the month as a farm hand for a few years. His first purchase of land was a farm in Jones county, Iowa, which he operated for a few years, and then returned to Linn county and purchased his present farm of eighty acres on section 24, Linn township, upon which he has made all the improvements. In addition to his own land he also cultivates from one hundred and sixty to two hundred and forty acres of rented land, and is engaged in stock raising to some extent. His political support is always given the men and measures of the Republican party, and he is an active and prominent member of the Linn Grove Presbyterian church, of which he has been an elder for some years.

In 1865, February 2, Mr. Aler married Miss Jane Brokaw, also a native of Ohio, and a daughter of John and Eliza (Scott) Brokaw. Her father was born in the Buckeye state, and continued his residence there until 1864, when he removed to Jones county, Iowa. Two years later he came to Mt. Vernon, where he lived a retired life until called to his final rest in 1892, at the age of eighty-six years. His wife died in the spring of 1896. All of their eight children still survive.

Mr. and Mrs. Aler are the parents of six children, namely: (1) Lenora is the wife of Walter I. Kyle, a laundryman of Pueblo, Colorado, and to them were born three children: Gladys, who is still living;



and Marjory and Harold, both deceased. (2) Terah died at the age of two years. (3) Mabery B., born in Jones county, April 4, 1871, is engaged in farming on the home place. (4) Eddie S., born in Jones county, December 19, 1873, married Fidela Boxwell and is now living on a part of the farm where he was born. (5) Bertha Irene, born November 22, 1877, is the widow of John W. Irish, who died January 13, 1900, at his home in Brown township, Linn county, where he had a farm of one hundred and twenty acres under cultivation. He was a son of Joel S. and Mary Ann Irish, old settlers of that township. Mrs. Irish now resides with her parents in Linn township, and has a little daughter, J. Willa, who was born September 5, 1900. (6) Edith Pearl, born in Jones county, August 26, 1880, is at home with her parents.

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#### CHARLES H. JENSEN.

Charles H. Jensen, who is now capably filling the position of section foreman of the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad yards at Cedar Rapids, has made his home here since 1891, and is now the owner of a pleasant home on the west side, which he bought that year. He was born in Prussia, Germany, September 23, 1852, a son of Carsten and Catherine Jensen, who lived and died in that country. By occupation the father was a sailor. In the family were seven children, of whom five are still living, and all are residents of Germany with the exception of our subject.

During his boyhood Charles H. Jensen attended the public schools of his native land until sixteen years of age. He was

about eighteen when he crossed the Atlantic to the new world, landing on the shores of this country with only a dollar and a half in his pocket and unable to speak the English language, but he commenced work at once with the determination to succeed. For four months he worked at the carpenter's trade in Clinton, Iowa, and was next employed as a farm hand in Clinton county for about five years.

On the expiration of that time Mr. Jensen commenced work as a section hand on the railroad, and was thus employed for three years. He was then made foreman on the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad at Charlotte, Iowa, where he remained three years, and later held similar positions with the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad at Marion and other places, being in the employ of that company until 1885. Subsequently he was with an extra gang for the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad for a time under M. Sullivan, and was then transferred to McEnery as foreman of the gang. Mr. Jensen was in the yards when he first came to Cedar Rapids, but was later transferred from place to place, and had charge of extra gangs from time to time for fifteen years. For two years he had charge of the Illinois Central yards; for two years was second foreman of the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad yards, and on the 1st of January, 1901, was promoted to foreman, having charge of all the track laying and repairing in the yards, and having eighteen men under his supervision.

Mr. Jensen was married in 1877 to Miss Sarah A. Williams, who was born in New York, but was living in Clinton, Iowa, at the time of their marriage. Unto them were born seven children, of whom Will-

iam died in December, 1900, at the age of twenty-three years, and one died in childhood. Those living are Edward E., Charles J., Sadie E., Mary A. and Caroline, all of whom are attending school in Cedar Rapids, with exception of Edward, who is now in Seattle, Washington, as clerk in the freight house of the Northern Pacific Railroad. The family are communicants of St. Patrick's Catholic church of Cedar Rapids. Politically Mr. Jensen is identified with the Democratic party, and fraternally is a member of the Catholic Order of Foresters, serving as chief ranger of his lodge and taking an active part in its work. He has been financial secretary of the same for three years. He is highly esteemed by his associates, and has made many friends during his residence in Cedar Rapids.

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#### MOSES BOXWELL.

Prominent among the early settlers and honored veterans of the Civil war now residing in Linn township is the gentleman whose name introduces this review. He was born on the 25th of May, 1837, in Fayette county, Pennsylvania, of which state his parents, Robert and Rhoda (Young) Boxwell, were also natives. In 1845 they removed with their family to Iowa, and settled in Linn township, Linn county, where the father took up eighty acres of government land, to the improvement and cultivation of which he gave his time and attention throughout the remainder of his life, farming being the occupation which he always followed. He died at the age of seventy-four years, and his wife, who survived him about five years,

passed away at the age of seventy-six, the remains of both being interred in Linn township. They had eight children, of whom four died when quite young. The others are William and Robert, both farmers of Linn township; Mary Ann, who is the widow of David Clark, and resides on the home farm in Linn township with her children; and Moses, the subject of this sketch.

Moses Boxwell was educated in the district schools of Linn township and early acquired an excellent knowledge of agricultural pursuits on the home farm. After his marriage he purchased one hundred and twenty acres of land on section 24, Linn township, which at that time was only partially improved, and upon that place he has since made his home. As a farmer and stock raiser he has met with well-deserved success, and now has one of the most desirable farms of its size in the township.

On the 2d of July, 1868, Mr. Boxwell was united in marriage with Miss Irene Corbly, who was born in this county, a daughter of William and Elizabeth (Ingram) Corbly. Her father was a native of Virginia, and in pioneer days located in Linn county, Iowa. He engaged in farming in Linn township, where he died at the age of sixty-two years. Mrs. Boxwell lost her mother when a small child. She has two brothers and two sisters living, besides a half-sister.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Boxwell have been born eight children, namely: (1) Robert, a farmer of Marion township, married Sophia Frazer, and they have two children, Ralph and Merl. (2) Frances is the wife of Charles Parker, a farmer of the same township, and they have four daughters, Edith, Nellie, Hazel and Ruth. (3) Jennie

is the wife of Harry Lacock, a farmer of Linn township. (4) Earl, born September 13, 1879, assists his father in the operation of the home farm. (5) Maude and (6) Ray are also at home. (7) Hazel died at the age of four months. (8) One died in infancy unnamed.

Mr. Boxwell was among the boys in blue during the war of the Rebellion, having enlisted in Company F, Twenty-fourth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, for three years. He took part in all of the important engagements in which his regiment participated, including the battle of Champion Hills, and was taken prisoner near New Orleans, being held a captive for nine weeks before being exchanged. When his term of enlistment expired he was honorably discharged at Savannah, Georgia. He is a staunch supporter of the Republican party, and has filled the office of school director in a most creditable manner. Fraternaly he is a member of John Buck Post, G. A. R. Religiously he is a member of the Methodist Church, and is a man of the highest respectability.

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#### ALVA MANN.

One of the most progressive and successful agriculturists of Linn township, is Alva Mann, who is the owner of a beautiful farm on sections 8, 16 and 17. His entire life has been passed in this township, where he was born on the 11th of November, 1843, his parents being Adam and Jennie (Whitlatch) Mann, who were honored pioneers of Linn county. His father was a native of Greene county, Pennsylvania, and continued his residence in that state during his boyhood and youth. When a young man he

went to Ohio, where he lived for four years, and then came to Iowa, crossing the Mississippi eight miles from Muscatine, at Pine Creek, August 8, 1837. On this trip he was accompanied by his parents, David and Nancy Mann, who located on a farm in Greenfield township, Jones county, where they made their home until death.

Adam Mann remained with his parents in Jones county until 1840, when he came to Linn county, and took up his residence on section 8, Linn township, where he entered one hundred and sixty acres of land from the government. He at once commenced to break and improve his land, and in his farming operations here he met with marked success, owning at the time of his death nearly five hundred acres of valuable land in Linn township, though he had already given some of his children farms. In connection with general farming he carried on stock raising to some extent. He voted the Democratic ticket, and was an earnest and consistent member of the Baptist church, as is also his wife. He died on the old home place, October 6, 1889, at the age of sixty-five years, but she is still living in Linn township at the age of seventy-six, and enjoys good health. She is a native of Ohio, and a daughter of John W. and Annie (Mann) Whitlatch. Her father was engaged in farming in Linn township for a great many years, but shortly before his death removed to Nebraska, where he passed away about twelve years ago. His wife has been dead twenty-three years.

The subject of this sketch is the second in order of birth in a family of seven children, the others being as follows: Katherine married John A. Kearns, who died in June, 1900, and she resides on a farm in Linn township; Hamilton died at the age



ALVA MANN AND WIFE.





of two years; William B. is a farmer of southern Kansas; Stephen married Lucy Coleman and died in Linn township, this county, January 22, 1892, leaving a widow and three children, who reside on the home-place on section 10; Nirah is the wife of William Lacock, of Linn township; and Addie is the wife of Abner Lacock, a farmer of the same township.

Alva Mann grew to manhood upon the home farm and was educated in the district schools of Linn township. He started out in life for himself upon his present farm, a part of which was given him by his father, it being a valuable and well improved tract of one hundred and ninety-five acres, which he has placed under a high state of cultivation and improved with good buildings. He has given considerable attention to the raising of stock, and being a man of good business ability and sound judgment, as well as a systematic and practical farmer, he has met with well-deserved success in his undertakings.

On the 24th of June, 1874, in Franklin township, Mr. Mann was united in marriage with Miss Alicia Coleman, a daughter of Elisha and Rebecca (Carr) Coleman, both now deceased. Her father followed farming in Franklin and Linn townships for a number of years, and then moved to Nebraska, where he lived for some time, but his last days were spent in Kansas, where he died at the age of seventy-three years. Her mother departed this life in Nebraska at the age of sixty-nine. In the family were nine children of whom seven are still living. One of these is Lucy, widow of Stephen Mann, previously mentioned.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Mann were born five children, namely: Lena and Stella, both of whom are at home; Bertie, wife of Otto

Dunlap, a cooper of Springville, Brown township, Linn county; Lillian, who died at the age of sixteen years; and Deverre, at home.

During Mr. Mann's boyhood Linn county was but sparsely settled, and he well remembers when much of the land was still in its primitive condition and wild game of all kinds was plentiful. He has seen the wild land transformed into highly cultivated farms, and in the work of development and upbuilding has ever borne his part, being one of them who has materially aided in making the county what it is to-day—one of the richest agricultural districts in the state. In his political views he is a Democrat, and in religious faith is a Presbyterian, having long been an active and prominent member of the church at Paralta, as well as one of its trustees. His fellow citizens hold him in high esteem on account of his honorable and upright life, and he commands the confidence and respect of all who know him.

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#### WILLIAM J. MONROE

William J. Monroe, the well-known and efficient foreman of the round house of the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad at Cedar Rapids, was born in Cattaraugus county, New York, November 5, 1867, and is the only child of Henry and Annetta Grace (Thomas) Monroe, also natives of the Empire state. The father, who was a farmer by occupation, died in New York, after which the mother married again, becoming the wife of George Brown, a retired farmer now living in Cedar Rapids. By the second union there is one daughter, Ger-

trude Brown. Our subject's paternal grandfather was a native of Scotland, while his maternal ancestors were of English origin.

When quite small Mr. Monroe was taken to Chicago by his mother, the family making their home there until after the Chicago fire. In 1872 they came to Cedar Rapids, where he attended the common schools. At the age of thirteen years he entered the employ of the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad, as an apprentice in the machine shop, where he has worked continuously since. After mastering the trade, he worked as a journeyman until promoted to night foreman, in which capacity he served until 1899, when he was made day foreman of the round house. He has thirty-five men working under his supervision and has entire charge of the round house and repairs of the engines in service. He fills the position most creditably, and he has the confidence and respect of his employers, as well as those working under him.

In 1888 Mr. Monroe married Miss Agnes Burke, who was born in Elkhorn, Wisconsin, November 5, 1867. Her father is now a resident of Watertown, South Dakota. Our subject and his wife have six children: Grace, Gladys and Lester, who are now attending school; Wilma; Maria and Margaret, twins. The family residence is on the east side at the corner of B avenue and Seventh street. In religious faith Mrs. Monroe is a Catholic, while our subject holds membership in the Episcopal Church. Fraternaly he is a member of Lodge No. 278, A. O. U. W., and politically he is a supporter of the Republican party, though he takes no active part in public affairs. Although still comparativey a young man, he has met with good success in his chosen vocation, and has advanced rapidly until he

now occupies an important and responsible position, the duties of which he has most ably discharged.

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#### MILO MILLER.

This gentleman dates his residence in Linn county from January, 1853, and as a progressive agriculturist he was prominently identified with the growth and development of the county for over a quarter of a century, but he has now laid aside all business cares, and is living retired in Cedar Point. A native of New York, he was born near Syracuse, September 8, 1821. His father, William Miller, was born and reared in England, and when a young man came to the United States. He was married in New York to Miss Loraine Fountaine, who was born in that state of French and German parentage, and there they continued to make their home throughout life.

Milo Miller remained a resident of the Empire State until nineteen years of age, and then went to Warren county, Pennsylvania, where he worked in the lumber camps for about six years. The following year was spent near Milan, Ohio, and at the end of that time he removed to McHenry county, Illinois, where he rented land and engaged in farming for a time. He next made his home near Valparaiso, Indiana, for about five years, and from there removed to Jackson county, Iowa, where he bought a farm of two hundred acres, of which sixty acres had been placed under the plow. After residing there for two years he sold that place and came to Linn county, in 1853, purchasing a partially improved farm of two hundred and twenty

acres in Grant township. He planted the first crop raised upon that place, and to the cultivation and improvement of that farm he continued to devote his time and energies until his removal to Center Point in 1876. He added to his property and erected thereon good and substantial buildings. For some time after locating in Center Point he was engaged in the real estate business and has handled considerable property. He has made several farms by buying raw land which he has broke and improved by the erection of a good set of farm buildings, and he has also improved considerable village property, which he either sells or rents. He is still the owner of about a dozen residences in Center Point and two business blocks, besides five farms aggregating six hundred acres of valuable land. He has been a man of industrious habits, progressive and enterprising, and to his excellent business and executive ability he owes his success in life, for he started out in the world for himself empty-handed.

Mr. Miller has been twice married. In 1843, in Pennsylvania, he wedded Miss Patience Meeker, who died in Indiana. By that union he had two children, of whom one died in infancy. The other, Elmira married George Fee, of this county, and died in 1899. Mr. Miller was again married in Indiana, in 1848, his second union being with Miss Cyuthia Sprague, who was born in Allen county, Ohio, and removed to Porter county, Indiana, with her father, Solomon Sprague, locating near Valparaiso. Unto them were born four children, namely: Delia, now the wife of Theodore Lampman, a farmer in Linn county, Iowa; Samuel, a resident of Center Point; Paulina, wife of Edward Sarchet, also a farmer of this coun-

ty; and Anna, wife of Oliver Hines, of Center Point.

Mr. Miller takes no active part in politics or has never cared for office. During his long residence in this county, covering almost half a century, he has materially aided in the growth and building of his town and county, and has become widely and favorably known as an upright, reliable business man of strict integrity and sterling worth.

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#### MASON P. MILLS.

Mason P. Mills (deceased) was born at East Windsor, Connecticut, January 15, 1843, died at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, July 31, 1896. The life of this soldier, lawyer and citizen was a noble example of the best there is in American citizenship; his death a public calamity. As the public is apt to place a correct estimate upon the character of a man whose career has been a highly prominent one the biographer can do no better than to record in part an editorial which appeared in the Cedar Rapids Republican at the time of the death of Mr. Mills:

"As a citizen he was, from the first, active in all things that make for a city. He was public spirited and energetic to a degree attained by few men. He was an alderman for many years, and in this capacity did a great deal to shape legislation. He was a born leader. If there was an enterprise on foot, Mr. Mills was either for or against it with all his might. He had the courage, the strong intelligence, the rare, subtle magnetism, which, as public men are analyzed, compose the requisites of the real genius of leadership. As a lawyer



he attained a very high rank. He was a worker, a master of the art of accumulation of testimony—a tactician, skillful in cross-examination, a perfect judge of men, and, therefore, one who selected a jury with method and keen analysis of those who presented themselves for acceptance. Many of our foremost business men relied upon him absolutely, and to them the loss will be as a personal bereavement. As a friend, perhaps the word loyal is the best and most expressive adjective descriptive of this phase of his character. It is the fortune of strong characters like Mason P. Mills to be strong in friendship and intense in resentment, to have friends bound to them with hooks of steel, and at the same time have those who swear, Hamilcar-like, to love them not at all. And now, what of him? \* \* \*

It does not seem possible that a soul of a man like Mason P. Mills—the force that was in that brain—can have gone out forever. Meeting by the side of his grave this great question which is the dark cloud on the horizon of all of us, we are glad to know that he here found reason for hope.”

The father of the deceased died when he was a mere boy and the mother, within a few years, married P. T. Crowell, of Springfield, Massachusetts, a trusted employe of the United States armory at that city. The mother, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Strong, was a lineal descendant of the Grant family of East Windsor. The early education of Mr. Mills was acquired in the common schools. He was a student in the Upper Iowa University at the breaking out of the war, and at the first call for troops went to Washington and enlisted in a squadron of cavalry known as McClellan's Dragoons. This was George B. McClellan's bodyguard. He served in that capacity

under the commanders of the Army of the Potomac until the winter of 1863-4, when the squadron of cavalry was ordered to Chicago and made a part of the Twelfth Illinois Cavalry. There he was made sergeant of the regiment, and afterward promoted to regimental quartermaster and first lieutenant by Governor Yates. He served gallantly at Yorktown, Antietam, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, and in the seven days' fight before Richmond, as well as in the smaller affairs in which the Army of the Potomac was engaged up to the year 1864. He was then sent on the Red river expedition under General Banks.

He was mustered out of the service February 17, 1865, but until July of that year he was in the government employ, having charge of Camp Fry, in Chicago. He was not mustered out as an officer until 1887, when he took advantage of the act of congress permitting volunteer officers to be mustered according to their rank, if they had failed to be so mustered, owing to active operations in the field. He did this in order to become eligible to membership in the Loyal Legion, which he at once joined.

When his country no longer needed his services he commenced the study of law in the office of Ira P. Buell, of Chicago, and was admitted to the bar there in 1866. In 1867 he located in Cedar Rapids and engaged in practice, where he remained until his death. Although not a college-bred man, he was recognized as a thorough scholar. An omnivorous reader, his whole life was a process of self-education. He was a Republican in politics, and was colonel on the staff of Governor Gear during his last administration. He was a prominent member of the Loyal Legion, and served as department commander of the G. A. R. in 1890.

Mr. Mills was married, October 14, 1869, to Miss Flora B. Coulter, a native of Wooster, Ohio. Her father, Colonel John P. Coulter, was born in Butler county, Pennsylvania, and was engaged in the practice of medicine in Ohio for many years. In 1857 he came to Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and followed his profession at this place until the breaking out of the Civil war. He assisted in organizing a regiment, which was mustered into the United States service as the Twelfth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and was commissioned lieutenant-colonel. Later he was made lieutenant-colonel of the Union Brigade. He was wounded during an engagement and never afterward regained his health. On his return to Cedar Rapids at the close of the war he lived retired from active practice, and died in that city in 1876. His wife passed away in 1884, and both were laid to rest in Oak Hill cemetery. They had four children, namely: Lewis, a resident of Chicago; Edward, an express messenger on the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad, and a resident of Cedar Rapids; Eleanor, wife of J. M. Jolley, of Florida; and Mrs. Mills. Unto our subject and his wife were born three children: John P., of Cedar Rapids; Flora, wife of Edward R. Kaupke, of the firm of Frick & Kaupke, wholesale grocers; and Mary M., a student in the high school at Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

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JOHN ROGERS.

This well-known retired farmer and prosperous citizen of Center Point was born in Guernsey county, Ohio, on the 19th of April, 1840, and is a son of Samuel and

Eliza (Cheedell) Rogers, natives of Pennsylvania and Ohio, respectively. The father was reared in the Buckeye state, and after reaching manhood he followed farming there for some years. In 1851 he came to Iowa, and the following year took up his residence on a farm in Linn county, where he died about 1853. His wife still survives him, and is now eighty-four years of age.

When a lad of eleven years John Rogers came with the family to this state, and grew to manhood in Linn county, receiving but limited educational advantages. He began life for himself by working as a farm hand by the month and was thus employed for several years. His first purchase of land consisted of a small tract of unbroken prairie, on which he built a log house, where he lived while fencing and improving his land. As time advanced and he prospered in his labors he added to his landed possessions from time to time until he now owns four hundred acres of rich and arable land, divided into two farms and supplied with two sets of buildings. He continued the operation of his land until 1900, when he removed to Center Point, where he bought a lot and built a neat residence. Here he is now living a retired life, enjoying a well-earned rest.

Mr. Rogers was married, in this county, in February, 1862, the lady of his choice being Mrs. Elizabeth Meanor, who was born and reared in Ohio. They have one son, William A., a farmer of Washington township, Linn county, who is married and has two children, Beth and Leo.

In politics Mr. Rogers is a Jeffersonian Democrat, and has never failed in his allegiance to that party since casting his first presidential vote for Stephen A. Douglas in 1860. He is a staunch friend of education

and our public school system, and was an active and capable member of the school board for some years. His estimable wife is a member of the Christian church, and both are held in high regard by all who have the pleasure of their acquaintance. For his success in life he deserves great credit, as it is due entirely to his own well-directed and energetic efforts.

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CHARLES A. ROSS.

Since the age of thirteen years this gentleman has been dependent upon his own resources for a livelihood, and has gradually worked his way upward until he now occupies the important position of yardmaster for the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad at Cedar Rapids, in which city he has made his home since 1870. He was born in Logan, Hocking county, Ohio, on the 18th of April, 1860, and was a lad of ten years when brought to Cedar Rapids by his parents, James and Jane (Sherlock) Ross, also natives of the Buckeye state. While a resident of Ohio the father was engaged in the manufacture and sale of tombstones, but after coming to Cedar Rapids devoted his attention to the real estate business principally, owning property in and around the city. He is now practically living a retired life, and on account of his health spends a part of his time in California, though he still looks after his landed interests in the northern part of Iowa. He is a self-educated and a self-made man, whose success in life is due entirely to his own unaided efforts. Politically he has always been a supporter of the Republican party, and has taken an active interest in

public affairs. In their church relations both he and his wife are Methodists, and they are highly respected and esteemed by all who know them. Both are now sixty-nine years of age. Their family numbered four children, but two died in early childhood. Those living are Charles A., of this review; and Emma, wife of Dr. F. H. Cutler, of Cedar Falls, Iowa.

Charles A. Ross attended the public schools of Cedar Rapids, but his education was completed at the age of thirteen, when he began his railroad career as news agent, holding that position for about four years. He then learned the printer's trade and opened a job printing office of his own in Cedar Rapids, which he conducted for a year. On disposing of that he returned to railroading in the fall of 1881 as a brakeman on a freight train on the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad. In the spring of 1882 he left that road and found employment on the Canadian Pacific Railroad in the capacity of conductor, being one of the pioneer railroad men of that system. At the end of four years he returned to Cedar Rapids and entered the train service of the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad, and was later transferred to the yards as foreman of yard work. In 1895 he was promoted to the position of yardmaster and given entire charge of the yards of that road at this place, having supervision of forty men who handle all the cars within the yard limits. He has a pleasant home at 1021 Fourteenth avenue west, and has also been interested in other real estate in the city.

On the 6th of October, 1881, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Ross and Miss Matilda Schneider, who was born in Cedar Rapids in 1864. Her father, the late Joseph

Schneider, was a brewer and one of the pioneers of this city, having built and put in operation the first brewery in the city, where her mother is still living. Our subject and his wife have one son, James B., who was born in 1883, and is now in his junior year in the high school of Cedar Rapids. Mr. Ross is a supporter of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which his wife is an earnest member. He belongs to Valley City Division, No. 58, O. R. C., of which he was formerly an officer, and is a charter member of Cedar Rapids Lodge, No. 278, A. O. U. W., in which he also held office for several years. His political support is given the men whom he believes are best qualified to fill the offices regardless of party lines. He is a straightforward and reliable business man, who commands the confidence and respect of all with whom he is brought in contact either in business or social life.

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THOMAS J. DECK.

Thomas Jefferson Deck, a well-to-do citizen of Linn township, who owns and operates a good farm of eighty acres on section 36, was born in Northampton county, Pennsylvania, March 30, 1835, and is a son of Daniel and Catherine (Stam) Deck. The father was a native of the same county, and a tailor by trade, following that occupation throughout his active business life. He was a prosperous and progressive man of his day, and a consistent member of the Reformed church. He died at his home in Pennsylvania in 1854, at the age of fifty two years. Subsequently his widow came to Iowa and made her home with our subject until her death, which occurred in March, 1896, when

she had reached the advanced age of eighty-five years. Her remains were interred at Lisbon. She, too, was a faithful member of the Reformed church, and a most estimable lady. There were only two children in the family, our subject being the older. His sister, Louisa, still resides on the old homestead in Northampton county, Pennsylvania, having purchased it from the estate. The paternal grandfather of our subject, George Deck, was a native of Pennsylvania, where he lived and died. When the Mexican war broke out he was a young man, and feeling that the country needed his services he enlisted and served all through the war.

Thomas Deck was reared and educated in the county of his nativity, and remained there until coming to Iowa in 1869, when he took up his residence in Jones county. There he engaged in farming upon rented land for one year, but in 1870 came to Linn county and purchased forty acres in Franklin township, where he lived for seven years. On the expiration of that period he sold the place and purchased his present farm on section 36, Linn township, it being his home ever since. He has made nearly all of the improvements upon the place, including the erection of a large and pleasant residence, which is surrounded by a well-kept lawn and enclosed by a beautiful cedar hedge. Religiously he is a member of the Reformed church, and politically is identified with the Democracy.

In September, 1861, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Deck and Miss Mary Reese, who was also born in Northampton county, Pennsylvania, and was a daughter of Joseph and Sarah (Heller) Reese. Her parents spent their entire lives as farming people in that county, and both died at an



advanced age. In their family were six children, three of whom are now living. Mrs. Deck died on the home farm in Linn township June 28, 1897, and was laid to rest in the Lisbon cemetery. She was an earnest member of the Reformed church, a devoted wife and loving mother. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Deck were born five children, namely: (1) Lilly is the wife of Elmer Daubeumier, of Mt. Vernon, and they have two children, Oletto and Earl. (2) Ida is the wife of Philip Kafer, a farmer of Springville, Linn county, and they have one child, Edith. (3) Sarah is the wife of Grant Kafer, a brother of Philip, and a farmer of Franklin township. (4) Victor is aiding his father in the operation of the home farm. (5) Mabel is also at home.

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#### JOSEPH J. CALDWELL.

Joseph J. Caldwell, a prominent citizen and prosperous agriculturist of Bertram township, was born in Fountain county, Indiana June 20, 1836, and is of Scotch ancestry, his paternal great-grandfather having emigrated from Scotland in the early part of the eighteenth century. The vessel on which he sailed was wrecked in a terrible storm, and he was the only one on board that was saved. He finally reached land and later went to New York. He located in the south and there reared his family, in which were four sons who fought for the freedom of the Colonies in the Revolutionary war. One of these was wounded in the hand during his service and another died of camp fever. The third subsequently removed to Butler county, Ohio, and engaged in farming. By trade one of the number was a weaver.

Robert Caldwell, the grandfather of our subject, was the youngest of these patriotic brothers, and was only fifteen years of age when he enlisted in General Washington's army. After the war he continued to make his home in Maryland for some time and was there married. When the father of our subject was about two years old the grandfather removed with his family to Butler county, Ohio, becoming one of its early settlers. He was one of the ten prospectors who first settled on the present site of Cincinnati. At that time the Indians were very troublesome, and the pioneers needed stout hearts and ready hands to protect themselves against the red men and the wild beasts that roamed through the forest. Mr. Caldwell was a carpenter by trade and found a knowledge of this craft most useful in his pioneer life. He was in every sense of the word a representative frontiersman — courageous, energetic and enterprising. For some time he engaged in agricultural pursuits in Butler county, Ohio, and then removed to Fountain county, Indiana, where he died at a good old age.

Joseph J. Caldwell, Sr., our subject's father, was a native of Maryland, and was reared to agricultural pursuits upon the frontier. The greater part of his life was passed in Indiana, but in 1852 he removed to Johnson county, Iowa, purchasing four hundred and eighty acres of raw prairie land in Cedar township, which he proceeded to break with six yoke of oxen and a breaking plow. He soon had his land under cultivation, and erected thereon a good house and barn. There he died in October, 1855, at the age of sixty-two years. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Nancy Runnolds, was a native of Virginia and a daughter of Nehemiah Runnolds. She passed away in



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January, 1855, and her death was widely and deeply mourned. In their family were seven children, namely: Mary, who married Jacob Spittler and both died near Solon, Iowa; Eleaza, who died in California in 1850; Robert, who wedded Mary Spurgeon and both died in Holt county, Missouri; Frank, who first married Mary Williams and second Christina Bock, and died at his home eleven miles south of Independence, Iowa; Simon, who died at the age of two years; Joseph J., the subject of this sketch; and Amzi, deceased, who married Eliza Williams, now residing near Solon, Iowa.

Our subject's early school privileges were very limited, being able to attend the subscription schools for a brief time only. His elder brother, however, had received a fair education, and taught him at home, and by the time he was five years of age he was able to correctly repeat the multiplication tables. At the age of six he commenced work in the fields, and has since labored on an average of sixteen hours per day. He grew up to a self-reliant and self-respecting manhood in his birth place, and came with the family to Iowa in 1852. Immediately succeeding the death of his parents he took complete charge of the homestead farm. His father gave him eighty acres of land, and to this he subsequently added until he had three hundred and thirty acres of rich and arable land in Johnson county, where he made his home until 1897, when he sold his property there and removed to Linn county. He bought one hundred and thirty acres of land on sections 26 and 35, and has since made many improvements upon the place.

Mrs. Caldwell, who was a most estimable lady, a devoted wife, a sincere friend and kind neighbor, died in September, 1892. Our subject was again married at Solon,

Iowa, June 7, 1894, his second union being with Miss Elizabeth Blain, who was born in Linn county, April 2, 1874, and is a daughter of Jesse and Erma (Hunter) Blain, natives of Johnson and Linn counties, respectively. She is the second in order of birth in a family of ten children, the others being May, who died in childhood; Ella, wife of Frank Knapp, a merchant of Bertram; Charles, a farmer of Bertram township; Julia; James, Raymond, John and Vesta, all living at home. One died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell have two children: Sherwin, born April 4, 1895; and Ilza, born July 20, 1897.

For almost a quarter of a century Mr. Caldwell has engaged in buying, feeding and shipping cattle and is considered an excellent judge of stock, as well as a man of good financial ability. He is a scientific farmer, and has acquired a comfortable competence, to which he is continually adding. For many years he has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and has always been found on the side of right and justice. He takes an active interest in all things pertaining to the good of the community in which he lives, and was a prominent factor in building the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad through Linn and Johnson counties. In his political affiliations he is a Republican. His wife is a bright, intelligent lady, most pleasant in her social relations, and takes a very active interest in church work.

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#### SAMUEL S. JOHNSON.

Samuel S. Johnson, one of the most esteemed citizens and honored pioneers of Cedar Rapids, was for many years promi-



nently identified with her leading business interests, and did much to advance the general welfare and secure the material development of the city, but he is now resting from his labors, living retired at his home, No. 311 Third avenue west.

Mr. Johnson was born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, July 8, 1820, and is a son of Robert Johnson, a native of Ireland, who came to the new world when a young man, and after residing in Westmoreland county for some years removed to Somerset county, Pennsylvania, where he followed farming throughout the remainder of his life. In his family were six sons and seven daughters.

Samuel B. Johnson was reared on the home farm in Somerset county, and on reaching manhood was married there, but his wife lived only a short time. After his marriage he followed farming in that county on his own account until 1847, when he came west to Iowa. He found Cedar Rapids a mere crossroad village with three or four business houses. For two years he was connected with Glass & Dodge in the manufacture of fanning mills, and then turned his attention to the carpenter's trade. As a contractor and builder he erected the first frame house on the west side of the river, which still stands as a landmark of pioneer days. Continuing at that trade for two or three years, he then took up farming. In June, 1848, he had entered a tract of one hundred and sixty acres of land near the village, and in the fall of 1850 built thereon a house and commenced to break and improve his property, making it his home for many years. One hundred and twenty acres of this tract he subsequently laid out in city lots, it becoming known as Young's third and fifth additions to Cedar Rapids. On

selling his farm in 1884 he built a fine modern residence at the corner of Eighteenth avenue and Eighth street west, which was one of the best in the city. His present residence was erected in 1900. Soon after the Civil war Mr. Johnson embarked in merchandising, but at the end of a year he sold out. He was one of the organizers and original stockholders of the Van Vechten Cedar Rapids Bank, and also one of the organizers and stockholders of the telephone company of the city. He has been one of Cedar Rapids' most active and progressive citizens, and has added materially to its development and progress.

Mr. Johnson was again married, in Freeport, Illinois, April 14, 1850, his second union being with Miss Catherine Gettemy, who was also born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, but was reared in Ohio, and was a young lady when she removed to Stephenson county, Illinois. By this marriage was born a daughter, Alice E., wife of R. P. Taylor, of Cedar Rapids, by whom she has four sons, Howard Earl, Samuel and William, twins, and Richard. By his first wife Mr. Johnson has a son, Curtis C., a farmer of Pawnee county, Nebraska, who is married and has three sons and two daughters.

Politically Mr. Johnson has been a staunch supporter of the Republican party since its organization, having voted for John C. Fremont in 1856, and for every presidential candidate of the party since that time with one exception when in the east. He has cast a presidential ballot at fourteen elections, and has been a delegate to many county and congressional conventions. He was township trustee for twelve or fourteen years, overseer of the poor for a number of years, and served on the city board for sev-

eral years. He made a faithful and efficient officer in whatever position he was called upon to fill. Both Mr. and Mrs. Johnson are charter members of the First United Presbyterian church on the west side, and he was one of the trustees of the same for a number of years. For fifty-four years he has made his home in Linn county, and is to-day the oldest male resident of Cedar Rapids. He has witnessed the wonderful growth and development of the city, and has ever borne his part in the work of building and advancement. He helped build the first ferry boat for the town, and as an enterprising and public-spirited citizen he has been an important factor in public progress. His long residence here has made him widely known, and it is safe to say that no man in the community is more honored or respected than Samuel S. Johnson.

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THOMAS J. HART.

In November, 1870, this gentleman came to Linn county, and for about thirty years was one of its most thrifty and industrious agriculturists, owning and operating a valuable and well-improved farm of two hundred and seventy acres in Washington township, two miles from Center Point, but he is now living retired in that village. He was born on the 26th of April, 1835, in Preble county, Ohio, of which locality his ancestors were pioneers. His parents, Silas and Hannah S. (Slinger) Hart, were both natives of Ohio, and spent their entire lives as farming people in Preble county, where the father died in 1870.

On the old homestead farm Thomas J. Hart passed the days of his boyhood and

youth, and was given good educational privileges. After arriving at man's estate he was married, in Preble county, November 14, 1860, to Miss Ellen Kenney, a native of Delaware county, Ohio, where her early life was spent. Her father, Albert J. Kenney, was born in Virginia, and was married in Maryland to Miss Susan Buzzard, a native of that state. They were among the first settlers of Delaware county, Ohio, where in the midst of the forest he cleared and improved a farm, making his home thereon throughout the remainder of his life. He died at the age of eighty-two years, his wife at the age of seventy-one. Mr. and Mrs. Hart have three children: Anna, wife of Isaac H. Kerr, a practicing attorney of Trenton, Missouri; J. P., who is married and engaged in the livery business in Winterset, Iowa; and Forest, a resident of Linn, Iowa.

After his marriage Mr. Hart was engaged in the manufacture of tile in Preble county, Ohio, for nine years, and built up a good business. In 1870 he came to Linn county, Iowa, and first located in Marion, where he handled washing machines and engaged in the patent right business for two years. He then purchased a farm in Otter Creek township, on which he made his home for five years, and then traded that property for his present farm in Washington township. In 1876 he bought property in Center Point, and though he made his home there he continued to operate his farm. The following year he returned to Delaware county, Ohio, where he engaged in farming on the Kenney homestead for two years, but at the end of that time he again came to Linn county, Iowa, and located on his farm in Washington township, to the further improvement and cultivation of which he devoted his time and energies for some years,

making it one of the most desirable farms of its size in the locality. Renting his farm in 1897, he removed to Center Point, where he purchased a lot and built a residence that has since been his home.

Mr. and Mrs. Hart commenced life together in limited circumstances, but by their united efforts and untiring industry they have acquired a large and valuable farm and a good home in Center Point. Religiously they are active members of the Methodist Episcopal church, with which Mr. Hart is officially connected, and are people of prominence in their community. Politically he is a Jeffersonian Democrat, as was his father before him, and he cast his first presidential ballot for James Buchanan in 1856, but he has never cared for political honors, preferring to devote his undivided attention to his business interests.

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#### DAVID CLARK.

Prominent among the honored pioneers and representative citizens of Linn township was the subject of this sketch, who for over sixty years was actively identified with the agricultural interests of the county and bore an important part in its growth and development. He was born in Lorain county, Ohio, September 25, 1832, and was only eight years old when he came to this county with his parents, Oliver and Electa (Wilcox) Clark, both natives of Connecticut.

By trade the father was a blacksmith, but the greater part of his life was devoted to agricultural pursuits. After his marriage he removed to Ohio, and in 1837 came to Linn county, Iowa, taking up government land where the city of Cedar Rapids now

stands. He then returned to Ohio for his family, but during his absence his claim was jumped, and when he again came to this county in 1839 he entered another tract in Franklin township of one hundred and sixty acres, upon which he spent the remainder of his life. He died January 13, 1871, at the age of seventy-three years, and his wife passed away just ten years later, at the age of eighty-two. Unto them were born twelve children, five sons and seven daughters, but only one son and two daughters are now living.

David Clark was indebted to the common schools of Linn county for his educational privileges, but his advantages along that line were rather limited, as he was in poor health much of the time during his boyhood. He remained with his parents until his marriage, in the meantime assisting his father in the farm duties, their home being in Franklin township.

At Mt. Vernon, on the 3d of April, 1861, Mr. Clark wedded Miss Mary A. Boxwell, who was born in Fayette county, Pennsylvania, January 15, 1842, a daughter of Robert and Rhoda (Young) Boxwell, also natives of the Keystone state. In 1845 her family came to Linn county, Iowa, and her father, who was a farmer by occupation, took up one hundred and twenty acres of government land in Linn township, where he made his home until his death. He died at the age of seventy-four years, and his wife five years later, at the age of seventy-six. Of the eight children born to them four died when quite young; those living are William, Robert and Moses, all farmers of Linn township, and Mary Ann, widow of our subject.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Clark were born nine children, as follows: (1) Moses A.,



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born in Franklin township, this county, died in infancy. (2) Walter E., born in Franklin township, was reared on the home farm and educated in the district schools. He married Cynthia Armitage, a native of Jones county, Iowa, and then followed farming in Linn township for about six years. He was next engaged in the creamery business in Wyoming, Jones county, for a year, but the following two years were devoted to agricultural pursuits. He then entered the employ of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad, and was killed in a wreck at Anamosa, Jones county, January 24, 1894. He left a widow and one child, Carl, born in Marion. (3) Ira J. was married, December 30, 1890, to Isaac Flowers, who was born in Lebanon county, Pennsylvania, February 8, 1864, and came to Linn county, Iowa, in 1882. He is now operating an eighty-acre farm on section 15, Linn township. They have two children, George D. and Glenn E., both born in that township. (4) Rhoda I. died at the age of four years. (5) David E., born in Linn township December 30, 1872, has spent his entire life on the home farm. (6) Robert L., born September 28, 1876, (7) Bertie J., born December 7 1879, and (8) Ray E., born January 25, 1882, are also at home. (9) Harry, born October 7, 1887, died at the age of six months and was buried in the Presbyterian church yard in Linn township.

For about nine years after his marriage Mr. Clark was a resident of Franklin township, but in 1871 removed to Linn township, and purchased eighty acres of land on section 14, on which his family still reside. He met with far more than ordinary success in his chosen vocation, and added to his property from time to time until he had a fine farm of three hundred and twenty-five acres,

on which he erected a good residence of modern architecture and made many other substantial improvements. He was quite extensively engaged in stock raising, making a specialty of a high grade of cattle and hogs.

Mr. Clark died on the home farm January 12, 1901, after a brief illness of only a week's duration, and was laid to rest in the Presbyterian church cemetery in Linn township. In political belief he was a Republican, and never failed to cast his ballot for the candidates of that party. Socially he was a member of the Masonic fraternity, and religiously was a member of the United Brethren church. He was a very successful and prosperous man and was held in the highest respect by all who knew him, on account of his honesty and his upright dealings with his fellow citizens. He made many friends but no enemies; was a kind husband and a devoted and generous father. He was also public-spirited and progressive and advocated all measures that tended to the advancement and improvement of the community in which he lived.

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#### JULIUS E. BAERTHEL.

Julius E. Baerthel, now living retired at his home at 221 A avenue, Cedar Rapids, is one of the worthy citizens that Germany has furnished to the new world. He was born in Hesse-Cassel February 10, 1833, a son of Conrad Baerthel, who died in that country. He received a good education in his native tongue, and was a young man of seventeen years when he accompanied his widowed mother and the other members of the family on their emigration to the United States in 1850. They located in Chicago,

which was then a city of only thirty-five thousand population. There Mr. Baerthel attended English schools for a time, and began his business career as a farm hand in Cook county. Later he rented a farm and continued to engage in agricultural pursuits for some years.

In March, 1868, Mr. Baerthel came to Cedar Rapids, Iowa, where he conducted a boarding house for a time, and later rented the Dubuque House, of which he became proprietor. Subsequently he was engaged in the grocery business for two or three years, and on disposing of that again turned his attention to the hotel business. He built the Palace Hotel, which he conducted for fifteen years, but now rents the property, while he lives retired. He also erected a brick business block adjoining the hotel, and has other real estate interests in the city, including his own residence. As a young man of seventeen years he came to America, and with no capital started out in a strange land to overcome the difficulties and obstacles in his path to prosperity. His youth dreams have been realized, and in their happy fulfillment he sees the fitting reward of his earnest toil.

On the 15th of October, 1865, in Cook county, Illinois, Mr. Baerthel was united in marriage with Miss Catherine Loese, also a native of Germany, who came to the new world in 1864. Unto them were born four children, namely: Louis is married and resides in Cedar Rapids; Charles died at the age of three years; William, a highly esteemed and respected young man, died March 3, 1899, at the age of twenty-eight years; and Mary is the wife of Allen J. Fee, a farmer of Linn county. On the site of the old Palace Hotel Mr. Baerthel has erected the Delevan House, a modern fire-

proof building, five stories in height, forty by one hundred and forty feet, with ninety-seven sleeping rooms, club room, office and parlor, all elegantly furnished throughout with all the modern improvements, including a passenger elevator. Mr. Baerthel also owns a farm of one hundred and sixty acres, one-half mile from the city limits, which is well improved.

Politically Mr. Baerthel has always been identified with the Republican party since casting his first presidential vote for John C. Fremont in 1856, but he has never sought official honors, preferring to give his time and attention wholly to his business interests. He was one of the original members of the Odd Fellows Lodge of Cedar Rapids, in which he has filled all the chairs, is now past grand, and has represented the lodge in the grand lodge of the state. Both he and his wife were reared in the Protestant faith, and are liberal supporters of churches. His life has been an upright, honorable and useful one, and due success has not been denied him, so that he is numbered among the substantial men of Cedar Rapids, as well as one of its highly respected citizens, who has taken an active interest in the welfare of the city.

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#### JOHN W. HOLLAND.

John W. Holland, a prominent furniture dealer and undertaker of Center Point, Iowa, dates his residence in Linn county from the 15th of November, 1850, and is a worthy representative of one of its honored pioneer families. His father, Richard S. Holland, was born in Tennessee, and when a young man went to Illinois, where he married Miss

Martha Fitzgerald, a native of Kentucky. In 1850 he brought his family to Linn county, Iowa, and settled on a farm in Washington township, but was not long permitted to enjoy his new home, however, his death occurring in 1854. His wife survived him and reared their children. Later she became the wife of John Pifer, and still resides on the old home farm left by Mr. Holland. Our subject is the oldest of the three children born of her first marriage, the others being Mrs. Jane Bumgardner, of Vinton, Iowa; and Elizabeth, wife of D. J. Clark, of Linn county.

Mr. Holland, of this review, was born in Hamilton county, Illinois, August 13, 1844, and was only six years old when he came with the family to this county. His early educational advantages were rather limited, but he made the most of his opportunities, and by reading and study in subsequent years has become a well-informed man. He learned the carpenter's and joiner's trade, at which he worked for about thirteen years. He then erected a store building and purchased a small stock of furniture, opening for business in Center Point along that line in the spring of 1878. As his trade increased he gradually enlarged his stock and now carries a fine line of furniture and undertaker's supplies. By fair and honorable dealing he has built up a good business, and has gained the confidence and respect of his fellow citizens in a marked degree. Besides his business property he also owns a good home in Center Point.

At Lisbon, Iowa, March 29, 1877, Mr. Holland was united in marriage with Miss Rachel Nicholson, who was born in Ohio, but was principally reared in Linn county. Her father was Daniel Nicholson, who, in 1854, settled in Springville, Brown town-

ship, Linn county. To our subject and his wife were born three daughters, Martha, Nellie and Ida. Nellie is now a student at the State Normal School at Iowa Falls, and the others are at home.

In his political affiliations Mr. Holland is a stalwart Democrat, having supported that party since casting his first presidential vote for Seymour and Blair. Fraternally he is a Master Mason, belonging to the lodge at Center Point, and is also a member of the Odd Fellows Lodge at that place, in which he has filled all the chairs and is now past grand. He has also taken the grand lodge degrees of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is past chancellor of the Knights of Pythias Lodge of Center Point, and represented it in the grand lodge at Waterloo, Iowa, in 1900. He also belongs to the Iowa Legion of Honor and the Modern Brotherhood of America, and stands high both in business and social circles.



#### GEORGE L. DICKOVER.

The subject of this sketch is one of the valued employes of the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad, and is now capably filling the position of foreman of the car department. He is a native of Ohio, born in Ashland county June 25, 1854, and is a son of Jacob and Lydia (Ohl) Dickover. The father is a Pennsylvanian by birth, and being left motherless at an early day was reared by strangers. He was given fairly good educational advantages and was graduated from the public schools. During his youth he learned the carpenter's, millwright's and cabinetmaker's trades, which he followed during his active business life,



but now, at the age of seventy years, he is living retired in Cedarville, Indiana, where he has a comfortable home. His wife is about the same age. They are earnest and consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and he is a Democrat in politics, though not radical in his views.

Seven children were born to this worthy couple, of whom one died in infancy. The others are George L., of this sketch; William, who is engaged in the milling business in Springport, Indiana; Rebecca, wife of Isaac Astry, a farmer of the Hoosier state; Mary Ellen, wife of W. E. Garrett, of Auburn, Indiana; Sarah Jane, wife of Frank Hull, of Auburn; and Emma, at home. The children attended the district schools near their home and later paid their own way at colleges and academies.

In 1868 George L. Dickover accompanied his parents on their removal to Indiana, and completed his education in a select school at Maysville, that state. On laying aside his text books he served a three-years' apprenticeship with his father, during which time he thoroughly mastered the carpenter's trade, and later worked as a journeyman in Indiana. Subsequently he devoted considerable attention to the millwright's trade, and met with good success in that enterprise, being appointed foreman before he attained his majority. He next entered the car shops at Huntington, Indiana, as a journeyman, and was promoted from time to time until he became assistant foreman of the same, remaining there nine years. During that time he acquired a complete knowledge of car building, and has since devoted his time and energies to that occupation. He came to Cedar Rapids in March, 1892, to take the position of general foreman of the car department of the Burlington, Cedar Rapids

& Northern Railroad, and has made this city his permanent home. He owns a pleasant home at 1220 Fourth avenue, and has also been successful in developing and operating mines in Colorado.

Mr. Dickover was married, in Indiana, in 1881, to Miss Olive I. DeMoss, who was born in that state in August, 1858, her parents being Charles W. and Louisa DeMoss, who are now living in Whiting, Indiana. By trade her father is a blacksmith. He had four children, but only two are now living, namely: Mrs. Dickover, and J. W. DeMoss, a machinist of Huntington, Indiana. Mrs. Dickover is a graduate of the public schools of Logansport, Indiana. To our subject and his wife were born four children, of whom one died in infancy. Those living are Edna M., born in 1886; George Clyde, in 1894; and Hazel Irene, in 1898. The two eldest are now attending school. The parents are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. While a resident of Huntington, Indiana, Mr. Dickover was an active member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, served as noble grand and represented his lodge in the grand lodge of the state. He is not identified with any political party, and devotes his entire time and attention to his business affairs. On starting out in life for himself he received no assistance, and his success is due entirely to his own personal ambition and determination to succeed.

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#### GEORGE W. DAVIS.

Just across the line in Greenfield township, Jones county, Iowa, in a quiet cottage behind an evergreen grove, we find the subject of this biography, who is now living a retired life. He was born in County Don-



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egal, Ireland, December 23, 1843, a son of George and Susannah (Fisher) Davis, natives of the same county, where they continued to make their home until their emigration to America in October, 1854. The family took passage at Londonderry, Ireland, on the sailing vessel *Creole*, and were upon the water for twelve weeks, during which time they encountered some terrific storms and it was supposed that the vessel would go down. In fact the vessel was reported lost. They lost two passengers, but the others landed safely in Philadelphia. The Davis family settled in that city, where the father of our subject died in April, 1856. In the fall of the same year the mother and children came to Iowa and took up their residence in Jones county, where she made her home for many years, dying there in 1895, aged eighty-six years. Her remains were interred in the Linn Grove cemetery. She was a devout member of the Presbyterian church, to which her husband also belonged.

Of the eleven children born to this worthy couple nine are still living, namely: James, a retired farmer and veteran of the Civil war, wedded Mary Ann Clark and resides in Mt. Vernon, Iowa; Thomas F. married Jane Kepler, and is also a retired farmer of Mt. Vernon; William married Ruth Fisher and is living retired in Cedar Rapids; Martha was the wife of John McPherson, of Jones county, Iowa, who is now deceased; Ruth is the wife of John W. Fink, of Lisbon; George W., our subject, is next in order of birth; Belle is the wife of Daniel Connor, who lives near Mechanicsville, Cedar county, Iowa; Jane is the wife of John F. Oldham, of Pierre, Oklahoma; and John A. wedded Jude Chapman, who was born in the old court house at Marion, and resides in Dorchester, Nebraska.

Mr. Davis of this review attended the national schools of Ireland until the family came to the United States, and for one year pursued his studies in the schools of Philadelphia. He then worked in a cotton and woolen factory for the same length of time. When the family came to Iowa in 1856, he found employment with Samuel Pfoutz, two and one-half miles north of Lisbon, where he worked for his board and clothes until the following spring, and then went to Linn Grove, where he worked for Abner Lacock for forty dollars per year and his clothes, remaining with him two years. The following year he was in the employ of Ed Clark, and then returned to his former employer, for whom he worked until the Civil war broke out.

In July, 1861, at the age of seventeen years, Mr. Davis offered his services to the government, joining the boys in blue of Company I, Second Iowa Veteran Volunteer Cavalry, under command of Captain D. E. Coon, of Mason City, Iowa. Owing to the age of our subject he was obliged to tell a patriotic fib in order to be mustered in. After being mustered into the United States service at Davenport, the regiment was sent to Benton Barrack, St. Louis, in December, 1861, where they remained until February, 1862. While here they were on scout duty and sixty of the members died from measles. They were then ordered to Island No. 10, under command of General John Pope, which they assisted in capturing and they were the first troops on the Kentucky side of the river. There were captured six thousand prisoners, one million five hundred thousand dollars worth of stores, and the Second Iowa captured a rebel flag on which was the inscription "Mississippi Devils, presented by the ladies." After the defeat



at Shiloh they were sent up the Tennessee river to Pittsburg Landing, where they were placed under the command of General Hallick, who was advancing on Corinth, and they made the charge on the rebel army at that place under General Hatch, May 9, 1862. The opposing force was so great that they were driven back, but saved Paine's division. They were the first troops to enter Corinth after the evacuation of the city, May 29. At twelve o'clock one night that summer they made the first cavalry raid of the war, under Colonel Washington L. Elliott, who was a graduate of West Point and had served seventeen years in the regular army. They also took part in the battle of Booneville, where Sheridan with the Second Iowa and Second Michigan Cavalry defeated eight thousand rebels, and was there made brigadier-general. After this engagement the Second Iowa Cavalry moved back to Rienzi, and our subject was detailed as orderly for General Sheridan, having previously been messenger boy for General Elliott and General Granger, being chosen out of twenty-seven hundred men in his command, which was quite an honor. Three months later he rejoined his command, and on the 5th of September they broke camp at Rienzi and returned to Corinth, where General Rosecrans was then in command. They next went to Payton's Mills in pursuit of General Faulkner, where they participated in the battle at that place, and then moved back to Iuka to support the Fifth Iowa Infantry. There they stood to horse all night in a drenching rain. About midnight General Rosecrans called a council of brigade commanders, and gave the command to move at daybreak, the infantry with bayonets fixed and the cavalry with drawn sabers, not a shot to be fired. It was expected that

General Grant would support them. The rebels retreated during the night, and the Union troops followed them twenty miles and made a stand at two o'clock next day. After this engagement Generals Price and Van Dorn united their armies and moved north. The result was the two days' battle at Corinth on October 1 and 2, 1862, and the rebels were defeated. Here Mr. Davis was wounded in the ankle and sent to the Keokuk, Iowa, hospital, where he remained thirty days. Deserting the hospital, he went down the Mississippi river on a steamer to Vicksburg, and rejoined his regiment, which formed Grant's advance guard on Vicksburg at Grant Junction. They were next in an engagement with Colonel Faulkner at Holly Springs, November 29, and captured thirty horses and sixty men. On the 2d of December they crossed the Tallahatchee river and moved on Springdale, Mississippi, and from there went to Water Valley, where they lost three men and six horses. They next proceeded to Oxford, Mississippi. After landing at Ponnetock they went back to Holly Springs, and retreated northward December 22, as Colonel Van Dorn had burned the supplies. The brigade to which our subject belonged returned to Coffeerville, participating in the battle there, after which they commenced destroying the Mississippi Central Railroad, being the rear guard of General Grant's army. They retreated as far as the Tallahatchee river and then went into winter quarters at La Grange, Tennessee, where they built log houses. In the spring of 1863 they went to Waterford, Mississippi, where they were surrounded by the Texas Legion, but were rescued by citizens who notified the brigade and they escaped back to La Grange. In March our subject's regiment marched three hundred and sixty miles,

and were placed under the command of General B. H. Grierson, who started to cut the railroad communication of the rebels. On the 21st of April they went to Palalto, and from there to Columbus. Mr. Davis' regiment returned to La Grange, where they remained all summer. On the 5th of June they went on a raid down the Mississippi river, and nine days later marched into Pannola, Mississippi, where they burned fifteen million dollars worth of property. On the 1st of July they were ordered to Jackson, and after taking part in the battle at that place returned to La Grange. Later they captured six locomotives and twenty-five cars at Granada, which town the rebels surrendered August 27, 1863. Two months were then spent in camp at Memphis, Tennessee, and in November went to Colliersville, taking part in an engagement at that place, defeating the rebels under General Gorge. They went to Oxford, Mississippi, December 4, and subsequently took part in the battle at Moscow, where their commander, General Hatch, was shot through the right lung. Here the rebels numbered five thousand, and the Union forces only thirteen hundred. Marching back to La Grange, a distance of about thirty-five miles, they broke camp January 1, 1864, and two days later reached Memphis, where they slept that night on the frozen ground. They remained there till February 5, when they joined General W. S. Smith at Germantown, Tennessee, and started to join General Sherman's command at Meridian, it being their intention to form a large cavalry force to march through the Confederacy, but they were met and defeated by the rebels. They were soon in a part of the Confederacy which was still rich with provisions. At West Point, Mississippi, February 21, Gen-

eral Smith ordered a retreat to Okolona, and the fighting became severe, the rebels having eight thousand soldiers and the Union troops numbering only four thousand. As Mr. Davis' time had expired he re-enlisted in the same regiment at Germantown, being determined to see the end of the war. He then returned to Davenport by way of St. Louis and was given a thirty-day furlough. He rejoined his command May 15 at Davenport, Iowa, and returned to St. Louis, where they received a new equipment, whence they went to Memphis. They were then armed with the Spencer seven-shot carbines. They took part in the battle of Tupalo under General A. J. Smith and Brigadier-General B. H. Grierson and several skirmishes, and then returned to Memphis, where they remained until the 2d of August, and from there went to Grand Junction and Waterford to rebuild the railroad to Oxford, Mississippi. After their return to Memphis they were ordered to join General Sherman on his march to the sea. At Clifton, however, the order was countermanded, and they were ordered to report to General Thomas, who was sent to repel General Hood, and joined his forces near Columbia, Tennessee. General Hood advanced on Nashville with forty-five thousand infantry, fifteen thousand cavalry and ninety pieces of artillery, while the Union forces had only four thousand cavalry in his front, and a small army of infantry and artillery. Our subject's regiment on its retreat to Nashville too part in the engagements at Campbellville, Linnville, Mt. Carmel, Duck River, Shelbyville, Pike, and Franklin, on the 29th of November, when the rebels lost five generals and six thousand troops. The cavalry forces retreated across the Cumberland river to Edgefield, where the mer-

cury was ten degrees below zero, with no wood. On December 2 they recrossed to Nashville, and for three days camped in two feet of mud. On the morning of December 15 the battle of Nashville was opened and our subject's regiment captured a fort which Hood had left fifteen minutes previous with the instructions to hold the fort at all hazards, and later captured another fort. On the 25th of December General Spaulding, of the Twelfth Tennessee, called for two hundred volunteers to follow Hood and harass the rear of his army, and Mr. Davis was among the number to respond and go with Major Horton, of the Second Iowa Cavalry. On the 1st of January, 1865, the regiment was ordered to Huntsville, and later to Eastport, Mississippi. It was very cold fording the rivers and the troops suffered severely. They went into winter quarters at Gravelly Springs, Alabama. On the 11th of April they received news of General Lee's surrender, and five days later came the sad news of President Lincoln's assassination. Mr. Davis was finally mustered out September 17, 1865, at Selma, Alabama, and returned to Davenport, where he was honorably discharged October 9, 1865. During the entire time he was in the service he was never reprimanded by an officer, and was offered a commission in a colored regiment at Memphis, Tennessee, but declined, as he did not want to leave his comrades.

In October, of the same year, we again find him a resident of Linn county, where he worked by the month one year. In 1867 he bought the farm which he now occupies, it being at that time, however, an eighty-acre tract of unbroken prairie land in Greenfield township, Jones county, which he at once proceeded to place under cultivation.

He has added to his landed possessions until he now has three hundred and sixty-five acres of very valuable and productive land, on which he has erected two good houses and three immense barns, together with other outbuildings. He raises Durham cattle and Poland China hogs, and also a high grade of horses. He not only feeds all of the grain raised on his own land to his stock, but one year was forced to buy ten thousand bushels for the same purpose.

At Anamosa, Iowa, September 16, 1862, Mr. Davis married Miss Anis Jones, who was born in Indiana September 2, 1850, and came to Iowa in 1863 with her parents, Thomas and Jane Jones, who were reared and married in Lawrence county, Indiana. The family settled in Jones county, Iowa, where Mr. Jones died in May, 1880, his remains being interred at Walnut Grove. He had nine children, namely: Elmira, wife of Riley Jones, of Wall Lake, Calhoun county, Iowa; Mary, a resident of Doniphan, Nebraska, who first married Joseph McDowell and second Ephraim Jones; Henry, who married Jane Garnett, now deceased, and resides in Montezuma, Iowa; Cenith, wife of Amerson Johnson, of Jefferson, Iowa; Anis, wife of our subject; Manford, who married Martha De Walt and lives at Grand Junction, Iowa; Millie, wife of John Young, of Laporte City, Iowa; Amy, who died at the age of twenty-four years; and Della, wife of Frank Griffith, of Grand Junction, Iowa.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Davis were born six children, as follows: (1) Thomas U., born September 13, 1869, assists his father in the operation of the home farm. (2) Harry E., born November 14, 1870, in Jones county, was educated in the district schools, and now conducts a part of the old homestead



farm. He was married, at Climax, Michigan, December 19, 1900, to Hattie E. Card, who was born at that place December 13, 1871, and is the oldest in a family of four children, her parents being Daniel W. and Rose (Eldred) Card, natives of New York. Harry E. and his wife attend the Reformed church of Lisbon. (3) Lottie Jane, born September 20, 1872, is the wife of Philip Molin, a farmer of Greenfield township, Jones county, Iowa, and they have two children, Ora R. and Conrad D. (4) George, born December 20, 1874, married Mina Weston and lives in Greenfield township, Jones county. (5) Ira L., born November 3, 1876, is also a resident of that township on a part of our subject's farm. He married Ida Abel and they have one son, Harold. (6) Ora May, born August 29, 1883, is at home with her father. The mother of these children, who was a most estimable woman, died September 4, 1898, and was laid to rest in the Lisbon cemetery.

Religiously Mr. Davis holds membership in the Reformed church, and socially is a member of John A. Buck Post, No. 140, G. A. R., of which he is past commander, and Franklin Lodge, Iowa Legion of Honor, of Lisbon. As a Republican he has always taken an active part in local politics; has filled a number of township offices, including that of road supervisor and president of the school board; while serving in that capacity he raised the first flag on the school house that was ever raised in Greenfield township, and has been the candidate of his party for the legislature. He was one of the charter members of the Farmers Institute at Lisbon and served as president for two terms. He also bought the first roll of barbed wire that was ever sold in Lisbon, for which he paid seventeen cents per pound.

He is one of the most prominent and influential men of his community, and is held in the highest esteem by all who knew him. At a reunion of the Grand Army of the Republic at Washington, D. C., in 1892, he commanded a platoon as the parade passed down Pennsylvania avenue, in which marched three congressmen.

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#### JOSEPH HUNTER.

This old and honored resident of Washington township is now living a retired life on his farm on section 8, about a mile and a half from Center Point, where he has now made his home for forty years. He was born in the town of Mooers, Clinton county, New York, March 8, 1816, and in early life learned the trade of making broom iron, at which he worked in Schuyler's Falls and Saranac for about thirty years.

Mr. Hunter was married, in his native county, February 15, 1844, to Miss Sarah Ann Thomas, and continued his residence there until coming to Linn county, Iowa, in 1862. On his arrival here he purchased the farm which he now occupies, consisting of one hundred and fifty acres, but at that time only two acres had been cleared and the only improvement was a log cabin, into which he and his family moved. He has since erected good and substantial buildings upon the place, has put up a wind pump, drawing water from a well which he had to drill one hundred and seventy feet through limestone rock. He has made many other valuable improvements until it is now a most desirable farm. For the past ten years his son Samuel has operated the farm, while he practically lives retired.



Mr. Hunter owns a good residence at Center Point, where he lived about a year, but after the death of his wife he returned to the farm. She passed away in August, 1894. They were the parents of nine children, of whom six are still living, namely: Henry is married and lives in Mt. Vernon; Permelia is the wife of James Morris, a farmer of Linn county; Joseph and Alexander are also married, and follow farming in this county; Samuel, who operates the old homestead, married Emma Dennison, a daughter of Jonathan Dennison, an old settler and substantial farmer of this county; and Julia is the wife of Thomas Chambers, of Mt. Vernon. Mr. Hunter also has eighteen grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Since attaining his majority Mr. Hunter has never failed to support the Democratic party at each presidential election, and is a believer in Jeffersonian principles. He merits and receives the confidence and respect of his fellow citizens, and wherever known he is held in high regard.

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#### FRANK O. PITKIN.

One of the most popular business men of Cedar Rapids is this well-known druggist, who is now successfully engaged in business at No. 218 South First street. He was born in Lynn, Massachusetts, May 7, 1863, his early education being obtained in the common schools of that state. When a lad of thirteen years he came to Cedar Rapids, and entered the employ of Wheeler & French, druggists of this city, as an apprentice. Later he was with N. P. Bailey, and subsequently was prescription clerk for J. D.

Mateer and George C. Haman. For a year and a half he was on the road selling physicians' supplies for F. A. Woods & Company, of Cedar Rapids, and was then with C. E. Shomler until he embarked in the drug business for himself at his present location in 1896. On starting out in life for himself he was without capital, but soon made for himself an enviable reputation in business circles, and to-day enjoys an excellent trade which has been gained by fair and honorable dealing and courteous treatment of his customers.

In 1886 Mr. Pitkin married Miss Mabel Batchelder, who was born at Traer, Iowa, and whose father was formerly a business man of Cedar Rapids, where she was educated. They have two children, Edward F. and Edith M. In his political views Mr. Pitkin is a Republican, and in his social relations is a member of Mt. Herman Lodge, No. 263, F. & A. M., Trowel Chapter, No. 49, R. A. M., and the Royal Arcanum. He is also a member of the State Pharmaceutical Association and the Commercial Club of Cedar Rapids; is a stockholder of the Auditorium and is a supporter of the base ball clubs of the city. He is public spirited and progressive, and takes an active interest in all enterprises which he believes will advance the welfare of the community or promote the general prosperity.

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#### CHARLES R. JORDAN.

There is probably no one in Cedar Rapids better known to the traveling public than Charles R. Jordan, now station master at the union depot for the Chicago & Northwestern and the Burlington, Cedar Rapids

& Northern Railroads. He was born in Oswego, New York, October 24, 1853, and is a son of Patrick and Margaret (Gallagher) Jordan, who were natives of county Mayo, Ireland, and came to this country about 1848, their marriage being celebrated in New York. Throughout his active business career the father followed the stone cutter's trade. He died in Minnesota, and his wife, who survived him a few years, passed away at Cedar Rapids in 1878. They were the parents of nine children, but only two are now living, namely: Charles R., the subject of this sketch; and Mary A., also a resident of Cedar Rapids.

Charles R. Jordan obtained his early education in the public schools of Owatonna, Minnesota, and Cedar Rapids, Iowa, having removed to the latter city with his mother in March, 1872. While still in school he worked for George Holcomb, who was then proprietor of the old depot eating house, and after completing his education he remained with them until 1875, when he was appointed night ticket clerk and depot policeman for the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern and the Chicago & Northwestern Railroads. Later he became identified with Mr. Mather in conducting the eating house at the depot, and in 1888 purchased his partner's interest and continued in business alone. In 1897 he was appointed to his present responsible position as station master, the duties of which he has since performed in a most capable and satisfactory manner. In January, 1901, he became interested in Hotel Burley at Belle Plaine, Iowa,—a house of forty-two rooms,—of which he owns a half interest as a member of the firm of Jordan & Barnicle. He also has farming property in western Iowa.

At Cedar Rapids, in December, 1880,

Mr. Jordan married Miss Katherine Strawney, who was born in Du Page county, Illinois, in 1849, and they became the parents of three children, of whom one died in early childhood. Charles R., Jr., is now manager of the depot eating house at Cedar Rapids, of which his father is sole owner; and John H. is attending school at Georgetown, D. C.

By his ballot Mr. Jordan supports the men and measures of the Republican party, but has never been actively identified with party work. In religious belief he is a Catholic. He is a member of the blue lodge, chapter, commandery and consistory of the Masonic fraternity, and is also connected with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. He served on the building committee and is a stockholder of the new Masonic Temple at Cedar Rapids. He has always been a supporter of philanthropical and charitable enterprises and is recognized as a valued citizen of the community.

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#### CHARLES O. PARKER.

The subject of this review is one of the most progressive and up-to-date farmers of Bertram township, his home being on sections 26 and 28. He was born in this township, June 7, 1868, and is a son of Samuel F. and Almena (Messer) Parker, both natives of New Hampshire, the former born December 30, 1821, the latter July 24, 1825. They were married there, and in 1866 came to Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Four months later they removed to Bertram, where the father engaged in the wood and lumber business and also conducted a sawmill, remaining there fifteen years. He then purchased a farm of one hundred and

sixty-five acres in Bertram township, upon which he also made his home for fifteen years, and at the end of that time returned to Cedar Rapids, where he lived retired from active labor during the remainder of his life. He died November 3, 1891, and was laid to rest in Oak Hill cemetery, Cedar Rapids. In his family were six children, all of whom were born in Concord, New Hampshire, with the exception of our subject, who is the youngest. In order of birth the others were as follows: Benjamin F., born February 11, 1849, married Martha Oxley, and lives in Cedar Rapids; Martha, born January 24, 1852, died in infancy; Arzilla, born March 19, 1856, died at the age of nineteen years; William, born October 12, 1858, married Rosie White, and resides on a farm in Bertram township; and Ella, born July 20, 1862, is the wife of James Stanbaugh, a farmer of Bertram township.

Charles O. Parker received his early education in the district schools of this county, and at the age of fifteen entered the public schools of Cedar Rapids, where he pursued his studies for one year. The following two years were spent at home, and at the end of that time he went to Colorado, where he worked on a cattle ranch for about six months. He next went to California, where he engaged in the dairy business for five months, and on the expiration of that time returned to Bertram, Iowa. A year and a half later he again went west, and this time spent one year in farming in Montana, returning home at the end of that time.

On the 17th of December, 1890, Mr. Parker was married in Marion, Iowa, to Miss Frances I. Boxwell, who was born in Linn township, this county, March 9, 1871,

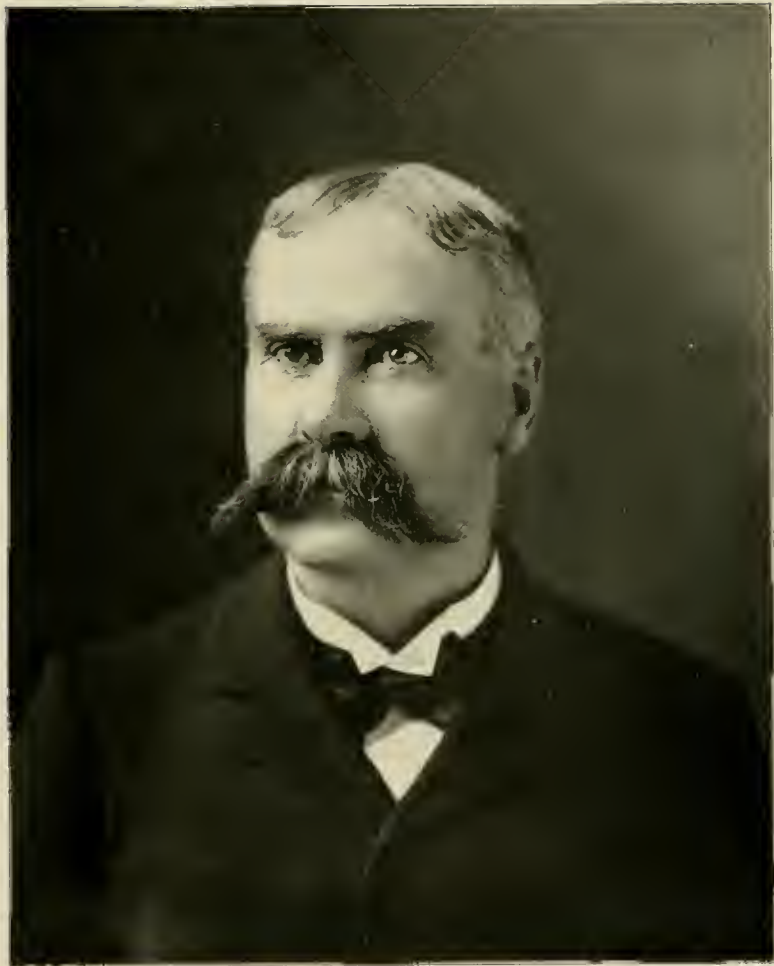
and is a daughter of Moses Boxwell, whose sketch appears on another page of this volume. Four children bless this union, namely: Edith A., born September 6, 1891; Nellie I., born July 4, 1893; Hazel F., born October 18, 1895; and Ruth V., born November 11, 1897.

For four years after his marriage Mr. Parker engaged in farming on rented land, and in 1895 bought what is known as the Parker homestead, consisting of one hundred acres on sections 26 and 28, Bertram township. In 1900 he sold that place, and is now operating rented land with the intention of buying another farm soon. He is engaged in breeding high grade horses, cattle and hogs, and is a most up-to-date and progressive farmer. He attends the Methodist church, and is a member of Bertram Lodge, No. 534, I. O. O. F., and the Brotherhood of American Yeomen. In politics he is a staunch Democrat.

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#### CHARLES P. MURRAY.

Charles P. Murray, a member of the firm of Murray Brothers, prominent railroad and general contractors, residing in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, was born near Montreal in the province of Quebec, Canada, January 16, 1854. His parents, Thomas and Ann (Keating) Murray, were natives of Ireland, where their marriage was celebrated, and where the father followed farming in early life. On their emigration to the new world in 1836 they located in Montreal, Canada, where he engaged in the brewery business for a short time and then became foreman in the quarries, from which was taken the stone for the "Queen's bridge" at that place.



CHARLES P. MURRAY.





In 1845 he returned to Ireland, but nine months later we again find him a resident of Canada. He was foreman on construction work on the Grand Trunk Railway, making his home at this time on a farm which he had purchased near the city of Montreal. In 1855 he came to the United States and located in Benton county, Iowa, where he bought land and engaged in farming until his removal to Linn county in the spring of 1871. After following the same occupation in Clinton township for four years he retired from active labor and removed to Cedar Rapids, where he made his home until called to his final rest on the 12th of March, 1886, at the age of seventy-eight years. His wife died November 17, 1892, at the age of seventy-three. They were the parents of ten children, of whom nine reached maturity, namely: William, who died in Benton county at the age of twenty-two years; John E., who is in partnership with our subject; Elizabeth, wife of Frank Wear, of Omaha, Nebraska; Mary, wife of Michael Broderick, of Harrison county, Iowa; Thomas F., who died in Cedar Rapids in 1898; Maggie, widow of C. H. Usher and a resident of Cedar Rapids; Charles P., of this review; Jennie, who lives with Mrs. Broderick; and Anna F., wife of Eugene Quinn, of Cedar Rapids.

Charles P. Murray attended the district schools of Benton county, and remained at home with his father until 1872, when he commenced work for his brother, John E., who was engaged in railroad contracting, and continued in his employ for six years, serving as foreman the greater part of the time. At the end of that period he formed a partnership with his brother, and together they have since engaged in business as general contractors, though they make a spe-

cialty of railroad work. They have done considerable contracting for the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad, and have also been connected with the construction of the Chicago & Northwestern and the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroads in this state, and built one hundred and fifty miles of the Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley Railroad in Nebraska and Dakota. For a time John E. Murray was in partnership with S. L. Dows, while our subject was connected with Thomas F., although both firms were engaged along similar lines of contracting, but since 1886 John E. and Charles P. have been alone in business. The firm has done a portion of the sewerage work in Cedar Rapids, and the complete system at Marion, and are noted for their excellent work and reliability in all business transactions. As railroad contractors they have done work for various roads in Kentucky, Iowa, Illinois, Missouri, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Nebraska, Kansas and the Dakotas, and at the present time are completing a large contract on the Wabash railroad in Ohio, and have done nothing in business blocks and residence contracting for many years.

On the 7th of October, 1890, Charles P. Murray married Miss Helen L. Schulze, a native of Iowa City, and a daughter of Joseph Schulze, of that place. They now have three children, Inez G., Harold J. and Edith M. Mr. and Mrs. Murray are Catholics in religious belief and hold membership in the Church of the Immaculate Conception of Cedar Rapids, and he also belongs to Star of the West Lodge, No. 1, K. P. In politics he is a Democrat, but has never cared for political preferment. Through his own well-directed and energetic efforts he has achieved success in the business world and

has become quite well-to-do, owning considerable residence property in Cedar Rapids and timber lands in the Black Hills of South Dakota, Omaha city property, and also Iowa and Minnesota lands.

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### MICHAEL SNYDER.

The subject of this review is one of the most prosperous farmers, as well as one of the most influential and prominent citizens of Linn township, his home being on section 31. He was born in Alsace, near Weisenberg, Germany, October 3, 1833, and remained at the place of his birth until seven years of age, when he came to America with his parents, Martin and Barbara (Haas) Snyder, who settled in Stark county, Ohio, in 1841. Throughout life the father followed the occupation of a miller. After residing in Stark county for some years he removed to Ashland county, Ohio, where he made his home until called to his final rest at the age of sixty-two years. He was a prosperous and progressive man of his day. Our subject was only twelve years of age when his mother died at their home in Stark county, and the father subsequently married again, his second union being with Miss Barbara Muchler, by whom he had four sons and five daughters, who are still living, and three deceased. The oldest of these is Mrs. Henry Plattner, of Mt. Vernon, Iowa. The second wife died in December, 1898, and was buried on Christmas day.

Michael Snyder is the oldest of the seven children born of his father's first marriage, the others being Caroline, wife of Jacob Schaffer, of Cedar Rapids; Eva, widow of Thomas Earnhart, of Ligonier, Indiana;

Margaret, wife of William Eardley, of Wolf Lake, Indiana; George, a farmer of California; Julia, wife of Andrew Getz, of Vallejo, California, who is a tinner by trade, and is now working for the United States navy; and Martin, who died in infancy.

Reared in Stark county, Ohio, Michael Snyder obtained rather a limited education in its public schools, but by reading and study at home he acquired a good practical knowledge of men and affairs. In 1854, at the age of twenty years, he left the Buckeye state and came to Linn county, Iowa, where he has since made his home. For thirteen years he was engaged in the sawmill business in Linn township, and then located on the farm which he still occupies, having purchased two hundred acres of partially improved land on section 31, the same township. He erected thereon a comfortable and commodious residence, large and substantial barns and other outbuildings, and has placed the land under excellent cultivation. He has added to his landed possessions from time to time until he now has four hundred and seventy-eight acres of land, divided into three farms on sections 29, 30 and 31, Linn township, and has a good set of farm buildings on each. In connection with general farming he has engaged in the raising of horses, cattle and hogs of a high grade, and now has one hundred head of stock upon his place.

On the 3d of June, 1856, in Pioneer township, Cedar county, Iowa, Mr. Snyder was united in marriage with Miss Martha Owens, a native of Armstrong county, Pennsylvania, and a daughter of Joshua and Elizabeth (Guthrie) Owens. The mother died in that state when Mrs. Snyder was quite small. After residing in Pennsylvania for many years Mr. Owens came to Iowa in

1851, and located in Pioneer township, Cedar county, where he made his home until his death, which occurred about 1870, when he was sixty-four years of age. Mrs. Snyder was the oldest of his eight children, of whom two sons and four daughters are still living.

Unto our subject and his wife were born ten children, namely: (1) Mary Elizabeth, born in Linn county, married John Lurette and died in May, 1897. She had eight children: Charles E.; Nettie M., wife of Oliver Duncan; Clyde; William, deceased; Frederick; Jay; Martha; and an infant son, deceased. (2) Maggie C. is the wife of Wyatt B. Cantrall, a retired farmer of Sanborn, Iowa, and they had one child, Jay, who died in infancy. (3) Joshua M. died at the age of fifteen months. (4) George W. died on the home farm at the age of twenty-eight years. (5) Sarah Ellen is the wife of James Thomas White, who owns and operates a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Bertram township, this county, and they have two children, Harry J. and Roy Thomas. (6) Martha Melissa died at the age of three months. (7) Henry N., twin brother of Martha Melissa, resides on one of his father's farms in Linn township. He married May Simons, of Mt. Vernon, a daughter of John L. Simons, and to them were born four children: Gracie, deceased; Lloyd; Pearl; and Willard. (8) Hattie B. died at the age of two months. (9) Joseph Franklin married Edith Mason, of Lisbon, a daughter of Thomas Mason, and resides at home with his parents. They have one child, Ruth Fay, born July 6, 1891. (10) Jessie May died at the age of nine months.

Mr. Snyder is a supporter of the Methodist church, and always affiliates with the Democratic party. He has held nearly all

the township offices at various times with credit to himself and to the entire satisfaction of all concerned. He is now serving as president of the Linn Township Mutual Insurance Association, which company he assisted in organizing twenty-nine years ago, and he has been a director of the same nearly ever since. This company insures only farm property and has done a successful and extensive business. Mr. Snyder has always been found true to every trust reposed in him, whether public or private, and well deserves to be classified among the most useful and valued citizens of his adopted county.

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#### HENRY F. WALBRAND.

Henry F. Walbrand, a competent and trusted engineer of the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad, who has made his home in Cedar Rapids since 1879, is a native of Iowa, born in Burlington, February 11, 1859. His parents, Frederick and Maria (Ruhl) Walbrand, were born, reared and married in Germany, where they continued to make their home until after the birth of their oldest daughter. They were educated in the common schools of that country, and were in limited circumstances on their emigration to America. It was in 1855 that they took passage on a sailing vessel and crossed the Atlantic to New Orleans, whence they came up the Mississippi river to St. Louis. After spending one year in the latter city they removed to Burlington, Iowa, where the father conducted a grocery store for fifteen years during the latter part of his life. He died in July, 1899, at the age of seventy-two years.



but the mother, who was born in 1826, still survives him and continues to make her home in Burlington. They were pioneer settlers of that place, having located there when it was a small town. They were devout and faithful members of the Evangelical church, and always gave liberally of their means to its support. In politics the father was a Republican. Of the five children born to them two died in infancy. The others are Christina, widow of William Woepking, a retired hardware merchant of Burlington, who died in 1900; Henry F., our subject; and Anna, wife of Charles Krueger, a grocer of Burlington. These children were given such educational privileges as the parochial schools of the Evangelical church afforded.

Henry F. Walbrand attended these schools until fourteen years of age, and later entered a business college, where he pursued his studies for a few months. He then accepted a position as clerk in a wholesale and retail grocery store, where he remained about two years. He next entered the railroad shops of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad at Beardstown, Illinois, where he was employed as a mechanic for eighteen months, and in the fall of 1877 went as fireman on the same railroad. Subsequently he accepted a similar position with the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad, and in 1882 was promoted to engineer, serving as passenger engineer since December, 1893. He has run on nearly all of the divisions on the road, and is one of its most reliable employes. In March, 1892, he purchased a home in Cedar Rapids, but later sold it and bought a lot at 1416 A avenue, on which he erected a good modern residence the same year.

Mr. Walbrand was united in marriage

June 13, 1883, with Miss Augusta Woepking, who was born in Burlington in 1859, a daughter of Henry and Sophia Woepking. Her father is now deceased, but her mother is still living and continues to make her home in Burlington. Mrs. Walbrand was also educated in the parochial schools of that city. She died August 9, 1899, leaving four children, namely: Emily and Blanche, who are attending the high school of Cedar Rapids; Arthur, who is also attending the public schools of this city; and Marie, who was born July 4, 1899, and was only a month old at the time of the death of her mother. They constitute an interesting family, of which any parent might be justly proud.

Mr. Walbrand is independent in politics, and in his social relations is a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, No. 278, of Cedar Rapids, and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, No. 1, of Burlington. He is also a member of the Evangelical church of the latter city, and is a supporter of those enterprises calculated to advance the moral or social welfare of the community in which he lives.

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#### JESSE BEECHLEY.

Among the prosperous and successful farmers of Linn township none stand higher in public esteem than Jesse Beechley, whose home is on section 25, while his farm of four hundred and fifty acres is situated on sections 25, 26, 35 and 36. A native of Pennsylvania, he was born in Somerset county, December 7, 1822, and is a son of Jacob K. and Catherine (Bloucher) Beechley, also natives of that state. Joseph Beechley, our subject's



JESSE BEECHLEY.



paternal grandfather, was a German by birth and was four years of age when he came to the new world and located in Pennsylvania, where he continued to make his home until death. The father followed agricultural pursuits in that state throughout life, and died at about the age of sixty years, while the mother of our subject was only thirty years of age at the time of her death. Of the five children born to them Jesse is the second in order of birth, and three of the number are still living. For his second wife the father married Nancy Bollen, by whom he had two children. One of these is also living, he being Dr. Beechley, of Lincoln, Nebraska. After her death the father married Polly Blough, who still survives him and continues to reside in Pennsylvania. He had no children by that union.

On leaving his old home in Pennsylvania in 1838, Jesse Beechley removed to Wayne county, Ohio, where he engaged in farming until 1850, and then crossed the plains to California with mule teams. There he engaged in prospecting and mining for one year, at the end of which time he returned to Wayne county, Ohio, and resumed farming. In 1853 he came to Mt. Vernon, Iowa, and purchased a farm of three hundred and sixty-five acres on section 35, Linn township, a part of which his son Jesse now occupies. There he made for himself a home, improving the property and putting it under cultivation. In connection with general farming he has also engaged in stock raising with marked success, and is to-day one of the well-to-do citizens of his community.

In 1855, in Linn township, Mr. Beechley led to the marriage altar Miss Harriet F. Craig, a native of Iowa, and a daughter of Thomas and Catherine (Baker) Craig, who were early settlers of Linn county. Her

father engaged in farming in Franklin township, where he died at an advanced age. Mrs. Beechley, who was a devoted wife and a kind and loving mother, died in 1861, in Pennsylvania, where she had gone for her health. By that union our subject had three children, namely: (1) Nathaniel K., who is engaged in the abstract, real estate and insurance business in Cedar Rapids, wedded Mary Woods and they had two children: Lorette, who is now attending school in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and one who died in infancy unnamed. (2) Thomas C., who resides on a part of the home farm and has served as town clerk of Linn township, and census enumerator in 1900, married Angenette Hartshorn, and they have three children, Edgar H., Delia Belle and Frank. (3) Margaret is the wife of Albert Palmer, a farmer and railroad man of Cedar Rapids, and they have one child, Catherine.

Mr. Beechley was again married, in 1863, his second union being with Miss Adelia Holcomb, a native of Pennsylvania and a sister to his present wife. She died on the home farm December 28, 1889, at the age of sixty-one years, and was buried at Mt. Vernon. She was a devout member of the Presbyterian church and a lady of beautiful character. She bore our subject two children, but the older, Harriet, died at the age of six months. Jesse is mentioned more fully below.

On the 8th of September, 1891, Mr. Beechley was united in marriage with Mrs. L. Caroline Goudy, widow of Thomas Goudy and daughter of Samuel B. and Maria (Alexander) Holcomb. Her father was born in Massachusetts, but grew to manhood in Pennsylvania, and spent the greater part of his life in Bradford county, that state, where he followed farming. About 1863 he came



to Iowa, and lived a retired life in Jones county until his death, which occurred in October, 1871, when he was seventy-one years of age. His wife survived him and died in Kansas at the age of eighty years. They were the parents of twelve children, six of whom are still living.

For her first husband the present Mrs. Beechley married John Kemp, a hotel keeper of Towanda, Pennsylvania, who came to Mt. Vernon, Iowa, in 1857, and was proprietor of what was known as the Kemp House for a time. He was a prosperous and progressive man, who died in Mt. Vernon in 1859, leaving three children, namely: (1) Louis C. is a prominent attorney of Huron, South Dakota, where he has engaged in practice for a number of years, and in the fall of 1900 was elected county judge. He studied law at Mt. Vernon, Iowa, and was graduated at the law school in Iowa City. He married Minnie Burdick. (2) William, a street car conductor of Chicago, married Effie Arnold, of Jones county, Iowa, and they have four children, Geneveive, Thomas, Bessie and Zora. (3) John A., a traveling salesman for the dry goods house of J. V. Farwell & Company, of Chicago, married Ettie Stick, of Vinton, Iowa, and they have one son, Daniel.

Mrs. Beechley was again married, in 1862, her second union being with Thomas Goudy, a native of Ohio, who came to Iowa about 1850 and located in Linn Grove. He had previously engaged in milling, but here he followed agricultural pursuits, and for fourteen years served as justice of the peace. He died at the age of eighty-two years. By this marriage was born one daughter, Mary, wife of John G. Edmonds, superintendent of the William G. Haskell coal and wood yards at Cedar Rapids. They have three

children: Hallie, now the wife of Forest Daniels, a farmer of Willow Lake, South Dakota; Guy, who is employed in the office of the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad at Cedar Rapids; and Flossie, at home with her parents.

Religiously Mr. Beechley is a member of the German Baptist church. In politics he was first a Whig, but is now a staunch supporter of the Republican party, and has filled the offices of school director and road supervisor for many years with credit to himself and to the entire satisfaction of his constituents. He is generous and benevolent, as well as public spirited, and has advocated all enterprises tending to advance the best interests of the community in which he lives. He has always been a firm friend of Cornell College, and years ago donated an eighty-acre tract of land in Jasper county, Iowa, and five hundred dollars in cash when the college was greatly in need of assistance. The part he has taken in the development of the county has impressed his name indelibly upon its records, and he well deserves mention among the honored early settlers and representative citizens of Linn township.

Jesse H. Beechley, son of our subject, was born April 7, 1866, on a part of the farm in Linn township which he now occupies, and received his education in the district schools of the township, supplemented by a course in a commercial school at Cedar Rapids. He assisted his father in the operation of the home place until his marriage, and then purchased the farm, consisting of two hundred and fifteen acres on section 35, Linn township. Here he has erected a large modern residence and made other substantial improvements, and is now successfully engaged in general farming and stock raising.

He, too, is a supporter of the Republican party; is a Presbyterian in religious belief, and a member of Washington Camp, No. 116, M. W. A. On the 16th of December, 1889, in Linn township, he married Miss Carrie Hoyt, a native of Jackson county, Iowa, and a daughter of Edson and Maria (Sleeper) Hoyt. She was quite young when her mother died and afterward made her home with relatives in this state.

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FRANK G. CLARK, A. B.

Linn county has many able and successful lawyers who have made for themselves an enviable reputation in their chosen profession, to which class belongs the gentleman whose name introduces this review, he being the senior member of the well-known firm of Clark & Clark. He was born on the 17th of April, 1838, in Roxbury, Vermont, and is a son of Theophilus F. and Mary Jane (Taylor) Clark, who were lifelong residents of the Green Mountain state. In their family were six children, of whom four are still living.

Mr. Clark obtained his early education in the public schools of his native state, and later was graduated from Middlebury College. In 1862, during the dark days of the Civil war, he entered the service of his country as second lieutenant of Company G, Sixteenth Vermont Volunteer Infantry, and subsequently was made first lieutenant of Company I, the same regiment. Upon the expiration of his term of enlistment he re-enlisted, January 1, 1865, and remained in the service until the cessation of hostilities, when he was honorably discharged.

On his return from the army Mr. Clark took up the study of law. In 1867 he removed to Belle Plaine, Benton county, Iowa, where he engaged in the practice of his profession for eight years, and also represented the county in the state legislature in 1872 and 1873. He came to Cedar Rapids in 1876, and has since engaged in the practice of law at this place in connection with the real estate business. He has been remarkably successful, and stands high at the bar of Linn county.

In 1865 Mr. Clark married Miss Harriet Newton, also a native of Vermont, and a daughter of David and Sarah (Newton) Newton. By this union were born six children; namely: Charles Newton, who died in childhood; Maud, wife of Rev. John R. Henderson, of South Dakota; Charles Francis, who is mentioned below; Paul Newton, who was born in Belle Plaine in 1876, and is a graduate of Coe College, Cedar Rapids; David Flagg, now a member of the senior class at Middlebury College; and Robert Lane, who is attending the high school of Cedar Rapids. The mother of these children died in 1892, and four years later Mr. Clark wedded Miss Mary Virginia Loy, a daughter of Dr. Jacob Loy and Sarah Loy, residents of Cedar Rapids.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Clark are members of the First Congregational church of Cedar Rapids, and he is also connected with the Grand Army of the Republic and the Loyal Legion of Iowa. As a Republican he takes quite an active interest in political affairs, and never wavers in his allegiance to the party. In all the relations of life he has proved himself an earnest, honest, upright man, and a loyal citizen of whom any community might be justly proud.

Charles Francis Clark, the oldest surviving son of our subject, and the junior member of the firm of Clark & Clark, was born in Belle Plaine, Benton county, Iowa, August 13, 1871, and came to Cedar Rapids with his parents in the fall of 1876. He attended the public schools of this city and Coe College, graduating from the latter institution in 1891, at the age of nineteen years, as valedictorian of his class. He then commenced the study of law with his father, and later entered the law department of the State University of Iowa, where he was graduated in 1894. Since then he has engaged in practice in partnership with his father under the firm name of Clark & Clark.

On the 29th of November, 1900, Charles F. Clark was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Besler, a daughter of Henry and Anna (Kuen) Besler, of Cedar Rapids, where her father is actively engaged in business as a contractor. In his family are five children, all living. Mrs. Clark was born in Cedar Rapids, and is also a graduate of Coe College.

In his social relations Mr. Clark is a member of Cedar Rapids Lodge, No. 98, K. P., of which he is past chancellor. He is also past captain and a charter member of Camp J. H. Rothrock, Sons of Veterans, and a charter member of the college fraternities: Sigma Phi Chapter of the University of Iowa; and the Phi Delta Phi, a law fraternity. The Republican party has always found in him a staunch supporter of its principles, and he has taken a very prominent and influential part in political affairs, serving as chairman of the city Republican central committee during the campaigns of 1895 and 1896; secretary of the Linn county Republican central committee three years,

and during the last two years has been chairman of the latter, which important position he still holds.

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JESSE H. HOLMAN.

Among the early settlers and honored citizens of Linn county was Jesse H. Holman, who died in Mt. Vernon in April, 1864. He was born in Kentucky in 1808, and was there reared and educated. When a young man he went to Indiana, where he made his home for some years. He was married in Wayne county, that state, in 1842, to Miss Sarah Julian, a native of that county, and the same year they came to Iowa, locating at Sugar Grove, near Mt. Vernon, Linn county, where Mr. Holman secured a claim consisting of three hundred and twenty acres, a very little of which had been improved. To the further development and cultivation of his land he at once turned his attention, and was successfully engaged in farming for five years. His first home here was a log house, in which the family lived while he broke and improved his farm of three hundred and twenty acres. He set out orchards with apple and other fruit trees which he judged would thrive here, and he also planted a walnut grove, which afterward became noted as a most beautiful feature in the landscape.

Becoming tired of agricultural pursuits at the end of five years, Mr. Holman removed to Mt. Vernon and commenced learning the timber's trade, to which occupation he devoted the greater part of his after life. He carried on a hardware establishment for about five years, and on disposing of that he engaged in clerking in the dry goods store of H. B. Albright, where he was employed at the time of his death.



Mrs. Holman still survives her husband and continues to reside in Mt. Vernon, where she has a pleasant home. Of their five children only the youngest, Adeline, is now living, she being a teacher in the public schools of Mt. Vernon. She is the widow of Nathan Griffin and has three children, John, George and Jesse. The other members of the Holman family were William J., John, Isaac and Rebecca. The oldest son, William J., was for many years a prominent physician of Cedar Rapids. He was born in Mt. Vernon August 17, 1848, and was educated at Cornell College. On the 14th of February, 1865, he entered the navy, and was in the service for four years. In early life he worked at the blacksmith's trade for four years, then engaged in teaching, and later took up the study of medicine, receiving a diploma from the medical department of the State University at Iowa City. He commenced the practice of his profession in 1873 and devoted the remainder of his life to the same. He married Laura A. McCorkle, and to them were born two children, Georgie M. and Edgar W.

Mr. Holman was an active and consistent member of the Methodist church, and served as class leader for many years. He was an honest, upright man, who was greatly respected by all who knew him.

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#### JOHN H. FITZGERALD.

John H. Fitzgerald, who is familiarly known as "Uncle Henry" by his numerous friends, has been a resident of this county for over half a century, and has been prominently identified with its industrial interests as a blacksmith of Center Point. He was born in Calloway county, Kentucky,

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April 6, 1823, and is a son of Davis Fitzgerald, who was born in Georgia in 1795. His paternal grandfather, George Fitzgerald, was also a native of Georgia, where his ancestors located at an early day, the home of the family being near Augusta. About 1820 he removed to Kentucky, and after spending a short time in Hopkins county, located in Calloway county, becoming one of its original settlers. While living in his native state Davis Fitzgerald joined the regular army and was in the service about five years, taking part in the Indian wars in Florida under command of General Jackson. On the expiration of that period he joined his father in Hopkins county, Kentucky, and later removed to Calloway county. In the former place he married Nellie Henry, a native of Hopkins county, and they became the parents of thirteen children, nine sons and four daughters, all of whom reached years of maturity, and eleven are still living, our subject being the oldest of the family. The father cleared and improved a farm in Calloway county, Kentucky, where four of his children were born, and then removed to White county, Illinois, which was the birthplace of the other children. He spent twenty-three years in that locality, and opened up two farms. In 1851 he came to Linn county, Iowa, and located on a farm, making it his home throughout the remainder of his life. He died in 1884, at the advanced age of eighty-nine years, having long survived his wife, who passed away in 1864.

The subject of this sketch was reared on a farm in White county, Illinois, and continued his residence there until October, 1850, when he came to Linn county, Iowa. Here he established a general blacksmith and repair shop on the river, having pre-



viously learned both the wagonmaker's and blacksmith's trades. At the end of a year he disposed of his interests in this county and removed to Benton county, where he conducted a shop for five years, and spent some time at Urbana. Returning to Linn county in 1861, he made a permanent location at Center Point, and has now carried on a blacksmith and repair shop at that place for forty years, being one of the oldest business men of the town, as well as one of the most reliable and conscientious citizens. He has met with fair success in his business ventures, and now owns a good home in Center Point and a farm in Washington township, which is operated by his two younger sons, while he gives his entire attention to work at his trade.

At Center Point, on the 5th of May, 1861, Mr. Fitzgerald was united in marriage with Mrs. Sarah E. Williams, a daughter of Francis and Elizabeth (Williams Hill, who were natives of New Jersey, and from that state removed to Warren county, Ohio, where Mrs. Fitzgerald was born. The family subsequently removed to Fulton county, Illinois, where she grew to womanhood and gave her hand in marriage to Dr. Jacob Williams in 1848, and the same year they came to Linn county, Iowa, locating in Center Point. The Doctor was one of the pioneer physicians of this locality, and engaged in practice throughout this section of the state until his death, which occurred in 1854. He left one daughter, who is still living, Sarah, now the wife of James Fairbanks, a photographer of Center Point. By a former marriage our subject had seven children, namely: Benjamin, who is married and resides in Crawford county, Kansas; Thomas, a resident of Muscatine, Iowa; William; Nellie,

wife of Harry Hill; Robert; George; and Martha. He has two sons by the second union, Alfred and Elias, who operate his farm in Washington township. The former is married. Mr. Fitzgerald has thirty-one grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren, while his wife has six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

In his political views Mr. Fitzgerald is a Jeffersonian Democrat, and has always been a staunch supporter of his party, but has never cared for official honors. He has served, however, as mayor of Center Point, and was elected justice of the peace, but refused to qualify. He has been a member of the Masonic fraternity since 1857, and his life has ever been in harmony with the teachings of that ancient order. He is well known throughout the northern part of the county, and is held in the highest esteem by his fellow citizens.

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#### ELMER D. NEAL.

During his entire life this gentleman has been a resident of Linn township, and is to-day numbered among its most highly esteemed citizens. He was born on his father's farm, May 4, 1850, his parents being Chaney and Jane (Clark) Neal. His father was born in Erie county, New York, on the 8th of June, 1821, and was a son of Ira and Eunice (Chase) Neal, natives of Massachusetts, who after their marriage located in New York state, on what was known as the Holland purchase, and later removed to Lorain county, Ohio. There Ira Neal died in 1834, and in 1848 his wife came to Linn county, Iowa, making her home in Maine township until her death.

They had five children, Arvilla, Chancy, Horace, Rosanna and Ira.

Chancy Neal received a fair common-school education, and remained with his mother in Lorain county, Ohio, until November, 1839, when he started overland for Linn county, Iowa, arriving here in December. On landing in this state he found that his cash capital consisted of only twenty-five cents, but he soon obtained work on a farm in Linn township at twelve dollars per month. He continued his residence here throughout the remainder of his life with the exception of one year spent in Burlington, Iowa, and another in Jo Daviess county, Illinois, where he learned the wagonmaker's trade, but he never followed it to any extent, the greater part of his life being devoted to farming. He died upon his farm on section 16, Linn township, February 24, 1887, having six years previously retired from active labor. His remains were interred in the Mt. Zion cemetery. He accumulated considerable property, which he divided among his children, who still reside on the same, and he retained only fifty acres for himself. He was a benevolent and generous man, and was honored by his fellow citizens with nearly all of the township offices. In politics he was a Democrat.

In Franklin township, this county, January 27, 1846, Chancy Neal married Miss Jane Clark, who was born in Lorain county, Ohio, September 8, 1826, a daughter of Oliver and Electa (Wilcox) Clark, whose biography is given in connection with that of Oliver Clark on another page of this volume. Mrs. Neal survived her husband for some years, and continued to reside with her daughter on the old homestead in Linn township. She died December 17, 1890,

at the age of sixty-two years, three months and fourteen days, while visiting at the home of her son Henry in Linn township. She was laid to rest by the side of her husband in the Mt. Zion cemetery. They were the parents of four children: Ira, born in Linn township, died at the age of eighteen months; Elmer D., our subject, is next in order of birth; Mary is the wife of Andrew Reid, a farmer of Linn township; and Henry married Minnie J. Leigh, and is also engaged in farming in Linn township.

During his boyhood Elmer D. Neal pursued his studies in a primitive log school house, so common on the frontier, and he remained under the parental roof until he had attained his majority. He subsequently engaged in farming on land rented of his father for two years, and in the spring of 1874 removed to his present farm on section 33, Linn township, where he has three hundred and twenty-five acres of land under a high state of cultivation and well improved with good buildings, including a pleasant residence and a commodious barn. He also owns one hundred and twenty acres on sections 29 and 32, Linn township, and one hundred and seven acres of land in Franklin township, and as a farmer and stock raiser he is meeting with excellent success. He also is interested extensively in town property in Lisbon.

Mr. Neal was married in Linn township January 4, 1874, to Miss Amanda E. Hoover, who was born in Lisbon, November 16, 1852, a daughter of Benjamin and Sarah (Bressler) Hoover. Her father was born in Dauphin county, Pennsylvania, April 17, 1827, and was a son of Michael and Mary (Hershey) Hoover, the former of whom was born in the same county, July 4, 1803, the latter in Lancaster county, Pennsylva-

nia, October 3, 1803. Mrs. Neal's paternal great-grandparents were George and Susanna (Ryder) Hoover, also natives of the Keystone state, as was also the former's father, Michael Hoover. The family is of German origin, and was founded in Pennsylvania at a very early day in the history of the country. Mrs. Neal's grandfather remained a resident of his native state until 1847, when he came to Iowa in search of a suitable location, and finally purchased a tract of land in Linn county, now included in the village of Lisbon, which was then called Yankee Grove. After obtaining the title to the same he returned to Burlington for his family. In 1850 he assisted J. E. Kurtz in laying out the town, but continued to engage in farming for five years thereafter. He then built a house in town and lived retired until his death, which occurred December 24, 1888. His wife died May 15, 1877. She was a daughter of Christian and Elizabeth (Wiamby) Hershey. Benjamin Hoover, the father of Mrs. Neal, was twenty years of age when he came with the family to Lisbon, and he remained under the parental roof until he was married, in August, 1849, to Miss Sarah Ann Bressler, who was born in Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, August 16, 1829, a daughter of George and Rebecca (Carlin) Bressler, also natives of Pennsylvania. For two years after his marriage Benjamin Hoover lived on a portion of his father's farm, and then built a large house in Lisbon, which was fitted up as a hotel, and occupied the same for the following two years. On disposing of that property he removed to Muscatine, where he engaged in the commission business one year, handling grain and produce. The following five years were spent in Lisbon, and at the end of that time he resumed

farming in Linn township. In 1882 he purchased a tract of forty acres, a part of which was in the village of Lisbon, and made his home there until his death, which occurred February 1, 1897. The last fifteen years of his life were spent in retirement from active labor. During his residence in Lisbon he served as a member of the city council several terms with credit to himself and to the city, and was a man highly respected and esteemed by all who knew him. Both he and his wife held membership in the Methodist Episcopal church. She died in Lisbon April 10, 1896, and was buried in the cemetery at that place. She was a noble Christian woman, a loving wife and affectionate mother, and a kind neighbor. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Hoover were Amanda, wife of our subject; Elizabeth E., wife of Robert Oxley, of Marion township; Christian L., who died at the age of two years; and Mary C., who died at the age of six years and two months.

Mr. and Mrs. Neal have a family of four children, all born in Linn township, namely: Edgar D. obtained his early education in the district schools of Linn township, and attended Cornell College four years, taking a commercial course. On the 5th of December, 1900, he married Rhoda R. Lacock, a daughter of Joab Lacock, late of Linn township, and he is now engaged in general farming on one of his father's places. Bert H. was educated at Cornell College, and is now at home, while Benjamin C. and Mabel A. are still attending that college.

By his ballot Mr. Neal always supports the men and measures of the Democratic party, and has always taken an active and commendable interest in local politics, having served as town clerk and assessor of

Linn township for several terms. He is one of the leading men of his community, and wherever known he is held in high regard.

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MARTIN GILCHRIST.

Martin Gilchrist, deceased, was prominently identified with the agricultural interests of Linn county for almost thirty years, and became one of the most prosperous and influential citizens of Grant township. He was born in Canada West, April 30, 1833, and was a son of Daniel and Elizabeth (Schoonmaker) Gilchrist, both natives of New York state. The father was born May 26, 1800, and died in December, 1873, and the mother was born in 1805, and died in 1883, while on a visit to her sons in Iowa. They were the parents of eight children, namely: Corydon, George, Martin, Elinore, Abigail, Warren, Charles and Tyler.

About 1838 the family removed to De Kalb county, Illinois, where Martin Gilchrist grew to manhood upon his father's farm, and when his services were not needed at home he attended the district schools of the neighborhood. With the hope of bettering his financial condition in the west, he went to Colorado in 1859 and engaged in mining for a time, but at first was unsuccessful in that venture, and was frequently found without a penny. He would then work at anything which he could find to do until he was able to buy another stock of provisions, when he would resume prospecting. He at length met with success in his mining operations, and by the year 1868 had accumulated enough capital to buy a good farm. Coming to Linn county, Iowa,

he purchased two hundred acres of land on section 18, Grant township, and to the cultivation and improvement of that farm he devoted his energies throughout life. Being a man of keen discrimination, sound judgment and untiring industry, he steadily prospered, and at the time of his death owned four hundred acres of rich and arable land in Grant township, this county, besides two hundred and twenty acres in Benton county, Iowa, and eight hundred acres in Dakota, all of which property was acquired through his own unaided efforts. In connection with general farming he also carried on stock raising, making a specialty of the breeding of Shorthorn cattle.

On the 8th of March, 1870, Mr. Gilchrist was united in marriage with Miss Sarah A. Leonard, who was born in New Jersey, June 17, 1843, a daughter of Charles and Mary (Duckworth) Leonard, both natives of New Jersey. Her father came to Linn county, Iowa, at an early day and settled in Grant township. The father died in 1864, the mother in 1875. Their children were George E., Elizabeth, Mary C., Sophia, Melissa, John, Sarah A., Rebecca M., Hannah M. and two who died in infancy.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Gilchrist were born five children, namely: Elizabeth, at home with her mother; Mary, wife of Gifford Bice, of Grant township; Warren, who is taking a classical course at the college in Vinton, Iowa; Charles, who married Eunice Hudson, a daughter of Henry Hudson, and lives in Benton county, Iowa; and George, at home.

Mr. Gilchrist died April 5, 1897, honored and respected by all who knew him, and was laid to rest in Davis cemetery, Grant township. Politically he was a



staunch supporter of the Republican party from its organization, and he ably filled the offices of school director and township assessor. He was a straightforward, reliable business man, and in all the relations of life was found true to every trust reposed in him, so that he well merited the confidence and esteem so freely accorded him by his fellow citizens. Since his death his wife has carried on the home farm with the assistance of her children, and has displayed excellent business ability in its management. She is a most estimable lady and has a host of warm friends throughout the county.

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#### WILLIAM H. GARD.

The subject of this review was for many years one of the most industrious, enterprising and progressive farmers of Linn county, but he is now practically living a retired life at his pleasant home, No. 416 Sixth avenue, Cedar Rapids. He was born in Preble county, Ohio, June 22, 1840, and comes of a very patriotic and loyal family, the father and four sons having fought for the Union during the war of the Rebellion, four of the sons being members of Crocker's Iowa Brigade; three being in Company I, Eleventh Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and one in the Fifteenth Regiment, Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and the father was in the Thirty-seventh Iowa Volunteer Infantry, known as the "Gray Beards."

Levi Gard, our subject's paternal grandfather, was one of the first settlers of Preble county, Ohio, and in the midst of the wilderness cleared and improved a farm. He had several encounters with the Indians, and each night he had to fasten his horse

to the house with a chain and padlock to keep the red men from stealing it. Amid such frontier scenes William Gard, the father of our subject, was born and reared, and on reaching manhood he married Miss Chloe Shanley, a native of North Carolina, and a daughter of Richard Shanley, who was also one of the early settlers of Preble county, Ohio. In 1850 Mr. Gard removed to Delaware county, Indiana, where he opened up a farm, making his home there until coming to Iowa in 1857. The following ten years were passed in Muscatine county, where he continued to engage in farming, and at the end of that time he joined our subject in Linn county, where he purchased a farm, making it his home throughout the remainder of his life. As previously stated, he entered the service of his country during the Civil war, being a member of the Gray Beard regiment until discharged for disability.

The subject of this sketch was about eighteen years of age when he accompanied the family on their removal to Muscatine county, Iowa, where he remained with his father until after the Civil war broke out. In October, 1861, he enlisted in Company I, Eleventh Iowa Volunteer Infantry, which was assigned to the Army of the Tennessee, and at Shiloh—the first battle in which the regiment took part—he received a gunshot wound in the left shoulder, which permanently disabled him, and he was sent home. He was ill for some time, and was finally discharged in October, 1862.

After his recovery Mr. Gard engaged in farming in Muscatine county until the fall of 1864, when he came to Linn county and purchased eighty acres of wild prairie land, on which he located the following spring. Later he added to it a tract of

forty acres, and continued the cultivation and improvement of that property until 1877, when he traded the property for six hundred and forty acres in Plymouth county. He made his home there for three years, during which time he broke one hundred and five acres of the land and erected buildings thereon. He next owned and operated a farm of one hundred and sixty acres near Marengo, Iowa county, for two years, and on disposing of that property he returned to Linn county and located in Spring Grove township, where he owned a valuable and highly improved farm of two hundred and sixty acres. He continued the operation of that place until 1888, when he removed to Cedar Rapids and bought the property on which he still resides. He now owns three good residences in the city. Since locating here he has engaged in contract work for the city, owning several teams and employing workmen. On starting out in life for himself he was without means, but with the assistance of his estimable wife, he has, through his untiring industry and capable management, acquired a comfortable competence, which now enables him to retire from active labor.

At the court house in Tipton, Iowa, December 18, 1862, Mr. Gard married Miss Rhoda R. Johnson, who was born in Fulton county, Indiana, and was a child of four years when brought to Iowa by her father, Friend Johnson, one of the early settlers of Muscatine and Cedar counties, where she was reared. Three children blessed this union, namely: Alda Drusilla, now the wife of Albert Jeffrey, a farmer of Linn county; E. G., who owns and operates a mill, creamery and hardware store at Troy Mills, Iowa; and Martha R., wife of Frank P. Burns, of Cedar Rapids.

Politically Mr. Gard is a staunch supporter of the Republican party, and has never failed to support the presidential candidates of that party since casting his first vote for Abraham Lincoln in 1864, always voting the straight ticket. While living on the farm he was a member of the school board for some years, and did all in his power to promote the interests of the schools and secure competent teachers. He also filled the office of highway commissioner for some time, and was prominently identified with those interests which he believed calculated to prove of public benefit. Wherever known he is held in high regard and has a host of friends throughout Linn county.

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#### JOHN LEWIS.

The subject of this sketch is one of the most enterprising and successful farmers and stock raisers of the western part of the county, and is now operating three hundred and fifty acres constituting a part of the old homestead on section 32, Fayette township. He is a native of this county, born on the Cedar river bottom, March 25, 1858, and is a son of Thomas and Mary (White) Lewis. The father was born on the 2d of September, 1809, in Greene county, Pennsylvania, his parents being Levi and Sarah (Carroll) Lewis, both natives of Maryland. The former, who was born in 1770, came to Iowa in 1839, and died here in 1853. He was a son of John Lewis, who served under General Washington in the Revolutionary war, and was a pioneer of Maryland. He was of Welsh descent.

Thomas Lewis, the father of our subject, was the sixth in order of birth in a

family of eight children. At an early day he removed to Ohio, and in 1839 came to Linn county, Iowa, with the family, locating on the Cedar river bottom, where they entered several hundred acres of land, purchasing the same when it came into market. Thomas Lewis owned and operated a tract of four hundred acres, and continued its cultivation until 1890, when he removed to Palo, and has since lived a retired life, enjoying the fruits of former toil, surrounded by kindred and friends who esteem him highly for his genuine worth. He has been twice married, his first wife being Elizabeth Davis, who was born in Virginia in 1815, and died in Iowa August 10, 1854, leaving four children. Subsequently he wedded Miss Mary White, who was born in Carroll county, Ohio, in 1826, and to them were born six children, namely: Nathan, John, William, Angeline, Thomas C. and Mary E.

John Lewis passed the days of his boyhood and youth on the home farm, and acquired his education in the neighboring schools. He was married at Palo, September 10, 1885, to Miss Sadie Rawson, a native of Clinton county, Iowa, and a daughter of W. O. Rawson, who is now a resident of Covington, Iowa. She was reared in Linn county, and by her marriage has become the mother of one son, Ira, who is now attending the home school.

After his marriage Mr. Lewis took charge of the home farm, but in 1887 removed to Palo, where he was engaged in merchandising for about six years in partnership with his father-in-law, under the firm name of Rawson & Lewis. In 1893, however, he returned to the farm, and has since engaged in general farming and stock raising with marked success, feeding and

shipping from one to two car-loads of cattle and a large number of hogs annually.

Mr. Lewis has been a life-long Republican, having supported that party since he cast his first presidential vote for James A. Garfield. He has taken quite an active and influential part in local politics, and has been called upon to serve his fellow citizens as justice of the peace one term; township trustee two terms; and a member of the school board some time. Although not a member of any religious denomination, he attends the Methodist Episcopal church with his wife, who holds membership in the same, and he gives his support to all enterprises calculated to advance the moral, intellectual, social and material welfare of his township and county.

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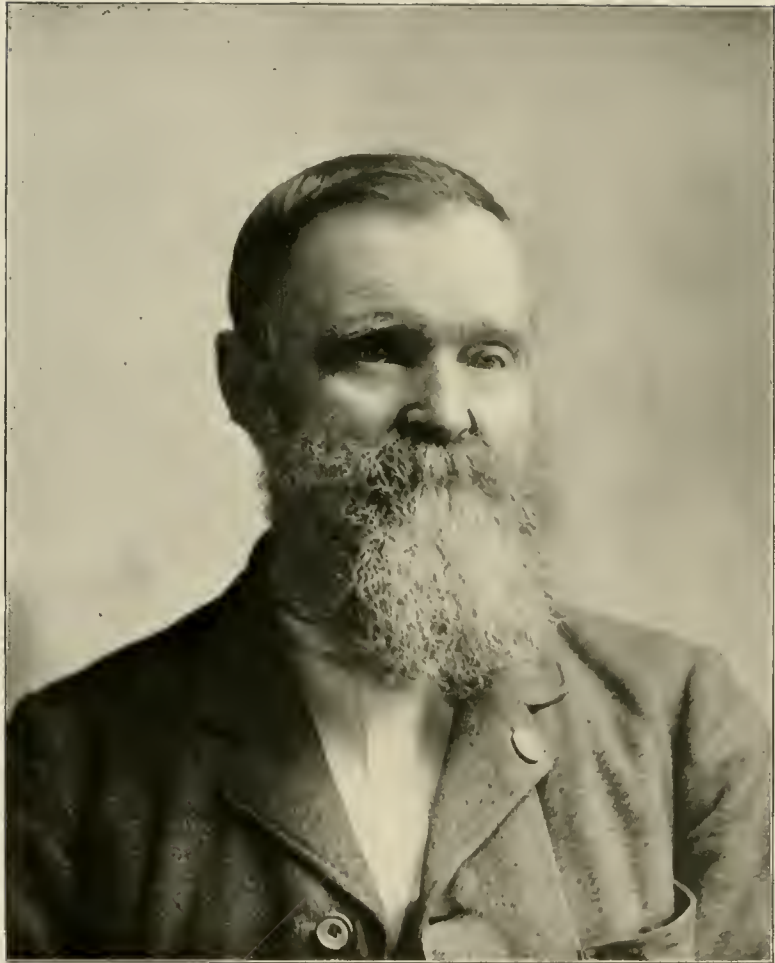
#### JOHN E. ATWOOD.

Through a long and busy career as a farmer and blacksmith John E. Atwood steadily prospered, and now in his declining years is able to lay aside all business cares and enjoy the comfortable competence which he has secured. He has a pleasant home in Spring Grove township, near the village of Troy Mills, where he is surrounded by all the comforts and many of the luxuries of life.

Mr. Atwood was born October 20, 1829, in England, of which country his parents, Elmer and Mary (Whittam) Atwood, were also natives. In 1844 the family crossed the ocean and took up their residence in New York state, where the father worked at his trade as a blacksmith until 1857, when he came to Linn county, Iowa, and purchased forty acres of unbroken land in







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Spring Grove township, which he placed under cultivation and improved with good buildings. He made his home thereon until his death, which occurred in 1878, when he was seventy-eight years of age. His wife died in 1875 at the age of eighty-eight years, and the remains of both were interred in the Troy Mills cemetery. They were the parents of five children, but our subject is the only one now living.

John E. Atwood came to the new world with his parents, and in 1857 accompanied them on their removal to this county. Locating in Spring Grove township he erected one of the first blacksmith shops in this section of the county and successfully carried on the same for a quarter of a century. He was a thorough and skilled workman, and few could excel him. His first purchase of land consisted of a wild tract of forty acres, to which he added as his financial resources permitted until he now owns three hundred and sixty acres of very productive and well improved land, which was put under cultivation by his own hard labor. In 1878 he started the first creamery in his locality, but after conducting it for one year he sold out. For the past twelve years he has practically lived retired from active labor, and is enjoying a well-earned rest.

On the 8th of April, 1860, Mr. Atwood married Miss Harriet A. Buckingham, a native of Illinois, by whom he had five children, George E., Maria Jane, Mary Ann, John E. and Charles Henry. The wife and mother died in 1873, and was laid to rest in the Troy Grove cemetery. Mr. Atwood was again married October 22, 1876, his second union being with Miss Jane Fitts, who was born in New York, her parents being Isaac and Sophia (Spencer) Fitts, na-

tives of Massachusetts and New York, respectively. She was the second in order of birth in their family of eight children, four of whom are still living. By trade her father was a brick mason.

In politics Mr. Atwood is independent, preferring not to be bound by party ties, but voting for the men best qualified for office. He has served his fellow citizens as road supervisor and school director in a most capable manner, and has always taken an active interest in public affairs. In his social relations he is a member of the Masonic Lodge at Walker, and the Odd Fellows Lodge and the Rebekah branch of that order at Troy Mills. He and his wife also belong to the Old Settlers Society of Iowa and are people of the highest respectability. In business affairs Mr. Atwood has always been straightforward and reliable, and is justly deserving the prosperity that has come to him as it is due entirely to his own well-directed and energetic efforts.

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#### WILLIAM COLYER.

For over a quarter of a century the subject of this sketch was actively identified with the agricultural interests of Linn township, and became the owner of a well-improved and valuable farm on section 26, Grant township. He was born December 13, 1840, in Pennsylvania, of which state his parents, Isaac and Elizabeth Colyer, were life-long residents. In their family were eleven children, seven of whom are still living.

William Colyer was educated in the common schools of his native state, and remained there until twenty-four years of age,



when he went to Indiana. There he worked on a farm and in a butcher shop for a time, and in 1869 came to Linn county, Iowa, locating first near Lisbon, where he engaged in farming upon rented land for nine years. At the end of that time he removed to Grant township and purchased a farm of two hundred and forty acres on section 26, and to its further improvement and cultivation devoted the remainder of his life. He remodeled and enlarged both the dwelling and barn.

On the 8th of January, 1867, Mr. Colyer married Miss Emma Collins, who was born in Indiana, September 20, 1842, and is a daughter of Isaac and Nancy (Cuppy) Collins, also natives of that state, where they continued to make their home until death. She is the third in order of birth in a family of six children, the others being James, who died in the Civil war; John, who died in Libby prison during his service in the same struggle; Martha, who married Fred Banty and died in California; Malvina, wife of Lee Handley, who lives near Carroll, Iowa; and Ella, wife of Alvah Hayden, of Indiana.

Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Colyer, namely: (1) Charles Clinton, an engineer by occupation, married Nettie Boynton, of Danville, Illinois, where they reside, and they have three children, Mabel Elizabeth, Burton William and an infant son. (2) Frank Lee, a farmer of Washington township, married Gertrude Hollenbeck, of Center Point. The two children born to them are both deceased. (3) Grace E. is the wife of Henry Jones, a farmer of Grant township, and they have three children, Willard, Edith and Iva. (4) Nettie May is the wife of Arthur Sisan, a farmer of Scott county, Kansas, and they have three

children, Alta Ruth, Pearl Esther and an infant daughter.

Mr. Colyer was a Republican, but never aspired to office, though he creditably served as school director in his district and gave his support to all worthy enterprises calculated to prove of public benefit. He was public-spirited and progressive, and was recognized as a valued citizen in the community where he made his home. He died on the 17th of April, 1895, honored and respected by all who knew him, and was laid to rest in the Walker cemetery.

After the death of the father the farm was divided, each of the children receiving forty acres and Mrs. Colyer eighty acres. She has since purchased eighty acres of the original tract, and now has a fine farm of one hundred and sixty acres, which she rents, though she continues to reside thereon. She is an earnest and consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church and is a most estimable lady who has a wide circle of friends and acquaintances.

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#### JOSEPH A. REICHLEY.

This well-known engineer on the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad, whose home is in Cedar Rapids, was born in Perry county, Ohio, June 17, 1854, a son of George W. and Catherine (Brookheart) Reichley, both natives of Pennsylvania, the former born in 1830, the latter in 1832. They were of German descent, and were children when they removed with their respective parents to Ohio, where their marriage was celebrated in 1850. In 1855 they came to Iowa, the journey being made in a wagon. The father engaged in farming in

Muscatine county until 1890, when he turned his attention to the grain business, but is now living retired in Wapello, Iowa, with his daughter, his wife having died in February, 1900. He owned a farm in Butler county, this state, but never resided there. During the Civil war he served three years as a member of Company F, Thirty-fifth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and now receives a pension from the government. In politics he is a Republican, but has never taken a very active part in political affairs until the last few years, and he is now serving as justice of the peace in Wapello. Of the eight children born to him Mary E. and Sarah M. are now deceased. Those living are Joseph A., our subject; Margaret, wife of Charles Blanchard, a farmer living near Wapello; George, who is engaged in the logging business in Arkansas, getting out timber for sawmills; Henry, a mechanic of Muscatine, Iowa; Millicent, wife of E. Hicklin, clerk of the district court of Louisa county and a resident of Wapello; and Laura, wife of William Runyon, a merchant of Letts, Iowa. The children were principally educated in the public schools, though Millicent attended Drake University at Des Moines, and several of them taught school prior to their marriage.

Joseph A. Reichley grew to manhood upon the home farm, and on attaining his majority commenced work in the round house of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad at Creston, Iowa, where he was employed for a year and a half. He next worked with the bridge gang of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad for six months, and for the same length of time worked on county bridges. Coming to Cedar Rapids in 1879, he followed various occupations during the summer, and in the fall

of that year commenced work in the car shops, where he was employed as a laborer and car repairer until 1881, when he went as fireman on the road. In January, 1885, he was given an engine, and has since been in the regular freight service, and also runs extra passenger trains, working on all of the different divisions. He purchased a home in Estherville, Iowa, and lived there from the time of his marriage in 1884 until 1899, when he removed to Cedar Rapids, where he now resides.

On the 24th of December, 1884, Mr. Reichley wedded Miss Mary L. Sankey, who was born in Boston, Massachusetts, August 20, 1864, and came to Iowa in 1871, locating in Iowa Falls. Her parents were John and Hannah (Mullen) Sankey. Her father died in Boston in 1865, but her mother is still living and makes her home with our subject. They had three children, but the two sons died in infancy, so that Mrs. Reichley is the only survivor. She was educated in the public schools of this state. The mother was again married, her second husband being Joshua Winterbottom, by whom she had one son. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Reichley were born three children, but one died in childhood. Those living are Clyde A. and Wilma M., who are attending the public schools of Cedar Rapids.

Politically Mr. Reichley is a Republican, and fraternally he is a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, No. 159, and was a member of both the subordinate lodge, No. 423, and encampment of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Estherville, but is now a member of Lodge No. 643, of Cedar Rapids. He is also a member of the Christian church, and is a man highly respected and esteemed by all who know him.

## W. F. ACHTER.

W. F. Achter, proprietor of a general store and wood yard at 601 Fifteenth avenue west, was born on the Rhine in Prussia, Germany, November 6, 1843, a son of John and Mary A. (Brothers) Achter, also natives of Prussia, where the father engaged in business as a painter and decorator during the years of his early manhood. In May, 1848, he brought his family to America, sailing from Antwerp, and being nine weeks upon the water. He first located at Independence, Wisconsin, where he secured employment with a government surveying party, and while with them went to Muscatine. Deciding that the latter place was a better location, he removed thither in November, 1848, and commenced work at his trade, continuing to follow the same until called to his final rest in 1860, at the age of forty-four years. His wife long survived him, dying in 1884, at the age of sixty-seven. They were the parents of six children who are still living, our subject being the oldest and only one of the family residing in Linn county.

W. F. Achter was reared at Muscatine and began his education in a subscription school, paying two dollars and a half tuition for a three months' term. Later he attended the common schools. At the age of thirteen he started out in life for himself, securing a position in the office of S. B. Craind's distillery at Muscatine, where he had charge of the wagon scale and bought grain for one year. He next clerked in a grocery store for about three years, and for the same length of time served an apprenticeship to the machinist's trade.

In July, 1862, Mr. Achter manifested his love for his adopted country by enlisting in Company C, Thirty-fifth Iowa Volunteer

Infantry, at Muscatine. His regiment was assigned to the Fifteenth Army Corps and was first under the command of General Sherman, but for the last two years was under General Smith and merged into the Sixteenth Army Corps. He participated in the battle of Jackson, Mississippi, the siege of Vicksburg, and the engagements at Nashville, Tennessee, and Tupelo, Mississippi, besides many other battles, including those at Old River Lake, Arkansas, and Pleasant Hill and the Red River campaign, Fort Spanish being his last battle. Fortunately he was never wounded. He was mustered out at Muscatine, Iowa, in the summer of 1865.

Returning to civil life Mr. Achter worked at the machinist's trade in Muscatine for a short time, and then spent some time in travel. He visited Galena, Illinois, and in 1866 came to Cedar Rapids, Iowa, where for ten years he had charge of the Hull & Patterson machine shop. At the end of that time he opened a machine and repair shop of his own, which he conducted until 1888 and since then has engaged in his present business as a dealer in groceries and general merchandise. For some years he was also interested in the real estate business but has since given it up.

On the 19th of May, 1872, Mr. Achter married Miss Annie B. Schuberth, who was born in Bavaria, Germany, but was then a resident of Chicago. Three children were born to them, but one son is now deceased. Those living are Henry J., the present auditor of Cedar Rapids, and Emma E., at home. The parents are members of the English Lutheran church, with which Mr. Achter has been officially connected for some years. In politics he is a Democrat, but has never cared for office. He is widely

known as an upright, reliable business man, and his fellow citizens hold him in the highest esteem.

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THEODORE D. LAMPMAN.

This well-known farmer residing on section 10, Washington township, Linn county, Iowa, within a mile of Center Point, was born on the 5th of March, 1849, in Wayne county, New York, a son of Henry and Catherine (Wolcott) Lampman. The father was a native of New York, and followed farming in the latter state until 1853, when he removed to Branch county, Michigan, making his home there for six years. He was next a resident of Bureau county, Illinois, and from there removed to Stark county, that state, locating near Wyoming. Subsequently he returned to Michigan, where he spent four years, then resided for some years in Marshall county, Illinois, after which he came to Iowa. Four years later he returned to Marshall County, Illinois, where his wife died. He spent the last years of his life with his daughter, Mrs. Ryanary, in Bowlder township, Linn county, Iowa.

During early life the subject of this sketch accompanied his parents on their various removals, and obtained his education in the public schools of Michigan and Illinois. In August, 1870, he came to Linn county, Iowa, and purchasing a team, he engaged in breaking prairie here for two or three years, having previously followed the same pursuit in Illinois. He then purchased eighty acres of wild land in Grant township, which he sold after breaking it, and for several years engaged in farming upon rented property. On the 4th of March, 1890, he

located upon his present farm on section 10, Washington township, and after renting it for one year purchased the place. He has since remodeled the house, built a good barn and other outbuildings, has set out fruit and shade trees, and made many other improvements upon the place which add to its value and beauty.

Mr. Lampman was married in this county, November 6, 1873, to Miss Adelia Miller, who was born in Indiana and when a child came to Iowa, being reared in Linn county. She is a daughter of Milo Miller, whose sketch appears on another page of this volume. Mr. and Mrs. Lampman have seven children, namely: Nora, wife of Chalmer Graham, of Cedar Rapids; Theodore L., a farmer of Washington township; Alfred M., also a farmer of this county; Edith L., wife of Jesse Goins, a farmer of this county; and Cynthia, Daisy and James, all at home.

In his political views Mr. Lampman is a staunch Republican, having supported that party since he cast his first presidential vote for General U. S. Grant in 1872. He takes quite an active part in local politics, and is now serving his third term as township trustee. Although the township is Democratic, he was elected by a good majority, a fact which plainly indicates his personal popularity and the confidence and trust reposed in him by his fellow citizens. He has also served two terms as road supervisor, and was a member of the school board for three years. Fraternally he is a member of the Iowa Legion of Honor, and religiously his wife is a member of the Church of Christ at Center Point. She has spent almost her entire life in this county, and Mr. Lampman has resided within its borders for over thirty years, and they have witnessed much of its growth and development. Both are widely



and favorably known and are held in high regard in the community where they make their home.

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### GEORGE HENRY HUDSON.

One of the most progressive and successful agriculturists of Grant township is George H. Hudson, the owner of a fine farm of two hundred and forty acres on section 27. He was born in Tioga county, Pennsylvania, August 4, 1844, a son of Sylvanus N. and Jane (Summers) Hudson. The father was born on the 15th of August, 1815, in Vermont, and was a son of Joel S. and Sally Hudson, also natives of that state, the former born February 10, 1784, the latter November 10, 1786. Joel S. Hudson spent his entire life in the Green Mountain state, where he died May 2, 1836, and subsequently his wife, accompanied by three of her children removed to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, where her death occurred March 5, 1879. They were the parents of the following children: Seth B., Priscilla, Dean, Abigail and Hannah, twins, all now deceased; Sylvanus N., father of our subject; Abigail, deceased; Joel E., a resident of Jackson township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania; Martha, a resident of Elmira, New York; James Monroe and Esther H., both deceased; George W., a resident of Chemung county, New York; Sally L., of Lima, Livingston county, New York; and Mary E., of Elmira, that state.

It was in the fall of 1840 that Sylvester N. Hudson removed with his mother and the two eldest children of the family to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, where he took up land and continued to make his home until coming to Linn county, Iowa, in 1864. He located

in that part of Washington township which now forms a part of Grant township, and after operating a rented farm for four years he purchased forty acres of wild land on section 22, where he continued to make his home throughout life. In politics he was a Republican. He died May 22, 1885, and his remains were interred at Walker. His widow now makes her home with our subject at the age of eighty-three years.

They had a family of ten children, namely: Harriet M. first married E. B. Kemp, who was killed in the battle of Cold Harbor during the war of the Rebellion, and she is now the widow of William Woodford, of Tioga county, Pennsylvania. Sarah Jane died in infancy. Joel S. is represented on another page of this volume. George H., our subject, is next in order of birth. William H. married Esther Graham and lives in Pennsylvania. He enlisted in 1862, at Elmira, New York, and was sent as a recruit to the same company and regiment to which our subject and his brother Joel S. belonged. Elsie married W. D. Davis, of New York, and they now reside in Leadville, Colorado. Philander R. died in infancy. Dora M., who wedded George Mayfield, of O'Brien county, Iowa. Benjamin W. lives with his brother Joel S. in Grant township, this county. Beri died in infancy.

During his boyhood George H. Hudson received a good practical education in the common schools of his native state. On the 25th of September, 1861, he and his brother Joel S. enlisted at Elmira, New York, in Company E, Eighty-sixth New York Volunteer Infantry, which was assigned to the Army of the Potomac. He participated in the second battle of Bull Run, and the hotly contested engagements at Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville and

Gettysburg, and was wounded at Bull Run. When his term of enlistment expired he was mustered out at Washington, D. C., September 25, 1864, and after spending a few weeks at his old home in Pennsylvania, came to Linn county, Iowa, where his father located that year, making his home with him until his marriage.

On the 12th of September, 1871, Mr. Hudson wedded Miss Mary L. Johnson, a daughter of Joseph P. and Sarah A. (Wiard) Johnson, both natives of New York, from which state they removed to Ohio, and in 1868 came to Center Point, Linn county, Iowa. A year later her father bought a farm in Grant township, where her mother still resides with a son, but the father died December 8, 1894, at the age of seventy-three years. He was a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and a Republican in politics. He, too, was a soldier of the Civil war, having enlisted at Royalton, Ohio, September 3, 1864, in Company H, One Hundred and Seventy-seventh Ohio Volunteer Infantry. When the war ended he was honorably discharged June 24, 1865, and during his residence in this county was an honored member of C. G. Francis Post, G. A. R., of Walker, in which he served as commander and filled all the minor offices. His children were Fany B., a widow residing in Ohio; Mary L., wife of our subject; William P., who died in Nebraska in 1879; Victor E., at home with his mother; Bradford H., a farmer of Buchanan county, Iowa; Lent C., a farmer of Nebraska; Therlow, who is represented on another page of this work; and John O., at home.

The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Hudson were Julia, now the wife of John Fairchild; Frank, who married Edith Miller;

Eunice, wife of Charles Gilchrist, of Benton county, Iowa; Sherman, at home; one who died in infancy; and Elsie and Albert, both at home.

The year of his marriage Mr. Hudson bought forty acres of improved land on section 27, Grant township, and as the years have passed he has prospered in his farming operations, and has been able to add to his property until he now has an excellent farm of two hundred and forty acres, which he keeps under a high state of cultivation. Besides this valuable place he also owns property in Pennsylvania. As a general farmer and stock raiser he has met with most gratifying success, being a man of good business ability, who generally carries forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes. In his political affiliations he is a Republican, and he is now serving as treasurer of his school district. He is always ready to discharge any duty devolving upon him whether public or private, and has manifested his patriotism and loyalty in days of peace as well as in time of war.

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#### SOLOMON M. HALLETT.

Prominent among the engineers on the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad, who make their home in Cedar Rapids, is Solomon M. Hallett, who has resided here since 1871. He was born in Steuben county, New York, on the 9th of October, 1841, and is a son of Elijah and Mary A. (Crosby) Hallett. The family is of English origin and was founded in New York several generations ago. The father, who was a farmer by occupation, removed with his family to Minnesota in 1853, and became

one of the pioneers of Dodge county, his home being near Kasson. He supported the Republican party and was a prominent factor in local politics. He died in 1873, and his wife passed away two years later. They were the parents of two sons, Solomon M., the subject of this sketch, and Lewis, who is now engaged in the restaurant business in Kasson, Minnesota.

Solomon M. Hallett was eight years of age when he accompanied his parents on their removal to Dodge county, Minnesota, and upon the home farm he grew to manhood, his education being acquired in the public schools. On starting out in life for himself he was employed as fireman on the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad for two years, and then came to Cedar Rapids and entered the service of the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad in the same capacity. Two years later he was promoted to engineer, serving at first as extra and later as freight engineer, and in 1882 was made passenger engineer, which position he still fills with credit to himself and to the entire satisfaction of the company. He has been connected with all the divisions of the road.

In January, 1863, Mr. Hallett was married in Minnesota to Miss Emeline Moore, also a native of New York, who removed with her parents to Minnesota at an early day, and was reared and educated in that state. She was of Irish ancestry. By this union was born a son, Frank F., a jeweler by trade who is now in the employ of Ludy & Taylor at Cedar Rapids. The wife and mother died in August, 1899.

When Mr. Hallet purchased his present home in Cedar Rapids in 1882 it was on the outskirts of the city, but houses have since sprung up all around him, and it is now in

a thickly populated district. He has not only witnessed the wonderful development of the city in the last thirty years, but has also seen many changes made in railroading. In his political affiliations he is a Republican. Religiously he is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which his wife was also an active and faithful member, and fraternally he belongs to the blue lodge of the Masonic order, and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, having served as chief of the division several times. He is a stockholder in the Masonic Temple. As a railroad man he stands tenth in order of continuous service with the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad, and his long retention with the company plainly indicates his efficiency and the confidence they repose in him.

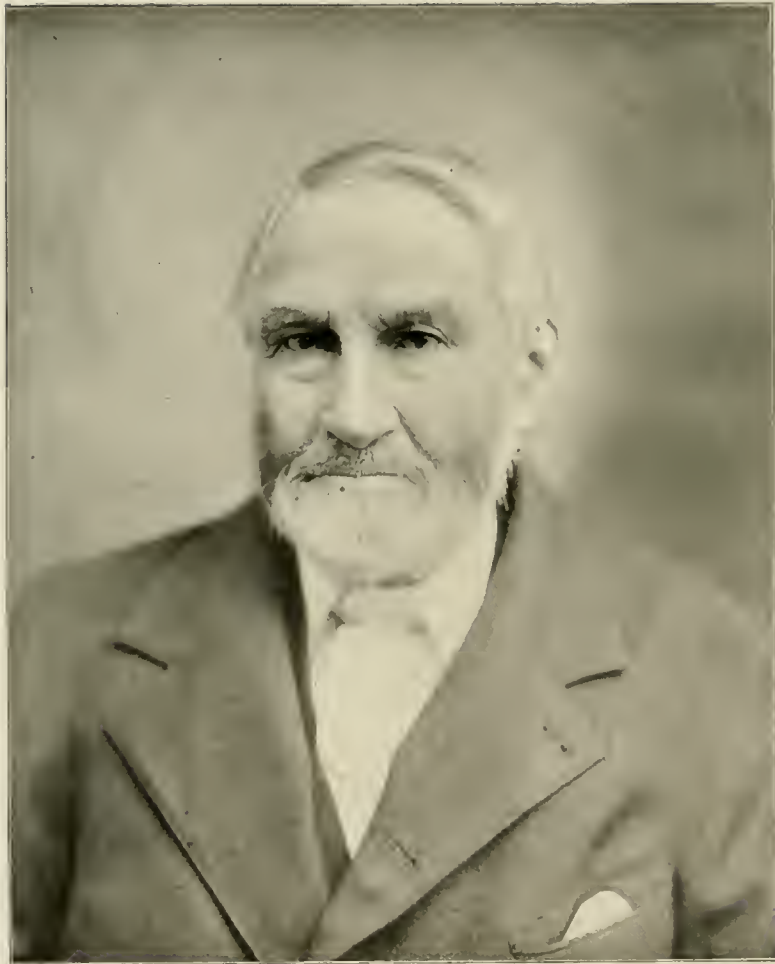
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#### ZEPHONIA STONE.

The subject of this review dates his residence in Linn county from 1845, and for over a half century he was actively identified with its industrial and agricultural interests, but is now living a retired life in Springville, enjoying the accumulations of former years. He was born in Genesee county, New York, October 16, 1820. His father, Harvey Stone, was born in Massachusetts, and when a young man went to New York, being married in Tompkins county, that state, to Laura Bowers, a native of New York. They came to Iowa with our subject and spent their last days in this county. The father was a soldier of the war of 1812. The Stone family is of Spanish ancestry, and was founded in Lee, Berkshire county, Massachusetts, at a very early day in the history of this country.







ZEPHIA STONE.



MRS. ZEPHIA STONE.



Zephnia Stone was reared to agricultural pursuits in Genesee and Tompkins counties, New York, and on starting out in life for himself worked by the month as a farm hand until twenty-five years of age. On the 3d of November, 1844, he was married in Chemung county, New York, to Miss Sarah M. Jones, of that county, and the following year they came to Linn county, Iowa. He took a squatter's claim east of Springville, which village at that time contained but one house, that of Colonel Butler. He improved his place and in 1849 entered two hundred and eighty acres of land in Brown township, but it was seven years before he received the deed to the place and could really call it his own. In 1852 he sold that land for seven dollars and a quarter per acre and entered one hundred and sixty acres in Brown township, which he fenced, broke and improved. He also built a saw-mill, which he later converted into a flouring mill costing twenty-five thousand dollars, and he carried on the milling business for about twenty-five years, when a flood swept away his dam and destroyed his property. He then devoted his time and energies wholly to farming and stock raising, and in business affairs steadily prospered. At one time he owned over twelve hundred acres of land, divided into several good farms, but he has since disposed of all of these with the exception of the old homestead consisting of three hundred and ten acres, which is one of the best improved places in Brown township. It has two sets of good farm buildings, and is now occupied and operated by his two sons, while our subject lives a retired life in Springville, having erected a nice residence in the village in 1896.

Mr. and Mrs. Stone are the parents of

six children, three sons and three daughters, namely: Lester E., a farmer of Brown township; Hester E., wife of J. V. Bishop, of Springville; Emma, wife of Mark Tabasinsky, a farmer of Brown township; Leman C. and Eugene M., who live on the old homestead; and Maggie A., wife of Isaac Milton Reeve, of Vinton, Iowa. All are now married, and on our subject's eightieth birthday all of his children, nineteen grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren were present. On the 3d of November, 1900, Mr. and Mrs. Stone celebrated their fifty-sixth wedding anniversary, at which time not only their family, but a large number of friends met to wish them joy and they were the recipients of a great number of presents.

In early life Mr. Stone was a Democrat, but is now independent in politics, supporting the men whom he believes best qualified for office. He has never cared for official honors but has been called upon to serve as township trustee and treasurer, and has served on both the grand and petit juries at various times. He is a member of Springville Lodge, No. 139, A. F. & A. M., in which he has held all the offices and is past master. He is also a charter member of Marion Chapter, No. 10, R. A. M., and Patmos Commandery, No. 27, K. T. He has been a Scottish Rite Mason, thirty-second degree, for many years. Religiously he and his wife are earnest and consistent members of the Presbyterian Church. They are among the few remaining old settlers of Brown township, and have witnessed almost its entire growth and development. When they located here the Indians were far more numerous than the white settlers and deer and other wild game was found in abundance. Although he came to this lo-



cality in limited circumstances, Mr. Stone has prospered and through his own unaided and energetic efforts became one of the well-to-do and substantial men of his community, as well as one of its most highly esteemed citizens.

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#### HENRY J. ACHTER.

Henry J. Achter, the present efficient city auditor of Cedar Rapids, was born in Chicago, Illinois, on the 20th of May, 1869, but was only four years old when brought to Cedar Rapids by his parents, William F. and Anna E. Schubert Achter, both natives of Germany. The father was born in Prussia, November 6, 1843, and was quite young when he accompanied his parents on their emigration to America, but the mother was a young lady when she crossed the Atlantic from her old home in Bavaria. They were married in Chicago. On first coming to Cedar Rapids William F. Achter followed the machinist's trade, but for the past fourteen years has conducted a grocery store at the corner of Fifteenth avenue and Sixth street west. In political matters he is independent. He has two children, Emma, at home; and Henry J.

Our subject acquired his education in the public schools of Cedar Rapids, and still lives at home, with his parents. For about eight years he was employed as bookkeeper by the American Cereal Company, and when they removed their office to Chicago in 1895 he went with them, remaining in their employ only two months, however. He was next bookkeeper for the Iowa Wind Mill & Pump Company for a year, and was then variously employed. In June, 1899, he was appointed by the mayor as city auditor

of Cedar Rapids, and having an excellent knowledge of bookkeeping he has filled that office most creditably ever since.

In political sentiment Mr. Achter is a Democrat, and he takes quite an active interest in national campaign work, but at local elections is not bound by party ties. Fraternally he affiliates with the Knights of Pythias Lodge, No. 98, and the auxiliary D. O. K. K. He is a deacon of the English Lutheran church, of Cedar Rapids, and an active worker in both church and Sunday school as well as the Young Men's Christian Association, being director and treasurer of the latter.

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#### JOSIAH F. W. SANBORN.

Grant township has no more honored or highly respected citizen than Josiah Fisher Wilson Sanborn, whose home is on section 36. He was born on the 18th of May, 1826, in Grafton county, New Hampshire, of which state his parents, Rev. E. C. and Almira (Smith) Sanborn, were likewise natives. The father was born June 12, 1794, and died in Sanborn, New York, in 1866, while the mother was born in 1799, and departed this life on the 10th of February, 1828. In their family were six children, namely: Myra A., Ruth, Henry, Delina, Israel and Josiah. After the death of his first wife Rev. E. C. Sanborn married Elizabeth Randall, by whom he had two children, Lee R. and Francis E.

The early life of our subject was passed among the New England hills in the old Granite State, and he seems to have inherited many of the sterling traits characteristic of the people of that locality. On the 2nd of May, 1851, he was united in marriage

with Miss Adelaide Eaton, the ceremony being performed in Hillsdale county, Michigan, by Esquire Bishop Johnson. Mrs. Sanborn was born in Cuyahoga county, Ohio, February 19, 1835, and is a daughter of Dyer and Emeline (Clark) Eaton, natives of the Empire State. Her father was born June 29, 1802, and died in 1895 while her mother was born September 18, 1812, and passed away on the 12th of January, 1875. They were the parents of twelve children, as follows: Rosana, now the widow of Hosea Lafler, and a resident of Cedar Rapids; Edwin I., deceased; Adelaide, wife of our subject; Cordelia A., wife of Theodore Spencer, who lives near Cedar Rapids; Charles, a resident of Hamilton county, Iowa; Mortimer, of Dakota; Oscar, deceased; Clarke, of Nebraska; Hazzard married Emma Gregg and lives near Center Point, this county; Famyne, wife of a Mr. England, of Williams, Iowa; and George E. and Olin, both deceased. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Sanborn were born five children: Emeline, now the wife of Marcus Burgess, of Kansas; Emmett, who is married and lives in Nebraska; Francis, deceased; Ernest, a resident of Montana; and Jessie, who is engaged in teaching school in Grant township.

It was in the fall of 1856 that Mr. Sanborn came to Linn county, Iowa, and purchased forty acres of improved land in Clinton township, where he made his home until 1878, when he sold that place and bought eighty acres on section 36, in Grant township, where he still continues to reside. In early life he learned the carpenter's trade, at which he became very skillful, and which he followed for about fifteen years. Since then he has devoted his entire time and attention to agricultural pursuits, and is one of the most energetic and enterprising farm-

ers of his community. His farm is well improved and is one of the most desirable places of its size in the township.

During the war of the Rebellion, Mr. Sanborn offered his services to his country, enlisting on the 12th of August, 1862, for three years as a private in Company A, Thirty-first Iowa Volunteer Infantry. He participated in all of the engagements in which his regiment took part, and was with General Sherman's army all through the Atlanta campaign. Although he was in about twenty general engagements, he was fortunately never wounded, but he partially lost his hearing while in the service. He is now an honored member of Dennison Post, No. 244, G. A. R., of Center Point, and both he and his wife hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church of that place. In his political affiliations Mr. Sanborn is a Republican, and he has efficiently served as school director in his district. He is public-spirited and progressive and gives his support to all worthy enterprises which he believes will prove of public benefit.

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#### CAPTAIN J. CRAIG SHIELDS.

Captain J. Craig Shields, who is now living a retired life in Cedar Rapids, his home being at 702 First street west, is a veteran of the Civil war and bears an honorable record for brave service in the cause of freedom and union, and in the paths of peace has won an enviable reputation through the sterling qualities which go to the making of a good citizen.

A native of Pennsylvania, the Captain was born near Pittsburg January 15, 1844, and is a son of John H. Shields, whose birth

occurred in Westmoreland county, that state, in 1818. His paternal grandfather was one of the early settlers of that county, and served with a brother in the early Indian wars. On reaching man's estate John H. Shields married Miss Margaret E. Spear, a native of Cumberland county, Pennsylvania. He carried on a tannery in that state until 1850, when he came to Iowa, and took up his residence in Tipton, Cedar county, where he conducted a harness shop for two years. On disposing of that business he located on a farm near Tipton and turned his attention to agricultural pursuits. Two years later he removed to Benton county, Iowa, where he entered a tract of government land, and was engaged in farming there for some years. He next conducted a hotel in Vinton for several years, and on selling out there he removed to Minona county, where he opened up a farm, on which he continued to reside until called to his final rest in the spring of 1894, at the age of seventy-six years. His wife had departed this life in the spring of 1866.

Captain Shields was only six years of age on coming to this state, and the days of his boyhood and youth were mainly passed in Benton county, while his education was acquired in its common schools. In the spring of 1860 he crossed the plains to the Rocky mountains with a team, and was engaged in prospecting and mining in Montana during the following winter with fair success.

Feeling that his country needed his services in her efforts to crush out the rebellion, Captain Shields enlisted in October, 1861, as a private in Company G, Thirteenth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and was later promoted to sergeant major. His regiment, which was a part of the Army of the Tennessee,

took part in the battle of Shiloh, the siege and battles of Corinth, the engagements at Bolivar, Iuka and Coldwater, the siege of Vicksburg, the battles of Black River Bridge and Jackson, and the Atlanta campaign under command of General Sherman. During the battle of Atlanta, July 22, 1864, Captain Shields received a gun shot wound in the left thigh, which disabled him for a short time, but after a few days spent in the field hospital he rejoined his regiment and went with Sherman on the celebrated march to the sea. He assisted in the capture of Savannah and in the Carolina campaign, including the battle of Bentonville, which was the last engagement of the war. With his regiment he then marched through Richmond to Washington, D. C., and participated in the grand review in the latter city. He was mustered out at Louisville, Kentucky, and honorably discharged at Davenport, Iowa, July 29, 1865.

After his return home Captain Shields was with his father in the hotel until 1866, when he went to Nebraska and secured a homestead, on which he engaged in farming for four years. After disposing of his farm he returned to Benton county, Iowa, where he followed the same pursuit for a few years, and then came to Cedar Rapids and joined the police force. A year later he was made captain of the same and served in that capacity for five years. During the following three years he was upon the road as a traveling salesman in Iowa, and at the end of that time was appointed deputy sheriff of Linn county for a term of two years. Later he served two terms under Sheriff Comb. Since then he has engaged in the real estate business for about two years, but is now living a retired life.

Captain Shields was married, in Benton

county, February 28, 1872, to Miss Caroline Joyce, a native of Ohio, and a daughter of Jacob Joyce, who was born in Pennsylvania, and from Ohio came to Benton county, Iowa, where Mrs. Shields was reared and educated. Prior to her marriage she successfully engaged in teaching school for a time. The Captain and his wife have two children: Grace M., who is now teaching in the public schools; and James M., who is a messenger for the United States Express Company on the railroad between Chicago and Albert Lee, Minnesota. Mrs. Shields and her daughters are members of the United Presbyterian church. He is a member of the Union Veterans' Union. In politics the Captain is a staunch Republican, having supported that party since he cast his first presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln in 1864. He has taken quite an active interest in local politics, and has been a delegate to numerous county, congressional and state conventions.

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#### HENRY E. NEAL.

Linn township has no more progressive or enterprising citizen than Henry E. Neal, who is now successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits on section 34. A native of that township, he was born on section 32 February 14, 1860, and is a son of Chancy and Jane (Clark) Neal, a sketch of whom is given in connection with that of Elmer D. Neal on another page of this volume.

Our subject spent the first thirteen years of his life on the farm where he was born, and then removed with his parents to section 16, Linn township, where the father had purchased another farm. He remained

at home until he was married, October 18, 1882, the lady of his choice being Miss Minnie J. Leigh, also a native of Linn township and a daughter of Charles A. and Lydia A. (Ballard) Leigh. During her girlhood she attended the public schools of that township and Mt. Vernon, and for over a year was also a student at Cornell College. By her marriage she has become the mother of four children: Clarence E., born July 31, 1883, has attended Cornell College for the last year, and is now assisting his father in the work of the farm; Ethel M., born April 29, 1887, Clara M., born May 30, 1889, and Lloyd E., born September 1, 1893, are attending the district school near their home.

Charles A. Leigh, Mrs. Neal's father, was born in Butler county, Ohio, October 1, 1829, and during his boyhood removed to Montgomery county, Indiana, with his parents, Foster W. and Sarah E. (Busenbark) Leigh, remaining there thirteen years, at the end of which time they came to Linn county, Iowa. He was married, April 7, 1857, to Lydia A. Ballard, who was born in Trumbull county, Ohio, September 1, 1840, a daughter of William and Louisa (Youmans) Ballard. Unto them were born three children, namely: William F., born September 5, 1862, married Mattie Fetterman, and is now connected with the fire department of Cedar Rapids; Minnie J., born January 4, 1864, is the wife of our subject; and Clarence, born February 7, 1866, married Clara Boxwell, and is engaged in stock dealing in Mt. Vernon. The mother of these children died November 29, 1900, and was buried in Mt. Zion cemetery, Linn Grove. The father is still living. For many years he owned and operated a valuable farm of three hundred acres in Linn township, but in 1892 he divided his property among his



children and removed to Mt. Vernon, where he lives retired from active labor. Since the death of his wife he has made his home with his son Clarence.

After his marriage Mr. Neal remained on his father's farm, and when his father removed to another place he purchased the old homestead, consisting of eighty acres, which he still owns, and to which he has added a tract of seventy-six acres. In 1889 he removed to his present farm, where he owns eighty acres of land, and now operates both places, being successfully engaged in general farming and stock raising.

Mr. Neal gives his political support to the Democratic party and its principles, and takes an active interest in public affairs as every true American citizen should. Some years ago he served as assessor of Linn township for four years, and also filled the office of road supervisor, but has never cared for official honors, preferring rather to devote his entire time and energies to his business affairs. He is an honored member of Mt. Vernon Lodge, No. 551, I. O. O. F., in which he has held office, and is a man of prominence in his community.

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#### ALFRED A. OWENS.

Alfred A. Owens, one of the best known engineers in the employ of the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad, has made his home in Cedar Rapids since the fall of 1882. A native of Ohio, he was born in Clinton county February 28, 1860, and is a son of John W. and Leah (Sabin) Owens. The father, who was a native of Tennessee and a laborer by occupation, entered the service of his country at the presi-

dent's first call for troops during the Civil war, enlisting for ninety days. On the expiration of that time he re-enlisted for three years, and when discharged again entered the service, serving in all four years, six months and seven days. Fortunately, however, he was never wounded. In politics he was a Republican. He came to Iowa in 1867 and continued his residence in this state until called to his final rest, in June, 1899, at the age of sixty-six years. His wife, who was born in Ohio in 1836, still survives him and makes her home with her children. She is a most estimable lady and a member of the Protestant Methodist church. Of the twelve children born to them five died in infancy; and John M. died in Cedar Rapids at the age of nineteen years, and Elven at the same place at the age of twenty-four. Those living are Alfred A., of this review; Helen, wife of T. M. Cullum, of Bridgeport, Connecticut; Margaret, wife of J. C. Leep, of Argentine, Kansas; Ella, a resident of Glenwood, Iowa; and Flora, wife of Albert Matney, of Argentine, Kansas. They were all educated in the public schools of this state.

The subject of this sketch was but a lad of seven years when he came to Iowa with his parents, and he attended the common schools of Poweshiek county, where the family located, continuing his studies until nineteen years of age. In 1879 and 1880 he taught a country school, and the following years entered the service of the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad as a section hand, being thus employed until October, 1882, when he commenced work in the shops at Cedar Rapids, but in December of that year went upon the road as fireman. In September, 1889, he was promoted to engineer and had a regular run until May,

1900, since which time he has served as extra passenger engineer. At first he was on the Estherville division and lived at that place for four years. In 1899 he purchased property in Cedar Rapids, but has since sold the same.

Mr. Owens was married in Cedar Rapids, in 1883, to Miss May Waid, who was born in Crawford county, Pennsylvania, January 9, 1867, and was educated in the schools of Cedar Rapids. Her parents are now living on a farm near Goldfield, Iowa. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Owens were born four children, but one died in infancy. Those living are Harry C., born April 11, 1885; Clara May, born September 23, 1888; and Doris E., born June 28, 1894. All are attending school in Cedar Rapids, and the son also is a clerk in the general office of the Order of Railway Conductors at Cedar Rapids.

Mr. Owens is a member of Division No. 159, Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, and in politics is a Republican. His wife is a member of the First Christian church of Cedar Rapids, and both are held in the highest regard by a large circle of friends and acquaintances.

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### JAMES C. TINDALL.

For over a quarter of a century this gentleman has made his home in Cedar Rapids, and has been connected with the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad Company. A native of Indiana, he was born near Evansville, October 22, 1850, and is a son of Thomas C. and Rachel (Jones) Tindall. The father was born in Virginia of Irish ancestry, the mother in

Indiana of English parentage. He was a soldier of the Civil war, being a member of Company A, Seventeenth Indiana Cavalry, and was a contractor and builder by occupation, following that pursuit until a few years before his death when he lived retired from active labor. He died in 1874, and his wife departed this life in 1863. His home had been near Evansville all his active life, and it was there he died. They were the parents of six children, but only two are now living, namely: James C., our subject; and Catherine, wife of George Seares, a contractor and builder of Indiana.

The common schools of his native state afforded James C. Tindall his educational advantages, and on leaving school at the age of seventeen years he began his railroad career as passenger brakeman on the Louisville & Nashville Railroad. Three years later he was promoted to conductor, and remained with that road until coming to Cedar Rapids, in 1875, when he entered the employ of the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad as fireman. He was given an engine in 1878, and has had a regular passenger run since 1881. He has worked on all of the divisions of the road, and is the twelfth in point of continuous service with this road.

Mr. Tindall was married in Cedar Rapids, October 26, 1883, to Miss Lucy E. Null, who was born in that city on the block where they now reside, in 1857, and was educated in the public schools. In his political views he is a Republican, and in his social relations is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America and the Masonic fraternity, belonging to Crescent Lodge, No. 25; Trowel Chapter, No. 49; Apollo Commandery, No. 26; and Iowa Consistory, No. 2; and El Kahir Temple of

Mystic Shrine, all of Cedar Rapids. He also belongs to Division No. 159, Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, and is one of the Mystic Shrine, all of Cedar Rapids. He is a railroad man of the city. He gives to the support of church and charitable work, and never withholds his aid from any enterprise which he believes will prove of public benefit. He has a pleasant home at 608 Second avenue.

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#### GEORGE W. STAMBAUGH.

Among the prosperous agriculturists and representative citizens of Bertram township is the gentleman whose name introduces this sketch. He was born February 25, 1857, on the farm where he now resides, and belongs to an old and honored family of this county. His father, Samuel Stambaugh, was born in Jefferson, York county, Pennsylvania, April 10, 1810, and his parents were either from Germany or of German descent. His mother tongue must have been German as he spoke both that language and English in early life. He was a resident of York and Adams counties, Pennsylvania, until the spring of 1833, when he went to Butler county, Ohio, but in the fall of the same year returned to his native state. In the spring of 1835 he accompanied his father's family on their removal to Butler county, Ohio, and four years later went with them to Schuyler county, Illinois. He and his brother John, however, remained in that state only two weeks before coming to Linn county, Iowa, where they selected claims in what is now Rapids township. The brother was a carpenter by trade and assisted in the erection of the first frame house in Cedar Rapids. He bought a claim

of Mr. Coles, which in later years became the well known farm of Sampson C. Bever. During an Indian up-rising which frightened many of the early settlers he became alarmed and returned to Illinois. Samuel Stambaugh's first claim was on section 36, township 83, north, range 7, west, and on the north side of Cedar river, but he soon exchanged this for the farm in Bertram township, where our subject now resides, making it his home for over fifty-eight years.

On the 19th of May, 1840, Samuel Stambaugh married Rachel Bryant, of Schuyler county, Illinois, who was born in Ohio, September 22, 1820, and a few days later the young couple started for their new home in Iowa. Unto them were born twelve children, of whom two died in infancy, and one daughter, Sarah, died in her forty-seventh year. The others were Mary A., wife of W. L. Stoneking, a farmer, of Marion township, Linn county; Louisa, wife of William Corey, of Scranton, Greene county, Iowa; Samuel B. married Della Harvey and resides in Santa Anna, California; Noah B., who married Lilly Lamson and lives in Curtis, Oklahoma; James A., who first married Louisa Berry and second Ella Parker and resides in Bertram township, this county, and a sketch of whom appears in this work; Rachel J., wife of Charles W. Lamson, of Sumas, Washington; George W., our subject; Albert H., who married Lettie Workman and makes his home in Browning, Schuyler county, Illinois; and Martha E., wife of Zach Berry, of Marion, Iowa. The father of this family died August 20, 1897, honored and respected by all who knew him. He was a faithful and consistent member of the Free Will Baptist Church, and led an upright and honorable life, in harmony



SAMUEL STAMBAUGH.





with his professions. Physically he was a man of powerful strength, and could withstand great hardships, being six feet and two inches in height, and when in the prime of life his weight ranged from one hundred and ninety to two hundred pounds. During his boyhood free schools were unknown, yet he learned to read and write, and was not only a self-educated but a self-made man, whose success in life was due entirely to his own well-directed efforts. Mrs. Stambaugh passed away April 23, 1901, at the age of eighty years.

George W. Stambaugh was educated in the district schools near his boyhood home, which he attended until twenty years of age, and after laying aside his text books he devoted his entire time and attention to the operation of the farm until the summer of 1886, when he went to Nebraska, and engaged in farming in that state for a year. He then returned to the old homestead where the following two years were passed.

At Cedar Rapids, December 24, 1889, Mr. Stambaugh married Miss Anebel Snyder, who was also born in this county, December 10, 1859. Her father, James I. Snyder, was born in Preble county, Ohio, on the 1st of April, 1819, and was married in Goshen, Indiana, August 25, 1844, to Jane Longacre, a native of that state, who was born in Whitewater, October 1, 1825. He engaged in farming in Indiana until the fall of 1851, when he removed with his family to Iowa, and took up his residence in Linn county, buying a farm of two hundred and ten acres in Putnam township, which was his home until the fall of 1882. On disposing of that property he removed to Bertram township, where the following seven years were passed. He died on the 16th of May, 1890, and was buried in Bert-

ram township. His wife survived him and made her home with Mrs. Stambaugh until her death, which occurred June 7, 1896. They were the parents of eleven children, namely: Millie, wife of James H. Rogers, of Medford, Oklahoma; Hulda G., wife of W. F. Miner, a farmer of College township, this county; Marion, who first married Izora Blain, and second Sarah Blain, and resides on a farm in Bertram township; E. D., who married Eleanor Cunningham and lives in Weston, Iowa; Corydon, who died at the age of nine years; Thomas, who died at the age of seven years; Anibel, wife of our subject; Shirley married Zaidee Blain, of Marion; Chas. Frank, twin brother of Shirley, who died at the age of eighteen months; Jesse, who wedded Mary Hight and makes his home in Cedar Rapids; and Jackson, who married Grace Brugh and lives on a farm in College township. Mr. and Mrs. Stambaugh have five children whose names and dates of birth are as follows: Erwin G., March 24, 1892; Ira V., March 11, 1894; Elva H., July 14, 1895; and Wilbert and Sylva, twins, July 14, 1897.

After his marriage Mr. Stambaugh operated the J. A. Stambaugh farm for one year, and for six years lived on the Cornish farm a mile and a half southwest of Bertram. Since then he has resided on the old homestead, comprising two hundred and thirty-seven acres on sections 21 and 28, Bertram township, and in its operation he has met with excellent success. It is under a high state of cultivation and improved with good buildings, including a modern residence, and substantial barns and outbuildings. Mr. Stambaugh raises a high grade of cattle and horses for market, and finds this branch of his business quite profitable. Religiously he and his wife attend the United

Brethren church, of which she is a member and socially is connected with the Brotherhood of American Yeoman, and the Modern Woodmen of America, in both of which societies he has held office. In politics he is a Prohibitionist, and has efficiently served as school director in his district. In all of the varied relations of life he has been true to every trust reposed in him, and well merits the high regard in which he is uniformly held by his fellow citizens.

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#### WILLARD WILLIAM DURLIN.

This well-known railroad man who has been in the employ of the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad since coming to Cedar Rapids in 1881, was born on the 20th of April, 1853, in Meadville, Crawford county, Pennsylvania, of which county his parents, James W. and Harriet E. (Littlefield) Durlin, were also natives. The town of Meadville was named for the mother's grandparents, and her Grandmother Meade was the first white child born in the county. Mrs. Durlin's father and mother lived to be ninety-seven and ninety-four years respectively. Our subject's paternal grandmother was connected with the Lee family, to which the famous Confederate general of that name belonged.

In early life James W. Durlin, the father of our subject, was a pattern maker, draftsman and engine builder, and he also ran boats on the Erie canal for a time. In 1857 he came to Iowa and took up his residence in Anamosa, Jones county, where he conducted a grocery store until the Civil war broke out. In 1861 he enlisted in Company C, Thirty-first Iowa Volunteer Infantry,

and remained in the service until Lee's surrender. Soon after his return home he removed to Omaha, Nebraska, where he engaged in business as a contractor and builder until 1879, when he commenced teaming across the plains. He died in Huron, South Dakota, in 1899, at the age of seventy-four years, and his wife, who now lives in California, has also reached the age of seventy-four. They were the parents of six sons and three daughters, of whom two daughters are now deceased. The others are Eugene, Frank, Willard W., Charles, Emmett and Fred, all railroad engineers with the exception of the youngest, who is a conductor; and Mary, the surviving daughter. They were educated in the schools of Council Bluffs and Creston, Iowa. Their parents both received collegiate educations, and their mother taught in a college for a time.

During his boyhood and youth Willard W. Durlin attended the common schools of Anamosa, and remained at home until sixteen years of age, when he began his railroad career at Council Bluffs as wiper on engines of the St. Joseph & Council Bluffs Railroad, taking care of engines for two years. For a time he was employed as fireman and later as brakeman. After spending two years at Ottumwa, Iowa, he removed to Creston and found permanent employment, working as fireman on the Burlington & Missouri Railroad, now a part of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy system. In 1874 he was given an engine, and continued in the employ of that road until coming to Cedar Rapids in 1881, when he entered the service of the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad as engineer. He was first given a freight run, but for the past sixteen years has been running specials and passenger trains on the northern division of the

road, being engineer on the fast mail and passenger train since 1895, running to Albert Lea, Minnesota, each day. As a railroad man he has been very fortunate and successful, but has met with some accidents, his train going through the bridge at Cedar Falls in 1888, and being wrecked at Waterloo in 1899.

At Ottumwa, Iowa, May 13, 1872, Mr. Durlin married Miss Eliza A. Corrick, who was born in Bloomfield, Davis county, Iowa, in 1854, and was living in Ottumwa at the time of her marriage. Both her parents are now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Durlin have one daughter, Florence Mae, who was graduated at the high school of Cedar Rapids in 1892, and engaged in teaching physical culture for five years. The family are prominent members of the Universalist Church, of which Mrs. Durlin is one of the officers, and the daughter is organist. Fraternally Mr. Durlin affiliates with the Independent Order of Foresters of America, the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, and the blue lodge of Masonry. In politics he is independent, but takes a deep and commendable interest in public affairs, and gives his support to every enterprise for the public good.

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#### ALEXANDER TORRANCE.

The subject of this biography has for many years been prominently identified with the agricultural and industrial interests of Linn township, and is numbered among its most reliable and enterprising business men. He is the owner of a fine farm of one hundred and ninety-seven and a half acres on section 17, and in connection with the cultivation of his land he also operates a saw-mill situated upon his place. Prosperity has

crowned his well-directed efforts, and he is now quite well-to-do.

Mr. Torrance was born on the 20th of September, 1837, in Fayette county, Pennsylvania, of which his parents, Cunningham and Margaret (Cunningham) Torrance, were also natives. They were of Scotch-Irish descent. After their marriage they continued their residence in Fayette county until 1847, which year witnessed their arrival in Linn county, Iowa. Locating in Franklin township, the father took up government land on sections 21 and 22, and at once commenced to break the land and place it under cultivation. He successfully engaged in general farming and stock raising, and became the owner of six hundred acres of rich and arable land, which he afterward divided among his children. He died on the 10th of December, 1863, and his wife passed away June 21, 1883, at the age of eighty-five years. Both were sincere and earnest Christians, holding membership in the Presbyterian church, and he was an elder of the same for over thirty years. Originally he was an old-line Whig in political party he joined its ranks, and continued to vote that ticket throughout life. His fellow citizens had for him the highest regard, and he was called upon to fill some of the local offices, but he preferred to devote his time to his business interests, in which he prospered.

Alexander Torrance is the tenth in order of birth in a family of eleven children, nine sons and two daughters, of whom one died in infancy unnamed. The others were as follows: James, a farmer of Calhoun county, Iowa; Sarah, who married George Smith and resided in Linn county until after the death of her husband, when she removed to Kansas, where she died March 4, 1890;



Hugh, who was engaged in farming in Franklin township, this county, until 1883, when he removed to Calhoun county, Iowa, where he followed the same pursuit until his death in 1900; Mary Ann, who married Rufus Dike and died in Ohio April 14, 1884; Samuel Wilson, who served three months in the Civil war and died a number of years ago; Aaron B., who died September 16, 1859, at the age of thirty-one years; William S., a retired farmer of Calhoun county, Iowa; John, who resided in Texas and Arkansas and died October 15, 1889; and Boyd C., who was a member of Company F, Eleventh Iowa Volunteer Infantry, in the Civil war, and died in the service September 8, 1863.

The subject of this sketch was a lad of nine years when he came with his parents to this county, and grew to manhood upon his father's farm, receiving his education in the district schools of the neighborhood. For about three years after starting out in life for himself he worked by the day and month at various occupations, and then located on a farm in Franklin township, near Mt. Vernon, given him by his father, making it his home for three years, during which time he devoted his entire attention to agricultural pursuits. In the fall of 1866 he removed to a farm of timber land on section 17, Linn township, on which he has erected a sawmill and has since operated the same in addition to his farm work, being connected with the Cedar Rapids Wood Working Company, a corporation for the manufacture of furniture. He also carried on stock raising, and in all his business affairs he has steadily prospered, becoming one of the substantial men of his community.

On the 1st of January, 1863, in Frank-

lin township, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Torrence and Miss Henrietta F. Coleman, who was born in Knox county, Ohio, February 5, 1837, and was a daughter of Elisha and Rebecca (Carr) Coleman, also natives of Ohio, and of American and German ancestry. On leaving the Buckeye state in 1851, her family removed to Henry county, Iowa, and in the spring of 1860 came to Linn county, locating in Linn township. Later her parents removed to Kansas, where her father died November 22, 1879, and her mother passed away in Nebraska, November 29, 1885. They had nine children, three sons and six daughters.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Torrance were born two children, but the older, Edward E., born in Franklin township, died in Linn township at the age of six months. Charles M., born in Linn township, February 20, 1875, was educated in the common schools, and is now engaged in farming and the sawmill business with his father on the home place. He is a Republican in politics and a member of Mt. Vernon Lodge, No. 551, I. O. O. F. The mother of these children died December 4, 1898, loved and respected by all who knew her. In early life she united with the Christian Church, but the congregation with which she was connected soon afterward dissolved and she and her husband subsequently attended the Presbyterian Church at Paralta. She was a good woman, a devoted wife, a loving mother and a kind, sympathetic and appreciative friend, and her death was widely and deeply mourned.

Mr. Torrance has served as secretary of the Farmers' Mutual Insurance Company of Linn township, and also of the Linn County Tornado, Wind and Storm Insurance Company. He has filled a number of

local offices, such as justice of the peace, township clerk and secretary of the school board, and has always taken a deep and commendable interest in public affairs. In politics he is an ardent Republican, and he is still serving as township clerk. Fraternally he is a member of Mt. Vernon Lodge, No. 112, F. & A. M., and the Ashler Chapter, No. 122, R. A. M., of Mt. Vernon, but formerly was a member of Marion Chapter, No. 10. He is a man of prominence in his community, and has the entire confidence and respect of all with whom he comes in contact either in business or social life.

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#### THERLOW JOHNSON.

Therlow Johnson, a well-known and successful agriculturist residing on section 16, Grant township, was born October 13, 1861, in Medina county, Ohio, and is a son of Joseph and Sarah A. (Wiard) Johnson, both natives of New York state. His maternal grandparents were John and Julia (French) Wiard, who were born in Connecticut and reared a family of three children, of whom Mrs. Johnson and one sister are the only ones living at the present time.

For some years the parents of our subject resided in Ohio, and at Royalton, that state, the father enlisted September 3, 1864, for one year or during the war, becoming a member of Company H, One Hundred and Seventy-seventh Ohio Volunteer Infantry, under command of Captain Tracy. This regiment became known as Sherman's Whip Lash Corps. In May, 1865, Mr. Johnson returned home on a sick furlough, and on the 24th of June received his discharge papers, which were made out at Greenboro, North Carolina.

In 1868 Joseph P. Johnson brought his family to Linn county, Iowa, and after spending one year in enter Point, he purchased a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Grant township, where our subject now resides with his mother. The father subsequently sold forty acres of this tract, but the remaining one hundred and twenty acres are still in the family. He died upon this place, December 8, 1894, at the age of seventy-three years, and was laid to rest in the Walker cemetery. Politically he was a Republican, and at one time held the office of road supervisor. He was an honored member of the G. C. Francis Post, G. A. R., of Walker, in which he served as commander and held all the minor offices, while religiously he was an earnest and consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church at that place. He was highly respected and esteemed by all who knew him, and had a large number of friends throughout this county.

On the 10th of September, 1846, in Ohio, was celebrated the marriage of Joseph Johnson and Sarah Ward, and they became the parents of eight children, namely: Fanny B., now a widow residing in Ohio; Mary L., wife of George H. Hudson, of Grant township; William P., who died in Nebraska in 1886, leaving a widow and two children; Victor E., at home with his mother; Bradford H., a farmer of Buchanan county, Iowa; Lent C., a farmer of Nebraska; Therlow and John C., both at home.

Therlow Johnson, whose name introduces this review, was educated in the country schools of Grant township, and early acquired a good practical knowledge of agricultural pursuits while assisting his father in the operation of the home farm.

He never left the parental roof and since the latter's death he has had charge of the place which he has successfully managed. He is a man of good business ability and sound judgment, and is progressive and enterprising.

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#### SAMUEL GILLILAND.

The subject of this review is one of the very earliest settlers of the state, and is today a prominent and highly respected citizen of Mt. Vernon, where he is living a retired life, enjoying a well-earned rest. He was born in Logan county, Ohio, April 16, 1814, a son of Nathan and Jane (Edmondson) Gilliland, both of whom were natives of Virginia. In 1810 they removed from Greenbriar, that state, to Ohio, where they made their home throughout the remainder of their lives. The father, who was a soldier of the war of 1812, died in 1823 on his forty-seventh birthday, and the mother died in 1835. They were the parents of nine children, three sons and six daughters, all of whom are now deceased with exception of our subject and his sisters, Nancy Ann, wife of Peter Jacobs, a retired farmer of Tipton, Cedar county, Iowa.

Samuel Gilliland spent the first twenty years of his life at the place of his nativity and obtained his literary education in the primitive log school house so common in those days. He then went to Indiana, where he spent two years, and in the fall of 1836 came to Iowa, locating in Cedar county, on the day Martin Van Buren was elected president of the United States. For many years he successfully engaged in farming there, and together with his sons still owns two hundred and forty acres of land, which he purchased from the government at one dollar and a quarter per acre.

In Pioneer township, Cedar county, Mr. Gilliland was married, July 18, 1839, to Miss Martha Comstock, theirs being the first marriage celebrated in the township. She, too, was a native of Ohio and a daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth (Fox) Comstock. Her father was born in Massachusetts, in 1795, and was twelve years of age when he removed with his parents from that state to New York. He was one of the defenders of his country in the war of 1812.

At an early day he went to Ohio, and in the spring of 1836 came to Iowa, settling fifteen miles north of Muscatine, where he made his home for three years. He was accompanied by two other families and they were the first to come out from Muscatine with teams. He next located in Pioneer township, Cedar county, where he followed farming until his death, which occurred July 19, 1864, when he was seventy-one years of age. His wife died there at the age of fifty-nine years. They had a family of ten children, but only three are now living. Prior to his marriage with Elizabeth Fox, Mr. Comstock was married in New York. By this wife he had two daughters—Angeline, who married M. Sterns and Julia, who married George Lattimer. Mrs. Comstock died prior to Mr. Comstock's emigration west. Mr. Comstock took a very prominent part in public affairs and was called upon to fill many local offices, including that of county trustee. He also assisted in the platting of the town of Tipton.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Gilliland were born seven children, namely: (1) Francis Marion, born May 28, 1840, engaged in farming on the old homestead in Cedar county for a number of years, but is now living retired in Mt. Vernon. He married Louise Freeman, of Cedar county, a daughter of Walter Free-



man, a native of Ohio, who settled in Sugar Creek township, Cedar county, in 1836, and followed the miller's trade throughout the greater part of his life. In 1852 he went to the Pacific coast and died in Oregon, at the extreme old age of ninety-three years. His wife died in 1842 when Mrs. Gilliland was only nine months old. Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Gilliland had three children, all born in Cedar county, namely: Dollie, deceased; Harry C.; and Don W., deceased. (2) Nathan, born December 3, 1842, enlisted September 23, 1861, at the age of nineteen years, in Company A, Thirteenth Iowa Infantry, and was mustered into the United States service on the 18th of October, following. While at Vicksburg he re-enlisted January 4, 1864, as a veteran and was made corporal of his company. He participated in the battle of Shiloh, the siege of Corinth, and the engagements at Bolivar, Inka, Holly Springs, Vicksburg, Monroe, Jackson, Meridian and Atlanta. He was wounded in a charge on the works at Nickajack creek, July 5, 1864, and was again wounded on the 21st of the same month, and died a few hours later, his remains being interred at Marietta, Georgia. (3) Julia A., born January 16, 1844, died in 1864. (4) Elizabeth, born November 18, 1850, died at the age of fourteen years, five months and eleven days. (5) Mary, born November 5, 1852, died January 23, 1865. (6) Daniel C., born June 27, 1855, is engaged in the agricultural implement business in Mechanicsville, Iowa. He married Florence Brogan, and they have three children, Maude, Ethel and Haven. (7) William M., born November 29, 1861, married Annie Wareham and died in Toledo, Ohio, November 10, 1886. The mother of these children departed this life May 31, 1865. She was a devoted wife and loving

mother, and a consistent member of the Methodist church.

For his second wife Mr. Gilliland married Mrs. Abigail Puffer, a younger sister of his first wife and the widow of Charles Puffer, who was born near Keene, New Hampshire, and lived there until twenty-three years of age, when he removed to Cedar county, Iowa. There he was united in marriage with Miss Abigail Comstock, June 13, 1847, and was successfully engaged in farming and stock raising in that county until called to his final rest February 15, 1863, at the age of forty-three years. He was a prosperous man and had the respect and confidence of all who knew him as he was upright and honorable in all his dealings. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Puffer were born the following children: (1) Authernial G. W., born in 1848, followed farming on the old homestead in Cedar county, where he died at the age of forty-seven years. He married Amanda Boyles, and they had three children, Ray, Mabel and Everett. (2) Levi died in infancy. (3) Priscilla H. is the wife of William Bassett, a farmer of Bloomfield, Davis county, Iowa, and they have four children, Frank, Ora, Austin and Guy. (4) Daniel married Laura Boland, and is successfully engaged in farming in Mercer county, Missouri, where he owns seven hundred acres of land. (5) Jemima died at the age of fifteen years. (6) Mary is the wife of George Keister, an architect of New York city, and they have one child, George. (7) Nathan, a farmer of Bloomfield, Davis county, Iowa, married Mary Hutchinson, and they have three children, Lottie, Lola and Dorcas A. (8) Charles A., a farmer of Mercer county, Missouri, married Dora Van Zent, and they have two children, Helen and a boy.



When Mr. Gilliland first came to Iowa the state was all wild prairie, but few settlements having previously been made. Cedar county was not surveyed until the year after he located there, at which time the boundaries were fixed. He has watched with interest the development of this section of the state; has seen towns and cities spring up; and the wild lands transformed into rich and productive farms. In the work of advancement and progress he has ever borne his part, and deserves a prominent place in the history of the honored pioneers and representative citizens of his adopted state. While a resident of Cedar county, he served as supervisor for four years, was constable two years, and judge of election five years. After following farming and stock raising in Pioneer township, that county, for over thirty years, he removed to Mt. Vernon, Linn county, on the 21st of March, 1867, and has since made this place his home. He has a pleasant residence on Second avenue. For some years he clerked in a store, was city marshal two years, and street commissioner three years. In his political views he is a Republican. In 1845 he united with the Methodist church, and is still a faithful and consistent member of that body. He receives and merits the high regard of the entire community, and he has a host of warm friends throughout both Cedar and Linn counties.

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#### CAPTAIN JAMES M. SEARLES.

For over a third of a century this gentleman has been one of the most energetic and progressive business men of Cedar Rapids, and is now at the head of the marble trade in that city. He is proud to claim Iowa as

his native state, his birth having occurred in Johnson county, June 5, 1844, before its admission to the Union. He is one of the three children born to Isaac and Phoebe (Hamilton) Searles, both of whom were natives of Connecticut, where they were married about 1838. In 1842 the father came to Iowa as a circuit rider in the Methodist Episcopal church, and preached on the banks of the river at Cedar Rapids to the passengers on a steamboat from St. Louis, each of whom had been offered a lot as an inducement to settle here and help start the town. About 1846 he removed to Wisconsin, though he returned to this state on visits at various times. He probably remained longer in Madison, Wisconsin, than any other place, serving as presiding elder there for eight years. He was one of the most prominent of the early ministers in both Iowa and Wisconsin. He died in 1870, at the age of fifty-six years. He was twice married, his first wife, Phoebe Hamilton, having died at the birth of our subject in 1844. Her other children were William H. and Charles A., both of whom were soldiers of the Civil war. The former served as assistant surgeon during the latter part of the war. Charles A. enlisted as a private in Company G, First Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, and later was promoted to second and then to first lieutenant of the same company. He was detailed as adjutant-general of his brigade on the staff of General John C. Starkweather, and had been recommended for promotion to the captaincy of his company at the time he was killed at Chickamauga, September 19, 1863, at the age of twenty-one years.

The early life of James M. Searles was passed in Wisconsin until fourteen years of age, when he left home and entered upon



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an apprenticeship at Fox Lake, Wisconsin, to the marble cutter's trade, which was completed in 1861. The Civil war having broken out, he enlisted as a private in Company C, Twenty-first Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, but at Chattanooga he was commissioned second lieutenant of Company A, Thirty-eighth Wisconsin Infantry, when only eighteen years of age. He was promoted to first lieutenant while in front of Petersburg, and at the same place was made captain of his company on the reorganization of his regiment, which was a part of the Fourteenth Army Corps. He was only twenty years old when commissioned captain. For six months he acted as quartermaster of his regiment, and was officer in charge on picket line when Alexander Stevens, the Confederate peace commission, met the Union officers to negotiate for peace, and was later present at the surrender of General Lee. Captain Searles and his command took part in a number of important engagements, including the battles of Perryville, Stone River, Dug Gap, Chickamauga and Missionary Ridge.

Thirty days after receiving his discharge from the army at the close of the war, Captain Searles came to Cedar Rapids, where he has since successfully engaged in the marble or monument business. He carried on that enterprise alone until 1872, when he formed a partnership with John O. Baxter, who had been his fellow apprentice when learning his trade and later his army comrade, having enlisted at the same time in the same regiment at its formation. This connection has since continued to their mutual pleasure and profit, and they now enjoy an excellent trade and give employment to twelve men all the year round. Their place of business is at No. 317 Third avenue. The

Capain is one of the oldest and most successful marble men of Iowa, having done a large amount of work throughout this state, Wisconsin and Minnesota, and on the organization of the State Marble Dealers Association he was elected its first president.

On the 18th of November, 1865, at Madison, Wisconsin, Captain Searles married Miss Nettie E. Rhodes, a daughter of Lodowick and Lucinda (Piper) Rhodes, who were natives of New York and New Hampshire, respectively, and about 1842 removed to Illinois locating near Chicago. From there they went to Wisconsin, where they made their home until their deaths. In their family were eleven children, of whom eight are still living. Unto the Captain and his wife were born four children, namely: Maud A., deceased wife of Charles E. Grosjean; Nettie May, who holds a government position as inspector of meats for exportation in the agricultural department at Milwaukee; Charles J., who is manager of the branch house of the T. M. Sinclair Packing Company at Des Moines, Iowa; and Hazel I., who is attending school in Cedar Rapids. The home of the family is at No. 1002 Fourth avenue.

Politically Mr. Searles is a staunch supporter of the Republican party, and fraternally is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, the Loyal Legion and the Knights of Honor at Cedar Rapids, at present serving as dictator in the last named society, while religiously he and his wife both hold membership in the Second Presbyterian church. His long residence in Cedar Rapids has numbered him among its valued citizens who have been devoted to the public welfare and who have manifested the same loyalty in days of peace as in time of war, and by all who know him he is held in the high-



est regard. He has always taken a commendable interest in public affairs, and for two terms, from 1882 until 1886, he efficiently represented the fourth ward in the city council.

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### WILLIAM BUCHANAN.

William Buchanan, deceased, through the long years of his identification with Cedar Rapids, enjoyed the highest respect of his fellow townsmen by reason of his strict integrity and sterling worth. His devotion to the welfare of his adopted city made him a valued factor in public life, and by his death Cedar Rapids was deprived of one of her best citizens.

A native of Scotland, Mr. Buchanan was born in Balfour, near Glasgow, January 29, 1831, and acquired his literary education in the schools of that country. He came to America when a young man, in 1859, and took up his residence in Cedar Rapids, with whose commercial interests he was identified for many years. His early advantages from a financial standpoint were limited, and what he accumulated of this world's goods was due to close attention to business, good executive ability and sound judgment.

In early manhood Mr. Buchanan married Miss Jane Thompson, a daughter of Captain R. J. Thompson. She died leaving one son, William, who is now living in Scotland. Mr. Buchanan had three brothers, who still survive him, these being John, Thomas and George. The last named is now a well-to-do farmer of this county. July 14, 1885, our subject was again married, his second union being with Miss Mary Anderson, who was born in Madison, Indi-

ana, December 27, 1848, and in 1860 removed to Washington county, Iowa, with her parents, John L. and Ellen (McClenahan) Anderson. There the father improved a farm and successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits until his death, which occurred in 1876. The mother died July 19, 1891, in Cedar Rapids. Mrs. Buchanan's early education was obtained in the common schools of Washington county, but later she took an elective course at the State University at Iowa City. On leaving that institution she accepted a position as teacher in the public schools of Cedar Rapids, where she taught until her marriage. For several years she was principal of the Van Buren School, and became quite prominent in educational matters. She has always taken an active part in literary circles as well as in social affairs, and devotes a large portion of her time to church, charitable and philanthropic work. She is one of the leading members of the United Presbyterian church and its ladies' societies, as well as the Young Woman's Christian Association. For a time she was also a member of the official board of the Home for the Friendless and is noted for her charitable and benevolent spirit.

On his arrival in Cedar Rapids, Mr. Buchanan began teaching in the schools of the county, after which he was connected with the Chicago & Northwestern Railway as auditor, and later was connected with the Hannibal & Keokuk Railroad.

From the incorporation of the Cedar Rapids Water Company until his death Mr. Buchanan was treasurer of the same, and for many years was also assistant treasurer of Coe College. He was also an extensive owner of real estate, much of which he improved, laying out a number of addi-

tions to the city with which his name is connected. A member of the United Presbyterian church, he took an active interest in its work, and was a member of the building committee for the present house of worship. He was connected with a number of philanthropic enterprises, and labored untiringly for their maintenance. The Republican party always found in him a staunch supporter of its principles, and he was a recognized leader in public affairs, representing the fifth Iowa district on the Republican state central committee for several years. He was ever faithful to his duties of citizenship, and by the successful conduct of his business interests not only promoted his individual success but also advanced the general prosperity. He was widely and favorably known and his career was such as to merit the confidence and trust so freely accorded him.

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L. B. KRAMER.

L. B. Kramer, who owns and operates a good farm on section 22, Bertram township, is one of Linn county's native sons, born February 22, 1841, and is a worthy representative of one of her honored pioneer families. His father, Louis A. Kramer, was born in Greene county, Pennsylvania, on the 7th of December, 1812, and was married in Fayette county, that state, September 31, 1834, to Rebecca Varner, a native of Virginia. In 1837 they removed to Ohio, and two years later came to Iowa, locating in Marion township, Linn county. This state was then a territory, and was inhabited mainly by Indians, who were quite friendly to Mr. Kramer. He would allow

them to camp on his land, and they often came to the house and slept on the floor. Deer and other wild game was also plentiful at that time and furnished many a meal for the early settlers. When Mr. Kramer first located here there was only one log house in the county, which was built by a Mr. Hahn. The Kramer family lived in true pioneer style, while the father, with the assistance of his sons, cleared, broke and improved his farm. He died September 18, 1896, at the age of eighty-three years, and his wife passed away March 12, 1887, at the age of sixty-nine years, eight months and twelve days.

In the family of this worthy couple were ten children, of whom two died in infancy, the others being as follows: William Andrew, the oldest, married Elizabeth Bell, now deceased, and resides in Cedar Rapids; Ann Elizabeth is the widow of John Higgins and lives north of Marion; L. B., our subject, is next in order of birth; Rachel M. is the widow of William Garnett and resides in Montezuma, Iowa; Scott married Elizabeth Wildman and makes his home on a farm in Linn Grove; Zachariah Taylor married Haley Todd and lives near Waverly, Iowa; Margaret E. is the wife of John Miller of Avery, Oklahoma; and Edward H. married Catherine Harkness and resides at Paris, north of Marion, Iowa.

During his boyhood L. B. Kramer aided in the work of the farm and pursued his studies in the district schools of Linn Grove until eighteen years of age, after which he devoted his entire time and energies to agricultural pursuits. A month before he attained his majority, he was married in Bertram township, January 19, 1862, to Miss Margaret Paul, who was born in Greene county, Pennsylvania, September 29, 1841,

and is a daughter of Jonathan and Dorcas (Wilson) Paul, also natives of that county, the former born at Davistown, October 24, 1817, the latter September 26, 1817. Her parents were married December 20, 1840, and in the spring of 1843 came west to Linn county, Iowa, locating on a farm in Linn Grove, now known as the Jake McShane farm. After residing there four years they sold out and removed to Dubuque county, Iowa, where Mr. Paul owned and operated a farm for nine years. At the end of that time he returned to this county and purchased two hundred and forty acres on section 22, Bertram township, to which he subsequently added. He made the journey to this state from Pennsylvania by the river route, and landed at Muscatine in limited circumstances, his property consisting of one horse, a set of harness, a half interest in a wagon, a few household goods, and twenty-five dollars in money. Loading his wagons with provisions at Muscatine, he started overland for Linn county, and encountered many difficulties on the journey, as all streams had to be forded and there were but few roads. He first located on a squatter's claim, but as time advanced he prospered in business, and became extensively interested in breeding, feeding, buying and selling cattle. He was widely known as a stock buyer and an excellent judge of cattle. He continued that business until 1890, when failing health compelled his retirement, and he was succeeded by his son, J. T. Paul. Politically he was a life-long Democrat, believing the principles of that party to be for the best interests of the people. Although not a member of any church or religious society, he was a firm believer in the brotherhood of man and the fatherhood of God. He was temperate and

a man of strict integrity, and had the confidence and respect of all who knew him. He died January 12, 1901. Of his seven children Mrs. Kramer is the oldest; William S., the second in order of birth, married Susan Campbell and resides in Lake City, Callhoun county, Iowa; George married Anna Ford and lives on a farm near Springville, this county; Wilson married Lair Derr, now deceased, and also resides near Springville; Rachel M. is the wife of Preston Dean, a farmer near Bertram township; Alexander H. lives on the old homestead farm in this county; and Jonathan T. married Sutsan Daniels, and also lives on the home farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Kramer became the parents of the following children: Andrew J., born November 16, 1862, died January 13, 1887; Dorcas E., born May 31, 1864, was married April 5, 1889, and died April 12, 1890, leaving one child, Ethel K.; Rebecca J., born December 12, 1865, was married September 24, 1884, to John H. Berry, of Johnson county, Iowa, and they have three children, Charles K., Robert and Mary M.; Abraham L., born March 19, 1868, died February 15, 1893; George L., born April 13, 1870, assists his father in the management of the farm; Anna E., born November 4, 1872, died March 1, 1898; and Isaac L., born March 18, 1876, Robert C., born June 21, 1878, Rachel M., born June 27, 1880, and Alexander H., born January 24, 1883, are all at home.

For a year after his marriage Mr. Kramer rented a farm belonging to his father-in-law, and then, after living on his father's farm for a year, he returned to a farm owned by his father-in-law, consisting of forty acres, which was given the young couple by Mr. Paul. Our subject has since

fallen heir to an adjoining eighty-acre tract and he has a well improved and highly cultivated farm of one hundred and twenty acres heir to an adjoining eighty-acre tract and his has a well improved and highly cultivated farm of one hundred and twenty acres on section 22, Bertram township, on which he has built a good house and barn. He is also engaged in the raising of stock. In politics he is a Republican, and in religious belief is a Methodist, and he is a man who commands the respect and esteem of all with whom he comes in contact either in business or social life.

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CHARLES KREISCHER.

Charles Kreischer, a practical and up-to-date farmer living on section 36, Putnam township, is one of Linn county's native sons, his birth having occurred in Putnam township, August 31, 1862. His father, Jacob Kreischer, was a native of Prussia, Germany, and in 1850 came to America. He was married in Iowa City, Iowa, in 1850, to Catherine Baker, who was born in the Rhine Province of Germany, and came to the new world in the same year as her husband. He purchased a farm in Putnam township, upon which he made his home until death. He died February 6, 1892, and was laid to rest in Solon cemetery. His parents, Jacob A. and Elizabeth (Leibs) Kreischer, spent their entire lives in Prussia. His widow is still living on the old homestead in Putnam township. She is the oldest in a family of three children. Her sister Barbara came to the United States, but died shortly after her arrival.

When the father first purchased his first land in this county it was covered with a heavy growth of timber, which had to be

cleared away before the land could be cultivated. In those early days there were often weeks at a time in which he saw no one but Indians, who were camping near his home. The woods abounded in wild game of all kinds, and he killed a number of deer, venison being his chief meat during the winter. Wolves were also numerous and were a great source of trouble to the early settlers. There was little money in circulation at that time, and farm produce was exchanged for the necessities of life after being hauled to Muscatine, which was then the nearest market place. Eggs were often sold as cheap as two dozen for five cents, but during the Civil war prices went up, and eggs brought forty cents per dozen, while coffee was worth sixty cents per pound and calico fifty cents per yard. The early settlers did all farm work with oxen and drove to church behind two yoke of cattle. There was no improved farm machinery such as is seen at the present day; corn was dropped by hand; grain cut with a cradle and bound by hand.

Charles Kreischer is the youngest in a family of five children, the others being as follows: Jacob wedded Mary Umbendestock and resides in Big Grove township, Johnson county, Iowa; Mary is the wife of John See, living on a farm near Norway, Iowa; Lizzie married August Blittersdorf and died in Solon, Iowa, in 1892; and Caroline is the wife of Lewis Maybower, living near Lisbon, this county.

During his boyhood and youth Charles Kreischer attended the district schools in winter until seventeen years of age, and worked on the home farm during the remainder of the year. At the age of twenty-two he rented his father's farm of two hundred acres on section 36, Putnam township,



and to it he has since added a tract of forty-seven acres, which he has placed under excellent cultivation, so that he now has one of the best farms in that locality. He has a good residence, and has built a large barn and numerous cattle sheds. He has given considerable attention to the raising of stock, making a specialty of Shorthorn and later of Hereford cattle. He also raises thoroughbred Poland China hogs, and a high grade of horses. He not only feeds all the grain from his own farm to his stock but is compelled to buy more, believing stock raising to be the most profitable branch of farming. As he has made a thorough study of his chosen occupation he is meeting with well-deserved success in his labors. In his political views he is a Republican.

At Cedar Rapids, March 2, 1886, Mr. Kreischer married Miss Anna Zenisheck, who was born April 25, 1866. Her parents, George and Mary (Smith) Zenisheck, are natives of Austria, and in early life came to America about 1855, their marriage being celebrated in Iowa City, Iowa. Mrs. Kreischer is the oldest of their eight children, the others being Lizzie, wife of Joseph Kolba, of Solon, Iowa; Emma, wife of Tony Schervenka, of Cedar Rapids; Rosie, wife of Bert Umbdenstock, of Johnson county, Iowa; Amelia, wife of Frank Myer, of Solon; Mary, wife of Joseph Henick, of Mt. Vernon; George, who died at the age of two years; and Frank, who died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Kreischer have one son, Edward W., born January 14, 1887.

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C. H. RANCK.

C. H. Ranck, now serving as coroner of Linn county, has spent almost his entire life in Cedar Rapids. He was born near

Mt. Carroll, Carroll county, Illinois, December 19, 1860, and is a son of S. L. and Elizabeth (Hollinger) Ranck, natives of Pennsylvania. The Ranck family is of German origin, and was founded in America at quite an early day in the history of this country. Our subject's parental grandfather spent his entire active life in the Keystone state, and died when his son, S. L., was but a small boy. There the latter learned the grocery business by clerking in a store, and also engaged in teaching in early life, after which he engaged in business for himself. In 1862 he removed to Carroll county, Illinois, and purchased a farm near Mt. Carroll, where he engaged in agricultural pursuits for a few years, but subsequently he moved to Mt. Carroll and purchased a livery and bus line, which he conducted for many years. He also owned and ran the first omnibus in the northern part of the state. In 1870 he came to Cedar Rapids and embarked in the livery business at this place, successfully carrying on the same until 1885, since which time he has lived retired from active labor. He is now eighty years of age and continues to make his home in Cedar Rapids. His wife died in 1884, at the age of fifty-six years.

Unto them were born nine children, of whom five sons and two daughters are still living, namely: Emma, wife of Benjamin Carter, an engineer on the Northern Pacific Railroad and a resident of Minneapolis; William, who is his father's successor in the livery business in Cedar Rapids; J. E., who is engaged in the same business in Cedar Rapids; Albert, who is running a hack line in the same city; C. H., the subject of this sketch; Irvin, who has been in the employ of the government as mail carrier for about sixteen years; and Cora, widow of Frank

Holden, who was accidentally killed by the cars in the south. She is now keeping house for her father.

C. H. Ranck was a lad of eight years when he accompanied his parents on their removal to Cedar Rapids, and he is indebted to the public schools of this city for his educational advantages. When a mere boy he began his business career, conducting a small confectionery and fruit stand, and has since been engaged in various other lines of business. In 1887 he established a livery stable, and in connection with that business he has engaged in undertaking since 1892, having taken a course at Clark's School of Embalming at Dubuque, from which institution he and his wife have both obtained diplomas, and in 1898 they passed the required examination and received diplomas from the state board of health at the second examination held in Iowa. His undertaking rooms are at 327 Second avenue, where he has carried on the leading business of the city and only stable on the West Side.

On the 16th of June, 1886, Mr. Ranck was united in marriage with Miss Nellie Tettters, of Marion, Iowa, a daughter of Moses Tettters, who was one of the old settlers of Linn county. They have two children: Edith and Roy, who are now attending the public schools of Cedar Rapids.

For sixteen years Mr. Ranck has been an active member of the Knights of Pythias, and he also belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America, the Knights of Koran, the Ancient Order of United Workmen and the Fraternal Aid. In politics he is a stalwart Republican, and was formerly a member of the county central committee. In the fall of 1897 he was elected coroner of Linn

county, and so creditably and satisfactorily did he fill the office that he was re-elected in 1899, and is the present incumbent.

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REV. A. K. BAIRD.

Among those who have devoted their lives to the work of the ministry is A. K. Baird, who was pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Mt. Vernon for some years, and is now living retired at that place. He was born in Ayrshire, Scotland, January 1, 1839, and is a son of Thomas and Margaret (Canady) Baird, who spent their entire lives in that country. Of their nine children only two came to America, those being our subject and his sister Margaret, wife of John Murdock. They reside in Asheville, North Carolina, where she died January 29, 1901. His oldest brother, James, and his youngest brother, Eben, together with a sister, Isabella, wife of Robert Cunningham, reside in London, England, and the others all died in Scotland. The family all engaged in the draper business.

During his boyhood and youth Mr. Baird attended the public schools of his native land and the Glasgow University. In 1858 he emigrated to Canada, and was a student in the Provincial University for two years, and the Presbyterian Theological Seminary for three years. He then engaged in teaching school in Canada until coming to Iowa in 1865, and for three taught at Clarence, Cedar county. At the end of that time he entered the ministry and was called to the church at Wyoming, Jones county, Iowa. In 1875 he was elected superintendent of missions for the state, and

devoted his attention to that work for seven years, after which he was made superintendent of missions in Minnesota.

In the fall of 1883 Mr. Baird came to Mt. Vernon as pastor of the Presbyterian Church at this place. In 1885 he was superintendent of missions in New England, but in the fall of that year he returned to Mt. Vernon, where he remained for three years. The following year he had charge of the mission work in Montana, but in the fall of 1888 we again find him installed as pastor of the church at Mt. Vernon. Having lost his voice in 1890, he went to Europe and spent one year in travel. After his return to this country he was pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Wichita Falls, Texas, in 1892 and 1893, and in 1894 again went to Montana as superintendent of missions, remaining there until October, 1900, when he returned to Mt. Vernon, Iowa, and is now living retired.

At Whitley, Canada, Mr. Baird married Miss Elizabeth Chisholm, a native of Scotland, who died in 1890. By that union were born two children: Margaret is now the wife of H. N. Fordham, of Wyoming, Jones county, Iowa, and they have one child, Baird. Thomas J., a physician of Victor, Montana, was married in 1890 to Olive Ash, who died on the 26th of July, that year, and in March, 1894, he wedded Sadie Barnhill, of Wyoming, Iowa, by whom he has two children, Kennedy and Elizabeth. Mr. Baird was again married at Mt. Vernon, January 25, 1893, his second union being with Miss Jane Ash, who was born in Linn county, February 17, 1848, and is a daughter of Retben Ash, a prominent pioneer of this county, who is represented on another page of this volume. Mr. Baird is a man of thoughtful, earnest pur-

pose, of strong intellectual endowments, of broad charity and kindly nature, and is held in the highest regard by all who know him. Both he and his wife are widely known and have many warm friends throughout Linn county.

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JOHN S. LOVE, A. M., M. D.

For forty-three years this gentleman has successfully engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery at Springville, Iowa, and is one of the honored and highly respected citizens of that place. He was born in Huntingdon county, Pennsylvania, May 19, 1831, a son of John Love, who was also a native of that state. He received his primary education in the common schools near his boyhood home, and later attended Tuscarora Academy and Jefferson College, receiving the degree of A. B. from the latter institution on his graduation in 1850, and A. M., in 1854.

In 1850 the Doctor went to Harper's Ferry, Virginia, to take charge of Oakdell Academy on the Potomac river, near that place, and remained there one year. He then returned to Pennsylvania, and had charge of the Montview Academy for a year and a half. At the end of that time he went to Philadelphia and completed a course at Jefferson Medical College, where he was graduated March 8, 1856, with the degree of M. D. He was first engaged in practice at Snow Shoe, Pennsylvania, for two years.

On the 9th of December, 1858, Dr. Love arrived in Springville, Iowa, and has made his home here ever since. He soon built up a good practice, which extended over a large territory. In visiting his patients he rode horseback exclusively the first years, and



*J. S. Love*





for some years continued to make most of his professional calls in that way as there were very few good roads in this part of the county at that time. For several years he was the only physician at Springville, and his practice has always been as large as he could conveniently attend to. A man of progressive ideas he has always kept posted on the latest theories and discoveries made in the science of medicine and surgery, and has taken several postgraduate courses, spending three winters at the Jefferson Medical College at Philadelphia, and a part of two at the Bellevue Hospital Medical College and the College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York City. He is acknowledged to be one of the best and most successful physicians in this part of the state. He is a member of the Iowa Union Medical Society, Iowa State Medical Society, and American Medical Association.

Dr. Love was married in Linn county, September 28, 1865, to Miss Alice Stone, a daughter of Joshua D. Stone, who came to this county from New York at an early day. She was born and reared here, and was educated at Cornell College. She died June 22, 1872, and was laid to rest in Springville cemetery.

The Doctor has not only met with success professionally but has also prospered financially during his residence in Springville, and has built and still owns six good residences in the village, besides a fine farm of one hundred and sixty acres. He is a man of good business ability and practical sound common sense. During his vacations he has made a number of trips to the Pacific slope, and has also visited the east several times. Socially he is a member of Springville Lodge, No. 139, A. F. & A. M., and Marion Chapter, No. 10, R. A. M. At one

time he was also connected with Patmos Commandery, No. 27, K. T., of Marion, but is now dimitted. Although not a member of any religious denomination he attends the Presbyterian church and gives to its support, having been reared in that faith. There is probably no man in this part of the county more widely known or universally respected than Dr. Love.

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#### HON. ROBERT SMYTH.

Among the Covenanters of Scotland who fled to the north of Ireland at the time of the persecution was the Smyth family from which the subject of this sketch was descended. He was born near Londonderry, in County Tyrone, Ireland, February 26, 1814, his parents being Jeremiah and Nancy (McElhenny) Smyth, farming people. The family on the mother's side were also Covenanters and were driven out of Scotland.

Robert Smyth was reared on a farm, receiving an ordinary common-school education. At the age of twenty he came to this country, and was employed for six years as a clerk in Bedford county, Pennsylvania. On resigning that position March 4, 1840, he started for the territory of Iowa. The journey was made by stage from Hollidaysburg to Pittsburg, thence by steamer to St. Louis, and up the Mississippi to Bloomington, now Muscatine, Iowa, whence he came to Linn county on foot. For about four months he made his home with Mr. Craig, who was also from Ireland, and during that time he bought a farm near that gentleman's place, on what is now section 8, Franklin township. A log house had previously been built upon the place and eight acres of the

land had been broken. The first year Mr. Smyth planted a crop of wheat, potatoes and corn. In July, 1840, he was joined by his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Alexander, who owned a half interest in the farm, and with them he resided for two years. His parents crossed the Atlantic in June, 1842, accompanied by six daughters and their son James, and the family also located in Linn county. William, another son, had previously settled here, and John, the oldest son, after residing in Philadelphia for some time, removed to this county with his family in 1861. After establishing his parents in a comfortable home our subject went to live with them. The land in this region was not surveyed for some time after he located here, and when it came into market in 1843, he was detailed as a bidder for all the land in Franklin township. His father had entered the northwest quarter of section 8, which he divided among his children, Robert securing forty acres of this. Their nearest markets at that time were Muscatine and Dubuque, and for several years Mr. Smyth floated his farm produce down the Mississippi river on flatboats, as he could obtain a much better price for his grain in St. Louis. For two years he did all his farm with oxen, except plowing corn, and he also hauled his grain to Muscatine with them.

Mr. Smyth made his home with his parents until he was married, July 2, 1846, to Miss Margaret Moffitt, of Cedar county, Iowa, who was also born in County Tyrone, Ireland, in 1826, and was fourteen years of age when she came to the United States with her parents, William and Bessie (Armstrong) Moffitt. Coming direct to Iowa, the family located at Mason's Grove, now Cass township, Cedar county, where Mr. and

Mrs. Moffitt spent the remainder of their lives.

Of the eight children born to our subject and his wife, four died in infancy, while the others are as follows: (1) John J., born in Marion, Iowa, in 1857, was principally educated in the public schools of this county, but attended Cornell College a short time. He is now engaged in general farming and stock raising on the old homestead farm on section 8, Franklin township. In religious faith he is a Presbyterian. He was married in 1879 at Mt. Vernon, to Miss Ella W. Warren, who was born in Franklin township, her parents, William and Rosina (Neal) Warren, being early settlers of this county. Her father was a carpenter by trade. During the Civil war he enlisted in the Thirteenth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and died in the service at Vicksburg when about forty-five years of age. Unto John J. Smyth and wife were born four children: Helen, Anna and Robert, all living; and Warren, deceased. (2) William A. is a retired farmer now residing in Mt. Vernon. (3) Elizabeth was educated in the public schools of Marion and at Cornell College, and resides with her mother at their pleasant home in Mt. Vernon. (4) Anna is the widow of Samuel E. Holden, who died in Napa City, California, December 31, 1900, leaving three children, Robert S., Harold E. and Philip S. Mrs. Holden taught for several terms in the public schools of Cedar Rapids and stood very high in her profession, and was also preceptress of Napa College.

Mr. and Mrs. Smyth began their domestic life in a log house which he erected prior to his marriage on the site of his son John's present home. His wife was to him a true helpmate, and to her encourage-

ment and support he owed not a little of his success. From 1852 to 1866 he was a resident of Marion most of the time, the greater portion of it being spent in a land, banking and law office. On going into the real estate and banking business, he commenced reading law with his younger brother, the late Colonel William Smyth, who came to this country in 1843. In 1854 he was admitted to the bar, and later became a member of the firm of Smyth, Young & Smyth, but he engaged only in office practice. In 1866 he returned to his farm, on which he erected a fine brick residence that year and which he made one of the most attractive places in Franklin township. He was a man of excellent business and executive ability, was industrious, enterprising and progressive, and to these characteristics may be attributed his success in life.

Mr. Smyth was one of the most popular and influential men of his community, and as his fellow citizens recognized his ability he was called upon to fill a number of public positions of honor and trust. He was the first postmaster of Franklin township, which was the only office in this section for some time, and was made township clerk soon after it became necessary to have such an official. In the fall of 1843 he was elected to represent Cedar, Jones, Benton and Linn counties in the lower house of the territorial legislature, and in 1846 became a member of the first general assembly of the state, being elected from Benton and Linn counties. In 1867 he was elected to the state senate by the people of Linn county for a term of four years, and was again elected to the lower house of the twentieth general assembly in the fall of 1883, just forty years from the time he was first elected. He was a member of several important committees,

including the one on constitutional amendments, which was considered the first of importance at that time. He was also chairman of the committee for the suppression of intemperance and engineered the bill through the house. It was said that to his sterling principles, wide and watchful diligence was due much of the early temperance legislation of the state. He always stood for temperance principles and temperance laws, and the prohibition law found in him a staunch advocate and supporter.

Mr. Smyth cast his first presidential vote for Martin Van Buren. He was an abolitionist from the start, and in 1852 voted for J. P. Hale. On the organization of the Republican party in 1856, he joined its ranks and always remained a staunch supporter of its principles. In the fall of 1861 he was appointed by President Lincoln as paymaster in the United States army, and held that position until May, 1866, with headquarters at St. Louis and Davenport, his payments being made in Iowa, Missouri, Arkansas, Kentucky, Tennessee and Mississippi. During this period he disbursed from the government treasury the vast sum of over ten million dollars, and furnished satisfactory vouchers for every dollar paid out. His public and private life were alike above reproach, and he had the confidence and respect of all with whom he came in contact either in business or social affairs. It was said of him that he "was twenty years an Irishman, sixty years an American, and eighty years a Christian gentleman." He died on Sunday, April 3, 1898, honored and respected by all who knew him. He was a Presbyterian in religious belief and an elder in the Mt. Vernon church. His advice was sought in church councils, as it was always wise and practical, while he was simple in



his faith and childlike in his trust. For thirty years he was a trustee of Cornell College; with the exception of two years he was closely identified with the administrative work as a member of the executive committee. Not only was he liberal of his time in behalf of the college, but also gave freely of his means to its support in early years when contributions were especially needed. He was also a member of the board of Coe College for many years. It is but just and merited praise to say of Mr. Smyth, that as a business man he ranked with the ablest; as a citizen he was honorable, prompt and true to every engagement; as a man he held the honor and esteem of all classes of people, of all creeds and political proclivities; as a husband and father he was a model worthy of all imitation; unassuming in manner, sincere in his friendships, steadfast and unswerving in his loyalty to the right. Throughout his career of continued and far-reaching usefulness, his duties were performed with the greatest care, and during a long life his personal honor and integrity were without blemish.

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#### JOHN M. REDMOND.

John M. Redmond, mayor of Cedar Rapids and a leading attorney of that place, is a man whose worth and ability have gained him success, honor and public confidence. He was born in Syracuse, New York, on the 8th of April, 1859, his parents being Edward and Adelia (Dowd) Redmond. The father is a native of Dublin, Ireland, and was a child when he came alone to the United States, about 1846, locating in Syracuse, New York, where he followed the saddler's trade. There he married Adelia Dowd, who

was born in Kells, Ireland, and they continued to make their home in Syracuse until coming to Mt. Vernon, Iowa, in 1866. There the father engaged in the harness and saddlery business for two years, and later followed the same pursuit in Cedar Rapids for six years; but in 1895 he returned to Syracuse, New York, where he is now living a retired life. The wife and mother died May 14, 1891, leaving a family of six children, of whom John M. and George are still residents of Cedar Rapids.

The common schools of Mt. Vernon afforded John M. Redmond his early educational privileges, and later he was a student at Cornell College, in the same place. He then entered the law department of the State University, and was graduated in the class of 1881, with the degree of LL. B. The same year he was admitted to the bar, and began practice in Cedar Rapids in January, 1883, as a member of the firm of Smith, Powell & Redmond, his partners being Milo P. Smith and J. J. Powell. This connection continued about a year, since which time he has been alone and has successfully engaged in general practice before all the courts, making for himself an enviable reputation in his chosen profession. His practice is now quite large and lucrative. He is interested in a number of different business enterprises, and is now a director of the Peoples Savings Bank of Cedar Rapids.

On the 20th of February, 1895, Mr. Redmond married Miss Channie J. Porter, of Cedar Rapids, a daughter of J. S. Porter. They have a fine home on First avenue in one of the best parts of the city. Mr. Redmond attends and supports the Christian church, of which his wife is a member, and has taken an active part in supporting the charitable institutions of the city.

The Democratic party has always found in Mr. Redmond a staunch adherent, and he has been an active member of the executive committee, though he has never neglected his professional duties for politics. In 1890 he was elected on his party ticket as county attorney, and ably filled that office two years. In March, 1898, he was elected mayor of the city, and two years later was re-elected by a largely increased majority, which shows conclusively that his duties were most faithfully and satisfactorily performed. During his administration there have been many important improvements made in the city in paving, sewerage and financing. Externally Mr. Redmond is a prominent member of Crescent Lodge, F. & A. M., in which he has held different offices; and also belongs to the chapter and council of that order; the Odd Fellows' Lodge, No. 141; the Protective Order of Elks; and the Improved Order of Red Men. He has passed through all the chairs in the last named society.

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#### HENRY F. BORGHART.

Henry F. Borghart, deceased, was numbered among the honored pioneers of Linn county, who located here when this region was wild and unimproved. In the work of development he took an active part in early days and aided in opening up the county to civilization. As the years passed he faithfully performed his duties of citizenship and his interest in the welfare and progress of the community never abated. Becoming widely and favorably known he made many friends and his death was a loss to the entire community.

Mr. Borghart was born near Berlin,

Germany, on the 3d day of March, 1838, and in 1847 accompanied his parents on their emigration to the new world, being the only one of their family who reached years of maturity. Coming at once to Linn county, Iowa, the father, Frederick Borghart, purchased a small farm of forty acres in College township, on which a log house had previously been erected. He was in limited circumstances on coming to this country, but succeeded in his farming operations here and after paying for his first tract made additional purchases. The mother of our subject died on the home farm December 12, 1871, at the age of fifty-seven, and the father subsequently married Mrs. Catherine Fuhrmeister, and removed to Ely, where he resided for several years, but he died on the old homestead in College township in 1889. His second wife died at the home of her son, Andrew Fuhrmeister, in Ely, in 1890.

On his arrival in College township, Frederick Borghart erected a log-cabin about fourteen feet square, in which the family lived until August, 1849, at which time a tornado swept over this section of the state and completely demolished the cabin, sweeping it entirely away and destroying all the furniture, scattering the bedding and clothing beyond recall, and rendering the family completely homeless. When the tornado struck the cabin, the parents and their son, Henry F., our subject, were in bed. They were blown several feet from the site of the cabin, and although they were partially covered with broken timbers, their injuries were slight and they recovered in a few days' time. After the storm was over the neighbors gathered together and assisted in rebuilding the cabin, and the family then occupied it until 1857, when a larger and more commodious dwelling was erected.

Henry F. Borghart began his education in the schools of Germany, and after coming to this country attended the public schools of College township, Linn county, for a time. He grew to manhood amid pioneer scenes. The father purchased his first wagon and a team of oxen in Illinois, and then ferried them across the river at Muscatine. Our subject aided in the arduous task of transforming the wild prairie land into richly cultivated fields, and he and his father carried on the farm together for some time. Later he purchased it, and as he succeeded in his agricultural labors he added to it from time to time until at his death he owned five hundred and forty acres in the home tract and lands in other places, which he had placed under excellent cultivation and improved by the erection of some good, substantial buildings. He carried on general farming quite extensively, and was also successfully engaged in stock raising. His prosperity was due to hard labor and good management, and he well merited the success that attended his efforts.

In 1861 Mr. Borghart married Miss Jane Fuhrmeister, who died in 1872, leaving three children, who grew to maturity, namely: Amelia, wife of George Smith, of College township; Frederick, also a resident of College township; and Martha, wife of Henry Wilkins, of the same township. They were all educated in the public schools near their childhood home.

On the 24th of October, 1875, Mr. Borghart was again married, his second union being with Mrs. Louisa (Niles) Pierce, a native of Erie county, Pennsylvania, and daughter of Henry and Catherine (Pulis) Niles, and the widow of Robert Pierce, by whom she bore one son, Ernest, born December 14, 1869, and who

is now a land owner of Sac county, Iowa, but residing at Lytton, in the same state. Mrs. Borghart was one of the early teachers of Linn county, and followed that profession for some ten or twelve years. In 1860 her father brought his family to this county and for a time was engaged in farming in College township, but finally sold his farm there and removed to Sac county, Iowa. Subsequently he returned to Linn county, and died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Borghart, in College township, February 22, 1895, at the age of eighty-two years. His wife, who was born April 18, 1816, still survives him, and continues to reside with her daughter. Mr. Niles was an earnest and consistent Christian and the Belle Prairie Baptist Church was organized through his influence and that of his brother-in-law, Aaron B. Pulis. In his family were five children: A. C., who was a soldier of the Civil war and was killed in the battle of Winchester; William F., who served four years in the Union army and is now engaged in farming in Sac county, Iowa; George, also a resident of Sac county; Louisa, now Mrs. Borghart, and Elnora J., who married Mortimer Hulce and died December 6, 1900. By his second marriage Mr. Borghart had four children: Jennie, George, and Katie and Matie, twins.

Mr. Borghart died on his farm June 6, 1893, and was laid to rest in College township cemetery. In politics he was a Democrat, and being a very influential and popular man in his community he was called upon to fill several local offices. He took a very active part in church work as a member of the United Evangelical Church, of which his wife was also a member, and was officially connected with the same for many years. It was mainly through his untiring



labor and influence that a church was organized and maintained in College township, and he was also a very active worker in the Sunday-school, being the superintendent many years.

In 1897 Mrs. Borghart removed to Cedar Rapids in order to give her children better educational advantages than the country schools afforded, and purchased the home which they now occupy at 1102 South First street, west. As the children will graduate from the high school in the spring of 1901, it is her intention to return to the farm in College township. She is a woman of good business and executive ability, and to her aid and encouragement not a little of Mr. Borghart's success was due. She is highly esteemed wherever known, and has made many friends during her residence in Cedar Rapids.

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#### A. W. VONDRACEK.

A. W. Vondracek, a prominent hardware merchant of Cedar Rapids, enjoys the well-earned distinction of being what the public calls a "self-made man," and an analyzation of his well-directed effort and honorable dealing have been the essential features in his prosperity.

Mr. Vondracek was born in Johnson county, Iowa, March 15, 1872, and is a son of John and Marie (Sedlacek) Vondracek, both natives of Austria, though they were married in Iowa City. They came to the United States in 1866, landing in New York. After their marriage they located in Johnson county, where the father followed farming until his death, which occurred July 16, 1892. The mother is still living, and continues to carry on the farm. She also has charge of the postoffice at Gregg, of which

her husband was postmaster for six years. Our subject is the third in order of birth in their family of twelve children, nine sons and three daughters, all of whom are still living with the exception of Joseph, who was drowned, June 15, 1891, at the age of twenty-one years.

A. W. Vondracek was reared on the home farm and was educated in the country schools of the neighborhood. At the age of seventeen he went to Danforth, Iowa, to take a position as salesman and traveled throughout the country selling a miscellaneous stock of goods for one year. At the age of nineteen he came to Cedar Rapids in search of employment, and being unsuccessful he accepted a position as bar-tender with George Stary, with whom he remained one year, still continuing his search for other work. Later he was employed by E. Z. Bontty, a dealer in farm implements, and three months later commenced clerking in the shoe department of The Fair, but remained there only one month.

Having saved some money, and feeling the need of a better education, Mr. Vondracek then entered the Cedar Rapids Business College, where he took a thorough course in its various branches of learning. Being offered a position by Heomatko Brothers, retail grocers, he relinquished his studies, and was in the employ of that firm for one year. In 1892 he accepted the position of manager of the Bohemian Grocery on the west side, and served in that capacity for three years. On the 14th of January, 1895, he formed a partnership with W. H. Stepanek, as dealers in general hardware, bicycles, sporting goods and groceries on the west side, and took charge of the grocery and hardware departments. Two years later they disposed of their grocery stock and es-



tablished a branch house in the old post-office building at the corner of Second avenue and Second street. At first their floor space was only 20x80 feet, but on account of an increase in trade more space was needed, and it was found necessary to secure the adjoining store room, so that they now have 40x80 feet. On enlarging their store they moved their entire stock from the west side in the fall of 1897. The firm does a large wholesale business in bicycles and sporting goods, and Mr. Stepanek represents that department on the road most of the time during the winter season. In 1899 they added a stock of dry goods, but on account of their limited space soon disposed of the same.

On the 12th of September, 1895, Mr. Vondracek married Miss Victoria L. Sevcik, who is the third in order of birth in a family of four children, one son and three daughters. She is a native of Schuyler, Nebraska, and a daughter of Felix J. and Margaret Sevcik, both of whom were born in Austria, and came to America early in life, being married in Wisconsin. The father is a blacksmith by trade, and is now a resident of Cedar Rapids.

In his political affiliations Mr. Vondracek is a Republican. Socially he is an honored member of the Woodmen of the World, and the Knights of Pythias, and is one of the charter members of Cedar Rapids Lodge, No. 98. He is well known as a straightforward and reliable business man and well deserves the success that has come to him.

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#### WILLIAM H. HARRISON.

The subject of this sketch, who is successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits on sections 27 and 28, Bertram township,

was born in this county, on the 18th of September, 1859, and is a son of Jacob and Ardelia (Look) Harrison, natives of New Jersey and New York, respectively. He was born in West Milford, Passaic county, New Jersey, February 16, 1835. They were married in the latter state, at Painted Post, and in 1856 started for Kansas, but on reaching Mt. Vernon, Iowa, they decided to stop on account of the mother being in ill health. For some time Mr. Harrison was engaged in cutting timber, and also worked for a time in the Belden sawmill and then rented a farm, being engaged in agricultural pursuits until 1863, when he went to Idaho during the gold excitement in that state. When he left for the mountains he sent his family to New York, and about the close of the Civil war he rejoined them in that state, bringing them back to Linn county, Iowa. He purchased what is now known as a part of the Caldwell farm, in Bertram township, on which he lived for ten years, and in 1885 bought the James Berry farm of two hundred acres, which he disposed of, though he afterward moved to another farm, where he lived for nine years. His first wife died October 2, 1890, and was buried in Mt. Vernon. He subsequently spent one year with a married daughter on the old home farm, and then went to California. He has since been back and forth a number of times, but has resided permanently in that state since his second marriage with Mrs. Millie Kuple in the fall of 1899, having sold his possessions in Iowa. The children by his first union were Almeda, wife of Walter Berry, of Bertram township; W. H., our subject; Mary wife of Frank Brown, who lives on the old homestead farm; Jacob J., who married Hannah Berry and lives in Bertram township; Lucinda J., wife of



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Frank Thompson, of Marion township; and one who died in infancy.

W. H. Harrison only attended the subscription schools until ten years of age, and then commenced hauling railroad ties and logs on his father's farm, there being considerable timber upon the place. He remained under the parental roof until his marriage, which was celebrated at the home of the bride in Bertram township, March 30, 1880, the lady of his choice being Miss Jennie Berry, who was born in this county, April 11, 1861. Her father, Robert Berry, was born in Ohio, July 4, 1828, a son of Samuel and Mary (Emmons) Berry, the former of Irish, the latter of English descent. On starting out in life for himself he first followed farming and later engaged in railroad contracting for a time. Coming to Iowa in 1851, he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land in Bertram township, Linn county, which has now been his home for half a century. In his farming operations he has met with remarkable success, and in stock raising has also prospered, having been extensively engaged in that industry. He added to his original purchase from time to time until he owned nearly one thousand acres of valuable farming land. His is one of the model farms of the county, being supplied with all modern improvements and accessories known to the progressive farmer of the present century. In the spring of 1901 he rented his farm and removed to Cedar Rapids, where his time is taken up attending to his numerous business interests. Mr. Berry was married in this county, April 25, 1854, to Miss Nancy Thorington, who was born near Crawfordsville, Montgomery county, Indiana, July 4, 1834, a daughter of Alexander and Martha (Webb) Thorington, natives of Maryland.

Eight children were born of this union, namely: Walter H. married Rachel Harrison and resides on a farm in Bertram township; Charles E. married first Luella Byers, and second Lina Morrison, and is also a farmer of Bertram township; Jennie E. is the wife of our subject; Addison A. married Ella Hunter and makes his home in Mt. Vernon; Robert Orville married Rachel Cory and lives on a farm in Marion township; William Jasper married Bertie H. Hutchinson and lives on a farm in Bertram township; John Frederick married Ida McCloud and resides in Cedar Rapids; and one died in infancy. The parents of these children are members of the Methodist church and are most estimable people.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Harrison were born the following children: Robert J., born February 9, 1881; Eva, born January 1, 1883; Edna M., who was born May 2, 1885, and died March 18, 1895; William H., who was born December 11, 1887, and died March 5, 1888; Nellie, born July 19, 1890; Myrtle, born September 3, 1894; and Ruth, born April 29, 1897.

For a year and a half after his marriage Mr. Harrison rented a farm of his father, and then purchased forty-eight and a half acres of land in Bertram township, on which he lived for about three years and a half. On selling that place he returned to the old homestead, where the following year was passed, and then rented a farm of his father-in-law. After residing thereon for one year he removed to Mt. Vernon, where he was engaged in the livery business for about three years. He traded his property there for three hundred and twenty acres of land in Dakota, and on disposing of that bought twenty-nine acres of timberland in this county, making his home thereon for two



years. At the end of that time he returned to the farm on sections 27 and 28, Bertram township, where he now resides. This place had been given to Mrs. Harrison by her father. He has made many valuable improvements upon the place, including the erection of a splendid residence with modern conveniences, and has also built good barns, cattle sheds, etc. He devotes considerable attention to buying, feeding and selling stock, and from this branch of his business derives a good income.

Mr. Harrison attends the Methodist church, and is a member of Star of Bethlehem Lodge, No. 3, K. P., of Mt. Vernon; Trojan Lodge, No. 6, A. F. & A. M., of Marion; and Bertram Lodge, No. 534, I. O. O. F., of Bertram. He is a staunch supporter of the men and measures of the Democratic party, believing that its principles are best calculated to advance the interests of the people. He has filled the offices of township trustee and school director, and is now serving as school treasurer of Bertram township. He is one of the most popular and influential citizens of his community.

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#### FRANK M. ROGERS.

Numbered among the energetic and prosperous farmers and stock raisers of Bertram township is Frank M. Rogers, who carries on his chosen occupation on section 2. He was born on the 13th of April, 1844, in Allegany county, New York, of which state his parents, Stillman and Rachel (Soper) Rogers, were also natives. There the mother died in 1844 during the infancy of our subject, and four years later the father married Sally Graves, who was born in

the same state and died in 1884. The father's death occurred in 1892. By his first union he had seven children, namely: E. Allen, who served through the Civil war as a member of Company I, One Hundred and Eighty-ninth New York Volunteer Infantry, married Susan Graves and resided in Willing, Allegany county, New York. John, who served through the war as a member of the Eighth Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, married Amelia Withey, and also lives in Willing, New York. Josiah, who was a member of the Sixty-fourth New York Regiment, married Amelia Withey and makes his home in Willing. Maria married Charles Chaste, who served in the First Iowa Cavalry and afterward went west, dying in Wyoming. She now makes her home in Martin county, Minnesota. She has two sons, one of whom is with the army in the Philippines, and the other is in the Klondike. Sarah married William Guinnip, who died in the service of his country while a member of a New York regiment, and in 1868 she wedded James George, now a resident of East Chain, Martin county, Minnesota. George, who served four years and nine months in the First Iowa Cavalry, wedded Mary Williams, who died in 1894, and he lives in Mt. Vernon, this county. Frank M. completes the family.

Until nineteen years of age the subject of this sketch attended the district school of New York, and worked in a sawmill for a number of years, after which he purchased twenty-five acres of land and turned his attention to agricultural pursuits. On the 19th of June, 1864, he, too, joined the boys in blue, becoming a member of Company I, One Hundred and Eighty-ninth New York Volunteer Infantry, which was mustered in at Elmira, New York, and was then ordered

to Washington, D. C. From there they went to Center Point, near Richmond, Virginia, and did scout duty in that locality until Lee's surrender. Mr. Rogers participated in the battle of Hatchie's Run, the Weldon Railroad raid, and the engagements at Five Forks and Gravel Run, and was mustered out and discharged at Elmira, New York, June 10, 1865.

Mr. Rogers was married, September 30, 1863, to Miss Margaret M. Sawyer, who was born in Independence, Allegany county, New York, February 9, 1846, a daughter of Elder Joel C. and Almira Kimbel Sawyer, also natives of the Empire state, where they made their home throughout life. The father, who was a minister of the Universalist church, died in 1882, and the mother departed this life in 1881. Mrs. Rogers was the second in order of birth in their family of three children. Her brother, Rev. Charles Sawyer, married and one night just four weeks after his marriage he, his wife and his wife's father were accidentally drowned in the Connecticut river by driving off a ferryboat. Mrs. Roger's sister, Mary, wedded Chester Brownson, and for her second husband married George Keeler. She died at their home in Blaine, Washington.

Our subject and his wife are the parents of seven children: (1) Lenora A., born in Allegany county, New York, May 6, 1865, is now the wife of C. H. Emerson, of Rockford, Illinois, and they have one child, Blanche. (2) Lillian E., born in New York, May 21, 1867, is the wife of Charles Linder, of Grand Rapids, Michigan, and they have two children, Pearl and Isabella. (3) Herbert L., born in Minnesota, July 3, 1871, wedded Mary Mattine and lives in Minneapolis. (4) Chester C., born in Minnesota, October 31, 1875, assists his father in the

operation of the home farm. During the Spanish-American war, he enlisted June 27, 1898, in Company F, Forty-ninth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and contracting typhoid fever while in the service, he was sent home on a furlough and was ill for seven weeks. He was finally discharged on account of disability December 26, 1898. (5) George W., born in Minnesota, September 13, 1878. (6) Elsworth L., born in Wisconsin, June 12, 1886, and (7) Hazel E., born in Bertram, Linn county, Iowa, June 7, 1892, are all at home.

In 1869 Mr. Rogers removed from New York to Martin county, Minnesota, where he took a homestead and proved up his claim, remaining there until 1883, when he sold his farm and went to East Troy, Walworth county, Wisconsin. There he purchased a gristmill, which he operated for nearly six years, and on disposing of that came to Linn county, Iowa. He first bought a farm of one hundred and one acres on section 2, Bertram township, and on selling that purchased another farm of one hundred and eighty-four acres near Marion, known as the Andy Safely farm, which he subsequently sold. He next bought a part of the Blaine estate, consisting of one hundred and sixty-nine acres on section 4, Bertram township, and later purchased eighty and a half acres where he now resides. This is within the corporate limits of Bertram and has been laid off in town lots. Here he has a nice home, a good orchard and all modern improvements, and is now practically living a retired life, while his sons carry on the farm. In connection with general farming he has engaged in raising a high grade of horses, cattle and hogs for market, and has met with good success in his undertakings.

Fraternally Mr. Rogers is a member of

Marion Lodge, No. 6, A. F. & A. M.; is a charter member of Bertram Lodge, No. 534, I. O. O. F., in which he has filled all the chairs; and also belongs to W. C. Dimmit Post, No. 400, G. A. R. In his political affiliations he is a stanch Republican, and was the second trustee ever elected on his party ticket in Bertram township. While a resident of Silver Lake, Martin county, Minnesota, he served as justice of the peace for a number of years, and was also supervisor for four years. He is a public spirited citizen, and takes a deep and commendable interest in all enterprises calculated to prove of public benefit.

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#### GEORGE T. HEDGES.

This gentleman is entitled to distinction as one of the most enterprising and progressive men of Linn county, and has for almost twenty years been prominently identified with the interests of Cedar Rapids. Upon the commercial activity of a community depends its prosperity and the men who are now recognized as leading citizens are those who are at the head of extensive business enterprises. Mr. Hedges is a man of broad capabilities who carries forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes.

A native of New York, he was born near Red Creek, Wayne county, December 19, 1851, and is a son of David T. and Cynthia (Titus) Hedges, and a grandson of Samuel and Mary (Talmage) Hedges. The grandmother was a cousin of T. De Witt Talmage. In early life her husband followed school teaching until about 1820, when he removed to Poughkeepsie, New

York, and purchased a farm, turning his attention to agricultural pursuits. Subsequently he went to Wayne county, that state, when it was considered the far west, and bought another farm, on which he spent the remainder of his life. Samuel was a family name, it being also borne by the great-grandfather of our subject.

David T. Hedges, our subject's father, was born at Southampton, Long Island, New York, October 27, 1819, and accompanied his parents on their removal to Poughkeepsie, Wayne county, New York, where he grew to manhood and married Miss Cynthia Titus about 1842. She was an orphan at an early age, and died when our subject was only six years old. The father continued to make his home in Wayne county until 1860, when he removed to the northeastern corner of Cayuga county, New York, where he resided until coming to Cedar county, Iowa, in 1869. Here he followed farming and stock raising, and did much to introduce a better grade of stock into the state. At the time of his death he was one of the directors of the First National Bank of Pipton. He took an active and commendable interest in public affairs, and served as one of the supervisors of his county. In religious belief he was a Presbyterian, to which church the mother of our subject also belonged. He died in Cedar county, December 4, 1895. For his second wife he married Miss Jane Hamilton, who still survives him.

George T. Hedges began his education in the common schools of Cayuga county, New York, and after the removal of the family to this state attended the high school at Durant, Cedar county, and the academy at Wilton. He then aided his father on the farm until 1877, when he went



to Iowa City and took a course in the law department of the University of Iowa, where he was graduated the following year with the degree of LL. B. He was admitted to practice both in the Iowa and United States courts, and opened an office in Geneva, Nebraska, where he remained until the spring of 1882.

It was then that Mr. Hedges came to Cedar Rapids and entered the real estate business, being in the employ of a Mr. Young for four years and a half. During that time he became thoroughly familiar with the business in all its details, and since then has engaged in the same line on his own account. He handles principally Cedar Rapids property, and has made a success of it from the start, having built up the largest real estate business of any firm in the city. For some years he has made judicious investments for himself, as well as handling a large amount of property for other persons, and has been interested in a number of subdivisions of the city. He was one of a syndicate of five who bought forty-three thousand acres of land in Mississippi three years ago, and have since disposed to advantage of over thirty thousand acres. Mr. Hedges has also dealt extensively in land in northwestern Iowa. He was one of the organizers and president of the Cedar Rapids Auditorium Company, which built the auditorium at this place in 1899-1900. It is the second largest building of the kind in the state, having a seating capacity of thirty-five hundred; is built of brick and cost thirty-five thousand dollars. Mr. Hedges is also president of the Cedar Rapids & Marion Telephone Company, which has exchanges here and lines to Marion, and has one thousand subscribers in Cedar Rapids, and it was the means of bring-

ing down the rates in the city forty per cent. He is president of the Kilborn Paper Company for manufacturing sensitized photographic and developing paper.

On the 9th of September, 1874, Mr. Hedges was united in marriage with Miss Mary D. Gabriel, of Cedar county, Iowa, a daughter of I. N. and Cleopatra Gabriel; and to them were born three children: Harry T., who is now his father's partner in business; Nellie, a student at Lake Forest University; and Horace G. The family have a beautiful home at the corner of Third avenue and Twelfth street, which was built by Mr. Hedges six years ago. They attend and support the Presbyterian Church.

In politics Mr. Hedges was always a Democrat until the question of free silver became a national issue, since which time he has voted with the Republican party. In the spring of 1897 he was elected alderman for the second ward, and has since served as president of the council and chairman of the judiciary committee. He has also been a member of the finance committee. During his administration the water works question has come prominently before the people, and the city has bought the property on which the old city hall stands, as a site for a new city hall, largely through the efforts of Mr. Hedges. Three different fire stations have been built, and the apparatus for the same has been largely increased. Mr. Hedges is past chancellor of the Knights of Pythias fraternity, and a director of the Masonic Temple Association. He took an active part in the erection of the temple, the lot and building of which cost one hundred and ten thousand dollars. The record of his life is that of a man who through his own well directed efforts has worked his way upward to a position of affluence. His



life has been one of industry and perseverance, and the systematic and honorable business methods which he has followed have won him the support and confidence of his fellow citizens. During his residence in Cedar Rapids he has championed every movement designed to promote the general welfare, has supported every enterprise for the public good, and has materially aided in the advancement of all social, educational and moral interests.

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#### JOHN R. GARDNER, M. D.

Among the medical practitioners of Linn county, none have been more successful in the treatment of various diseases than this well-known physician and surgeon of Lisbon. He is a native of Iowa, born in Johnson county, September 23, 1875, and is a son of Enos Howard and Susan M. (Marshall) Gardner, natives of New York and Ohio, respectively. They were married in the latter state, where they continued to reside until coming to Iowa in 1866, when they took up their residence in Johnson county, the father buying one hundred and sixty acres in Union township. To the improvement and cultivation of that place he devoted his energies until called to his final rest in the spring of 1881, at the age of forty-eight years, his remains being interred in the Unity Church cemetery of Johnson county. The mother now makes her home in Iowa City.

In the family of this worthy couple were eight children, namely: Howard, who married Addie Mangus and lives on a farm in Hayes county, Nebraska; Mary, wife of C. W. Drake, a farmer of Johnson county,

Iowa; Allen, who married Florence Reeve and resides on a farm in Dundee county, Nebraska; Charles, who married Laura Reeves and is engaged in farming in Johnson county, this state; Herbert, who married Jennie Groves and is engaged in the practice of dentistry at Williamsburg, Iowa county; Lucy F., who is teaching in the public schools of Iowa City; John R., our subject; and Grace, wife of Dr. A. W. Howe, a practicing physician, of Des Moines, Iowa.

During his boyhood Dr. Gardner pursued his studies in the district schools of Johnson county until twelve years of age, and then attended the Iowa City Academy and the Commercial School of Short Hand, both of Iowa City, graduating from the latter institution with the class of 1893. He then entered the medical department of the Iowa State University, and in the spring of 1897 took a special course in bacteriology, graduating from that institution with the degree of M. D., in 1899. He then received the appointment of resident physician in the State University Hospital at Iowa City, and after holding that position for one year came to Lisbon and opened an office. In the middle of March, 1900, he went to Davenport to take charge of the smallpox pest house, and remained there one month before coming to Lisbon. He treated a number of serious cases of smallpox and never lost a patient suffering with that dread disease. Since coming to Lisbon he has been eminently successful, and has already built up a good practice which is constantly increasing. He is now serving as health officer of the city.

In the spring of 1893 Dr. Gardner joined the Iowa National Guards, becoming a member of Company I, of the old Second Regiment. The following year he was

made corporal; in 1897 was promoted to sergeant; and in April, 1898, became first sergeant, in which capacity he served during the succeeding eight months. During that time the company was mustered into the United States army at Des Moines, May 17, 1898, and was sent to Jacksonville, Florida, to be in readiness to take part in the Spanish-American war if their services were needed. They were then under the command of Major-General Lawton, and afterward became a part of the Seventh Army Corps under Brigadier-General Fitzhugh Lee. They remained in camp at Jacksonville, Florida, from the 23d of May to the 13th of September, and then returned to Des Moines, where they were mustered out November 30. During his service the Doctor had a severe attack of typhoid fever. In March, 1899, the order came for the Iowa National Guard to reorganize, and he re-enlisted at Iowa City in Company I, Fiftieth Regiment, and was unanimously chosen captain of his company, but in November, 1900, he resigned on account of the increase in his practice and a change of location. He held the state championship as a sharp shooter, and in a contest at the rifle range in Cedar Rapids he won the United States marksmanship as a crack rifle shot. In this practice he has few if any equals in Iowa.

Religiously Dr. Gardner is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church of Lisbon, and is secretary of the Bible Association. He also belongs to Benjamin Franklin Lodge, A. F. & A. M., which has recently been organized in Lisbon; the Iowa Legion of Honor; the Modern Woodmen Camp at Iowa City; and Corinth Lodge, No. 24, K. P., of the same place, in which he has served as vice-chancellor. In politics he is a Republican. He has already become widely known

in Lisbon and the surrounding country, and is held in the highest regard by his many friends here and elsewhere.

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#### JAMES BUFORD SPEAKE.

This well-known and successful agriculturist residing on section 19, Grant township, was born in Kentucky, on the 20th of December, 1830, and is a son of John K. and Julia A. (Raley) Speake. The father was also born in that state, August 1, 1800, and about 1836 removed to Illinois, where he engaged in farming on rented land until coming to Linn county, Iowa, in 1840. He entered one hundred and sixty acres of wild land on section 19, of what is now Grant township, but then formed a part of Washington township, and he also entered a tract of one hundred and sixty acres of timber land in Benton county. Throughout life he continued to make his home in Grant township, Linn county, and placed the farm under a high state of cultivation. In politics he was a Republican, and for eight years acceptably filled the office of justice of the peace. He died September 1, 1876, honored and respected by all who knew him, and was laid to rest at Urbana, Benton county. His wife, who was a native of Virginia, passed away in 1866, and was buried at the same place.

In their family were eleven children, namely: Thomas Jefferson, who died in Benton county, in 1893; Elizabeth, wife of John Bryson; Bernard G., a resident of Kansas; James, our subject; Charles C., who died in Benton county, in 1893; Rebecca Jane, deceased; Cordelia, wife of Louis Gates, of Harrison county, Iowa; Maria Ann, wife of Hiram Carpenter, of Jefferson county, Iowa; Lyman Beecher, who died in

infancy; George Washington, a retired farmer of Rockford, Illinois; and Eliza Ellen, wife of Ezekiel Polen, a farmer of Harrison county, Iowa.

During the residence of the family in Illinois James B. Speake attended its public schools, and after coming to Iowa pursued his studies in the schools of Center Point and the district schools of Grant township, Linn county, until twenty years of age. He worked on the home farm until 1864, when he went to Montana and engaged in gold mining, but not meeting with success in that venture he returned to this county after an absence of a year and a half. For a time he engaged in carpentering in Grant township, and then purchased sixty-six acres of land in Benton county, forty two acres of which was wild prairie, while the remainder was covered with timber. On selling that place he bought one hundred and sixty acres of land in Grant township, Linn county, from his father and made his home thereon until 1887, when he went to Arkansas and engaged in farming for a year and a half. He then returned to this county and lived in Walker until 1894, when he again located on his farm on section 19, Grant township, spending two years there. The following three years were passed at Walker, but since then he has resided upon his farm and successfully engaged in its operation.

In 1860, Mr. Speake married Miss Rebecca Gillan, who died two years later, and the two children born of this union are also deceased, the remains of all being interred at Center Point. He was married in 1876 to Miss Laura F. Green, who died in 1889, and is buried at Walker. They adopted three children, two of whom died in Arkansas, while the other died in Walker. In 1892 Mr. Speake was again married, his third

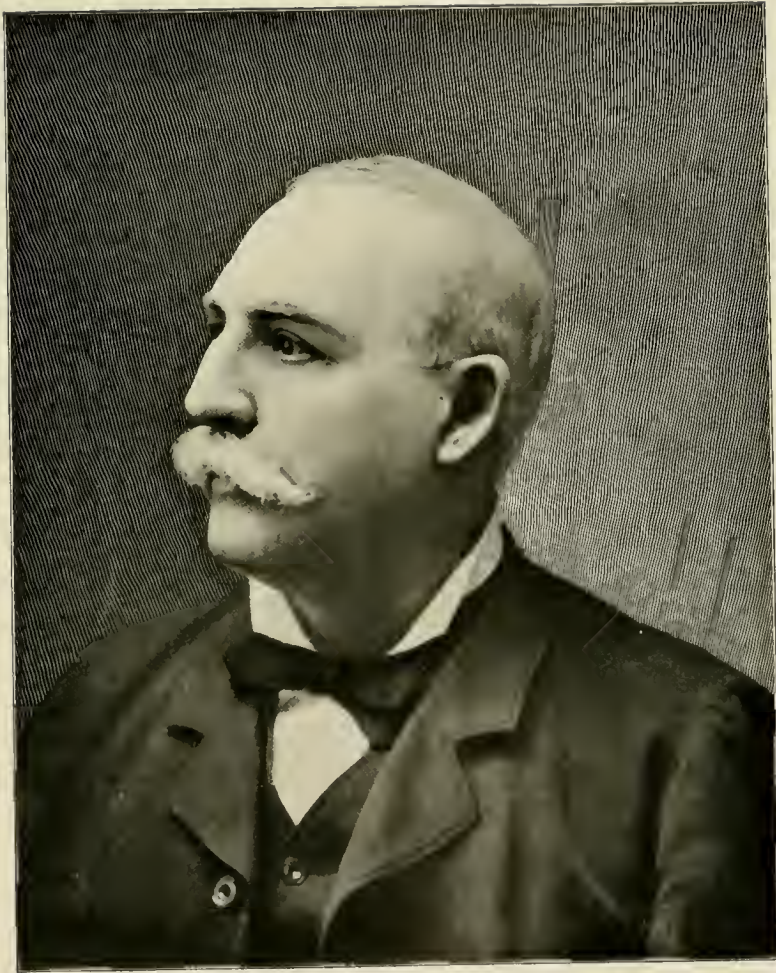
union being with Miss Hattie N. Ford, a daughter of E. J. and Mary S. Ford, natives of Massachusetts and Ohio, respectively. Her parents came to Iowa in 1870, and first located in Linn county, and now reside in Grant township. Their children were Edward, a resident of Hamilton county, Iowa; Hattie N., wife of our subject; Louis, a resident of the state of Washington; Enos, of Hamilton county, Iowa; George, of Elgin, Iowa; Frank, who died in infancy; Fred, of Independence, Iowa; Bessie, a school teacher residing with our subject; and Mary, who also lives in Grant township. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Speake have been born three children, Nina Ruth, Myrtle Vienna and Hazel.

Since attaining his majority, Mr. Speake has always been a staunch supporter of the Republican party, and he served as clerk of Washington township when Grant township still formed a part of it. Both he and his wife are members of the Free Methodist church and are people of the highest respectability who have a host of warm friends throughout this county.

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#### JOSEPH SUTHERLAND COOK.

The financial and commercial history of Cedar Rapids would be very incomplete and unsatisfactory without a personal and somewhat extended mention of those whose lives are so closely interwoven with the development of the business interests of the city. For many years the city had no more prominent or influential business man than Mr. Cook, whose attention was principally devoted to the wholesale dry goods and grocery trade, but he was also identi-



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fied with other business enterprises which were of material benefit to the city.

Mr. Cook was born in Argyle, Washington county, New York, on the 9th of April, 1828, and was a son of Dr. Robert and Elizabeth (Sutherland) Cook, the former born near Albany, New York, and the latter in Canada, a daughter of Captain Sutherland, of the British army, who was a Scotchman by birth. Dr. Cook was successfully engaged in the practice of medicine until the partial loss of his eyesight compelled his retirement when about fifty years of age. Both he and his wife died in Jamestown, New York. In their family were ten children, who reached man and womanhood, namely: Janet, wife of Morgan Bates, at one time lieutenant-governor of Michigan; Mary Ann, wife of William Harsha, a prominent printer and publisher of Detroit, Michigan; Isabel, wife of a Mr. Burns, also a printer; Margaret, wife of Augustus F. Allen, a prominent real estate owner and politician of Jamestown, New York; Edward, who died at the age of twenty-two years; Elizabeth, wife of Professor W. A. Bradshaw, of Jamestown, New York; Charlotte, also a resident of that place and the widow of James M. Brown, who was killed in the Civil war while serving as colonel of the One Hundred and Twelfth New York Volunteer Infantry; J. Sutherland, our subject; Alexa J., wife of John Raham, a wholesale paper merchant of New York city and a resident of Brooklyn; and Thomas Z., a very popular citizen of Cedar Rapids, who was elected mayor of the city at the age of twenty-seven years.

Mr. Cook is descended from good old Revolutionary stock, and from records of the Society of Cincinnati furnished by the

secretary general, Asa Bird Gardiner. September 4, 1893, we glean the following: Thomas Cook enlisted August 24, 1777, for three years as a private in the Fourth Company, Third Regiment, New York Continental Infantry, under Captain Abraham Swartwout and Colonel Peter Gansevoort, of Albany, and the following April was ordered with his regiment to Old Fort Stanon on the Mohawk river (the present site of Rome, New York), where he assisted in repairing the defenses. He participated in the gallant defense of that fort, which lasted from the 2nd to the 22nd of August, 1777, when the siege was raised and the enemy hastily retreated. Private Cook was probably with the detachment of two hundred men under Lieutenant-Colonel Willett, who made an impetuous and successful sortie against a portion of the British lines during the battle and captured twenty-one wagon loads of spoils and five standards which were nailed to the flag staff underneath the improvised American flag made from the blue cloth cloak of Captain Swartwout, a red flannel petticoat of one of the women of the garrison, and white shirts of the men. Mr. Cook continued with his regiment at this post for two years, and took part in an expedition April 18, 1779, under Colonel Goose Van Schaick against the Onondaga Indians, which was quite successful. He was also in Major General John Sullivan's expedition against the Six Nations, which started out June 30, 1779, and defeated the Indians and their Tory allies at New Torn, near Elmira, New York, on the 29th of August, that year. Later they joined the main Continental army in New Jersey, and on the 7th of December began building winter quarters near Morristown, where they remained during the

winter. They were under General Washington in several engagements in that state, terminating in the battle of Springfield, in June, 1780, and the following month took post in the Highlands of the Hudson, and subsequently proceeding to Fort Edward, New York. Mr. Cook's term of enlistment expired August 24, 1780, when he was honorably discharged, but appears to have re-enlisted for four months longer, as he served until January 1, 1781, when he was mustered out. The official records show he was subsequently, in 1781, taken prisoner, which accords exactly with family tradition. The place of capture is not stated, but he was probably captured in the Ind an incursion into Tryon county, in July, 1781. After the Revolution he resided for a time at Owasco, Cayuga county, New York.

The following was copied from notes in a "Poor Will's Almanack" for the year 1779, now in possession of our subject's Aunt Mary Ann Harsha, she having received the same from Aunt Margaret Cook McCleary, a daughter of Thomas Cook, the Revolutionary hero. He was born December 26, 1747, and arrived in New York December 15, 1764. On the 31st of July, 1769, he wedded Mary Ann Mehon, who was born February 7, 1750, and arrived in New York, June 15, 1763. He died February 19, 1789, and his wife departed this life October 2, 1807. In their family were the following children: John, who was born June 15, 1770, and died September 28, 1771; Thomas, who was born November 30, 1771, and died March 6, 1773; Edward, born April 19, 1774; Robert, born September, 1775; Morgan, born March 16, 1778; Thomas, born February 4, 1781; Mary Ann, born September 13,

1783; William, who was born November 5, 1785, and died May 24, 1787.

The subject of this sketch was seven years of age when he accompanied his parents on their removal from his native town to New York city, where he attended school until he began his business career as clerk in a mercantile establishment, where he was employed for two years. He then went to Jamestown, New York, to live with a sister, and pursued his studies in an academy there for a time. He also clerked in the post-office at that place and at the age of twenty years became interested in the manufacture of woolen goods, including men's wear and flannels. Upon the breaking out of the Civil war the firm also made army supplies and blue goods for uniforms, although Mr. Cook severed his connection with the company in 1857 and came to Cedar Rapids, which at that time was a small place, but he had faith in its future development and at once became identified with its business interests, succeeding his brother Thomas Z. Cook as general merchant at this place. At that time there were no railroads here, and all goods were shipped to Iowa City, whence they were hauled by wagon to Cedar Rapids. Shortly after locating here he embarked in the grocery business and his first load of coffee and tea was brought to this place on the first steamer from St. Louis that came up the Cedar river. He did a wholesale as well as a retail business in those early days, selling his goods to the smaller dealers in the little towns surrounding Cedar Rapids. He was often called up at twelve and one o'clock at night to pack a load of goods for some of these customers. With this start he soon built up a large wholesale

trade and became one of the leading business men of the city.

Mr. Cook began business on Iowa avenue, now First avenue, but in 1862 removed to a building which he erected on Commercial street, now First street. In 1871 he formed a partnership with P. C. Frick, under the firm name of J. S. Cook & Frick, and the company became widely known throughout Iowa and the northwest. Owing to a largely increased business, he erected a more commodious building on the corner of First avenue and Fourth street in 1876, and three years later he started a wholesale dry-goods and notion house in the same block, admitting as a partner in this business J. W. Augsbury in 1881, under the firm style of Cook & Augsbury. They had one of the finest and largest stores for jobbing purposes in the state. Besides his interest in the wholesale dry-goods and grocery business, Mr. Cook also had large real estate interests in Cedar Rapids. He was one of the original organizers of the First National Bank, and a stockholder of the Merchants' National Bank and other corporations. He was also a director of the Cedar Rapids National Bank, the Cedar Rapids Water Company, and the Cedar Rapids Electric Railway Company. He materially aided in building the first railroad that came into the city, and assisted in many improvements tending to the up-building of the city.

On the 23d of September, 1861, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Cook and Miss Vallissa L. Burnell, a native of Jamestown, New York, and a daughter of Madison and Sarah (Spurr) Burnell, who were also born in the Empire state, but were descended from old Massachusetts families. The former was born February 10, 1812,

and the latter April 9, 1814. The progenitor of the Burnell family in America probably came from Ireland a couple of centuries ago. In early life Madison Burnell studied law in the office of Judge R. P. Marvin, of Jamestown, New York, and later was graduated from the Albany Law School. He successfully engaged in the practice of his profession at Jamestown for many years, and was also prominent in public affairs, serving several terms as a member of the New York legislature. He passed away at Jamestown, December 8, 1865, and his wife, who long survived him, died at San Diego, California, April 8, 1897, at the age of eighty-three years. In their family were three children, of whom Mrs. Cook is the oldest. Melverton died at the age of nineteen years. Ella E. married Charles Hazeltine, of Jamestown, New York, and died in Grand Rapids, Michigan, where they were living at that time. She left two children: Irene, wife of George Douglas, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; and Burnell, a resident of Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Cook were born five children, namely: Isabella A., now the wife of Ward C. Favorite, of Chicago; Ella J., wife of E. H. Smith, of the Farmers' Insurance Company, of Cedar Rapids; Margaret B., wife of Colonel William G. Dows, who is now representing this district in the state legislature, and by whom she has two children, Sutherland Cook and Margaret Henrietta; Sarah Elizabeth, a resident of New York city; and Robert Sutherland, who is now taking a preparatory course at Lawrenceville, New Jersey, with the intention of entering Princeton College.

Mr. Cook died on the 22nd of February, 1899, and was laid to rest in Oak Hill cem-



etery, Cedar Rapids. He was a member of the First Presbyterian church, and socially was connected with the Masonic fraternity. His political support was always given the men and measures of the Republican party, and he never withheld his aid from any enterprise which he believed would prove of public benefit. Endowed by nature with a sound judgment and an accurate, discriminating mind, he feared not that laborious attention to the details of business so necessary to achieve success, and this essential quality was ever guided by a sense of moral right which would tolerate the employment only of those means that would bear the most rigid examination by a fairness of intention that never sought nor required disguise. His personal honor and integrity were without blemish and he had the respect and confidence of all with whom he came in contact either in business or social life.

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#### CORNELIUS DACY.

The subject of this sketch is now living a retired life with his brother-in-law, Patrick Sullivan, in Mt. Vernon. He was born in County Cork, Ireland, in August, 1831, his parents, Cornelius and Catherine (Caylorher) Dacy, being life-long residents of that county. They had seven children, all of whom came to America, but nothing is now known of two of them. The others were James, who married Johanna Mahanna and both died in Boston, Massachusetts; Mary, wife of Patrick Sullivan, of Mt. Vernon, Iowa; Timothy, who married and died in Boston; John, who married Margaret Curtain and resides in Green Isle township, Sibley county, Minnesota; and Cornelius, our subject.

Mr. Dacy of this review had little op-

portunity to attend school as only the wealthier class could afford to pay the tuition, there being no free schools in Ireland during his boyhood. At an early age he commenced herding cattle, at three shillings for three months work. Subsequently he was employed on a farm, working principally among he cattle. In the fall of 1846, at the age of fifteen years, he sailed from Queenstown, Ireland, on the *Brittania*, a sailing vessel, which was seven weeks in crossing the ocean, meeting with five severe storms, in which it was thought all on board would perish. The officers would shut the passengers in the hold of the vessel, where they had but little to eat until the storm was over, but all reached the new world in safety.

On landing at St. John's, New Brunswick, Mr. Dacy found that he had not a cent remaining, and before coming to the United States he worked at odd jobs in Canada for seven weeks. He then went to Boston, where he was employed to take charge of the horses in a feed stable for one year, and later worked on a farm for three years. He next went to Columbus, Ohio, where he was employed as section hand on the Ohio Central Railroad at eighty cents per day for two years, and then went further down the road to Zanesville, where he remained the same length of time. Going to Illinois, he next chopped wood one year, and at the end of that time came to Davenport, Iowa, where he worked at driving piles with the bridge gang of the Rock Island Railroad, remaining with them until the road reached Iowa City. He then returned to Rock Island, and worked on the road running from that place to Campbell for one year. Mr. Dacy next spent two months at De Witt, Iowa, and from there went to Clinton, which at that time contained only a few

houses, and there engaged in teaming in connection with the grading of the streets as they had begun to lay out the town. After remaining there eight months he returned to De Witt, where he was employed on a farm for two years.

Mr. Dacy next went to New Orleans, where he worked on the levees seven months, and later worked on a farm in Kentucky one year, at the end of which time he returned to New Orleans, where he again worked on the levees seven months. From there he went to Galveston, Texas, and later to Houston, that state, where he was employed in a warehouse three years, and on a section of the Houston & San Antonio Railroad two years. The following year he engaged in chopping wood in Texas, and then returned to New Orleans, whence he went to Cuba, where he was employed in digging ditches and putting down gas pipes. He was delighted with the country and its climate, and believes that this rich island will be of great benefit to the United States in the production of cotton, tobacco, oranges, bananas, etc. Corn will not bear in that country although it will grow as high as eight feet. The inhabitants of the island when Mr. Dacy was there were half savage, and in traveling over the country one had to have a passport and interpreter, though Americans were well thought of.

After spending eight months in Cuba, Mr. Dacy returned to New York, and from there sailed by way of Aspinwall and the Panama route to San Francisco. Near that city he was engaged in digging potatoes for one dollar per day and board for two months, and then returned to San Francisco, where he was employed in driving a team for one year. Subsequently he engaged in farm work in California for seven years, and

then went up in the mountains near Virginia City, Nevada, where he worked in a quartz mill one year. At then end of that time he returned to New York, and from there came to Bertram, Linn county, Iowa, where he was employed in piling wood one year, and assisting Patrick Sullivan at the pumping station the same length of time.

Mr. Dacy next bought eighty acres of unbroken prairie land in Benton county, Iowa, for five hundred dollars, but after two months spent there, he sold out and returned to this county, and purchased fifteen acres of timber land, from which he cut the timber and sold it to the railroad company for ties. After one year spent in Bertram township, he removed to Lisbon, where he worked as a section hand two years, and the following year engaged in shoveling coal for the locomotives. At the end of that time he bought a farm of forty-six acres in Bertram township, which he operated for five years, and on disposing of that removed to Linn township, where he engaged in farming and feeding cattle for six years, owning forty acres of land in that township and the same amount in Bertram township. On selling out he bought eighty-six acres in the latter township, and later added to it thirty acres, making a good farm of one hundred and sixteen acres. In 1899 he rented his land and has since lived a retired life with his brother-in-law, Patrick Sullivan, in Mt. Vernon, having never married. He is a devout member of the Catholic church and a staunch supporter of the Democratic party and its principles.

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JOHN E. GABLE.

Since 1883 this gentleman has been identified with the business interests of Cedar Rapids as manager of the lumber-

yard of Fay Brothers & Company, and is also president of the Consumers' Coal Company. He was born in Perry county, Pennsylvania, October 6, 1852, a son of John and Elizabeth (Eby) Gable, also natives of the Keystone state. On coming west in 1864 the father located in Carroll count, Illinois, where he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of improved land and engaged in farming for two years. He then removed to Lost Nation, Clinton county, Iowa, where he bought two hundred acres of partially improved land, and to its further development and cultivation at once turned his attention, remaining there until 1884. He next owned and operated a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Mahaska county, Iowa, for twelve years, but since then has lived a retired life in Keokuk county, enjoying a well-earned rest. He is now seventy-five years of age, while his wife is sixty-nine.

Unto this worthy couple twelve children were born, all of whom are still living, namely: John E., our subject; J. H., a resident of Dennison, Iowa; Mrs. L. H. Peck, of Olin, Iowa; W. A., of Lamartine, Colorado; R. M., of Lost Nation, Iowa; Mrs. Frank Gillam, of Ollie, Iowa; Mrs. Daniel Kammer, of Monmouth, Iowa; Mrs. Emma Eby, also of Monmouth; G. A., of New Sharon, Iowa; I. A., of Hunt, Idaho; E. L., of New Sharon and B. I., of Cedar Rapids, Iowa. On the 14th of September, 1900, this family held a most enjoyable re-union at the home of their parents, three miles northeast of Ollie, Keokuk county, at which all of the children and thirty-three grandchildren were present. At that time the ages of the children range from twenty-five to forty-eight years, and their average weight was one hundred and eighty-one pounds. Many of them had not seen each

other or their parents for a number of years, and the meeting was therefore a joyous one. It is remarkable in so large a family there has never been a death and from the fact that no physician has ever been called upon to attend them professionally as all enjoy most excellent health.

John E. Gable began his education in the public schools of his native state, and at the age of twelve years accompanied his parents on their removal to Illinois, and two years later to Iowa, in which states he continued literary studies for a time. He remained at home, assisting in the farm work until twenty years of age, and then learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed for seven years at Lost Nation, Iowa.

In the meantime Mr. Gable was united in marriage with Miss Heala Leimbaugh, a daughter of Adam and Elizabeth Leimbaugh, of Elwood, Iowa, who was born in Pennsylvania, of German ancestry, and was the father of nine children, all of whom are still living. Mr. and Mrs. Gable have four children, namely: Frank R., who is secretary and treasurer of the Consumers Coal Company, and has charge of the mining and shipping of the coal, with office at Cedar Rapids and mine at Jerome, Iowa; Edward B., bookkeeper for his father and for Fay Brothers & Company; Otis A., who is working in the lumber yard with his father; and Onolee, who is attending the Cedar Rapids high school.

After working at the carpenter's trade for seven years, Mr. Gable purchased the lumber business of F. E. Moses at Lost Nation, and conducted it for three years. In 1883 he came to Cedar Rapids, and with Mr. F. M. Thompson purchased a half interest in the lumber business of C. F. Fay



& Co., the firm name being then changed to Fay Bros. & Co., Messrs. Gable and Thompson having practically the entire charge of the business from that time to the present. The principal yards are at the corner of Fourth avenue and First street, where they occupy one-half block, and carry a large stock of all kinds of lumber. They have also a branch yard, occupying one-fourth block on the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad. The firm is both the oldest and largest in the city. At the time of the organization of the Consumers Coal Co., Mr. Gable became one of its first directors, the company buying the mines located at Jerome, Iowa. One year later, in 1899, Mr. Gable was made president of the company, a position which he still holds. The company gives employment to an average of forty-five men, while at times it has on its pay rolls sixty-five men.

Mr. Gable has a pleasant home at Fourth avenue and Eighth street. In politics he is a Republican.

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#### A. B. SKILLMAN, M. D.

In early life Dr. Skillman successfully engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery, but for several years has devoted his time and energies to farming in Bertram township. He was born on the 28th of June, 1839, in New Jersey, of which state his parents, Dr. Peter and Louisa (Beekman) Skillman, were life-long residents, their home being at Harlingen. The father died April 1, 1888, at the age of eighty years, the mother in the spring of 1886. They had five children, namely: Alfred, who died in New York City; Cornelius, a farmer, of Harlingen, New Jersey; A. B., our subject;

John C., who married Mary Vandervere and is engaged in mercantile business in New Brunswick, New Jersey; and Rachel, a resident of Harlingen. Dr. Skillman's maternal great-grandfather was Col. Crusier, who was an officer in the Revolutionary war. The Doctor also had a cousin who was with General Washington when he crossed the Delaware river.

Dr. Skillman received his primary education in subscription schools, and later attended the public schools of Harlingen, New Jersey. At the age of thirteen he entered the Pennington Seminary at Pennington, that state, where he was a student for two years, and subsequently attended Professor Hofford's grammar school at Beverly, near Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, for a year. For two terms he pursued his studies at Rutgers College in New Brunswick, New Jersey, and next entered the Albany Medical College, from which he was graduated with the degree of M. D. in 1863.

The Civil war being then in progress, Dr. Skillman entered the service in the medical department and was first assigned to a hospital in New York, but later was connected with the Central Park hospital at Chattanooga, and a hospital in Atlanta. He next went to Savannah, and from there to Jacksonville, Florida, and then to Washington, D. C., where he was discharged.

After three months spent at his old home in New Jersey, Dr. Skillman came to Marion, Iowa, in the winter of 1865, and later located in Bertram. Becoming tired of the strain both on the mental and physical powers of the physician, he at length gave up practice and turned his attention to farming, though he was subsequently engaged in practice at Sloan, about twenty miles east of Sioux City, Iowa, in 1876 and 1877. For



some years he rented a farm in Bertram township, Linn county, but in 1883 removed to Dakota, where he conducted an elevator and engaged in buying grain for the firm of Bassett, Hunting & Company, of Chicago, for two years. At the end of that time he returned to this county and resumed agricultural pursuits in Bertram township. He also raises horses, cattle and hogs for market.

On the 13th of December, 1865, in Bertram township, was celebrated the marriage of Dr. Skillman and Miss Aura Moore, who was born in Indiana, January 24, 1847. Her parents, James and Lavinia (Phelps) Moore, were natives of New York and Ohio, respectively, and were married in Geneva, Ohio. In 1853 they came west and took up their residence on a farm in this county, where the father died in January, 1887. The mother is still living and now resides with her daughter, Mrs. P. F. White, in Cedar Rapids. They had seven children, namely: Sylva, who died at the age of seventeen years; Joseph, who married Hester Burge and both died in Bertram township; Aura, wife of our subject; Lafayette, who married Elsie Harmon, now a resident of Denver, Colorado, and was killed in a wreck while a conductor on the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad; John F., who resides in Chicago and is now traveling auditor for the Great Northern Railroad; Kate, wife of Thomas White, of Tillamook, Oregon; Frankie, widow of P. E. White and a resident of Cedar Rapids; and Minnie, who died in infancy. In early days the father of this family shot many a buffalo on the prairies of this state. When he first came to this state there was not a house in Cedar Rapids, and Council Bluffs contained but a few log cabins.

There were five children born to Dr. and

Mrs. Skillman, as follows: Addie, born May 31, 1867, died August 17, 1867; Alfred, born March 30, 1869, died October 31, 1872; Lula, born July 11, 1873, is attending Cornell College, Mt. Vernon. She has also engaged in teaching school having taught twenty-five terms; Francis, born September 10, 1875, is at home, but will soon finish a course in bookkeeping and stenography; and two who died in infancy. In 1870, the Doctor, accompanied by his family, crossed the plains to Colorado with a team and covered wagon, taking with him forty head of cattle. It required thirteen weeks to make the trip.

Socially Dr. Skillman is a member of Stedman Post, G. A. R., of Springfield, South Dakota, and at one time was also connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. On national issues he usually supports the Republican party, but is only an advocate of its principles when he believes they will advance the best interests of the people. He has always refused to hold public office but is well qualified to fill any position to which he might be elected.

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#### MRS. JULIA A. BROWN.

Mrs. Julia A. Brown, widow of Horace Nathan Brown, has been a resident of Linn county since 1854, and during all these years has made her home on the farm where she now lives. It is one of the most desirable places in Brown township, being a valuable and well improved tract of five hundred and eighty-five acres on section 32, conveniently located within two miles of Springville.

A native of Ohio, Mrs. Brown was born in what is now Ashland county, and is a





HORACE N. BROWN.



MRS. JULIA A. BROWN.





daughter of Lemuel and Ruth (Hardinger) Chapman, both natives of Pennsylvania, who when young removed to Ohio and were there married. They made their home in Ashland county, where the father was engaged in farming throughout his active business life. His wife survived him a number of years, he dying in that county, while his widow died in DeKalb county, Indiana. They were the parents of thirteen children, namely: William, who died in Ohio; Nathaniel and Daniel, who both died in Linn county, Iowa; Mrs. Sarah Benmenderfer; Julia A., of this review; Wilson, a resident of Michigan; Mrs. Elizabeth Benmenderfer; Mrs. Mary Duncan, deceased; Lewis, a resident of Indiana; Mrs. Nancy Shadrick, of Nebraska; Mrs. Jane Duncan, deceased; Ellen, who resides with Mrs. Brown; and Richard, a resident of Ohio.

Mrs. Brown spent her early life in her native county and when a young lady came to Linn county, Iowa, in 1853, to visit her brother, Nathaniel Chapman, one of the first settlers of this county. She returned to Ohio in the fall of the same year, and was there married December 22, 1853, to Horace N. Brown, who was born in Erie county, Pennsylvania, April 6, 1822, and was quite young when he came to Iowa. His father, Nathan Brown, was a native of Westchester county, New York, and was married in Onondaga county, that state. On coming west in 1838, he first located in Geneva, Kane county, Illinois, and two years later came to Linn county, Iowa, taking up his residence in Brown township, which was named in his honor. Mrs. Brown's husband assisted in building the first school house in Linn township, where he pursued his studies for a time, his sister being the first teacher employed there.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown became acquainted while she was visiting her brother in this county. They began their domestic life upon a tract of land in Brown township, which he had previously entered, and on which he erected a hewed-log house, making it their home for a few years, while he opened up and improved his farm. Subsequently it was replaced by a neat and commodious residence; two large barns and other outbuildings were also erected; and fruit and shade trees were planted. As time passed and he prospered in his farming operations Mr. Brown added to the original tract until he owned nearly seven hundred acres of rich and arable land all in one body. He always gave considerable attention to the raising and feeding of cattle and hogs for market, and some seasons fed as high as one hundred head of cattle and five hundred hogs upon his farm. He was one of the most energetic and successful agriculturists and stock dealers in the eastern part of the county. He continued in active business up to the time of his death, which occurred in the spring of 1893, and he was laid to rest in the Springville cemetery by the side of his parents.

In his political affiliations Mr. Brown was a Democrat, but he never cared for official honors. In early life, however, he served as justice of the peace and was president of the school board for a number of years. He also filled the office of county treasurer one term prior to his marriage, having been elected to that position soon after attaining his majority. He was a believer in Prohibition and often made temperance speeches, while religiously he was a consistent and faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal church. He was a Knight Templar Mason and a prominent member of

the order. As a citizen he was public-spirited and progressive, ever ready to aid in any enterprise calculated to advance the interests of his township or county, and was recognized as one of the leading citizens of the community.

On the death of her husband Mrs. Brown took charge of the farm and business, and in the successful management of her affairs has displayed wonderful business and executive ability. As a foreman she employs John McAtee, who has superintended the operation of the farm for the past eight years, and also worked on the place for several years prior to her husband's death. Although she has no children of her own she has reared four, two of whom were her brother's children. All are now grown and married with the exception of one. She has also given homes to several others, and her place is often called the Orphans' Home. She, too, is an active and devout member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and gave liberally toward the erection of the church and parsonage at Springville. Quiet and unassuming, she delights in aiding those in need and has given generously to suffering humanity and worthy causes. She stands high in the community where she has so long made her home, and those who know her best are numbered among her warmest friends.

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#### WILLIAM H. O'HARA.

William H. O'Hara, of the firm of O'Hara Brothers, who are among the largest railroad contractors in the west, is an example of one, who, without extraordinary family or pecuniary advantages at the commencement of life, has battled earnestly and

energetically, and by indomitable courage and integrity has achieved a success as a business man, enabling him to retire from active contracting.

Mr. O'Hara was born in Clinton county, New York, October 13, 1840, a son of John and Catherine (Spallon) O'Hara, both natives of Ireland. From the Empire State the family removed to Wisconsin, where the father engaged in farming and contracting for some years, and after his son located in Cedar Rapids he came to this place, where he died at the ripe old age of seventy-eight years. He was always a very active man up to within a few years of his death. His wife died in Benton county, Iowa, at the age of seventy-five years. Only three of their nine children are now living, namely: John, a contractor living in Chicago, Illinois; William H., our subject; and Edwin R., a resident of Cedar Rapids.

During his boyhood William H. O'Hara had but limited educational advantages, and he grew to manhood on the home farm. He accompanied his parents on their removal to Wisconsin, and at the age of twenty years commenced work on the railroad as a laborer. But his faithfulness to duty soon won him promotion and he worked his way steadily upward until in a few years he began taking contracts for construction work and was soon operating on a large scale. He worked in many of the western states on the Chicago & Northwestern, the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific, the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul and many other railroads, and his faithfulness and efficiency in full-filling contracts was the best advertisement for his work. In 1866 he came to Cedar Rapids and purchased property, this place being conveniently located for his work. In 1891, however, he removed to Chicago,

where he made his home for seven years, while still engaged in his chosen occupation, but in 1898 he returned to Cedar Rapids, and is now living a retired life at this place. With his brother, he took large contracts of railroad work from the grading to the laying of rails. He has likewise done a great deal of building, both residences and several blocks in the business center of Cedar Rapids, and has been a large real estate owner in the city.

In 1876 Mr. O'Hara married Miss Lydia Barker, who was born in Detroit, Michigan, but was then living in Burlington, Iowa. Unto them were born five children but two are now deceased. Those living are Thomas J., who graduated from the Chicago schools and is now at home; Henry and Edwin, also at home. In his political views Mr. O'Hara is a strong Republican, and an active party worker, though never an aspirant for office. He is a member of the Catholic church and takes an active part in church affairs, while his wife is quite a prominent member of the women's societies of Cedar Rapids. He was an early member of the church of the Immaculate Conception, and a liberal supporter in the erection of the church.

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#### PATRICK SULLIVAN.

Patrick Sullivan, a well-to-do and highly esteemed citizen of Mt. Vernon, who is now living a retired life, was born in County Waterford, Ireland, August 11, 1833, a son of John and Ellen (Healy) Sullivan, who spent their entire lives in that county. In their family were four children, and the two daughters are probably still residents of Ireland. John came to America with our sub-

ject and located in Newark, Ohio, where he was employed as bookkeeper in a distillery, but has not been heard of for some years.

Our subject's opportunities for obtaining an education were limited as the schools of his native land were conducted on the subscription plan, and his parents being in limited circumstances were not able to pay his tuition. At the age of twelve years he commenced herding cattle for a half crown for three months work, which he thought was good wages at the time. He was thus employed for a year, and for the following five years was engaged in repairing county roads, his father having a contract to keep a section of road in repair. Our subject would break and haul rock for this purpose. Later he engaged in farm work for two years.

In 1853 Mr. Sullivan went to Liverpool, where he took passage on the *Cornelia*, a sailing vessel of the Black Star Line, and after a voyage of seven weeks and two days landed in New York. They encountered a number of severe storms, when it was thought that the vessel would be lost; the hatches were battered down; and the passengers could get very little to eat until the storm abated. There were four hundred people on board, of whom five died during the passage and were buried at sea. One baby was born during the voyage. On landing in New York, Mr. Sullivan took a New York & Erie train to Dunkirk, New York; then crossed Lake Erie to Cleveland; and from there went by train to Columbus, Ohio; where he found work on the Ohio Central Railroad at ninety cents per day, remaining there two years.

In the spring of 1855 Mr. Sullivan went to Rock Island, Illinois, where he remained during the following summer and fall, and then went to De Witt, Iowa, where he en-



tered the employ of the Chicago, Iowa & Nebraska Railroad, which was afterward sold to the Galeua, Chicago Union Railroad Company, and still later became a part of the Chicago & Northwestern system. He spent three years at that place, and in the spring of 1858 came to Mt. Vernon, where he did repair work for the same road for one year, and then was promoted to the position of water pumper, pumping the water by hand for five years at Bertram, at the end of which time the road put in a horsepower pumping apparatus, and he bought two horses, having charge of the pumping station at that place three years longer. During that time he received eighty-five dollars per month, which were the best wages he ever made. When the road abandoned the pump at Bertram, he removed to Lisbon, where he had charge of their steam pump for fourteen years, or until 1886, when he severed his connection with the railroad, and turned his attention to farming, having purchased thirty acres of land in Bertram township. He added to this from time to time until he now owns two hundred and thirty acres. When it came into his possession a part of the land was covered with stumps, but he cleared and improved it, until it is now under a high state of cultivation. He built two good houses upon the place, large barns and cattle sheds, and engaged in stock raising in connection with general farming. In 1892 he removed to Mt. Vernon and bought two acres of land in the city, where he has a most beautiful home, surrounded by tall cedar trees, and here he is now living a retired life, enjoying a well earned rest in the midst of all the comforts which makes life worth the living.

At the old Catholic church in De Witt, Clinton county, Iowa, August 14, 1857, Mr.

Sullivan was married by Rev. Father McDermott, to Mrs. Mary Quinn, a native of County Cork, Ireland, and to them were born two children, but the older died in infancy. James, born September 10, 1859, is now holding an excellent position at Kankakee, Illinois, as train master for the Chicago division of the Illinois Central Railroad, and receives a salary of one hundred and fifty dollars per month and expenses. He was married in 1888 by Father McLaughlin to Miss Agnes Donahue, of Clinton, Iowa, and they have one child, Albert.

Mr. Sullivan has never cared for political office, and votes for the men and measures which he believes are for the best interests of the working people. Of late years he has supported the Republican party. In religious faith he is a Catholic, and is a man highly respected and esteemed by all who know him.

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#### WILLIS G. HASKELL.

Willis G. Haskell is a leading representative of the business interests of Cedar Rapids, being proprietor of the largest coal and wood yard at that place. Of excellent business ability and broad resources, he has attained a prominent place among the substantial citizens of the community, and is a recognized leader in public affairs. He has won success by his well-directed, energetic efforts, and the prosperity that has come to him is certainly well deserved.

A native of Iowa, Mr. Haskell was born in Bradford, June 5, 1857. His father, Edwin A. Haskell, was born in Massachusetts, and as a young man came west, first locating in Chicago, Illinois, being one of the early merchants of that city. Later he removed to

Rockford, Illinois, and there married Eliza Holmes. It was about 1850 when he located in Bradford, Iowa, before the railroad was built through that place, and he became one of its pioneer merchants, being successfully engaged in business at that place until after the Civil war broke out. He was in the Union service for about three years as a member of the Fourth Iowa Cavalry, and on his return home resumed mercantile pursuits. Selling his property in Bradford he later removed to Grand Junction, Colorado, where he died, but there his widow still resides.

During his boyhood Willis G. Haskell pursued his studies in the schools of Charles City, Cedar Falls and Independence, Iowa, and when his education was completed learned telegraphy with the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & northern, remaining in their employ for over twenty years, first as agent at Vinton, Iowa, and Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and later as traveling freight agent with headquarters at Cedar Rapids. In 1893 he resigned his position and embarked in the coal and wood business as a jobber and wholesale dealer. So successful was he in this that he later added to it the retail business. He now occupies a quarter of a block at No. 401 Second avenue, and also has large yards at the corner of Eleventh avenue and Fourth streets. He does the largest jobbing and retail business in his line in this section of the state, and furnishes employment to about fifteen men, while he gives his entire attention to the enterprise.

On the 15th of June, 1881, Mr. Haskell married Miss Mae Williams, of Vinton, Iowa, a daughter of W. F. Williams, and to them have been born four children, namely: Maud W., Guy F., Frances F. and Willis G., Jr. The family have a pleasant home at

No. 1726 D avenue, Central Park. Mr. Haskell has not only owned some fine horses, being a lover of the noble steed, but is also the possessor of the first automobile ever owned in Cedar Rapids.

For some years he has been an active supporter of the Republican party, and a recognized leader in its ranks. In 1896 he was first elected alderman of the fifth ward, which is the best section of the city, and so acceptably did he fill the office that he has been twice re-elected and is now serving his third term. During this time most of the city paving has been done and extensive improvements made. Mr. Haskell is now serving as chairman of the committee on parks, and is also a member of the judiciary, light and water committees. He has creditably and honorably performed his duties in the council, and has also capably served as a member of the board of health for the city. He has been connected with the Republican executive committee. Socially he is a prominent Mason, belonging to Vinton Lodge, F. & A. M.; Vinton Chapter, R. A. M.; Apollo Commandery, K. T., of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; and El Kahir Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Cedar Rapids. He is past eminent commander of Cypress Commandery, of Vinton. He is also a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, No. 251, and the Knights of Pythias, both of Cedar Rapids, and is prominent in social, political and business circles.



#### ELIAS E. HAHN.

Elias E. Hahn, who is now practically living a retired life in Mt. Vernon, Iowa, was born one-half mile south of the village,

April 1, 1845, and is a worthy representative of one of the honored pioneer families of Linn county. His father, Daniel S. Hahn, was born in Hamilton county, Ohio, June 8, 1808, and was a relative of Secretary Seward, who was a member of Lincoln's cabinet during the trying days of the Civil war and who framed the bill that passed congress for the purchase of Alaska. Daniel S. Hahn was educated in the country schools of his native county, and being left an orphan at an early age he commenced life for himself as a farm hand when quite young. Going to Indiana, he was married in Crawfordsville, Montgomery county, that state, November 29, 1829, to Miss Parmelia Epperson, who was born in Tennessee, November 29, 1804, but was reared in Kentucky. They continued their residence in the Hoosier State until 1835, when he removed to Illinois, where he remained until 1837, when they came to Linn county, Iowa, and purchased a farm of two hundred and eighty acres just south of Mt. Vernon, to the improvement and cultivation of which the father devoted his energies for many years. He was the first settler of the county. It has been proven by research that Mr. Hahn erected his claim two months prior to Mr. Crowe, who settled in Marion township. When he located here the land was all wild prairie and the Indians were far more numerous than the white settlers. Our subject twice saw as many as six hundred red men camped on the hills of this county. Game of all kinds was plentiful and was about all the meat that the pioneer had. On locating here the father only had a horse and fifty cents in money, and he made a living for his family with his gun. He was a devout member of the First Baptist church, of Mt. Vernon, and was a man highly respected and

esteemed by all who knew him on account of his sterling worth and strict integrity. He died on the old homestead November 9, 1898, and his wife passed away in 1881, and the remains of both are interred in the Mt. Vernon cemetery.

In the family of this worthy couple were eleven children, namely: Lemuel B., born August 30, 1830, died December 16, 1838, and was the first person buried in Mt. Vernon cemetery; Susannah, born April 24, 1832, married Joseph West, of Mt. Vernon, and is also deceased; Charles E., born October 19, 1833, married Almyra Wolf and is engaged in carpentering and contracting in Chadwick, Missouri; Joseph W., born August 18, 1835, married Susannah E. Slatter and resides in Bloomington, Kansas; Daniel, born October 4, 1837, married Eliza Tison and lives in Ely, this county; Sarah, born August 28, 1838, is the wife of William Murry, of Jolon, California; Mary E., born August 8, 1841, is the wife of Edward Haley, who lives five miles southeast of Mt. Vernon; Lydia J., born May 18, 1843, married George Johns, of Mt. Vernon, and died in April, 1900; Elias E. is next in order of birth; Parmelia A., born June 16, 1847, married Thomas Armstrong, of Mt. Vernon, and died in May, 1900; and John F., born August 12, 1850, married Lizzie Kurtz, and is a carpenter and contractor of Cedar Rapids.

Elias E. Hahn attended the district schools near his boyhood home until fifteen years of age, and on completing his education he assisted his father in the operation of the farm until twenty-four. He also worked at the carpenter trade with his brother Charles E., when the farm work was slack. In the meantime the Civil war was in progress, and he tried to enlist

three different times, but was always refused on account of his age, being unable to get his parents' consent. In 1869 he formed a partnership with his brother, Charles E., and engaged in contracting and building for a time.

On the 25th of September, 1872, Mr. Hahn was married to a distant cousin, Miss Johannah L. Hahn, who was born in Knox county, Illinois, November 21, 1852, a daughter of Paul and Anna M. (Miller) Hahn, natives of Ohio and Tennessee, respectively. During the war of the Rebellion her father enlisted in Company C, Twenty-second Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and during his service he was a musician in the regimental band and a member of the bridge construction corps. He contracted a disease of the lungs from exposure while building pontoon bridges and died at Nashville, Tennessee, in 1862. Fraternally he was a member of the Masonic Order. His wife died in Knox county, Illinois, in 1852, and was buried there. They had a family of five children: Axa M. married James Dennis, of Mt. Vernon, Iowa, and died in 1883; Edward married Josephine Yocaphets and died in 1894; Martha Ellen married William Porter and died in Warren county, Illinois, in 1876; Oscar, who was a resident of Warren county, Illinois, and a member of the Masonic fraternity, married first Hannah Atkinson and second Mary Lennox, and died in Leavenworth, Kansas; and Johannah L., wife of our subject, completes the family.

Mr. and Mrs. Hahn are the parents of nine children: Eva Gertrude, born September 2, 1873, in Osborn county, Kansas, is now assisting her cousin in the publication of *The Educational Magazine* at Iowa City; Victor E., born in Osborn county, Kansas, October 20, 1875, went to Cuba as a member

of Company F, Forty-ninth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, during the Spanish-American war, and was killed in front of the Mt. Vernon depot by the fast mail as he was crossing the tracks after his return home, July 23, 1900. William A., born in a dug-out in Osborn county, Kansas, January 2, 1878, Lena M., born in the same county, February 25, 1880, Lemuel E., born in Cowley county, Kansas, December 26, 1881, Jessie E., born in Chautauqua county, Kansas, August 8, 1884; Lillie E., born in the same county, July 25, 1887, Johannah A., born in Osborn county, Kansas, September 18, 1889, and Elwood E., born on the old homestead in Linn county, Iowa, October 2, 1891, are all at home.

Soon after his marriage, in Feb., 1873, Mr. Hahn removed to Osborn county, Kansas, where he took up a homestead claim, and for some time was engaged in hunting buffaloes. He was considered at that time and is to-day one of the best shots with a rifle in his community. He can relate many interesting experiences of his life on the plains. At one time he shot into a herd of buffaloes which had roamed near his house and wounded one. The others started to run, but his wife and his brother's wife frightened them by waving their aprons and they started back, enabling Mr. Hahn to kill several others. On another occasion his brother wounded a buffalo bull. Our subject jumped stride of the animal's neck with the intention of cutting its throat, but before he could accomplish this the infuriated animal sprang to its feet, and then ensued a fight for life on the part of both, but Mr. Hahn was victorious and the buffalo soon lay dead at his feet, while his companions were nowhere in sight. During his life in the west he became well acquainted with Wild Bill, a well-known



character in the west. He became one of the most noted hunters of Wyoming, Colorado and western Nebraska at that time. He was living in Kansas during the time of the great grasshopper pest. In 1883 he located in the southeastern part of that state, where he engaged in farming for seven years, and then returned to Linn county, Iowa, locating on the old homestead farm, which he greatly improved by the erection of new buildings, and which he successfully operated until May, 1900, when he removed to Mt. Vernon, Iowa, and has since practically lived a retired life, though he is interested in the coal and wood business at that place.

There were five representatives of the Hahn family who were soldiers of the Spanish-American war, including Captain F. Hahn, of Cedar Rapids, who was presented with a gold watch for meritorious service. All followed the stars and stripes to Cuba, and for their gallant service reflected great on their country and name. Politically our subject is a staunch Democrat, as was also his father. He is a member of the Presbyterian church, and also belongs to the Star of Bethlehem Lodge, No. 3, K. P., of Mt. Vernon.

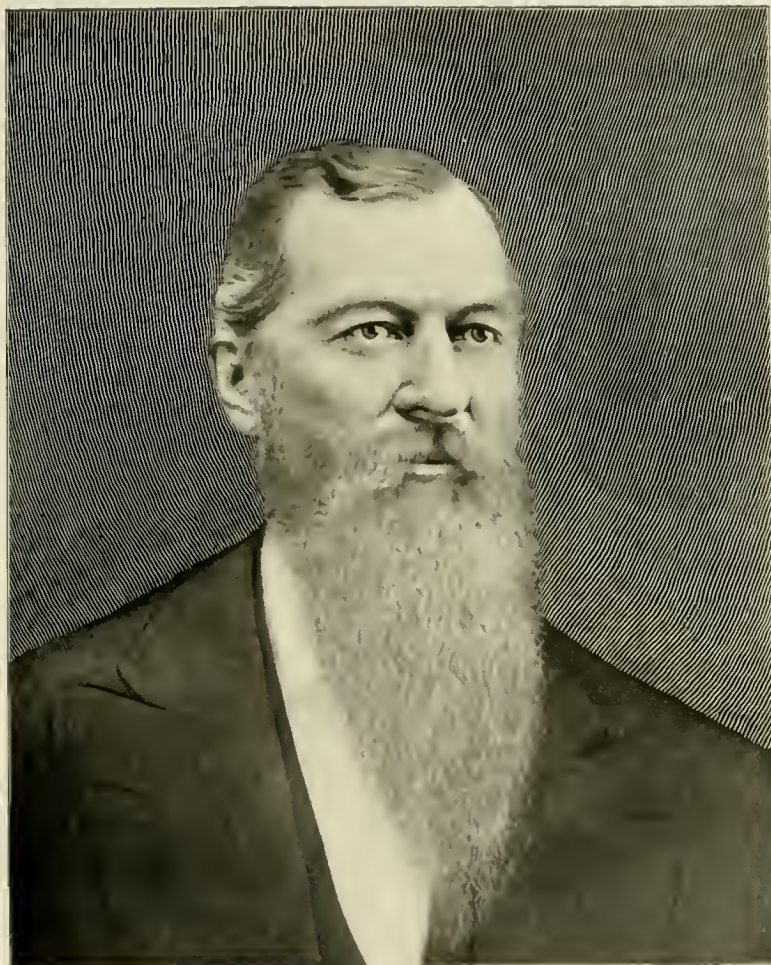


#### HARVEY GRANT HIGLEY.

Harvey Grant Higley, deceased, was for many years a leading business man of Cedar Rapids and one of its honored pioneers. He was born in West Granby, Connecticut, September 1, 1824, and was the third in order of birth in a family of six children, whose parents were Abiel and Prudence (Crane) Higley. He was seventeen years of age at the time of the removal of the family from West Granby to Bloomington,

Illinois, but after spending one winter at that place they came to Marion, Iowa, where the father died about six months later. At the end of a year the family came to Cedar Rapids. During pioneer days they hauled all their grain either to Galena, Illinois, or Cascade, Iowa, where it was manufactured into flour. As they would often have to wait a whole week before it was ground, it took some time to make the trip, which was often attended with many difficulties. Sometimes the streams which they were obliged to cross would rise suddenly, and as there were no bridges it was often almost impossible to ford them, endangering not only their load but their lives. At one time our subject and his eldest brother, accompanied by six others, drove with teams from Cedar Rapids to Dubuque, and from there took a load of ten barrels of flour to Fort Atkinson for the government, receiving one dollar per barrel. The round trip was about five hundred miles, and it was made in the dead of winter. Just at the edge of a thirty mile prairie the little party was struck by a blizzard of such violence and severity that they would have perished had they not finally discovered a light in a distant house, left burning for the only time that winter on account of the illness of a child.

Harvey G. Higley acquired his education in the schools of Granby and Hartford, Connecticut. He was connected with his brother, Henry E., in the manufacture of fanning mills for a short time. About 1846 they purchased an old stage line between Dubuque and Iowa City, a distance of one hundred and thirty miles, and carried on the business for two years. The line was sold, and the purchase money, two thousand dollars in cash, was paid to a trusted driver to bring to Cedar Rapids. Although he had



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been a personal friend of Mr. Higley, the temptation was too great and he disappeared with the proceeds of the sale. Subsequently our subject started in business in Cedar Rapids, and a few years later admitted his brother Henry E. to partnership, under the firm name of H. G. Higley & Company. Theirs was a general country store, for which they bought their goods in St. Louis and then shipped them up the river to Muscatine, whence they were hauled overland to Cedar Rapids, as there were no railroads in the west at that time. To their original stock they subsequently added a full line of dry goods, boots, shoes, farm implements, vehicles, etc., until they had a first class general store. Their trade extended for miles around, and the brothers continued in successful business together for a number of years. They were located on First street north, which was then the main business street of the city, while the family of our subject lived at the corner of First avenue and Second street. Harvey G. Higley was also identified with the livery business for a number of years, and was connected with other business enterprises. In later years he devoted considerable attention to his real estate and building interests, and erected the Higley block on First avenue, which was one of the best business blocks of the city at that time, it being sixty by one hundred and forty feet in dimensions, but he died in course of its construction, June 23, 1878. He was president of the Cedar Rapids Gas Company, and was identified with the movement which made the Third avenue bridge possible, donating liberally toward its construction. It was the first free bridge across the Cedar river at this place. He was one of the most promi-

nent and influential business men of the city.

On the 7th of November, 1849, Mr. Higley was united in marriage with Miss Annah Bishop, who was born in Bristol, Connecticut, of which place her parents, Homer and Matha (Smith) Bishop, were also natives. In 1842 her family removed to Iowa, and lived on a farm near Muscatine for about six years, Mr. Bishop having purchased a large tract of land in Muscatine county, which he broke and placed under cultivation. In 1847 he came to Cedar Rapids, and was engaged in the dry goods business at this place for about two years. During the gold excitement in California in 1849 he went to the Pacific slope, and remained there about two years. After his return to Cedar Rapids he served as postmaster for some time, and in 1861 was elected mayor of the city.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Higley were born four sons, who grew to maturity, namely: Henry Grant, now a resident of Ecuador, South America; Elmer A., of Cedar Rapids; Mortimer John, of Burlington, Iowa; and Albert Harvey, of Winona, Minnesota. Elmer A. Higley was born in Cedar Rapids, November 19, 1856, attended its public schools, and later was graduated from a business college in Davenport. He began his business career as a member of the firm of Walker, Passmore & Company, wholesale dealers in butter, eggs, poultry and fruit, and when that partnership was dissolved he and his brother Mortimer J. were engaged in a similar business for twelve years. In 1878 he assumed the management of the Higley estate, including the erection of the Granby building in 1891, in connection with his brother Mortimer J.



It is a fine brick structure, one hundred and forty feet front by ninety feet deep, is four stories in height, contains one hundred rooms, and is modern and complete in all its appointments. Elmer A. Higley is also interested in the carriage business, having a large repository, and is one of the progressive and energetic business men of the city. He married Miss Helen L. Olds, and they have three children, Harvey D., Frederick M. and Helen. Mrs. Higley is a native of Vermont, and a daughter of Harmon D. and Sarah (Sturges) Olds. The mother died in the east. The father, who was engaged in the retail furniture business, and was a veteran of the Civil war, came to Cedar Rapids about 1870, and here his death occurred in 1889.

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#### JOHN PETROVITSKY.

It is astonishing to witness the success of young men who have migrated to America without capital and from a position of comparative obscurity have worked their way upward to a position of prominence. The readiness with which they adapt themselves to circumstances and take advantage of opportunities offered brings to them success and wins them a place among the leading men of the community in which they reside. To this class belongs John Petrovitsky, who is to-day one of the successful and prominent business men of Cedar Rapids.

Mr. Petrovitsky is a native of Bohemia, born on Christmas day, 1846, and was there reared, receiving good educational advantages in his native tongue, but his knowledge of English has been self-acquired since coming to this country. He also learned the

butcher's trade in Bohemia. In 1864, at the age of eighteen years he came to the United States with the hope of bettering his financial condition, and settled in Chicago, where after working at the butcher's trade for about three years he opened a meat market of his own in that city, where he carried on business for about four years. In 1873 he came to Cedar Rapids and was engaged in this same enterprise for many years, having excellent success in the undertaking. For some years he has been speculating in real estate, buying and improving property and developing many industries of various nature. He built the Petrovitsky block and also another business block on First street, and has improved considerable residence property, erecting fourteen houses on one block in a year.

While a resident of Chicago Mr. Petrovitsky married Miss Teresa Trumbull, who died in Cedar Rapids in 1874. Of the two children born of that union, one survives, Charles G., who is a graduate of the law department of the Iowa State University. For his second wife Mr. Petrovitsky married Miss Frances Witonsek, who was reared in Cedar Rapids, and died about six years after their marriage, leaving one son, John C., who graduated from Rush Medical College in June, 1901. He was again married, his third union being with Mary Bedner, of Cedar Rapids, by whom he has three children: Sylva, Zora and Robert E.

Mr. Petrovitsky is of Democratic principles, but at elections supports the men whom he believes best qualified to fill the offices and serve state interests regardless of party affiliations. He has served as township trustee, but has never cared for political honors. Fraternally, he is a

Master Mason and a member of the Eastern Star Chapter, and also belongs to the Odd Fellows and Rebekah Lodges, being past grand of the former. He is a prominent and influential member of the Bohemian Benevolent Association, and has served as its president and as grand president of Iowa. As a citizen he is public-spirited and progressive, taking an active interest in whatever tends to promote the welfare of the city, and has, as a real estate dealer, promoted its material welfare in no uncertain manner. His success in life is due to his own labor, energy and good management, and the prosperity that has attended his efforts is certainly justly merited.

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#### JOEL S. HUDSON.

This representative and prominent farmer of Grant township, living on section 22, was born in Tioga county, Pennsylvania, on the 14th of March, 1842, and is a son of Sylvanus N. and Jane (Somers) Hudson. The father was born in Vermont August 15, 1815, his parents being Joel S. and Sally Hudson, also natives of that state, the former born February 10, 1784, the latter November 10, 1786. The grandfather of our subject spent his entire life in the Green Mountain state, where he died May 2, 1836, and subsequently his wife, accompanied by three of her children, removed to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, where her death occurred March 5, 1879. They were the parents of the following children: Seth B., Priscilla, Dean, Abigail and Hannah, twins, all now deceased; Sylvanus N., father of our subject; Abigail, deceased; Joel E., a resident of Jackson township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania; Martha, a resident of El-

mira, New York; James Monroe and Esther H., both deceased; George W., a resident of Chemung county, New York; Sally L., of Lima, Livingston county, New York; and Mary E., of Elmira, that state.

It was in the fall of 1840 that Sylvanus N. Hudson removed with his mother and the two oldest children of the family to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, where he took up land and continued to make his home until coming to Linn county, Iowa, in 1864. He located in that part of Washington township which now forms a part of Grant township, and after operating a rented farm for four years he purchased forty acres of wild land on section 22, where he continued to make his home throughout life. In politics he was a Republican. He died May 22, 1885, and his remains were interred at Walker. His widow now makes her home with her son, George H., at the age of eighty-three years.

They had ten children, namely: Harriet M. first married E. B. Kemp, who was killed in the battle of Cold Harbor during the war of the Rebellion, and she is now the widow of William Woodford, of Tioga county, Pennsylvania. Sarah Jane died in infancy. Joel S., our subject, is the next of the family. George H. is represented on another page of this volume. William H. married Esther Graham and lives in Pennsylvania. He enlisted in 1862, at Elmira, New York, and was sent as a recruit to the same company and regiment to which our subject and his brother George H. belonged. Elsie married W. D. Davis, of New York, and they now reside in Leadville, Colorado. Philander R. died in infancy. Dora M. is the wife of George Mayfield, of O'Brien county, Iowa. Benjamin W. lives with our subject. Beri died in infancy.

Joel S. Hudson is indebted to the public schools of Pennsylvania for his educational privileges. Soon after the Civil war broke out he joined the boys in blue, enlisting at Elmira, New York, September 25, 1861, in Company E, Eighty-sixth New York Volunteer Infantry, which was assigned to the Army of the Potomac. He participated in the second battle of Bull Run and the hotly contested engagements at Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville and Gettysburg. After two years service he re-enlisted, December 29, 1863, in the same company and regiment, and remained in the service until hostilities ceased, being finally discharged at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, July 16, 1865. For a time he was a member of the Sixteenth Veteran Reserve Corps.

On leaving the army Mr. Hudson came to Linn county, Iowa, where his parents had previously located, and he purchased one hundred and twenty acres of wild land on section 22, Grant township, which he broke and improved, making his home thereon for twelve years. On selling that place he bought an improved farm of one hundred and eighty acres on the same section, and to its cultivation has since devoted his energies. He carries on stock raising in connection with general farming, and in both branches of business has been eminently successful.

Mr. Hudson was married April 15, 1871, to Miss Sarah A. Andrews, a daughter of A. B. and Elizabeth (Wells) Andrews, who were natives of Vermont and Virginia, respectively. Her mother died in August, 1883, but her father is still living and makes his home in Nebraska. They were the parents of twelve children, seven of whom are living. Mr. and Mrs. Hudson have eight children: Louis, who married Sarah Fair-

child and follows farming in Grant township; Nellie, wife of Edgar Fairchild, a farmer of the same township; and Fred, Ruby, Charlie, Jessie, Bessie and Amanda, all at home.

Politically Mr. Hudson is a supporter of the men and measures of the Republican party, and he has filled the offices of township trustee and school director. For over a third of a century he has been numbered among the valued and useful citizens of his community, and wherever known he is held in high regard.

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D. L. BOYD.

For about one-third of a century this well-known banker and lumber dealer has been a resident of Mt. Vernon, and by his industry, keen discrimination and good executive ability he has placed himself among the foremost business men of Linn county. He is a native of Ireland, born in County Antrim, December 5, 1841, and is the son of James and Jennie Boyd, who spent their entire lives in that county, and who were the parents of eight children, of whom our subject is the youngest.

During his boyhood our subject attended a model school in his native land, and was later a student in the training school at Dublin. On leaving that institution he successfully engaged in teaching in Ireland for seven years. But the new world had attractions for him, and he determined to come to that country where every man was equal in the eyes of the law, and where all had an equal chance for advancement. In 1868 he bade good-bye to home and friends and went from Belfast to Liverpool,

England, from which port he sailed for the United States. Landing in New York, he proceeded at once to Marengo, Iowa, where he remained three weeks and then came to Mt. Vernon, which has since been his home. He began life here as a farm hand in the employ of James Smyth, with whom he remained three months, and for three weeks he was similarly employed by Colonel Smyth. At the end of that time he accepted a position in the lumber yard of Colonel R. Smyth & Co., at Mt. Vernon, and a year later purchased an interest in the business. This partnership continued for some time, and he then purchased his partner's interests, and has since continued to be identified with the lumber business of his adopted city. In May, 1900, he took into partnership with him his son, Jay C., and under the firm name of D. L. Boyd & Son the business is continued with marked success. On the advent of his son into the firm, he became connected with the banking business as cashier of the Mt. Vernon Bank, and is now holding that position. His intimate knowledge and extensive acquaintance with the people who do business in Mt. Vernon make him a valuable acquisition to the bank.

On the 8th of December, 1870, Mr. Boyd was united in marriage with Miss Margaret Craig, who was born three miles west of Mt. Vernon, and who was the daughter of Thomas Craig, a native of County Antrim, Ireland, and who came to this country about 1830, first locating in Ohio. In 1839, soon after Linn county was first settled, he removed here and took up government land, about three miles west of Mt. Vernon, where he engaged in farming until his death, in 1860. He was twice married, his first wife being Margaret Shaver. Af-

ter her death he married Martha Smyth, and to them were born three children, of whom Mrs. Boyd is the only survivor. Three children were also born to Mr. and Mrs. Boyd. Jay Craig, born December 23, 1872, is now the junior member of the firm of D. L. Boyd & Son. He married Miss Mabel Shire, and they have one child, Donald L. William Walter, born May 26, 1876, resides at home. Florence B., born April 22, 1882, is attending Cornell College.

Mr. Boyd is a faithful and consistent member of the Presbyterian church, and in politics is an ardent Republican. For two years he efficiently served as mayor of Mt. Vernon, and has been a member of the school board for many years, while he is now serving as one of the trustees of Cornell College. He is a very pleasant and courteous gentleman, who takes a deep interest in every enterprise which he believes will be of public benefit, and he stands deservedly high in both business and social circles.

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JOHN H. BURNS.

The spirit of self-help is the source of all genuine worth in the individual and is the means of bringing to man success when he has no advantages of wealth or influence to aid him. It illustrates in no uncertain manner what it is possible to accomplish when perseverance and determination form the keynote to a man's life. Depending on his own resources, looking for no outside aid or support, Mr. Burns has gradually worked his way upward and now holds the important position of assistant master mechanic in the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad shops at Cedar Rapids.



He was born in Wheeling, West Virginia, June 1, 1853. His father, John Burns, was a native of Scotland, but was a mere lad when brought to this country by his parents, Michael and Martha (McWilliams) Burns, who were among the early settlers of Bellaire, Ohio, and endured all the hardships and privations of pioneer life. Michael Burns was a manufacturer of brooms and a dealer in coal, having mines at Bellaire. Both he and his wife died in Bellaire, Ohio. Of their six children, two sons and one daughter are still living: Mary, widow of James Brazell; John M.; Margaret, deceased, wife of Joseph Beam; Martha, deceased; Charles, of Bellaire.

The father of our subject grew to manhood under the parental roof, and in early life was engaged in the milling and broom corn business with his father. Later he was captain of a steamboat on the Ohio river and on leaving the river lived retired at Bellaire until his death. He was married in 1849 to Miss Sarah McNulty, who was born in Somerset, Ohio, of Irish parentage. At an early day her father, Hugh McNulty, came to the United States and settled in Maryland, where he engaged in business as a peddler, speculator and money loaner, being considered very well-to-do for those days. He spent most of his life at Somerset, Ohio, where he owned considerable land. About 1849 he came overland by wagon to Iowa, and purchased government land at Mason City, Lemars and Waterloo for his family. He traveled all over the western country on horseback or by stage, and then returned to Somerset, Ohio, where he died when over eighty years of age. He had been very successful in his business ventures and accumulated considerable property. His wife, who bore the maiden name

of Sarah Jane Martin, also died in Somerset, Ohio, aged seventy-nine years. Both were very well educated, and held a prominent position in the community where they made their home. Their children were John, deceased, who was a lawyer and prominent politician of La Crosse, Wisconsin; Henry T., deceased, who was a prominent criminal lawyer and an old settler of Dubuque, Iowa; Ellen, who was a highly educated lady, and died at the age of fifty years, unmarried; and Sarah J., mother of our subject. As their parents were well-to-do people, both Mr. and Mrs. Burns were given the best educational advantages that money could procure during their early life. Their entire married life was passed in Ohio, but since her husband's death Mrs. Burns has resided with our subject in Cedar Rapids, and is now seventy-three years of age. They had two other children, of whom one died in childhood. Amanda, the eldest, was educated at Ursaline Convent, Cincinnati, Ohio, and married Samuel Kullman. She died in Somerset, Ohio, leaving one son, Lewis, who is now engaged in the creamery business in Chicago.

John H. Burns, of this review, commenced his education in the public schools of Somerset, Ohio, but at the age of ten years went to live with his uncle, H. T. McNulty, in Dubuque, Iowa, where he attended the common schools for a time, and was later sent to Notre Dame, Indiana, for one year. Subsequently he took a commercial course at the St. Louis University, where he remained two years, and was there when the Natchez and Robert Lee made their race up the Mississippi river.

On leaving college Mr. Burns returned to Dubuque, and commenced reading law in the office of his uncle, who was a very

prominent attorney of that city, remaining with him one year. Through a letter given him by Augustus Gondolfo, private secretary to Hon. George Greene, of Cedar Rapids, and Hon. Platt Smith, of Dubuque, he secured a position in the shops of the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad at Cedar Rapids, where he first worked as a helper or apprentice in 1871, but he gradually advanced step by step until he attained his present responsible position. He was first promoted to fireman on a freight train; in 1874 was given a switch engine; later a freight engine; and still later a passenger engine. In 1887 he was made traveling engineer and air-brake instructor, in which capacity he served until 1895, when he was promoted to assistant master mechanic, and has since filled that position most faithfully and satisfactorily. He has been with the company since eighteen years of age, and has served under four different managements, and his duties have always been discharged in a most creditable manner. He now has general supervision of the whole system under the general master mechanic, R. W. Bushnell.

Mr. Burns was married in 1878 to Miss Ella Crabill, who was born, reared and educated in Cedar Rapids, her parents having come to this city from Urbana, Ohio, at an early day, and were among the pioneers of the county. By occupation her father was a cabinet maker and real estate dealer. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Burns were born four sons and one daughter, of whom one died in infancy, one at the age of five years and another at the age of ten. Lewis H. was educated in the public schools and H. N. Palmer's business college, and then entered the service of the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad as clerk under

William Brocksmit in the freight department. Later he was transferred to the clerk's office in the mechanical department under R. W. Bushnell, and at present holds the position of general timekeeper in the shops. He is a proficient musician, possessing much natural talent in that line, and has studied under Professor Lee. Reuben Tindall, the younger son now living, is attending the public schools of Cedar Rapids. The mother of these children died in Cedar Rapids, and in 1900 Mr. Burns married Mrs. Margaret Smith, who has one son, Frederick, a resident of Cedar Rapids, who is now a clerk in the office of the division master mechanic of Estherville.

Soon after his first marriage Mr. Burns purchased property in Cedar Rapids, and has since identified himself with the interests of the city. He and his wife take quite an active part in social and literary circles. They are well and favorably known and have a wide circle of friends and acquaintances. Fraternaly Mr. Burns is a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. His life record is one well worthy of emulation, and contains many valuable lessons of incentive, showing the possibilities that are open to young men who wish to improve every opportunity for advancement.

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#### SAMUEL SHAFER.

The subject of this sketch, who is proprietor of one of the leading livery stables of Cedar Rapids, was born in Richland county, Ohio, March 16, 1839, and was only a year old when he came to Iowa with his father, Christopher S. Shafer, in whose family were eight children. Of that num-

ber three died in infancy. The father was a native of Baltimore county, Maryland.

On coming to this state the family located in Muscatine county, and there our subject attended the public schools until eleven years of age. Losing his mother at that time, he started out to make his own way in the world. At first he worked as a farm hand and did odd jobs at teaming until the Civil war broke out, when he enlisted in Company K, Eleventh Iowa Volunteer Infantry, under command of Captain Marvin and Colonel Hall. Going at once to the front, he participated in the battle of Shiloh, the siege of Vicksburg and the Atlanta campaign. During the battle of Atlanta, on the 22d of July, 1864, he was captured and sent to Andersonville prison, where he was held for three months. He was then transferred to Charleston, South Carolina, in company with ten thousand other Union soldiers, and four weeks later was sent to Florence, that state. While there he was exchanged and soon rejoined his regiment at Washington, D. C., having been a prisoner of war seven months.

When the war ended Mr. Shafer was honorably discharged. During his four years' service he had managed to save two thousand dollars, with which he embarked in the livery business in Cedar Rapids in 1866, and has carried on that occupation very successfully ever since. He now has one of the best stables in the state. His son Herbert is now associated with him in business, and makes a specialty of buying and selling fine carriage horses, having at the present time about five thousand dollars worth of that kind of stock on hand. He is exceptionally good at making a trade, and has accumulated what he now has without

financial help. He takes quite an active interest in his father's business.

Mr. Shafer married Miss Abbie C. Bennett, a daughter of Frank Bennett, who is now eighty years of age, and is actively employed by the Cedar Rapids Street Railway. By this union were born seven children, four of whom are living, namely: Herbert, previously mentioned, was graduated from the Cedar Rapids high school in 1890, and has since married Miss Laura A. Granger, whose father, Joseph Granger, is a prominent farmer of Marion township, this county. Herbert Shafer is a member of Mt. Herman Lodge, No. 263, F. & A. M., the National Union, No. 163, and the Sons of Veterans, while his wife is a member of the Rathbone Sisters and was the first to hold office in that lodge. They have a nice home of their own in Cedar Rapids. Abbie is at home with her parents and is now attending the high school of Cedar Rapids. Samuel is a student at the Armour Institute, Chicago, where he has taken up the study of mechanical engineering, and will complete the course in 1902.

Politically Mr. Shafer is identified with the Republican party, and socially affiliates with T. Z. Cook Post, G. A. R., and the Woodmen of the World. As a business man he is straightforward and reliable, and through his own well-directed efforts and capable management he has acquired a competence which numbers him among the well-to-do citizens of his community.

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#### TALBERT PLUMMER.

After a long, active and beneficial career the subject of this review is now living a retired life in Springville. A native of



TALBERT PLUMMER.





Ohio, he was born in Belmont county April 23, 1824. His father, Abraham Plummer, was born in Maryland in 1799, and was a son of Robert Plummer, who followed farming in that state for many years, and in 1802 removed with his family to Ohio, becoming one of the first settlers of Belmont county. There Abraham Plummer grew to manhood and married Elizabeth Straw. He continued his residence there until 1833, when he removed to Morgan county, Ohio, and became one of the substantial farmers of that locality. After the death of his wife, which occurred in 1856, he came to Iowa and spent his last years with our subject, dying at his home in Linn county in 1887, at the age of eighty-seven years.

Talbert Plummer passed the days of his boyhood and youth on the old homestead in Morgan county, Ohio, having but limited educational advantages, so that he is almost wholly self-educated. He was married in that county, October 22, 1846, to Miss Sarah J. Maris, a daughter of Owen Maris. She was born in Jefferson county, Ohio, but was reared in Morgan county. By this union were born six children, as follows: T. C., a resident of Chicago, Illinois; Rachel Amy, who died in Ohio, at the age of two years; C. M., a farmer of Linn county, Iowa; Le Roy, a farmer and stock dealer of Guthrie county, this state; Mary E., wife of W. C. Wilson, a business man of Marble Rock, Iowa; and Nellie J., wife of Eugene Stone, a son of Zephnia Stone, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this volume.

Mr. Plummer owned and operated a small farm in Morgan county, Ohio, until 1853, when, accompanied by his wife and three children, he came to Clinton county, Iowa, arriving here on the 27th of Septem-

ber. His brother had entered one hundred and sixty acres of prairie land near the present town of Calamus for our subject, and he at once commenced to break and improve that place, erecting thereon a small house. After farming there for about eleven years he sold the place at a good advantage and bought one hundred and thirty-three acres of land in Brown and Linn townships, Linn county. Some improvements had already been made upon the farm, including a good hewed-log house. Mr. Plummer subsequently built a frame residence, erected a good barn and other outbuildings, set out an orchard and shade trees, converting his farm into one of the most valuable and attractive places in the township. He continued to actively engage in farming, stock raising and dairying until 1894, when he sold his farm and purchased one of the best residences in Springville, where he is now enjoying a well-earned rest, free from the cares and responsibilities of business life.

•Originally Mr. Plummer was an old line Whig in politics, but on the organization of the Republican party in 1856 he voted for John C. Fremont, and has since supported every presidential candidate of that great political party. For several years he efficiently served as township trustee in Clinton county, and also filled the office of road supervisor. For years he has served on the school board and has been president of his district. Religiously he and his wife are both active members of the Presbyterian church, and he is now one of its elders, although they were both raised and married in the Quaker faith, and all their children had birthrights in the faith. The ancestors of both were Quakers, who were obliged to leave England on account of the religious persecution.

Mr. and Mrs. Plummer celebrated their golden wedding in 1896, when their children and friends received a joyous welcome at their home and left many tokens of their good will and kind regard.

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W. E. PERKINS.

The subject of this sketch is one of the leading and representative business men of Mt. Vernon, and belongs to one of the old and honored pioneer families of this county, being a son of William Perkins, who for almost sixty years has been prominently identified with the growth and upbuilding of this section of the state. The father was born in Wheeling, West Virginia, and in 1842 came to Linn county, Iowa. He and Robert Stinson built the first house erected in Mt. Vernon, it being a log structure, and here he lived in true pioneer style. Wild game of all kinds was plentiful and furnished the early settlers with many a meal when otherwise they would have had little to eat. The Indians were also far more numerous than the white settlers, and Mr. Perkins was more than once annoyed by having them drive away the oxen, with which he broke his land and cultivated it. He and two companions—Mr. Holmes and Dr. Ristine—built a raft, which they loaded with eight hundred bushels of corn and a lot of wheat, and floated the same down the river to St. Louis, where the grain was marketed. They then walked back to Mt. Vernon. This was but one of the many disadvantages which the early settlers encountered in making for themselves homes in a wild and unimproved region before the days of railroads. Mr. Perkins is still living, at the age of seventy-seven years, a hale and hearty old man, and makes his

home six miles north of Mt. Vernon, in Linn township. For twenty-eight years he has served as justice of the peace in a most creditable and satisfactory manner; has been highway commissioner a number of years; and school director ever since a school was established in his neighborhood.

It was in this county that William Perkins, father of our subject, married Miss Margaret M. Bassett, a native of Ripley county, Indiana, who died February 16, 1858, and was laid to rest in Mt. Zion Church cemetery in Linn Grove. By that union there were born twin boys, W. E., our subject, and Eddie, who died in infancy. For his second wife the father wedded Miss Mary Kepler, a native of Maryland and a daughter of Peter Y. and Betsy (Rice) Kepler, who were also born in that state. By his second marriage Mr. Perkins has seven children, namely: Frank, who is married and resides in Montana; Hamilton, who married Eva McShane and is engaged in farming near Mt. Vernon; Effie, wife of Peter Butler, a farmer of Viola, Linn county; Etta, wife of William Higgins, who lives near Central City, Linn county; Emery and Belle, both at home with their parents; and Flora, wife of Arthur L. Engle, of Brown township, Linn county.

W. E. Perkins, of this review, was born on the old homestead north of Mt. Vernon, January 30, 1858, and was graduated from the public schools of Mt. Vernon. In 1876 he entered Cornell College, where he pursued his studies for a year and a half, and then began his business career as a clerk in the store of E. T. Golf. Later he was with the firm of Swafford Brothers, and for five years engaged in clerking in the drug store of Dr. Dorans. In 1893 he embarked in the grocery business on his own account, and conducted his store in what is known

as the Bookstaler building, on the south side of Main street, until August, 1900, when he sold out.

Mr. Perkins has been twice married, his first wife being Miss Lucretia Baker, also a native of Linn county, who died August 10, 1881, leaving two children, namely: Minnie May, born November 2, 1878, is a graduate of the public schools of this county, and now resides with her uncle, Albert Iglehart, near Mt. Vernon; and Grace A., born December 3, 1880, was married September 3, 1900, to George Johnston, who was born March 26, 1875, and is a professor in the public schools of Mt. Vernon.

On the 28th of December, 1887, Mr. Perkins was united in marriage with Miss Anna Kafer, who was born in Linn county May 6, 1868, and is a daughter of Jacob and Catherine (Fink) Kafer, the latter a native of Maryland. Her father was born near Heidleberg, Germany, November 1, 1834, and was reared on a farm, being educated in the district schools of his native land. In the spring of 1853 he took passage at Havre, France, on the sailing vessel William Tell, and after a voyage of thirty-eight days landed in New York. He commenced life in the new world with only a dollar and a half in his pocket, but he possessed plenty of energy and pluck, and soon found work on the railroad in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, where he remained three months. He then walked from place to place in search of employment and finally found work in a blacksmith shop, where he remained until the 1st of May, 1854. He next worked in the pineries of northern Pennsylvania, and on leaving there in the fall of 1855, he and others started overland for California. Mr. Kafer, however, stopped at Lisbon, Iowa,

where he worked at digging potatoes, quarrying stone and chopping wood for fifty cents per day, and the following spring turned his attention to the carpenter's trade. After about a year spent in this county he erected a sawmill near Mt. Vernon, which town was then known as Pin Hook, while Lisbon was called Dutchtown. Mr. Kafer has worked at Cedar Rapids and various other places throughout the county, and, meeting with good success during his residence here, he has accumulated a handsome property, and now owns a fine farm of two hundred and forty acres in Linn township. He has served as road supervisor and school director, and is widely and favorably known throughout the county. His wife died April 17, 1891, and was buried in Mt. Vernon cemetery. They were the parents of nine children, of whom six are still living, namely: Elizabeth, wife of Alfred Safely, who lives near Tipton, Cedar county, Iowa; Philip H., who married Ida Deck, and is engaged in farming near Springville, Brown township, Linn county; Rebecca, wife of Henry Clark, a farmer living near Mt. Vernon, in Franklin township; Rose, wife of Charles Letts, of Linn township; Grant, who married Sarah Deck, a sister of his brother Philip's wife, and is engaged in farming in Linn township; and Anna, wife of W. E. Perkins, of this sketch. Mr. Perkins has always been identified with the Democratic party.

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#### JOHN O. BAXTER.

The subject of this sketch, who is a member of the well-known firm of Searles & Baxter, dealers in marble and granite monuments, is a man whose sound common



sense and vigorous, able management of his affairs have been important factors in his success, and with his undoubted integrity of character have given him an honorable position among his fellow men.

Mr. Baxter was born in Llanfair, Montgomeryshire, Wales, March 22, 1843, and is a son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Gehu) Baxter, also natives of that country, where the father followed the bookbinding business. Our subject spent the first fourteen years of his life in his native land, and acquired his primary education in its public schools. In 1857 he accompanied his parents on their emigration to America, and settled in Berlin, Wisconsin, where he pursued his studies in the high school for a time. He was one of a family of nine children, but only four are now living.

In the summer of 1859 Mr. Baxter began his business career by serving an apprenticeship at the marble cutter's trade, and when his time expired, in 1862, he entered the army, as a sergeant in Company C, Twenty-first Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry. He saw considerable active service and was with his regiment in the battles of Perryville, Stone River and Chickamauga, as well as numerous minor engagements. The war having ended and his services being no longer needed, he was honorably discharged in June, 1865, and was mustered out at Madison, Wisconsin, where he was serving as sergeant major at the post there.

Returning to his old home in Berlin, Wisconsin, he took charge of Campbell Brothers' marble works, as superintendent, which position he held several years. In 1872 he came to Cedar Rapids and formed a partnership with J. M. Searles in the same line of business, which they have since carried on with marked success.

February 18, 1879, Mr. Baxter was united in marriage with Miss Mary A. Earl, a daughter of Porter W. and Susan (Hilton) Earl, who were born in the New England states and are both now deceased. At an early day they came to Cedar Rapids, where Mr. Earl was engaged in the dry goods business for many years. Of their five children four are still living. Mr. and Mrs. Baxter have no children. Their hospitable home is at No. 515 Eighth avenue, and is always open for the reception of their many friends. Mr. Baxter is a prominent Mason, and has taken all the degrees in the York Rite. He is a member of Crescent Lodge, No. 25, A. F. & A. M., of which he is past master and which he represented in the grand lodge in 1878 and 1879. He is also a member of Trowel Chapter, No. 49, and before coming here was high priest of Berlin Chapter, at Berlin, Wisconsin. He is also a member of Apollo Commandery, of which he is past commander and at present is captain general of the commandery. He is a member of the Masonic Temple Association and of T. Z. Cook Post, G. A. R. In politics he is identified with the Republican party, but has never cared for political preferment.

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#### NATHAN U. BALLARD.

In early life the subject of this sketch was one of the most energetic and enterprising farmers of Linn county, but he has retired from active labor and is spending his declining years in ease and quiet at his pleasant home in Mt. Vernon. He was born in Trumbull county, Ohio, February 16, 1839, and is a son of William and Louisa (Yeomans) Ballard, who were natives of New York and Connecticut, respectively, and were married in Trumbull coun-

ty, Ohio, where they continued to make their home until coming to Linn county, Iowa, in the fall of 1854. They located on a farm five miles from Mt. Vernon, where the father practically made his home until his death, which occurred September 27, 1872. The mother died in 1896, and was buried in Mt. Zion cemetery near Mt. Vernon. In their family were seven children, of whom one died in infancy. The others were Josephus, who married Phebe J. Lee, and both died in Newton, Kansas; Warren W., who married Sophia Andrews and died in Linn township, this county, at the age of forty-eight years; Nathan U., of this review; Lydia, who married Charles Lee and died in Mt. Vernon December 25, 1900; Azuba, who died at the age of fifteen years; and Misell, who married Adelia Simmons and lives in Omaha, Nebraska. He was a member of Company M, First Iowa Cavalry, during the Civil war, and was in the service four years, six months and fifteen days.

Nathan U. Ballard is indebted to the district schools of his native county for his educational privileges, and he early acquired an excellent knowledge of agricultural pursuits while assisting his father in the operation of the home farm. In 1854 he accompanied his parents on their removal to Iowa, which was a seminary, after which he attended a district school for the same length and for a time was a student at Cornell College, in the first school building erected, of time. At the age of twenty-one he leased a farm of seventy acres and commenced farming on his own account.

Responding to his country's call for aid in putting down the rebellion, he enlisted in September, 1861, as a member of Company M, First Iowa Cavalry, and after

spending thirteen days in drilling at Davenport, went to Burlington, and from there to St. Louis, the winter being passed at Jefferson Barracks. In March the regiment went to Clinton, Missouri, and was engaged in scouting through that state, fighting principally guerrillas and gangs of marauders, such as the James boys, the Younger brothers and Quantrell's band. With three hundred mounted men forming an advance guard our subject went from Butler to Lone Jack, where they encountered seven thousand of the enemy, including the Younger and James boys. In the retreat which followed they met five thousand Union soldiers under command of General Blunt bringing up the rear. This was a surprise to the enemy, who had attempted to surround the Iowa Cavalry, and they turned back followed by the Union troops for four days. On the ride the advance guard went ninety miles in a day and a half, riding only in daylight. The command then returned to Butler, Missouri, and was engaged in skirmishing in that locality until the fall of 1863, when they started for Little Rock, driving the rebels before them. Mr. Ballard's regiment was the first to cross the river the day Little Rock was taken, and his company was on the skirmish line. Mr. Ballard, his brother and two others were the advance videttes twenty rods ahead of the skirmish line and drew the fire of a rebel regiment of infantry, but were unhurt. Later in the day the company was ordered to capture a rebel battery, but when within twenty rods of it the enemy opened fire, and they were also under the cross fire of another battery. On the retreat Mr. Ballard was the last to turn back, and narrowly escaped being cut down by a passing cannon ball. The company was under fire

the entire day, but only one man was wounded. A colonel of another regiment gave orders that his command should head the march into the city, but the Iowa Cavalry could not be held back, and were the first to enter Little Rock. At the edge of the town they saw a house covered with the stars and stripes and a little girl marching up and down in front of it, waving a flag and singing the "Star Spangled Banner." The soldiers took off their hats and gave three rousing cheers for the brave little one and those in the house. After spending the winter at Little Rock our subject's command started to join General Bank at Shreveport, Louisiana, but stopped at Camden to await further orders, and there learned of Banks' defeat, and that a large body of Confederates were under forced marching orders to cut them off from Little Rock. The Union troops had sixteen hundred wagons with them, some loaded with supplies, which they endeavored to take back, but it was found necessary to destroy a large quantity of the supplies, while some was captured, and when they reached Little Rock had only one wagon and two ambulances left, but they had two guns captured from a rebel battery, and saved all their own artillery. They also had three hundred prisoners, whom they turned over to a colored regiment, and as they were never heard of afterward, it is supposed that the regiment must have retaliated for the massacres and outrages perpetrated upon prisoners in the hands of the rebels. During this retreat they destroyed the pontoon bridge and the eighty wagons that had carried it for two years. They remained at Little Rock until mustered out of service, in September, 1864.

Mr. Ballard then returned to Mt. Ver-

non and resumed farming. He was married in Marion, Iowa, December 21, 1865, to Miss Sarah E. Leigh, a native of Indiana, and a daughter of Foster W. and Sarah (Buzenburgh) Leigh, who were natives of New Jersey and Indiana, respectively, and came to Linn county, Iowa, in 1851, locating on a farm five miles northwest of Mt. Vernon, where they spent their remaining days. Mrs. Ballard was the eighth in order of birth in a family of ten children, the others being Charles, who married Lydia A. Ballard and resides in Mt. Vernon; Isaiah, deceased, who married Elizabeth Buzenburg; John B., who married the widow of Isaiah and lives in Mt. Vernon; Phoebe J., wife of Josephus Ballard; Eliza, wife of Philip Stinger, of Linn Grove; Clarissa E., deceased wife of Joseph Napier, who lives on the old Leigh homestead in Linn Grove; a twin sister of Clarissa, who died in infancy; Mary, wife of A. M. Walling, of David City, Nebraska; and Foster W., who married Emma Hammond and resides in Mt. Vernon. Mrs. Ballard died in May, 1898, and was buried in Mt. Vernon cemetery. She left two children, namely: (1) John L., born October 21, 1866, is engaged in farming on land near Mt. Vernon, which was given him by his father. He married Maggie Riley, a native of this county, and they have two children, Howard and Harold. (2) Martha Estella, born January 13, 1873, is the wife of George Light, who is engaged in farming three miles southeast of Mt. Vernon, and they have three children, Roy, Grace and Homer.

Mr. Ballard was again married September 27, 1899, at his present home in Mt. Vernon, to Miss Sue R. Berryman, who was born in Concord, Kentucky. Her par-

ents were formerly of Ohio. Mr. Berryman followed farming most of the time. Both her father and mother are dead.

Mr. Ballard's first farm consisted of one hundred and twenty acres, to which he added by purchase and heritage until he had two hundred and eighty-three and a half acres, of which he has since given sixty-eight acres to his son, forty acres to his daughter, and has sold five and a half acres, while he rents the remainder, and now lives retired in Mt. Vernon, where he owns a good modern residence and two acres of land, which he also rents. Mr. and Mrs. Ballard live in a handsome residence which is owned by Mrs. Ballard. Mr. Ballard gives his political support to the Republican party, and cast his first presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln. He served as township trustee and road supervisor for six years each, and was school director for two years. During the Civil war he entered the service as a private, and was made a non-commissioned officer, being promoted for meritorious service. Fraternaly he is an honored member of W. C. Dimmit Post, No. 400, G. A. R., and religiously holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal church. His well-spent and useful life has not only gained for him a comfortable competence, but has won him the confidence and good will of his fellow citizens, and not a man in the community is held in higher regard than Nathan U. Ballard.

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WILLIAM L. WELLER.

The world instinctively pays deference to the man whose success has been worthily achieved, who has acquired a high reputa-

tion in his chosen calling and has overcome all the obstacles in the path to prosperity. This is a progressive age and he who does not advance is soon left far behind. By the improvement of opportunities by which all are surrounded, Mr. Weller has steadily and honorably worked his way upward and has attained a fair degree of prosperity.

A native of Canada, he was born in Peterboro, Ontario, September 5, 1846, and is one of a family of eight children, seven of whom are still living, his parents being Lorenzo R. and Corintha D. (Bettes) Weller. His boyhood and youth were passed in Cobourg, Canada, which is now a noted summer resort, and his literary education was obtained in its public schools. On leaving home at the age of seventeen he went to Oswego, New York, where he was employed in a drug store for two years, during which time he gained a thorough knowledge of the business which he had chosen as a life work. Deciding to try his fortune in the west, he came to Iowa, traveling by boat from Buffalo to Chicago. He stopped at each town between Fulton and Cedar Rapids looking for a suitable location to establish a drug store, and finally decided to settle at the latter place. He was a total stranger on his arrival here in March, 1866. He rented a room, twelve by twenty-four feet, on First avenue, and opened for business on the 6th of March, 1866. When this building was torn down three years later he removed to another in the same neighborhood, which he occupied for fifteen years. On the expiration of that time he built what is known as the Weller block on the corner of Third avenue and Third street, which is forty by ninety feet in dimensions, three stories brick, and at the time was one of the largest store and office buildings in the city. He personally



superintended the construction of this building and has since occupied it. For thirty-five years he has now successfully engaged in the drug business in this city, and is accounted one of its leading business men. With one exception he has been longer engaged in the business than any other druggist in the city. He is a member of the State Pharmaceutical Association.

Mr. Weller has not confined his attention alone to the drug trade but has become interested in other business enterprises which have not only advanced his individual prosperity but have been of material benefit to the city. He owns considerable real estate, including both business and residence property, and has been instrumental in adding considerably to the real estate value of Cedar Rapids. He has laid off two additions to the west side of the city, known as Weller's first and second additions, and both proved very profitable ventures. He is also interested in farm land, and now owns a valuable farm of two hundred acres near the city limits on the East Side. Mr. Weller gives his political support to the men and measures of the Republican party, and was a charter member of and one of the organizers of the Occidental Club, with which he is still connected.

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#### CHARLES W. KEPLER.

Among the prominent and successful attorneys in Iowa is this well known citizen of Mount Vernon, who served with distinction as an officer in the Civil war, and in times of peace has borne a very important part in public affairs. He was born in Frederick county, Maryland, January 1, 1841, and is a son of Conrad Kepler, whose sketch appears on another page of this work. He was only two years old on the removal of his parents to Linn county, Iowa, and was

reared on the home farm in Franklin township, his early education being obtained in the district schools of the neighborhood and in Cornell College at Mount Vernon, at which latter place he was a student when the Civil war broke out.

On the 18th day of September, 1861, Mr. Kepler enlisted as a private in Company A, 13th Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and was mustered into the United States service at Davenport, after which he was sent to St. Louis, and later to Jefferson City, Missouri. With his command he participated in the battles of Shiloh, Corinth, the siege and battles around Vicksburg, the siege and battles around Atlanta, and was with Sherman on his March to the Sea, and through the Carolinas to Richmond, and from Richmond to Washington, and participated in the grand review of the armies at Washington, D. C., at the close of the war. In the great battle of Shiloh his soldierly qualities attracted the attention of the officers of the company and he was promoted to first sergeant.

At the battle of Corinth, October 3, 1862, he was severely wounded in the left thigh and was with difficulty saved from capture and death by the heroism of John R. McClaskey, of his company, who stopped the flow of blood and brought him from the field, at the risk of his life. After his recovery he was commissioned second lieutenant February 2, 1863, and served as such until he was promoted captain of Company A, January 9, 1865.

During his entire service he was never off duty except while absent recovering from his wounds. During the siege of Atlanta he was on detached service in charge of the ambulance corps, and discharged its delicate and trying duties with courage and



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fidelity. After the battles around Atlanta, he was detailed as inspector of the 3d Brigade, 4th Division, 17th Army Corps, on Gen. W. W. Belknap's staff, and served as such during the March to the Sea, and until mustered out of the service March 5, 1865, at Louisville, Kentucky, when he was brevetted major of United States Volunteers for gallant and meritorious conduct in battle by a special act of Congress.

Mr. Kepler during the war took up the study of law under the guidance and direction of General Belknap, an able lawyer, who afterwards was appointed secretary of war by President Grant.

A few years after his return to Mount Vernon, he engaged in the practice of law and has continued in the practice ever since. He has met with marked success in his chosen profession and has won a merited place among the leading attorneys of the state, and enjoys a large and lucrative practice.

On the 26th day of April, 1900, he was appointed by Leslie M. Shaw, Governor of Iowa, a member of the Commission for the Erection of Monuments on the battlefield of Shiloh, Tennessee.

On the 6th of November, 1866, at Lisbon, Mr. Kepler married Miss Mary Adaline McClaskey, who was born in Montgomery county, Indiana, June 6, 1849. Her father, David McClaskey, was born in Henry county, Kentucky, November 27, 1814, and was a son of Isaac McClaskey, a native of Northumberland county, Pennsylvania, and a grandson of James McClaskey, who came to this country from Ireland when a young man, and first settled in Pennsylvania, but later removed to Kentucky in 1794, at which time his son Isaac was ten years of age. The latter married Miss Sarah Goodsil, and

in 1818 they removed to Washington county, Indiana, where he cleared and improved a farm. There he died in 1861 and his wife passed away in 1846. They had eight children, of whom David was fifth in order of birth. He was reared and educated in Indiana, and in February, 1836, wedded Miss Mary Neely, who was born in Washington county, West Virginia, November 13, 1818, and was a daughter of William B. and Judith (Poole) Neely, natives of Virginia and North Carolina respectively.

The year following the marriage David McClaskey removed to Montgomery county, Indiana, where he owned and operated a farm until coming to Iowa in 1851. He purchased a farm in Pioneer township, Cedar county, where he made his home until 1883, when he removed to Mount Vernon. Politically he was first a Whig and later a Republican, and religiously both he and his wife were faithful and consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He died January 27, 1889, at Mt. Vernon, Iowa, and his wife passed away December 4, 1888, their remains being interred at Mount Vernon.

In their family were eight children, namely: Martha E., Judith M., John R. (the one who so gallantly assisted in carrying our subject off the field at the battle of Corinth, and who participated in all of the engagements in which his company took part, and lost a limb at Nickajack Creek, in front of Atlanta), Isaac M., Sarah Jane, Margaret K., Mary Adeline (wife of our subject), and Era A.

They were all educated at Cornell College, and the father completed his education at De Pauw University, Indiana.

Both Mrs. Kepler's paternal grandfather, James McClaskey, and paternal great-



grandfather, — Neely, were soldiers of the Revolutionary war, under General Washington, the former being captain of the company in which President McKinley's grandfather served.

Mr. and Mrs. Kepler have two children, Hattie May, at home with her parents, and who is a graduate of the Musical Department of Cornell College, and Louis Howard, a graduate of Cornell College, who is now reading law in his father's office, but who intends entering a law school in the fall of 1901.

Socially Mr. Kepler is a member of the Knights of Pythias Lodge, Mount Vernon, W. C. Dimmitt Post, Grand Army of the Republic, and the Military Order of the Loyal Legion. He has twice been elected president of the 13th Iowa Regimental Association, and twice elected secretary of Crocker's Iowa Brigade, an outline history of which appears in the sketch of Col. H. H. Rood, on another page of this work, and is a member of the board of trustees of Cornell College and of the Methodist church for twenty years. Pre-eminently public-spirited and progressive, he takes quite an active and influential part in the public affairs of his own town and county, and in his early life his fellow citizens called upon him frequently to fill many of the local offices of the town, such as mayor, councilman, etc. As a citizen he ever stands ready to discharge any duty devolving upon him, and his patriotism has been manifested in days of peace as well as in times of war.

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#### JAMES KIRKPATRICK.

This early resident of Linn county is to-day one of the most highly respected and worthy citizens of Mt. Vernon, where he

is now living a retired life. He was born in Franklin county, Pennsylvania, September 15, 1826, a son of John and Margaret (Martin) Kirkpatrick, natives of Ireland, who came to this country in 1819 and settled in Franklin county, Pennsylvania, where they spent the remainder of their lives, the former dying at the age of sixty-seven years, the latter at the age of sixty-three. The father followed farming and also worked at his trade as a linen weaver, which he had learned in his native land. In his family were nine children, the two eldest of whom were born in Ireland, but only four of the number are now living.

The subject of this sketch was reared and educated in the county of his nativity, and during his early life acquired an excellent knowledge of agricultural pursuits by assisting his father in the operation of the home farm. In 1849 he removed to Wayne county, Ohio, where he engaged in farming until 1856, and then came to Linn county, Iowa, purchasing a farm of eighty acres in Franklin township, to which he added from time to time as his financial resources increased until he had four hundred acres. His home place was on sections 27 and 34, where he followed farming most successfully until 1895, when he removed to Lisbon. Two years later, however, he took up his residence in Mt. Vernon, where he has since lived retired from active labor.

On the 20th of April, 1851, in Wayne county, Ohio, Mr. Kirkpatrick was united in marriage with Miss Sarah Henderson, also a native of Pennsylvania, and a daughter of Hugh and Nancy Henderson. Her father was a prosperous farmer of Armstrong county, Pennsylvania, who afterward removed to Ohio. Mrs. Kirkpatrick, who was a faithful member of the Presbyterian

church, died in Ohio, about a year after her marriage, leaving one son, Ralph, only five days old. He is now a prominent farmer residing on section 27, Franklin township, and is represented on another page of this volume.

Mr. Kirkpatrick was again married, in Franklin township, this county, April 15, 1858, his second union being with Miss Susan E. Cowan, a native of Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, and a daughter of Alexander C. and Margaret (Sample) Cowan. Her father was a carpenter and cabinet maker by trade, and followed these occupations during his residence in the Keystone State, but after his removal to Iowa in 1856, he engaged in farming in Franklin township, Linn county, for many years. His last days, however, were spent in Tama county, Iowa, where both he and his wife died. They had a family of eight children.

By his second marriage Mr. Kirkpatrick had eight children, of whom two died when young. The others are as follows: (1) Cowan married Edith Cantral, and resides on the old homestead in Franklin township, though he expects soon to move to Lisbon. (2) John M. is also represented elsewhere in this work. (3) Robert, a farmer of Franklin township, married Jennie Light and they have three children. (4) Mary is the wife of Henry Wetzel, who is engaged in the grain and elevator business at Millburn, Dallas county, Iowa, and they have seven children. (5) Emma is the wife of D. E. Long, a dry goods merchant, of Mt. Vernon. (6) Lizzie is the wife of Charles Krebs, a market gardener of Cedar Rapids, and they have six children. Mrs. Kirkpatrick, the mother of these children, died on the home farm in Franklin township, July 22, 1874, at the age of forty-one years. She was a

devout and active member of the Presbyterian church, a faithful wife and loving mother.

As one of the prominent and influential citizens of his community Mr. Kirkpatrick was called upon to fill the offices of township trustee and treasurer; and also district treasurer in Franklin township for nineteen years, and road commissioner for several terms. In religious belief he, too, is a Presbyterian, and has taken quite an active and prominent part in church work, serving as trustee of the church in Franklin township and Mt. Vernon for several years.

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#### JAMES A. STAMBAUGH.

James A. Stambaugh, who is successfully carrying on farming and stock raising on section 21, Bertram township, was born in Linn county, on the 8th of December, 1852, and is a son of Samuel Stambaugh, of whom extended mention is made in the sketch of George W. Stambaugh on another page of this volume. The father, who was a native of Pennsylvania, died on the old homestead in Bertram township, September 20, 1897. He was married in Schuyler county, Illinois, to Rachel Bryant, a native of Ohio, who died at the home of her daughter in Marion, April 23, 1901. By this union were born twelve children, of whom two died in infancy. The others were as follows: Mary A. is the wife of William L. Stoneking, a farmer of Bertram township; Louisa A. is the wife of William Cory, a farmer of Green county, Iowa; Sarah E. died at the age of forty years; Samuel E. married Della Harvey, of Lisbon, Iowa, and now resides in Santa Anna, California; Noah B. married

Lilly Lamson, of Marion, Iowa, and lives in Curtis, Oklahoma; James is the next of the family; Rachel J. is the wife of Charles Lamson, of Sumas City, Washington; George W. is represented on another page of this volume; Albert H. married Lettie Workman and resides in Browning, Schuyler county, Illinois; and Martha Eva is the wife of Zach Berry, of Marion, Iowa.

The district schools of this county afforded James A. Stambaugh his educational privileges, and while attending school in winter he assisted his father in the work of the home farm through the summer months until nineteen years of age. He then rented forty acres of land of his father, and resided thereon for five years. The following year he rented the Daniels farm, and next rented the Berry farm one year, and at the end of which time he returned to the old homestead, remaining there three years.

On the 25th of June, 1882, in Linn county, Mr. Stambaugh was united in marriage with Miss Louisa Berry, who was born in Illinois, August 29, 1852, a daughter of John and Polly Millner Berry, both natives of this country. She died October 1, 1883, and was laid to rest at Crab Apple, this county. She left one son, Charles L., who was born October 1, 1883, and now assists his father in the labors of the farm.

Mr. Stambaugh was again married, March 9, 1887, in Marion, Iowa, his second union being with Miss Mary Ella Parker, who was born in Concord, New Hampshire, July 20, 1862. Her parents, Samuel and Amelna (Messer) Parker, were both natives of Bow, New Hampshire, the former born December 30, 1821, the latter July 24, 1825. They were married at that place April 8, 1847, and for eighteen years thereafter he devoted his time to the manufacture of

piano and organ keys, and in 1866 came west, locating at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, where the father worked at his trade of carpenter for a short time. Subsequently they settled south of Mt. Vernon, where he followed milling for about a year, and then removed west of that place, where he engaged in the same occupation for five years. He next located on a farm near Bertram, and devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits for fifteen years. He then retired from active labor and removed to Cedar Rapids, where his death occurred November 1, 1894, his remains being interred in the cemetery there. His widow now resides with our subject. Their children were Frank B., who married Martha Oxley and resides in Cedar Rapids; Martha A., who died at the age of eleven months; Arzilla M., who died at the age of nineteen; William, who married Rosie White and lives on a farm in Bertram township; Mary Ella, wife of our subject, and Charles, who married Frankie Boxwell and also resides on a farm in Bertram township. By his second marriage Mr. Stambaugh has three children, namely: Hattie E., born January 23, 1889; Clara E., born April 24, 1892; and Roy, born November 5, 1899.

Mr. Stambaugh's first purchase of land consisted of forty acres on section 21, Bertram township, to which he has subsequently added fifty-four acres, and he also owns a one-third interest in the old homestead. He has made many substantial improvements on his farm, including a good residence, barns and cattle sheds. He raises a high grade of stock for market, to which he feeds all of his grain, and is one of the most progressive agriculturists of his community. He attends the Christian Science church, of Cedar Rapids, and votes for the principles which he believes are for the best interests

of the people, regardless of party. He has filled the offices of road supervisor and school director for a number of years, and has ever faithfully discharged any duty devolving upon him whether public or private.

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IRA A. BARNES.

Among the energetic and successful agriculturists of Franklin township is the subject of this sketch who is now engaged in dairy farming on section 14. He was born in the same township, one mile west of Mt. Vernon, April 4, 1854, and belongs to a family of English origin which was founded in Canada at a very early day. His father, M. C. Barnes, was born in that country, in 1817, and in 1839 wedded Miss Mary Wilcox, a native of New York. Prior to Iowa's admission to the Union they came to this state in 1843, driving from New York with an ox team and sled, and crossing the Mississippi river on the ice March 20. On reaching Linn county they found an almost unbroken wilderness abounding with game and inhabited principally by Indians. The father purchased eighty acres of land in Franklin township, and during those early days did all of his trading in Cedar Rapids. He was called upon to fill local offices and served as constable a number of years. He died at the home of his daughter in Chicago, June 16, 1890, and his wife died in Benton county, Iowa, May 4, the same year, while visiting at the home of our subject, and the remains of both were interred in the Mt. Vernon cemetery.

Unto this worthy couple were born eight children, as follows: George R. Enlisted September 15, 1861, in Company A, Thirteenth

Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and died May 28, 1862; Jennette is the wife of William Cook, of Webster, Madison county, Iowa; Frank M., who is engaged in the dairy business in Calhoun county, Iowa, married first Eliza Robinson and after her death wedded Lizzie Kenderdine, a sister of our subject's wife; Almira is the wife of George McMullen, who resides near Clarks, Merrick county, Nebraska; Rosina is the wife of Joseph Shidler, who lives near Lisbon, Iowa; Ira A. is next in order of birth; Mary E. is the wife of Wilbur Owens, of Chicago; and Carrie is also a resident of that city.

Reared on the home farm, Ira A. Barnes assisted his father in the labors of the fields, and attended the district schools until eighteen years of age, after which he devoted his entire time and attention to agricultural pursuits. He was married at Lisbon, September 15, 1881, the lady of his choice being Miss Hannah Kenderdine, who was born in this county, June 17, 1858, of German extraction, though her parents, Theodore and Hannah (Baker) Kenderdine, were both natives of Pennsylvania, where their marriage was celebrated. They came west about 1850 and settled in Lisbon, Iowa, where Mr. Kenderdine engaged in the blacksmith business for some years, but is now living retired at that place. His wife died May 15, 1870, and was buried in Lisbon. They had six children, namely: Josephine, who died at the age of ten years; Elizabeth, wife of Frank Barnes, of Lake City, Calhoun county, Iowa, a brother of our subject; Matilda, who died at the age of one year; Hannah, wife of our subject; Jennette, wife of W. H. Brown, of Lake City, Iowa; and Alma, wife of Fletcher Brown, of Primghar, O'Brien county, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Barnes have one child, Ray Vernon, who was born July



17, 1882, and is now attending school in Lisbon.

Mr. Barnes remained on his father's farm for five years after his marriage, and then went to Benton county, Iowa, where he operated a rented farm for two years. On the expiration of that time he returned to Linn county, and purchased a farm of eighty-five acres on section 14, Franklin township, on which he has made a number of improvements, including the erection of a fine barn. In 1899 he purchased an additional six acres on the same section, and on the 1st of March, 1901, bought what is known as the Mt. Vernon Dairy, which he is now successfully conducting. His farm is well stocked with a high grade of milch cows, and is supplied with all modern appliances found upon a first class dairy farm.

In his social relations Mr. Barnes is a member of Mt. Vernon Lodge, No. 551, I. O. O. F., and Mt. Vernon Camp, No. 116, M. W. A., and in religious belief he is a Methodist. Like his father he is a staunch supporter of the Republican party, and takes a deep and commendable interest in public affairs.

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#### ANDREW JACKSON HARVEY.

The subject of this sketch is a popular and influential citizen of Troy Mills, where he has successfully engaged in mercantile business for fifteen years. He is a native of this county, born on the 21st of September, 1844, and is a son of Henry Harrison and Rachel (Ellis) Harvey. In their family of five children, he was the third in order of birth, and only himself and sister, Mrs.

John Pugh, of Troy Mills, are now living. The father died when our subject was quite young.

Mr. Harvey was reared and educated in this county, and at the age of twenty years started out to make his own way in the world. For some time he worked at La Fayette. On the 29th of October, 1886, he came to Troy Mills, where in partnership with James Breydon he purchased the store of Worth Jackman. Subsequently he bought his partner's interest in the business and now conducts the store alone. He carries a large and well-selected stock of general merchandise, and by fair and honorable dealing has built up an excellent trade. He also owns a farm which is devoted to stock raising, and is engaged in the butcher business, conducting a market in connection with his store.

When the country became involved in civil war, Mr. Harvey enlisted in August, 1862, in Company A, Thirty-first Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and was in active service for three years, taking part in the siege of Vicksburg, and the celebrated march to the sea under the command of General Sherman. When the war was over and his services were no longer needed, he was mustered out at Davenport, Iowa, July 3, 1865. He is now a prominent member of the Orwein Post, No. 509, G. A. R., in which he has held the offices of quartermaster and commander, and he also belongs to the Masonic Lodge at Walker. He was always affiliated with the Republican party since he cast his first presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln, and takes a deep and commendable interest in public affairs. He has served as trustee of his township for several years, and in all the varied relations of life has been found true to every trust reposed in him.

## COLONEL ISAAC M. PRESTON.

Colonel Preston was one of the pioneer attorneys of Linn county, Iowa, and one of the most prominent criminal lawyers in the state. In this profession probably more than any other success depends upon individual merit, upon a thorough understanding of the principles of jurisprudence, a power of keen analysis, and the ability to present clearly, concisely and forcibly the strong points in his cause. Possessing these necessary qualifications, Colonel Preston was accorded a foremost place in the ranks of the profession in Linn county.

The Colonel was born in Bennington, Vermont, April 6, 1813, a son of Ephraim Preston, who during the boyhood of our subject removed to Elbridge, Onondago county, New York, which was then considered the far west. There he was reared upon his father's farm, receiving but limited educational advantages, and at the age of sixteen years started out to make his own way in the world. He learned the carpenter's trade, and as a carpenter went to Iowa City, in 1841. While there he took up the study of law and was admitted to the bar.

Prior to coming west Colonel Preston had wedded Miss Mary J. Facer, a native of New York City, whose father was of English birth, who, on coming to this country, settled in New York City. Two sons blessed this union, namely: Joseph H., who was born in Yates Center, New York, and is now a prominent attorney of Cedar Rapids, his sketch appearing on another page of this volume; and Edmund C., who was born in Dayton, Ohio.

In 1842, after his admission to the bar, Colonel Preston located in Marion, which was then the new county seat and contained

only three houses. He was the first attorney to locate permanently there, and he continued in practice at that place until 1878, when he removed to Cedar Rapids. For many years he was considered one of the leading attorneys of the county, and continued in active practice until his death, which occurred March 6, 1880. He was noted for his remarkable ability as a criminal lawyer and defended more criminals than any other man in this section of the state. He was one of the first attorneys of the Jones county calf case and was connected with it until his death. The Colonel was also attorney for the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad when it was being built from the Mississippi river west, and had supervision of the legal department of the road at that time. He possessed great power in swaying a jury, and appeared never to be surprised when conducting any case. He was a man who thoroughly loved his profession, and was eminently gifted with the capabilities of mind which are indispensable at the bar. He was thoroughly familiar with authority and never at a loss for a precedent.

In his political affiliations Colonel Preston was always a staunch Democrat, and took an active part in public affairs. He was the first United States district attorney under the territory of Iowa, and was county judge of Linn county for several years. He was a member of the state senate during the big fight which resulted in removing the capital from Iowa City to Des Moines, and had previously been a member of the state legislature. He was actively identified with the state militia and was commissioned colonel of a regiment. During the Mexican war it was his duty to see that the state furnished its full quota, Linn county having to furnish only three men. Public-spirited and

progressive he took a prominent part in promoting the upbuilding and prosperity of Marion, and erected the first brick house in that place. He also built a residence in Cedar Rapids. He was an Odd Fellow of long-standing, and was a man of highly respected and esteemed by all who knew him. His estimable wife, who was born August 9, 1815, and died March 8, 1901, in Cedar Rapids, was a member of the Episcopal church.

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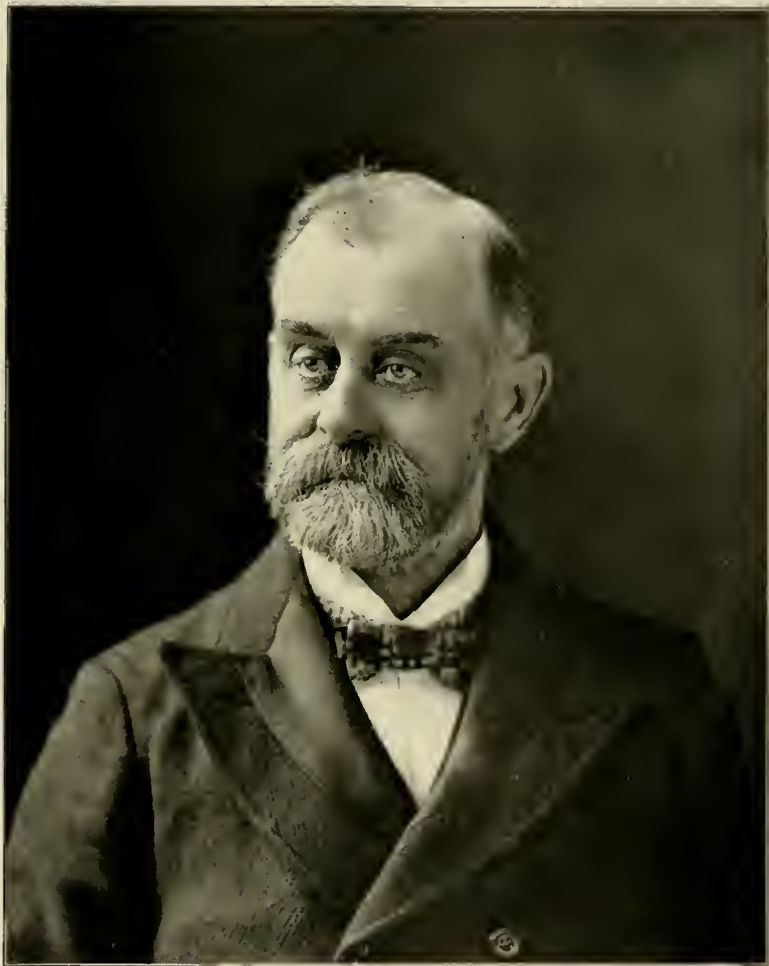
JOSIAH WHITE.

Josiah White, who holds the responsible position of superintendent of the water supply department for the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad, is a native of London, England, born at No. 1 Victoria Road, Kentishtown, March 11, 1846, and is a son of Isaac and Ann (Nineham) White, who also claimed England as their birth-place. He is the oldest of their seven children, all of whom are now living in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The parents are both now deceased. By trade the father was a cabinet-maker, and in early life was employed as a private pattern maker by a London firm engaged in the manufacture of a high grade of pianos, and had charge of the construction of a number of pieces of furniture which were given to the various crowned heads of Europe by Victoria. But on account of ill health he was at length forced to leave London and removed to a farm in Dorsetshire, England. He later came to Canada and thence to Cedar Rapids with our subject, and was employed by the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad for many years, making their office furniture and fine work in their coach and other departments. He

died here in December, 1892, and the mother in the previous April.

Our subject began his education in the public schools of Dorsetshire, and later attended a select boarding school, where he completed his literary studies about 1861. He then had charge of threshing and other machinery, and for a time was in the employ of an architect on the Pharquiharsen estate. With the hope of bettering his fortune in the new world he went to Canada with his brother, Isaac S., and a cousin, sailing from Liverpool to Quebec on the 1st of September, 1871, on the steamer *Circassian* of the Allen line. On arriving in the latter city he proceeded at once to Montreal and from there to Toronto. Here Mr. White was accosted upon the street by a gentleman who wanted to know if his name was not White, and receiving an affirmative answer desired to engage his services to go to Stamford to handle the flax manufacturing business, as he had previous experience in England. Our subject accepted the position and remained there some time. While at Sarnia, Ontario, he was joined by his father and brother, who engaged in cabinetmaking there for a time, and in 1872 the family came to Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Before leaving England Mr. White was connected with the operation of flax mills, and gained about three years' experience in the usage of pumps, and on coming to Cedar Rapids he entered the employ of the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad, under the master builder, to look after the pumps at the water stations. In 1876 he received the appointment of superintendent of the water supply department from W. P. Clark, who was then chief engineer, and this position he has since filled in a most capable and satisfactory manner, having general su-



JOSIAH WHITE.





pervision of the entire water supply of the road.

On the 24th of August, 1876, Mr. White led to the marriage altar Miss Jennie M. Cantelo, a daughter of James Cantelo and a native of the Isle of Wight, England, whence she came to America about 1860. By this union were born six children, of whom one died in infancy. Those living are Ernest Cantelo, a mechanical engineer, who was superintendent of the American machinery building at the Paris Exposition in 1900, and is now a resident of New York; May Lillian; Charlotte J.; Ethel G.; and Cyril J. The family have a nice home at 1922 First avenue. Mr. White is a member of Crescent Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of the Order of the Eastern Star, of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, and the Bankers Fraternal Reserve Association. He is now vice-president and director of the Parlor City Fuel Company, attends and supports Grace Episcopal church, and is a staunch supporter of the Republican party and its principles.

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#### JAMES W. HOFFMAN.

James W. Hoffman, who is successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits on section 26, Franklin township, was born in Linn county, February 15, 1858, a son of John and Mary (Coleman) Hoffman. The father was born in Pennsylvania, and in early life went to Dayton, Ohio, where he married Elizabeth Ausley, a native of that state, by whom he had three children. One of these died in infancy, and George W. was killed August 22, 1864, while fighting for his country in the war of the Rebellion. The only one now

living is Susan, who is the widow of William Pisel, and makes her home with her daughter in Humboldt county, Iowa.

In 1844 John Hoffman was again married, his second union being with Miss Mary Coleman, also a native of Dayton, Ohio, and by this marriage he had seven children who are still living: Martha J., wife of Albert Williams, a farmer of Franklin township, this county; Lizzie A., who lives with her brother, Lincoln F.; John Henry, who married Lizzie Burge and follows farming in Franklin township; James Wesley, of this review; Calvin Milton, who married Jennie Meakin, now deceased, and lives in Franklin township; Mary Catherine, wife of Charles Haskins, of Bonilla, Beadle county, South Dakota; and Lincoln F., who is represented on another page of this volume. Another son, Joseph, was killed October 20, 1876, at the age of twenty years, six months and ten days by accidental discharge of a gun while out hunting. He was attending college at that time, and was an exceptionally bright young man, who was generous almost to a fault and was held in high regard by all who knew him.

In 1846, accompanied by his wife and three children John Hoffman came to Iowa, the journey being made overland in what was known as a prairie schooner. On reaching Linn county he took up a claim of one hundred and sixty acres in Franklin township, which at that time was all wild prairie and timber land, and to its cultivation and improvement he at once turned his attention. Being an industrious man of good business ability, he prospered in his new home, and as time advanced he added to his farm until he had three hundred and sixty-seven acres of valuable land under a high state of cultivation and improved with good and sub-

stantial buildings, including a most comfortable home. He continued to reside upon his farm until his death, which occurred April 21, 1896. He was a faithful and consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and was one of the most highly esteemed citizens of his community. In his political affiliations he was a Republican. His estimable wife died June 3, 1883, and both were laid to rest in the Lisbon cemetery.

During his boyhood and youth James W. Hoffman pursued his studies in the district schools near his father's home, and worked on the farm until 1890, when he removed to a forty-acre tract of land on section 26, Franklin township, which was given him by his father and which he still occupies. Subsequently he bought a forty-acre tract which he afterward sold, and then purchased forty-seven acres, so that he now has a good farm of eighty-seven acres, which he keeps under excellent cultivation. He gives considerable attention to the breeding of short-horn cattle and Jersey red swine, and also raises horses for market, feeding all the grain he raises to his stock. He has built a good residence upon his place, barns, sheds and other outbuildings, and has one of the most desirable farms of its size in the locality. Politically he is a supporter of the Republican party, and is now serving as treasurer of the school board.

On the 15th of April, 1893, in this county, Mr. Hoffman married Miss Dora Whitlach, who was born April 2, 1872, and is a daughter of Adam Whitlach, a sketch of whom is found elsewhere in this work. Three children grace this union, namely: Blanche Carroll, born May 15, 1894; Harold Glenn, born March 1, 1896; and Merrill J., born November 14, 1897.

#### FRANCIS N. SEABROOK.

Many of the leading railroad men of Cedar Rapids have gradually worked their way upward to positions of trust and responsibility, becoming the head of important departments. To this class belongs Francis N. Seabrook, who is now so efficiently serving as city or local freight agent for the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad.

A native of Maryland, he was born in Emmetsburg, on the 8th of September, 1857, and is a son of Jesse A. and Mary C. (Kirk) Seabrook, the former a native of Casstown, Pennsylvania, the latter of Emmetsburg, Maryland. The father had no regular occupation, but followed various pursuits, such as teaming, farming and general merchandising, and after coming to Cedar Rapids served on the police force, being thus employed at the time of his death, as he died very suddenly of heart disease at the police station at the age of sixty-two years. His wife is also deceased. In their family were eight children, of whom six are still living.

Francis N. Seabrook, the oldest of this family, spent the days of his boyhood and youth in Maryland, and received a good common school education. In 1876, at the age of eighteen years, he accompanied his uncle, who was a resident of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, to this city, where he soon found employment with the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad as truckman. His next position was as city freight delivery clerk, and later served as bill clerk and afterward as rate clerk. In 1900 he was made chief clerk of the office, and in November of that year was appointed city or local freight agent, in which capacity he is now serving so acceptably.

On the 10th of October, 1887, Mr. Seabrook married Miss Louisa Duffack, who was born in Iowa, but at an early age removed with the family to Minnesota, where their marriage was celebrated. She is one of a family of ten children, of whom seven are living, her parents being John and Margaret Duffack. The father, who was a carpenter by occupation, died in 1871, while his wife died in 1898. He was born in Bavaria, and his wife in Austria, Germany. Mr. and Mrs. Seabrook have three children, Angelo, Paul and Gertrude. The family are communicants of the Catholic church, and Mr. Seabrook is also a member of the Catholic Order of Foresters and the Ancient Order of United Workmen. In politics he is independent.

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JOHN F. MOHN.

The subject of this sketch, who is one of the leading agriculturists of Franklin township, resides on section 1. He is a native of the state, having been born in Cedar county, February 18, 1865, and is a son of Conrad and Elizabeth (Rick) Mohn, who were born, reared and married in Hesse Darmstadt, Germany, but who emigrated to the United States in 1858, first locating in the village of Lisbon, where the father worked by the day for a time. He later rented a farm in Cedar county, where he remained two years, when he returned with his family to Linn county and for the succeeding four years cultivated a rented farm near Lisbon. In 1869 he moved to White Oak, Jones county, and bought a farm of one hundred and forty acres, which was well improved. He there continued to reside

until his death in 1891. His son, Philip, still resides on the old home place, while the mother moved to Lisbon, where she bought a comfortable home and where she still resides. To Conrad and Elizabeth Mohn six children were born, namely: William, who married Jennie Wickham and resides in Richmond, Missouri; Katie, who died at the age of four years; Philip G., who married Lotta Davis, and lives on a farm in Jones county, Iowa; John F., our subject; Minnie, wife of John B. Merfield, a farmer of Jones county, Iowa; and George, a twin brother of Philip, who died in infancy.

At the age of five years John F. Mohn accompanied his parents on their removal to Jones county, Iowa, where he attended the district schools until about eighteen years of age, and acquired a thorough knowledge of agricultural pursuits by assisting his father in the operation of the home farm. On leaving the parental roof at the age of twenty-three years he rented a farm of one hundred acres, where he lived for two years, and for the same length of time rented a farm of similar size in Pioneer township, Cedar county. In the spring of 1893 he came to Linn county, and purchased one hundred and twenty acres of improved land on section 1, Franklin township, which he has since operated most successfully. The land is rich black loam and is one of the best farms in the locality, being worth seventy-five dollars per acre. In connection with general farming Mr. Mohn is also engaged in stock raising, and in this branch of his business he has also prospered. Besides his farm he owns six acres of good timber land and other property in Martelle, Iowa.

Mr. Mohn was married in Linn county, December 20, 1888, the lady of his choice being Miss Linnie C. Ellison, who was born



here, March 5, 1868, a daughter of John and Rachel (Curtis) Ellison, a sketch of whom appears on another page of this volume. Two children bless this union: Oscar C., born July 29, 1890; and Freda A., born December 9, 1900. The family attend the Evangelical church, of Lisbon, and Mr. Mohn has always been an earnest advocate and staunch supporter of the Democratic party and its principles.

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#### CHARLES E. BERRY.

The agricultural interests of Bertram township are well represented by this gentleman whose home is on section 28. A native of this county, he was born in Bertram township, February 27, 1859, and is a son of Robert Berry, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this work. During the first twenty years of his life our subject attended the country schools and aided in the work of the farm.

On the 20th of September, 1882, Mr. Berry was married in Johnson county, Missouri, to Miss Laurana J. Byers, who was born in Ohio, August 13, 1862. Her parents, Joseph and Mary C. (Lynn) Byers, were born, reared and married in Ohio, from which state they removed to Michigan, remaining there until the close of the Civil war, when they removed to Johnson county, Missouri, where they still reside. They had three children of whom Mrs. Berry was the oldest; Sally is the wife of Marion Herring, of Henry county, Missouri; and Frank, who is also married and lives in the same county.

After his marriage Mr. Berry rented one hundred and twenty acres of his father's land, which he operated until March, 1887,

when he removed to Henry county, Missouri, and engaged in farming there until the following fall. There his wife died September 25, 1887, and her remains were brought back and interred in Campbell cemetery, Bertram, Iowa. She left four children, namely: Cordelia E., born September 1, 1883; Gertrude N., born December 26, 1884; Jennie A., born May 4, 1886; and Charles R., born August 8, 1887.

On the 1st of October, 1887, Mr. Berry returned to this county, and was in the employ of the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad company, until July 1, 1888. Since then he has resided upon the farm which he now occupies, it consisting of one hundred and eighty acres on section 28, Bertram township, and in its cultivation he has met with excellent success. He has made many improvements upon the place, including the erection of an elegant frame residence in modern style of architecture, and also large barns and cattle sheds. He intends making a specialty of the raising of Hereford cattle, of which he has a good herd, and he also raises a high grade of hogs for market.

Mr. Berry was again married in Ringgold county, Iowa, April 1, 1889, his second union being with Miss Sarah C. Morrison, who was born in Sangamon county, Illinois, December 25, 1885. They have one child, Osmond R., born January 23, 1890. Mrs. Berry's parents were John and Amanda (Shafer) Morrison, natives of Ohio, from which state they removed to Illinois after their marriage. There the father died April 9, 1873, and in 1876 the mother moved to Iowa with her family, locating in Ringgold county. Their children were as follows: Martha married J. T. Ingles, who lives near Springfield, Illinois, and she died in 1882; Nellie, deceased, was the wife of Edward Russell, a resident of Grouse, Oregon; Sarah

C., wife of our subject, is next in order of birth; Henry, deceased, married Julia Galaway, who lives near Denver, Colorado; Luella is the wife of Henry Brenckenridge, of Ringgold county, Iowa; John, also a resident of Ringgold county, first married Nettie Scott and after her death wedded Hannah Clough; Angeline died at the age of twenty years; Nancy is the wife of John Atwood, of North Ontario, California; William is a stock dealer, of Casper, South Dakota; Gussie is the wife of Frank Preston, of North Ontario, California; and Katie resides with her mother in Ringgold county, Iowa.

Mr. Berry attends the Methodist church, and is a member of Bertram Lodge, No. 534, I. O. O. F. In politics he is a Democrat, and was elected as clerk of Bertram township, at the fall election in 1900. He is one of the up-to-date and progressive farmers of Berlin township, as well as one of the highly esteemed citizens of the community.

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#### TUILLAR J. DAVIS.

In proportion to its population, Linn county has within its borders as large a number of prominent business and professional men as any county in the state, and among the representative business men none stand higher in the estimation of the public than the subject of this sketch, who is the manager and proprietor of the T. J. Davis Lumber Co., and vice-president of the Farmers and Merchants State Bank, of Marion. He was born in York county, Maine, July 26, 1864, and is the son of Albion K. and Octavia (Challis) Davis, both of whom were natives of the same state.

In his native state Albion K. Davis was

first engaged in agricultural pursuits, and later was manager of a saw and grist mill, at which occupation he continued until his removal to Clinton county, Iowa, where he purchased a farm and for five years was engaged in farming. Selling his farm, he then returned to Maine, and as is generally the case with those who once coming west and partaking of its spirit, he was not content, and so he came again to Iowa, and for ten years was engaged as a railroad contractor, his first work being in the construction of the Sabula, Ackley & Dakota Railroad, which was then principally owned and controlled by Alexander Mitchell and S. S. Merrill, afterwards long connected with the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad, and who succeeded in building up that system. The portion constructed by Mr. Davis is now known as the Savannah and Marion division of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad. After the close of his ten years in railroad building, he went into the mercantile business at Marion, Iowa, in which line he continued for many years. He is now, at the age of seventy-two years, living a retired life in the city of Marion, and with his wife and daughter, Artheusa, attend the Congregational church, of which they are each members. Fraternally he is a thirty-second-degree Mason. During almost his entire life he has been a hard-working and industrious man, and it was not until he was seventy-one years old did he lay aside business cares.

The subject of this sketch was the youngest of two children, and in the public schools of Marion received his education. Leaving school at the age of sixteen years, he went into the First National Bank of the late R. D. Stevens, in the spring of 1881, and there remained six years, serving in various ca-

pacities, and getting a thorough knowledge of the banking business. From the bank he went into the grocery business with W. J. Collar, and under the firm name of Collar & Davis the business was continued for two years. Selling his interest in the grocery store, Mr. Davis then embarked in the lumber trade as a member of the Elliott & Davis Lumber Co., his partner being Johnston Elliott, his father-in-law. That business relation was continued for five years, when Mr. Elliott sold his interest and Mr. Fulkerson became a partner, and the business was continued under the firm name of the Davis & Fulkerson Lumber Co. Three years later Mr. Fulkerson retired and Mr. Davis became sole proprietor, the business being continued under the name of the T. J. Davis Lumber Co.

In 1894, the Farmers and Merchants Bank was organized, Mr. Davis being one of the principal men in its formation. For two years he gave much of his time to the active management of the bank, and is now serving as vice-president. He is the largest stockholder in the bank, which is one of the best in Linn county. At the time the bank was organized a Building and Loan Association was also incorporated, and for the first two years Mr. Davis was its president, since which time he has served as treasurer. He is also treasurer of the local telephone company, which has been in existence for three years.

On the 14th of December, 1887, Mr. Davis was united in marriage with Miss Nellie Elliott, a native of New York, and daughter of Johnston Elliott, Jr., and by this union four children have been born—Laverna E., aged twelve, Esther P., aged ten, Priscilla M., aged seven, and J. Elliott,

aged one. The parents are members of the Congregational church, in which Mr. Davis has served at different times in various official positions.

Fraternally Mr. Davis is a Mason of high degree, and is now serving as worshipful master of the blue lodge, of Marion. He has at different times served his lodge as delegate to the Grand Lodge of the state and is now a member of the Finance Committee, of the Grand Lodge. Since its organization in 1894, he has been secretary of the Masonic Temple Association. He is also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Mr. Davis is a very busy man, enterprising in the highest degree. While his lumber interests requires the greater part of his time he gives much attention to the real estate business in which he is quite extensively interested, and also to the banking business. As administrator of the estate of Johnston Elliott, Jr., he has had much labor to perform. No man in Marion has done more for its business and commercial interests in the past twenty years than Mr. Davis. No enterprise calculated to advance the interest of his adopted city and county but finds in him a steadfast friend. His pluck, push and energy has brought him to the front in business circles, and his friends are numerous throughout Linn and adjoining counties.

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GEORGE E. MOHN.

Among those successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits in Franklin township is George E. Mohn, who operate a fine farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 1. He was born in Jones county, Iowa, May 9.

1871, and is a son of Philip Mohn, who is represented elsewhere in this work. During his childhood, he accompanied his parents on their removal to Missouri, but after residing there a short time they returned to Jones county, Iowa, and four years later came to Linn county.

Our subject attended school in his native county for four years, and later pursued his studies in a school house located on the boundary line between Linn and Cedar counties, his education being completed at the age of twenty years. He worked with his father on the old homestead until his marriage, and then took full charge of a part of the farm, consisting of one hundred and sixty acres, which he now occupies. This he has improved and brought to a high state of cultivation. He seems to have inherited the thrift and energy as well as the economy of his father, and is one of the most esteemed young farmers of Linn county. He raises a high grade of horses, cattle and hogs for market and feeds all his grain to his stock. Religiously he is a member of the Evangelical church, and politically is identified with the Republican party. He is now efficiently serving as school director in his district.

In Jones county, August 9, 1893, Mr. Mohn married Miss Lena A. Muller, who was born in Shelby county, Iowa, November 9, 1873. Her parents, Conrad and Minnie (Fisher) Miller, were both natives of Hanover, Germany, and were young when they came to the new world, their marriage being celebrated in Clayton county, Iowa, where they lived upon a farm until 1870. Since then they have made their home in Shelby county. Fifteen children were born to them, namely: Annie, wife of Fred Strunk, of Yankton, South Dakota; August, who wedded Mary Dreyfall and resides in Adair

county, Iowa; Tena, wife of Samuel Smith, of Manheim, Pennsylvania; Carl, deceased, who married Sarah Smith, now a resident of Cass county, Iowa; Dora, deceased wife of Andrew Rigger, of Jones county, Iowa; Paul, who married Lula Kevan and lives in Shelby county; Ida, wife of John Heiden, who resides near Denison, Crawford county, Iowa; Lena, wife of our subject; Herman, a farmer of Shelby county; David, who married Anna Fillenworth and lives in Adair county, Iowa; Gotlieb and Julius, both residents of Shelby county; Martin, who died in infancy; Clara, a resident of Shelby county; and Hugo, who died at the age of six years.

To Mr. and Mrs. Mohn have been born two children, namely: Ira J., born June 25, 1895, and Carl Edward, born November 25, 1899.

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#### HON. JOSEPH H. PRESTON.

Joseph H. Preston, ex-judge of the eighteenth judicial district of Iowa, and a prominent attorney of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, was born in Benton Center, Yates county, New York, on the 9th of July, 1838, but was only four years old when, in 1842, he was brought to this county by his parents, Col. I. M. and Mary J. (Facer) Preston, the family locating in Marion. In the public schools of that place his elementary education and later was a student at Cornell College, Mt. Vernon. He also attended the Ohio State and Union Law College, of Cleveland, Ohio, graduating from the latter institution in 1860 with the degree of LL. B. He was then examined and admitted to the bar in this county, Judges Hubbard, Smyth and Hon. I. L. Allen constituting the examining committee.



Forming a partnership with his father, Mr. Preston was engaged in practice at Marion for eight years, and in 1869 removed to Waterloo, Iowa, where he followed his profession until coming to Cedar Rapids in 1881. Here he was first alone in business, and soon after locating in Cedar Rapids was elected district attorney for the eighth judicial district, consisting of seven counties, serving in that capacity for four years and having entire charge of the crimination prosecutions for the district. In 1886, on the expiration of his term in that office, he was elected judge of the eighteenth judicial district, consisting of Linn, Jones and Cedar counties, and so acceptably did he fill the office that he was re-elected in 1890 with an increased majority, although a Democratic candidate in a Republican district. On the 1st of September, 1894, he resigned that office and turned his attention to the private practice of law, becoming a member of the firm of Preston, Wheeler & Moffit. The firm is now Preston & Moffit and is doing an extensive business, with offices at Cedar Rapids and Tipton.

As an attorney Judge Preston ranks among the foremost in this section of the state. Genial and affable, possessed of a logical mind and of rare persuasive powers, he is enabled to appear well before a jury and to exert over it a wonderful influence. Holding marked precedence among the members of the bar of Linn county and retaining a clientele of so representative a character as to alone stand in evidence of his professional ability and personal popularity, the Judge must assuredly be accorded a prominent place in the history of his adopted county. He was married on the 4th of September, 1860, to Miss Adeline L. Wood, of Marion.

#### C. HOWARD KEPLER.

One of the best known and most highly respected of the citizens of Franklin township is C. Howard Kepler, who resides on section 5, where he is engaged in general farming and stock raising. He is a native of the county, born May 9, 1846, and is a son of Conrad and Margaret (Lingerfelter) Kepler, both of whom were born in Frederick county, Maryland.

Conrad Kepler, who is numbered among the pioneers of Linn county, was born in 1811, and continued to reside in his native state until 1843, when he came to this county. Throughout his active business life he followed farming, but now, at the age of ninety years he is living retired at the home of our subject. In the years that have passed, he has taken quite an active part in local affairs, and was called upon to fill many local offices. In early life he was a member of the Lutheran church, but is now connected with the Methodist Episcopal church, of which his wife was also an earnest member. She died on the home farm in Franklin township at the age of sixty-nine years.

Six sons and two daughters were born unto Conrad and Margaret Kepler, as follows: John William, who formerly followed farming in Franklin township, but who is now engaged in the wood business in Mt. Vernon; Peter H., a farmer who died in Franklin township; Thomas S., a practicing physician in Mt. Vernon, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this volume; Charles W., an attorney of Mt. Vernon, who is also represented in this work; Edward M., who was a soldier in the Civil war and is now engaged in farming in Kansas; Columbus Howard, our subject; Rebecca, wife of George Riley, a farmer of Franklin town-

ship, this county; and Elizabeth, wife of O. B. Cole, a farmer of Jones county, Iowa.

The boyhood and youth of our subject were spent on the home farm in Franklin township, and his elementary education was obtained in the country schools. Subsequently he attended Cornell College, in Mt. Vernon, for a time, but left school at the age of nineteen years and commenced life for himself, renting his father's farm of one hundred and sixty acres. He made his first five hundred dollars in raising wheat which was marketed in Lisbon, and for which he received two dollars and twenty-five cents per bushel. This was about the close of the Civil war when everything was high. For four years he continued to operate rented land, during which time he accumulated enough capital to purchase fifty acres of his present farm on section 5, Franklin township, to which he subsequently added a tract of thirty acres, and just west of his original farm he purchased a tract of one hundred and forty-three acres, and in all has now two hundred and twenty-five acres. He has made many improvements upon his home farm, including the erection of a large barn and cattle sheds, and has remodeled the house from garret to cellar.

Mr. Kepler was united in marriage at Mt. Vernon, Iowa, October 27, 1868, with Miss Mary E. Neal, who was born in Ohio, April 11, 1851, and is a daughter of Horace and Maria Turner Neal, natives of New York and Ohio respectively. Her parents were married in Ohio, from which state they came to Iowa in 1854, locating in Mt. Vernon, where the father engaged in the manufacture of harness. Being an excellent workman, and conscientious in all he did, some of the harness which he made over forty years ago is still in use in this coun-

ty. He died in Marion, Iowa, September 15, 1884, on the sixtieth anniversary of his birth. By his union with Maria Turner there were two children, Myra, who died at the age of thirteen years, and Mary E., wife of our subject.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Kepler have been born four children, and they have also an adopted daughter. Harry E., born November 28, 1869, was graduated in the civil engineering department of Cornell College, and afterwards took a course in electrical engineering at Des Moines, Iowa, in the Highland Park College, but is now engaged in the telephone business in Madison, Wisconsin. He was married June 16, 1898, to Grace Ingram, and they have one daughter, Dorothy. Hattie O., born April 17, 1872, has a remarkably fine voice, and was graduated in music from Cornell College. She was married October 25, 1893, to John Howard Jones, a native of Wisconsin, who was graduated at Cornell College, and the law school at Denver, Colorado, and is now an attorney in Chicago. They have one son, Elbert. Merton T., born September 19, 1875, was married June 27, 1890, to Stella Hogle, a native of Mt. Vernon, Iowa, and is now assisting his father in farming and stock raising on the homestead. Agnes, born February 13, 1881, and Merritt E., born July 12, 1889, are also at home.

Since beginning life for himself on the farm rented from his father, Mr. Kepler has devoted much of his time and energies to raising a fine grade of stock. In the beginning, he devoted considerable attention to the handling of horses, but he now gives his attention to the raising of a fine grade of cattle and hogs, his specialty being the breeding of the famous Aberdeen Angus cattle, and he derived his start in this line

through William Smith, now deceased, of Mt. Vernon, who secured a number of cattle from the Pierce farm, which is located at Creston, Illinois, about sixty-five miles west of Chicago. A steer belonging to the same stock was sold at the Fat Stock Show in Chicago in 1900 for one dollar and fifty cents per pound, this being the highest price ever paid for an individual steer from the block in the history of the world. Mr. Kepler undoubtedly has some of the finest cattle of this breed in the state of Iowa.

While Mr. Kepler is one of the most enterprising and public-spirited men in Linn county, and takes an active interest in public affairs, he has never been prevailed to accept any office except that of school director, which he has so acceptably filled for twenty years. Politically he affiliates with the Republican party, and socially with the Star of Bethlehem Lodge, K. P., of Mt. Vernon, and also the Legion of Honor and the Modern Brotherhood of America. He is an active and prominent member of the Methodist Episcopal church, of Mt. Vernon, of which he has been steward for sixteen years, and has also been in charge of the ushers for a number of years. All who know him hold him in the highest esteem.



#### JOHN PUGH.

John Pugh, the well-known proprietor of the Eagle Hotel, of Troy Mills, was born in North Carolina on the 12th of March, 1824, and is a son of Jacob and Dorcas (Glasgow) Pugh, also natives of that state. During his infancy the family removed to Indiana, where the father purchased land and engaged in farming until called to his

final rest at the age of fifty-six years. The mother also died in that state at the age of seventy-six. The father was twice married and had fourteen children, of whom our subject is the youngest. He has one sister still living, who makes her home in Brownsburg, Indiana.

Soon after attaining his majority—in the fall of 1845—Mr. Pugh came to Linn county, Iowa, and settled in Otter Creek township, where he entered two hundred acres of wild land from the government. Sixty acres of this was covered with timber, but the remainder he placed under a high state of cultivation and made some good improvements thereon in the way of building. He finally sold that place in 1868, and removed to Jackson township, where he purchased a partially improved farm of two hundred and twenty acres, on which he made his home until 1885. He next operated a rented farm near Troy Mills for several years, and then purchased seventy-five acres of land in Spring Grove township, which he now rents. In 1885 he bought the Eagle Hotel at Troy Mills, and is now carrying on the same with good success.

Mr. Pugh has been twice married, in 1853 having wedded Miss Charlotte Thurston, a native of Ohio, by whom he had four children. The two now living are Edwin B., a hardware merchant of Ryan, Iowa; and Harriet, wife of William Sherlock, who lives near Knoxville, Iowa. In February, 1868, Mr. Pugh was united in marriage with Miss Temperance Harvey, and by this union has had four children, namely: Harley, who wedded Mary Atwood, and is engaged in the hardware business with his brother, at Ryan, Iowa; May, who died young; and Alice and May (second), both at home.

Mr. Pugh cast his first presidential vote for Henry Clay, the Whig candidate, and since the dissolution of that party has been an ardent Republican. He is widely and favorably known throughout the county where he has so long made his home, and is held in the highest regard by his many friends and associates.

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### THOMAS JONES.

The subject of this sketch has been a resident of Cedar Rapids since 1867, and has been in the employ of the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad since 1879. He was born near White Plains, New York, on the 8th of September, 1850, and is a son of Patrick and Johanna (Meadhin) Jones, both natives of Ireland, whence they came to America with a part of their respective families when young, and were married in New York. In 1852 they removed to Ohio, where the father engaged in farming for a time, and in 1858 came to Iowa, locating on a farm in Bertram township, Linn county, where he purchased fifty-nine acres of land. To the improvement and cultivation of that farm he devoted the remainder of his life, and both he and his wife died upon that place. They were among the pioneers of Bertram township, and when they first located there their children had to walk five miles through the timber to school, the father having to mark the trees to prevent them from getting lost.

In the family were eight children, all of whom are still living with the exception of Julia, who married John Green and died in Cedar Rapids. The others are Thomas, our subject; Bridget, wife of John Steiner,

of Clinton, Iowa; John, Patrick and Annie, who all live on the old homestead in Bertram township; and Margaret, wife of John Green, of Cedar Rapids.

Until sixteen years of age Thomas Jones worked on the home farm during the summer season and attended school in winter. Leaving the parental roof he was then employed in sawing wood used as fuel on the engines of the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad, and later went as water boy on a construction train. Not long afterward he secured a position as brakeman on the Galena & Iowa division of that road, but during the winter he would return home, where he worked and also attended school. Coming to Cedar Rapids in 1870, he was brakeman on the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad for a year, and then conductor on the same road for about one year, and was then brakeman on the Northwestern between Clinton and Cedar Rapids, but at the end of that time returned to Clinton, and was conductor on the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad for two years. In October, 1879, he again came to Cedar Rapids, and after a year spent as fireman on the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad, he entered the yards as night yardmaster. Later he returned to the road, and after firing for about eighteen months was given an engine. He spent a part of the following summer in the round house as assistant machinist, and has worked up till he now has regular freight and extra passenger runs, having served continuously as engineer since 1883. During the years he has been in the service he has seen many changes made in the railroad, especially in the road bed, rolling stock and rules of the road. In 1876 he purchased property in Cedar Rapids and erect-



ed a residence, which was then in the country and was surrounded by cornfields, but is now in a thickly populated district.

At Lisbon, Mr. Jones was married October 15, 1871, to Miss Mary M. Carey, who was born in Rome, New York, in 1851, and in 1858 came to Linn county, Iowa, with her parents, who located on a farm in Bertram township. Her parents, Patrick and Margaret Carey, were natives of Ireland. They came to the United States about 1847, locating at Rome, New York, where the father engaged in farming, and where they remained until their removal to Bertram township, Linn county, Iowa, in 1858, and where the father again engaged in farming. They were the parents of six children, as follows: John, Matthew, Lawrence, Ann, Mary and Bridget. Of these, Matthew served three years in the Union army during the Civil war, but he is now deceased. Ann, who is the wife of Thomas Lynch, is still a resident of Bertram township, while two sons and one daughter live in Pocahontas county, Iowa. The father died in Bertram township, January 21, 1881, and the mother in Pocahontas county, Iowa, May 7, 1898, at the age of eighty-seven years.

Since their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Jones have made their home in Cedar Rapids. Of the eight children born to them one died in infancy. Margaret is the wife of Frank J. Cain, a conductor on the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad, residing in Cedar Rapids, and they have one daughter, Mary Lucile. Nannie is the wife of Frank Lammers and they have one child, Vivian. The other, James W., Mary E., Thomas P. and Gertrude, twins, and Julia, are all at home. All have attended the public schools of Cedar Rapids, and the

older ones have passed through the high school. Mr. Jones and his family are connected with the Catholic church, and he is also a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and the Ancient Order of United Workmen.

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### J. R. WHITE.

Prominent among the successful farmers and stock raisers of Bertram township, Linn county, Iowa, is numbered J. R. White, who owns and operates a valuable farm on sections 1 and 2. He was born near Urbana, Champaign county, Ohio, September 28, 1832, but was only a year and a half old when he went to Cass county, Michigan, with his parents, James and Sidney (Rigdon) White, also natives of the Buckeye state. His paternal grandfather, John White, was a native of Scotland, and about the middle of the eighteenth century left Scotland and settled in the north of Ireland, and later came to this country and first settled in Pennsylvania, then moved into Virginia, and back north again into Clark county, Ohio, where he died, and where James, our subject's father, was born in 1807.

In Cass county, Michigan, our subject attended a subscription school conducted in an old log cabin, with benches made of slabs and pegs for legs. The books then in use were principally Webster's speller and readers, and Adams' arithmetic. The pupils would carry milk to school and put it in a milk house close by, in order that they might have bread and milk for their dinner. After Mr. White had attended this school for three months the neighbors de-

cided to erect a better school building for the accommodation of their children, and together they cut and hewed the timber for a frame building, which they hired a carpenter to erect. It was considered very fine at that time, although it was unplastered and rather cold in winter.

On leaving school at the age of eighteen Mr. White devoted his entire time to the work of the home farm. In 1851 the family came to Linn county, Iowa, and first located in what was then Marion township, and now Bertram, but afterward removed to Clinton township. The father purchased one hundred and eighty acres of wild prairie land, for which he paid four dollars and a half per acre, and at once proceeded to fence and improve the place. It is now worth seventy dollars per acre. In 1859 he removed to Bertram township, where he bought another farm, which he gave to his son two years later, and purchased another place in the same township, making it his home until his death, which occurred in 1888. His wife died in 1892, and the remains of both were interred in the Mt. Vernon cemetery. They were the parents of three children, of whom our subject is the eldest; Henry C. is now a retired farmer of Cedar Rapids; and Sarah A. died at the age of three years.

On attaining his majority Mr. White left home and commenced farming upon a farm of forty acres which he had purchased and on which he had erected a log cabin. This he operated in connection with a tract of rented land. He made his home there until the spring of 1859, when he sold that place and rented a farm in Bertram township until 1865, when he bought a partially improved tract, on which he now resides. To the further development and cultivation

of this place he has since devoted his energies, and has added to it until he now has three hundred and forty acres, all under excellent cultivation. He has also given his son, J. T. White, a tract of eighty acres. He is engaged in raising a high grade of cattle for market, and feeds nearly all his grain to his stock.

At Cedar Rapids, September 11, 1856, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. White and Miss Rebecca J. Campbell, who was born in Knox county, Illinois, March 3, 1838. Her parents, Thomas and Sarah (Moore) Campbell, were natives of Maryland and Tennessee, respectively, and were married in Indiana, whence they removed to Illinois. In August, 1838, when Mrs. White was only six months old, they came to Linn county, Iowa, and settled on a farm in what is now Bertram township, where they made their home throughout the remainder of their lives. The father died in 1876, the mother a year later; and both were buried in Campbell cemetery, which is located on a part of the old homestead farm in Bertram township. They were numbered among the honored pioneers of the county, and were numbered among its most highly respected citizens. In their family were twelve children, namely: Catherine married Perry Oxley, and both died on a farm adjoining the Campbell homestead; Aquiller, deceased, married Rachel Daniels, now a resident of Lake City, Calhoun county, Iowa; America married Sylvester Lyons and both died in Belle Plaine, Iowa; Samuel and George both died at the age of fourteen years; Squire, deceased, married Almeda Cook, now a resident of Bertram; Patsy is the wife of William White, of Belle Plaine; Rebecca J. is the wife of our subject; Matilda, deceased, was

the wife of Thomas Hollis, of Oklahoma; Jennette is the wife of William H. Ostrander, of Kansas City, Missouri; Louisa is the wife of John Hollar, who lives near Scranton, Carroll county, Iowa; and Sarah is the wife of Andrew J. Hartman, of Belle Plaine.

Mr. and Mrs. White are the parents of five children: Serena, born March 10, 1858, is the wife of Joseph C. Smyth, who lives near Mt. Vernon; George H., born July 20, 1859, died October 5, 1860; Rosetta, born April 21, 1861, is the wife of William N. Parker, a farmer of Bertram township; J. Thomas, born July 20, 1864, married Ellen Snyder and follows farming in the same township; and Alice, born September 11, 1868, is the wife of Daniel Kleinknecht, a farmer of Bertram township.

When Mrs. White's family first located in this county there were four hundred Indians camped at Linn Grove, and her brothers often went hunting with them. It was not long before her father and brothers could all speak the Indian language fluently. Even after the White family came to this county, in 1851, the red men still visited this region, spending the winter in the woods of Linn county, where game was plentiful, and then would hunt and make sugar. The village of Bertram was then a farm belonging to a Mr. Maneer; Mt. Vernon was a village of but few houses; and Cedar Rapids contained but four stores. There was a ferry across the river at the last named place, which was operated by means of a wire. The boat was then owned by a Mr. King, and the village first bore his name, but it was afterward changed to Cedar Rapids. Mr. White attends the Methodist church, and is a Republican in politics. He is a hard-working, energetic

man of strict integrity, whose word is considered as good as his bond, and he well deserves the success that has come to him.

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#### PHILIP MOHN.

This well-known and prosperous farmer of Franklin township, who is now practically living a retired life on section 1, was born in Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, June 15, 1838, and is one of a family of seven children, the others being George, who married Catherine Emerich, and both died in Caldwell county, Missouri; Henry, who married Susie Stell, now deceased, and resides in Ray county, that state; Conrad, deceased, who married Elizabeth Rick and lived in Linn county, Iowa; Frederick, deceased, who wedded Mary Emerich and resided in Northampton county, Pennsylvania; John, who married Margaret Emerich, now deceased, and makes his home on a farm in Ray county, Missouri; and William, who married Mary Fink, and also lives in Ray county.

Philip Mohn was reared and educated in his native land and after leaving school he engaged in farming, raising wheat, oats and barley. In 1859 he sailed from Havre, France, on a sailing vessel, which carried both freight and passengers, and on this voyage had eighty-five passengers. The vessel was forty-two days in crossing the Atlantic and encountered two severe storms. On landing in New York Mr. Mohn at once took a train for Northampton county, Pennsylvania, where he worked in a mill one winter. In the spring of 1860 he came to Lisbon, Iowa, where he engaged in quarrying rock for a railroad company until fall, when

the contractor left without paying the men their wages. Thus our subject received not a penny for his summer's work. He was next employed on a steamboat plying between St. Louis and New Orleans until the following spring, when he went to Mechanicsville, Iowa, and rented the Scott farm until after the Civil war broke out.

On the 15th of August, 1862, Mr. Mohn enlisted in Company H, Thirty-fifth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, which was mustered into the United States service at Muscatine and remained there two months. The command then went by steamboat to Cairo, Illinois, and from there to Columbus, Kentucky, where they went into winter quarters. In the spring they did scout duty along the Mississippi and later joined General Grant's command at Vicksburg, taking part in the siege of that place. They were next assigned to General Smith's command and went on the Red river expedition. On their return they marched back to Vicksburg and then went in pursuit of General Marmaduke, who was then in Missouri. They landed at Jefferson City and marched to Lexington, where they captured that general. Going to St. Louis, the troops boarded a steamboat and were taken to Nashville, Tennessee, reaching there in time to take part in the two-days battle at that place. They next went to New Orleans and by steamer to Spanish Fort, which they assisted in capturing, and after its surrender marched to Montgomery, Alabama. They found the court house at that place full of Confederate money, it being strewn on the floor a foot deep. The command to which our subject belonged then marched to Selma, Alabama, and from there to Cairo, Illinois. The war being over, the regiment returned to Daven-

port, Iowa, where it was mustered out August 15, 1865.

Mr. Mohn returned to Mechanicsville and resumed farming. He subsequently purchased eighty acres of land in Jones county, where he made his home until 1871. In the meantime he met and married Miss Sarah E. Fink, their wedding being celebrated at Mt. Vernon, Iowa, January 1, 1867. She was born in Linn county April 15, 1845, a daughter of John and Sophia Fink, and was the fifth in order of birth in a family of seven children, the others being as follows: Mary, wife of William Mohn, of Ray county, Missouri; John, who married Ruth Davis and lives in Lisbon, Iowa; Susan, deceased wife of Jacob Rupert, of Lisbon; Emma, deceased wife of Frank Graver, of the same place; Jane, wife of George Kohl, of Cass county, Iowa; and Marie, wife of Elliott Robinson, of Cedar county, Iowa. Unto our subject and his wife were born three children: Ida, who died at the age of six years; George, who married Lena A. Muller; and John, who married Sally Frutchey. Sketches of both sons are given elsewhere in this volume.

Selling his farm in Jones county in 1871, Mr. Mohn removed to Ray county, Missouri, where he operated a rented farm for one year, but in the fall of 1872 he returned to Iowa. The following spring he purchased another farm of eighty acres in Jones county, where he continued to reside until 1880, when he disposed of that place and bought a farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 1, Franklin township, Linn county. Here he has made his home ever since, and in its successful operation has acquired a comfortable competence which now enables him to lay aside all



business cares and enjoy the fruits of former toil, while his sons carry on the work of the farm. His estimable wife died July 21, 1887, at the age of forty-two years, three months and six days, and was laid to rest in the Lisbon cemetery. He has always refused public office but is a staunch supporter of the Republican party and takes a deep interest in the welfare of his adopted country. He is an honored member of John A. Buck Post, No. 140, G. A. R., and also belongs to the Evangelical Church of Lisbon.

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#### JOHN C. DUDLEY.

This well-known agriculturist, residing on section 5, Spring Grove township, was born in London, England, on the 2nd of November, 1828, and is a son of William and Ann (Chapman) Dudley. In that country the father was employed as a gardener. In December, 1828, he emigrated to the United States and first located in New Jersey, where he was engaged in the butcher business for a time, and then removed to Erie county, New York, where he followed farming throughout the remainder of his life. Both he and the mother of our subject died in that county when sixty years of age. He was twice married and was the father of fourteen children. He was one of twins, and both his wives had two pairs of twins, and his sister was also the mother of twins.

John Chapman Dudley, of this review, was one of the seven children born of his father's second marriage. He came with the family to America and was reared in the east. In 1847, at the age of nineteen years, he removed to Illinois, where he

spent about nine years. On the 1st of January, 1855, he was married, in Buffalo, New York, to Miss Emma Burling, who is the fourth in order of birth in the family of nine children born to Charles and Sarah Ann (Milgate) Burling, both natives of England. By a second marriage the mother had three children, but of the twelve only three sons and three daughters are now living. Mrs. Dudley was born in Newmarket, Canada, and her parents both died in that country, the father at the age of thirty-eight, the mother at the age of eighty-four years. He was a brick maker by trade.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Dudley were born six children, namely: Sarah Ann first married Homer Scott and after his death became the wife of William Peyton, of Wright county, Iowa; William Charles married Eva Williams and is engaged in farming near Newtonville, Buchanan county, Iowa; Frank M. married Nettie Vorce and lives in Troy Mills; Arthur Martin married Jane Wisnam and follows farming in Buchanan county; Henry wedded Mary Cook and lives in Troy Mills; and Richard died of scarlet fever at the age of sixteen years and was buried in Troy cemetery.

In September, 1855, Mr. Dudley came to Linn county, Iowa, and settled in Spring Grove township, where he was variously employed until 1863, when he purchased forty acres of land and commenced farming on his own account. This was a tract of wild land where the Methodist Episcopal church of Troy Grove now stands, but he soon placed it under cultivation. He sawed the lumber for the house and other buildings upon the place, and added to his original purchase a tract of thirty-three acres, on which he engaged in general farming and stock raising until 1896, when he sold

that property and bought thirty acres of timber land on section 5, Spring Grove township. A portion of this had been cleared and a house and barn erected thereon. Here he has since made his home.

Politically Mr. Dudley affiliates with the Democracy, and he has efficiently filled the offices of school director one term and road supervisor for four years. Both he and his wife are members of the Old Settlers' Association of Iowa, and at one time he was also connected with the Odd Fellows fraternity.



#### COLONEL CHARLES E. PUTNAM.

One of Cedar Rapids' most distinguished and prominent citizens is Colonel Charles E. Putnam, who is deserving of special mention in the annals of his country for the important part he played in the Civil war. In times of peace he is no less loyal and patriotic and to-day occupies an enviable position in business circles, as cashier of the Merchants National Bank of Cedar Rapids.

The Colonel was born in Nashua, New Hampshire, July 10, 1839. The progenitor of the Putnam family in America was John Putnam, who came to this country from England in 1662. They trace their ancestry in England back to the fourteenth century, but the family came originally from Holland and the name was Pottenhouse. Our subject's great-grandfather was Joseph Putnam, a brother of the Revolutionary hero—General Israel Putnam—and the house which the former built at Alstead, New Hampshire, is still standing. It was the birthplace of Gideon Putnam, Sr., the grandfather of our subject. The father, Gideon

Putnam, Jr., was born in the same house, and in early life engaged in farming near Boston. He married Miss Sally Rice, a native of Massachusetts, and also a representative of an old New England family. A few years after his marriage Mr. Putnam removed to Nashua, New Hampshire, where he made his home until 1854, when, accompanied by his wife and three children, he came to Cedar Rapids, Iowa, which at that time was a mere village. He located in Fremont township, Benton county, twelve miles from Cedar Rapids, where he followed farming. He died in October, 1879, at the age of eighty years. His wife had passed away in the previous September, after a happy married life of fifty-nine years. Unto this worthy couple were born nine children, all of whom reached maturity. In this family our subject is seventh in order of birth and the only one residing in Linn county.

Colonel Putnam was educated in the Nashua Academy, which was one of the oldest institutions of the kind in New Hampshire. On the 16th of October, 1854, he arrived with the family in Cedar Rapids, where he clerked in a store for a time. In April, 1855, he started north on a hunting expedition with William H. Ingham, of New York, going to what is now Kossuth county, Iowa. It was his intention to spend only the summer there, but he remained three years in what was then a wilderness until game became scarce as the country settled up. On his return home in the fall of 1858, he entered Western College, and after leaving school engaged in teaching until after the inauguration of the Civil war.

In the fall of 1861 Colonel Putnam enlisted in Company G, Thirteenth Iowa Vol-

unteer Infantry, and was made second lieutenant. He was promoted to first lieutenant in April, 1862, and in March, 1863, was commissioned captain of his company. He participated in the battle of Shiloh; the siege and battle of Corinth, in which he lost his horse; the battle of Iuka; the second battle of Corinth, October 3 and 4, 1862. He then went with his regiment down the river to Vicksburg, and took part in the engagements around that stronghold. Later his command was transferred to General Sherman's army, and was in the Atlanta campaign. In October, 1863, Colonel Putnam was made general judge advocate for the district of Vicksburg, then under the command of General McPherson, with whom he remained until 1864, when he returned home on a veteran furlough. In May of that year he was detailed by the war department as mustering officer and assigned to the Fourth Division of the Seventeenth Army Corps, serving on the staff of Major-Generals Walter Q. Gresham, Giles A. Smith and W. W. Belknap in that capacity until mustered out November 2, 1864. Captain Putnam was a brave and gallant soldier, and especially distinguished himself October 3, 1862, at the battle of Corinth, being particularly mentioned in the official report for his fearless service. He was in the hottest of the fight and his forgetfulness of self did much toward keeping up the spirits of his men. In the battle of Atlanta the Thirteenth Iowa was in the thickest of that baptism of fire, which lasted from noon until seven o'clock in the evening, July 22, 1864. Of the four hundred and twenty-seven men of this regiment who entered the engagement, two hundred and forty-seven were numbered among the killed or missing at the end of the battle. For seven hours

Captain Putnam fought bravely in the midst of this carnage, losing both of his lieutenants, and out of the forty-two men who went into battle under his command only nine were left to answer roll call. Of the others four had been captured, and the remainder were either killed or seriously wounded. The Thirteenth Iowa marched through Georgia to the sea, and their colors were the first to wave over the old capitol at Columbia, South Carolina. Captain Putnam was held in high regard by his fellow officers, and by his many soldierly qualities won the hearts of his company and always retained their respect and friendship. When the first regiment of colored troops was raised he was offered the colonelcy but declined, and at the close of the war, without solicitation on his part, was offered the rank of major in the regular army, which offer was renewed in 1876. For the past five years he has been on Governors Drake's and Shaw's staffs, with the rank of colonel.

While home on leave of absence Colonel Putnam was married March 29, 1864, to Miss Mary E. Fawcett, a native of Ohio, and a daughter of Jonathan Fawcett, of Benton county, Iowa. Three children were born of this union, of whom the eldest died in infancy. Frank H., a graduate of Coe College, Cedar Rapids, married Mande Pict-hall, and is now engaged in the banking business in Salem, South Dakota. Carolyn E. is a graduate of Wellesley College, and is now associate editor of the Cedar Rapids Record.

At the close of the war Colonel Putnam returned to Cedar Rapids, but after visiting for a time with friends, he removed to Chicago, where he made his home for a year. In the spring of 1866 he located in Mt. Vernon, this county, where he en-

gaged in mercantile business until 1873, when he was elected county register and removed to Marion to assume the duties of the office, which he creditably filled for eight years. In 1872 he received the entire vote of Cedar Rapids, except seventy-two, a fact which plainly indicates his popularity in that city. On the organization of the Merchants National Bank of Cedar Rapids in the spring of 1881 he was chosen cashier, and still holds that position.

Fraternally the Colonel is a member of the Masonic order, the Royal Arcanum and the Woodmen of the World, and also belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic, and the Military Order of Loyal Legion, serving as commander of the Iowa Commandery one year. In years of peace, no less than in those of war, he has bravely performed his duty, and is justly entitled to a place in the nation's roll of honor. His wife is a member of the Congregational church, and the family is one of prominence in social circles.



#### WILLIAM H. McMULLEN.

Prominent among the railroad men of Cedar Rapids is William H. McMullen, who has made his home here since February, 1882, and during all this time has been connected with the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad. He was born in Bordentown, New Jersey, October 13, 1861, and is a son of J. C. and Mary (Cullen) McMullen, natives of Pennsylvania and New Jersey respectively. On the maternal side he is of Irish ancestry, and his father's people were members of the Society of Friends. The father has been identified with railroad in-

terests since a lad of thirteen years, being employed in various capacities, and now at the age of sixty-five he is serving as yardmaster at Fort Dodge, Iowa. For thirteen years he ran a train from Philadelphia to New York City on the Camden & Amboy railroad, but has been a resident of Iowa and connected with the railroads of this state since 1871. The mother of our subject died in January, 1884. Of the nine children of the family William H. is the only one living in Linn county, though three sons make their home in Iowa and the others reside in different parts of the country.

In early life William H. McMullen lived for a time in Toledo, Ohio, and is mainly indebted to its public schools for his educational privileges. On starting out in life for himself he became a messenger boy on the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern railroad, and on leaving that road came to Iowa and entered the employ of the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern railroad in February, 1882, being a switchman in the yards for some years. He then went upon the road as fireman, firing for different engineers on the various divisions for five years. In October, 1887, he was given an engine and was in the regular freight and extra passenger service until 1897, when he was put on the regular passenger service and in November, 1900, was given the fast passenger train running between Cedar Rapids and Albert Lea. Since coming to Iowa in 1882 he has resided permanently in Cedar Rapids. In 1890 he purchased a lot and erected a residence thereon, but has since sold that place and built his present home, which has all modern improvements and is located at 729 F avenue west.

Mr. McMullen was married in January, 1887, to Miss Joanna Green, who was born



in 1862 in Burlington, Iowa, where her parents both died. Her father, Michael Green, was a contractor and builder by occupation. She has one brother, John Green, who is a boilermaker by trade. Mr. McMullen is identified with the Knights of Pythias fraternity, Crescent Lodge, No. 25, A. F. & A. M. and Division No. 159, Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, in which he has held office. Politically he is a Republican. He is one of the most competent engineers and trusted employes of the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad Company, and is held in held in the highest esteem by railroad men and all others who have the pleasure of his acquaintance.

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REV. I. C. LUSK.

This well-known retired minister of the Methodist Episcopal church, now residing in Mt. Vernon, Iowa, was born in Livingston county, near Dansville, New York, August 7, 1832, and is a son of Robert and Catherine (Cooper) Lusk, the former a native of Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, the latter of Livingston county, New York. They were married in Dansville, Livingston county, New York, and lived in that locality until the mother's death, which occurred in 1850. The father subsequently came west and made his home with our subject. He died at Anamosa, Iowa, in the summer of 1870, and was buried at that place. In his family were six children, namely: Robert died at the age of seventeen years, shortly after his graduation from Genesee College. He had previously been employed as superintendent of the schools at Grand Rapids, Michigan. George W.

married Huldah Shaw and resides at Epworth, Iowa. I. C., our subject, is next in order of birth. John married Eliza Burdick and after her death wedded a lady at Penn Yan, New York, and now resides in Allegany county, that state. Emily married Silas Randolph, who belongs to the distinguished Virginian family of that name, and they reside in Farina, Illinois, and Mary Ann, who married Austin Kemp. She is now deceased, passing away in 1858.

Mr. Lusk, of this review, began his education in the district schools of his native state, and then attended Alfred University, at Alfred, New York, for one year, and later Genesee College, where he was graduated in 1861. While in college he worked at the carpenter's trade, and also as a painter and decorator in order to obtain the money to meet his necessary expenses. Prior to this he had engaged in teaching school, and was superintendent of the city schools of Dansville and Avon, New York, at the time of his graduation, which office he held for a number of years. In 1858 and 1859 he represented Livingston county in the New York legislature, and also served as school commissioner for nine years, and deputy state superintendent of schools.

On the 6th of March, 1854, near Dansville, New York, Mr. Lusk married Miss Maggie Shaw, also a native of that state, who died in 1884. Unto them were born six children, of whom three are still living, namely: (1) Arthur, a traveling salesman living at Osceola, Iowa, married Nina Coppoc, daughter of a Baptist minister, and they have three children, Robert, Edwin and Edna. This Rev. Coppoc is a brother of a Coppoc who was wounded and taken prisoner with old John Brown in the Harpers Ferry raid, and hung at the same time.

(2) Frank, a merchant of Ida Grove, Iowa, married Ola Fish and they have two children, Bruce and Edith. (3) Robert, now pastor of the Methodist church at Greeley, Iowa, married Annie Davidson, daughter of the county attorney at Elkader, Iowa, and they have one child, Erma.

At Huron, South Dakota, Mr. Lusk was again married, May 12, 1886, his second union being with Mrs. Mary A. Killam, who had one daughter by her first marriage: Frankie, who married James A. Scoville, and died in Conrad, Iowa, January 4, 1901, leaving three children, Bertha A., Viola and Ira. Mrs. Lusk was born in Oswego, New York, February 6, 1835, a daughter of Nicholas and Lucy (Pierce) Mosher, both natives of the Empire state. They were married in Oswego county, New York, and when Mrs. Lusk was twenty-five years of age removed to Morrison, Illinois, where they made their home until going to Saline county, Nebraska, in 1887. There the father died two years later, and the mother afterward lived with her grandson at Ansley, that state, until she, too, was called to her final rest in the spring of 1898. Their children were: William H., who married Lovisa Leonard, of Abingdon, New York, and resided in Morrison, Illinois, until their death; Benjamin, who married Dolly Rounds, of Abingdon, New York, and lives in Fullerton, Nebraska; Mary Alzada, wife of our subject; Polly, who married Seneca Simonds, of Cortland county, New York, and after his return from the Civil war moved to Illinois, where she died; Melvina, who first married a Mr. Richardson, and second, G. W. Merrill, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; and one who died in infancy.

In the spring of 1868 Mr. Lusk came to Iowa and first located at Epworth, but the

following fall removed to Anamosa, where he served as superintendent of the city schools for four years. He then joined the Upper Iowa conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, and received the following appointments: Miles, 1872; Bellevue, 1873; Preston, 1875; Delmar, 1876; Lamaille, 1878; Springville, 1879; Langworthy, 1881; West Branch, 1882; Dyersville, 1884; Elkader, 1886; Floyd, 1887; Marion, 1888; Jesup, 1890; Laporte City, 1892; and Center Point, 1893. In the fall of 1894 Mr. Lusk moved his household goods to Chicago, where he spent a part of the following year in work for the Children's Aid Society, and then returned to Springville, Linn county, Iowa, as minister. In the fall of 1896 he came to Mt. Vernon, and has since practically lived a retired life, although he has devoted considerable time to evangelistic work and ministerial supply. Here he has built a splendid home, superintending the erection of it himself. He has improved quite a number of other pieces of property, which he later disposed of, and in this way has added not a little to the growth, development and improvement of Mt. Vernon. He was one of the first to make a boulevard in the town, it being in front of his own residence. Mr. Lusk is public-spirited and progressive, and takes an active interest in all that tends to the advancement of the community in which he lives. In politics he is a Republican, and in his social relations is a member of the Masonic fraternity and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He received the degree of D. D. from Alfred University, June 20, 1895, and also from the University of Rochester, at about the same time. For twenty-one years he served as statistical secretary of the Upper Iowa Conference, and

was one of the leading ministers of his denomination in this part of the state. His life has been a source of inspiration and encouragement to all who know him, and he is held in the highest regard in the various communities where he has resided.

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### THOMAS WRIGHT.

For many years the subject of this review was successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits in Spring Grove township, but has now retired from active labor, and is enjoying a comfortable competence acquired in former years. His early home was on the other side of the Atlantic, for he was born in Cambridgeshire, England, November 4, 1830. His parents were John and Sarah (Fundry) Wright, both natives of that country, where they made their home throughout life, the father being engaged in farming. He died in 1834, at the age of thirty-five, when our subject was only two years and a half old, and the mother passed away in 1861. They had a family of three children, two of whom are still living. Their daughter, Frances, is still a resident of England.

Thomas Wright spent the first twenty-five years of his life in his native land, and was there united in marriage with Miss Susana Clow, who was also born in that country. In 1853 he took passage at Liverpool on the *Jacob Vestever*, a sailing vessel, bound for America, but after five weeks at sea they were obliged to return to port, the ship having been wrecked in a severe storm and driven back by strong head winds. Two years later Mr. Wright again started for the new world on a sailing vessel, the

Southampton, which also sailed from Liverpool, and after a voyage of four weeks and four days he landed in New York.

Proceeding at once to Iowa, he settled in Jackson county, where he engaged in farming upon rented land for about fifteen years, and then removed to Spring Grove township, Linn county, where he had purchased one hundred and sixty acres of raw prairie land in 1868. This he placed under a high state of cultivation, and later bought an additional one-hundred-and-sixty-acre tract, which was also wild and unimproved. He made of this place a fine farm, and subsequently sold one-half of the amount, still retaining one hundred and sixty acres on which he now resides. This he has improved by the erection of a pleasant residence and a good set of farm buildings, and he continued to actively and successfully engage in general farming until 1893, since which time he has lived in ease and retirement.

Mr. Wright's first wife died in 1893, and was laid to rest in the Alice burying ground. By that union were born fifteen children, eight sons and seven daughters, namely: Sarah Ann, John A., William, Thomas, Jane (Mary), James, George, Margaret, Alice, Frederick, Susan, Albert, Charles, Ida Bell and Ida Cornelia. All are living with the exception of Ida Bell. On the 15th of July, 1894, Mr. Wright was again married, his second union being with Mrs. Statira Henry, who was born in Cayuga county, Ohio, and was one of a family of five children, two of whom are now living. Her parents were George and Amanda (Walton) Stocking, who were farming people and natives of Connecticut. The father died July 1, 1880, at the age of eighty years, and the mother departed this

life February 11, 1888, at the age of seventy-seven.

By his ballot Mr. Wright supports the men and measures of the Republican party, and he has capably filled the offices of road supervisor and school director. Religiously both he and his wife are members of the Christian church, and are highly respected and esteemed by all who know them.

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JOHN DUNLAP.

This well-known and honored citizen of Springville, who is familiarly called Uncle John by his numerous friends throughout Linn county, was born in County Antrim, Ireland, May 12, 1817, a son of John and Mary Ann (Bell) Dunlap, natives of the same country and of Scotch descent. They were the parents of seven children, five sons and two daughters, of whom our subject is now the only survivor. The father dying in 1828, the mother was left to provide for her children. In 1832 she brought her family to the new world and settled in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, where she continued to make her home throughout the remainder of her life. She lived to the advanced age of ninety-three years.

John Dunlap grew to manhood upon a farm in Pennsylvania, and when only nineteen years of age was married at Philadelphia in 1836 to Miss Ann Eliza Johnson, who was of Scotch parentage. After his marriage he was employed at farm work in that state until 1841, when he removed to Athens county, Ohio, where he had previously purchased eighty acres of land without seeing it. Clearing away the trees, he burned the brush and placed forty acres

under cultivation. His first home was a rude log house, which was replaced two or three years later by a more substantial dwelling built of hewed logs. He also built a good barn and continued the improvement and cultivation of that farm for seven years.

Selling his property in Ohio, Mr. Dunlap came to Linn county, Iowa, in 1851, and with a land warrant entered one hundred and sixty acres of land three miles from Springville, which village at that time contained only the residence of Colonel Butler. He at once commenced to break and improve his land, first building a log cabin, in which the family lived while he opened up the farm. Later he erected a more commodious frame residence and built one of the best barns in the township. He added to his original purchase from time to time until he owned nearly a section of land, divided into three farms, but later he disposed of these, though he continued to own and operate two hundred acres of land in Brown township until 1895. In connection with farming he also carried on stock raising, and in his undertakings met with marked success. Being a man of industry, enterprise and good business ability he accumulated a valuable estate, and is to-day one of the substantial citizens of Springville, where he purchased a residence in 1895 and has since lived retired from active labor.

Mr. Dunlap has been called upon to mourn the loss of his estimable wife, who passed away in November, 1891, and was laid to rest in the Linn Grove cemetery. They had nine children, namely: John was in the Union army during the Civil war and later removed to Nebraska, where he died, leaving a wife and several children; Elizabeth married Thomas Kerns and died in Maine township, this county; Mary Ann



wedded James Keenin and died in Nebraska; Ellen, deceased, was the wife of William Butler, of Linn county, who served through the war of the Rebellion and went with Sherman on the march to the sea; Rebecca is the wife of George Bolton, of Nebraska; Thomas is a resident of Springville; Margaret is the wife of James Wallace, of New Virginia, Warren county, Iowa; William is a farmer of Brown township; Hugh completes the family.

Mr. Dunlap cast his first presidential ballot for W. H. Harrison in 1840, but for many years has been identified with the Democratic party. Religiously he is a member of the Presbyterian church of Linn Grove, with which his wife was also connected, and is a man of sterling worth and exemplary character, who has the confidence and respect of all who know him.

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#### CHARLES F. BUTLER.

Charles F. Butler, president of the Springville Exchange Bank and a most capable financier and successful business man, is a native of this county, born on the old homestead in Brown township, December 8, 1857, and is the son of Joseph S. Butler, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work. His boyhood and youth were spent upon the farm, and his primary education, acquired in the schools of Springville, was supplemented by two years' attendance at Cornell College, in Mt. Vernon.

After completing his education Mr. Butler returned home and engaged in farming and raising, feeding and dealing in stock. A few years after his father established the Springville Exchange Bank he became con-

nected with the same, and was in partnership with his father until the latter's death, when he succeeded to the business and estate. The capital stock has been increased from twenty-five to seventy-five thousand dollars, having the largest capital of any bank in the county outside of Cedar Rapids. Besides his banking business Mr. Butler owns and operates several fine farms, and fattens for market several carloads of cattle annually. He is one of the most public-spirited men of the town, and is ever ready to use his influence and means to advance the interests of the community. He was one of the principal promoters of the water works system of Springville, and owns a large share of the stock.

On the old homestead in Brown township, where he was born, Mr. Butler was married on Christmas Day, 1882, to Miss Clara Burger, a native of Franklin county, Pennsylvania, and a daughter of Abraham Burger, who was one of the early settlers of Linn county. Here Mrs. Butler grew to womanhood, her education being acquired at Mt. Vernon. They began their married life on the old home farm, and there their only child, Margaret Josephine, was born. After residing there for a few years they removed to Springville, and the daughter will graduate at the high school in that place in June, 1901.

Mr. Butler is a prominent member of the Knights of Pythias Lodge, of Springville, of which he is past chancellor, having filled all the chairs in the same and represented the lodge in the grand lodge of the state. His wife is an earnest and active member of the Presbyterian Church, and, although he is not a member of any religious organization, he attends church with her and gives liberally to its support. Politically he



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is a staunch Democrat, but, being in favor of a gold standard, he voted for President McKinley in 1896 and again in 1900. Public office has no attraction for him, as he desires rather to devote his entire time and attention to his extensive business interests. A man of keen perception and unbounded enterprise, he has met with marked success in his undertakings and is deserving of prominent mention among the leading and representative business men of the county.

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#### JOHN HENRY FUESSLEY.

Among the purely self-made men of Linn county are many who were born on the other side of the Atlantic, and in this country have secured for themselves and family a good home and comfortable competence by their own unaided efforts, strict economy and untiring industry. To this class belongs John Henry Fuessley, a successful farmer of Spring Grove township, who was born in Germany in 1836, a son of Gottlieb and Elizabeth Fuessley, who spent their entire lives in that country. The father was a potter by trade, but was also a land owner and devoted considerable attention to his vineyards and orchards. He died in 1872, at the age of fifty-three years, and his wife passed away in 1886, at the age of sixty-nine years. They were the parents of twelve children, eight of whom are still living, and with the exception of one residing in Germany, all now make their home in the United States.

Having relatives in the new world, John Henry Fuessley came to America at the age of sixteen years, crossing the Atlantic from

Rotterdam to New York in a sailing vessel, which was three weeks in making the voyage. After spending a short time in Chicago he went to La Salle county, Illinois, where he found employment as a farm hand, and remained there about four years. He continued his residence in Illinois for some years, working in different localities.

At Emden, Illinois, Mr. Fuessley was married, March 9, 1882, to Miss Catherine Krapf, who was also born in Germany and came to the United States in 1876, sailing from Hamburg and landing in New York two weeks later. Her parents were Ludwig and Catherine (Zeeb) Krapf, natives of Germany. Her father is still living in that country but her mother died in 1891 at the age of fifty-six years. She has three brothers and two sisters in the United States. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Fuessley were born four children, whose names and dates of birth are as follows: Albert, November 30, 1882; Tilly, January 26, 1885; John Henry, June 29, 1887; and Clara Elizabeth, August 25, 1889. All are living and at home with the exception of Tilly, who died at the age of one year.

In 1885 Mr. Fuessley came to Linn county, Iowa, and after operating rented land for some time he purchased one hundred and twenty acres in Spring Grove township in 1892. At that time there were no improvements upon the place, except that a few acres had been broken, but he soon placed the farm under cultivation, has divided it into fields of convenient size by well-kept fences and has erected thereon a good set of farm buildings, all of which improvements stand as monuments to his thrift and industry. He is engaged in general farming and stock raising, and is meeting with well-deserved success. In addition to the cultivation of



his own farm he also operates a forty-acre tract adjoining. In politics Mr. Fuessley is a Republican, and he has efficiently filled the offices of school director and township trustee. Both he and his wife are members of the German United Evangelical Church near LaFayette, and are held in high regard by all who know them.

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#### LUTHER A. BREWER.

One of the prominent representatives of the journalistic profession in Iowa is Luther A. Brewer, the well-known assistant business manager of the Republican, of Cedar Rapids. He took up his residence in this city on the 14th of July, 1884, and since the 10th of March, 1887, has been connected with the paper of which he is now the active manager. He was born in Welsh Run, Pennsylvania, December 17, 1858, and is a son of Jacob and Kate (Brewer) Brewer, also natives of that state and of Normandy French extraction. Our subject's ancestors were among the early settlers of Pennsylvania, his great-grandfather having come to this country in the early part of the eighteenth century and located there. Throughout life the father followed farming and was a supporter of the Democracy. He died in 1892, aged sixty-four years, but his wife is still living at the age of seventy, and makes her home in Mercersburg, Pennsylvania. They were the parents of seven children, namely: Luther A., our subject; Howard, a resident of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania; Harry, deceased; Louisa, wife of Winger Draper, who is engaged in the agricultural implement business at Hagerstown, Maryland; Frank R., a resident of Funks-

town, Maryland; Florence, wife of Samuel Troup, a farmer of Hicksville, Maryland; and one who died in infancy.

During his boyhood Luther A. Brewer attended the public schools of his native state, and prepared for college under private instruction. In 1879 he entered Pennsylvania College at Gettysburg, where he pursued a classical course and was graduated in 1883. He was then principal of the high school at Boonesboro, Maryland, for one year, and at the end of that time came west to Spencer, Iowa, where he was teller in the Clay county bank for a short time. As previously stated, he came to Cedar Rapids July 14, 1884, and for a time engaged in the study of law. Later he was bookkeeper for a coal firm until offered the position of city editor of the Republican, entering upon the duties of that position March 10, 1887, and capably filling them for two years. Subsequently he was assistant manager in the business office of the company, and in 1894 was made business manager, having at the same time purchased an interest in the paper, which he subsequently sold. In the conduct of the business he has met with most excellent success, and has made the paper one of the leading journals in this section of the state.

On the 3d of February, 1898, in Cedar Rapids, Mr. Brewer married Miss Elinore Taylor, a native of this city, born in 1868, and a daughter of A. C. Taylor, who is one of the old settlers of Cedar Rapids. As a Republican Mr. Brewer has been prominently identified with political affairs, and was at one time secretary of the county central committee and chairman of the city committee of this party. He was state inspector of illuminating oils for three years and a half, having been appointed to that

position to succeed the late L. S. Merchant. Socially he is a member of the Knights of Pythias fraternity and religiously is a member of the Lutheran Church, of which he is treasurer. Mr. Brewer is university publisher for the State University at Iowa City, and is also lecturer on journalism at that institution. He is a man of literary tastes and exceptional ability, and has one of the largest and most select private libraries in Iowa.

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### HOSEA WHITE.

Hosea White, who passed away at his home in Springville, January 23, 1901, was one of the most prosperous and influential citizens of Brown township. He came to this state in 1843, and six years later he took up his residence in Linn county, owning and operating a farm adjoining the corporate limits of Springville for over half a century.

Mr. White was born on the 18th day of June, 1819, in Stanstead, Upper Canada, but belonged to an old New England family and traced his ancestry back to William White, who came to this country in the Mayflower. They were among the early settlers of Vermont. Our subject's father, Hosea White, Sr., was a native of the Green Mountain State and a son of Caleb White.

The subject of this review was reared in Canada, and there learned the shoemaker's trade, which he subsequently followed at Eaton, Preble county, Ohio, for some years, having removed to that place when a young man. In 1843 he came to Iowa, which was still a territory, and three years later was joined by his father. Locating at Fort Madison, he worked at his

trade in that city for a year or two and then went to West Point, Lee county, where he followed the same pursuit for several years. He was twice married, and while there his first wife died, leaving two sons, Marcus H. and Julius.

At West Point, December 28, 1847, Mr. White was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Green, a native of Washington county, Ohio. Her father, Eli Green, was born in New York in 1797, and in 1803 removed to Ohio with his parents. His father, Duty Green, who was a soldier of the Revolutionary war, cleared and improved a farm in Washington county and upon his place planted apple seeds, from which have grown trees which are still bearing. There Eli Green grew to manhood and married Elizabeth Stewart, who was born in Washington county in 1802. He followed the carpenter's and joiner's trade throughout the greater part of his active business life, and was also a boss ship carpenter at Marietta, Ohio, for some years. In 1846 he removed to Lee county, Iowa, where he continued to work at his trade for some time, and then went to Butler, Bates county, Missouri, where his death occurred. His first wife had died in Ohio when Mrs. White was a child of three years, and he later married again. His second wife survived him some twenty years and spent her last days with her children in Linn county, Iowa, where she died in 1896.

Mrs. White was eighteen years of age when she gave her hand in marriage to our subject. Unto them were born nine children, namely: A. G., who is now engaged in mining at Gibbonsville, Idaho; Clinton L., who has been engaged in the practice of law at Sacramento, California, for some years; Oscar S., a railroad bridge carpenter,

residing in Sacramento; George E., who is engaged in the creamery business in Greene county, Iowa; B. F., who spent about twenty years in California and then returned to this county, where he died June 7, 1900, at the age of forty-five years; Ralph, a merchant of Springville, Iowa; Lincoln, a ranchman, of Sacramento, California; Charles G., who is now engaged in prospecting and mining in Mexico; and Antrim L., who resides on the home farm with his mother.

It was in April, 1849, that Mr. White came to Linn county and with a land warrant entered six hundred and forty acres of land east of Springville, which he divided with his brother and brother-in-law, retaining a tract of three hundred and sixty acres, which the family still own. His first home here was a log cabin, in which he lived for six years, while he devoted his attention to the development and cultivation of his farm. Later he erected a good set of farm buildings, planted fruit and forest trees about his place and made it a very attractive and well-improved farm, on which he resided for thirty years. In 1880 he moved on the farm of one hundred and sixty acres which has since been the home of the family, which he had purchased some fifteen years before at nine dollars an acre. When this tract came into his possession it was principally covered with timber, but it was at length converted into a highly cultivated and desirable farm, with good buildings erected thereon. Mr. White laid off an addition to Springville and took a very active and important part in the development of this section of the county. As a progressive and energetic man, he took a commendable interest in public affairs and was called upon to fill various official positions of honor and trust. He served as supervisor during the

trying days of the Civil war, and always faithfully discharged any duty which devolved upon him, whether public or private. He lived in comparative retirement for some years before his death. Mrs. White attends the Presbyterian Church of Springville, in which faith she was reared, and is a most estimable lady, who has a large circle of friends and acquaintances throughout the county.

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#### JAMES KNAPP.

This well-known farmer, located on section 3, Bertram township, was born in Ohio on the 3d day of May, 1819, and is a son of Perry and Mary Knapp, natives of New York. The mother died in Indiana in 1828, but the father's death occurred near Bertram, Iowa, in 1844. They were the parents of eight children, namely: Asa, who married Becky Chrisman, now deceased, and resides in Iowa; Stephen, deceased; James, our subject; Charles, who married Catherine Beeks, and lives in Dubuque county, Iowa; Pattie, deceased wife of Tim Green, of Michigan; Julia, deceased; Hester, who married William Jacquet, and both died in Iowa; and Rosanna, who married Isaac Parsel, and both died in this state.

At the age of eleven years James Knapp accompanied his parents on their removal from Ohio to Indiana, and in the subscription schools of the latter state he acquired his early education. The school house was built of logs, with seats made of split logs with pegs for legs. In 1833 the family went to Michigan and located near Niles, where they made their home for about twelve years. While there our subject learned the blacksmith's trade with his

father, who made that occupation his life work. In 1843 he came to Linn county, Iowa, and took up a claim two miles north of Bertram, a part of which was wild prairie land and the remainder timber. He lost his property after residing there for a year, as the claim was entered under him and taken from him. The following year he operated a rented farm and then removed to the present site of Bertram, where he worked as a farm hand by the month for about three years. The following year he rented another farm and at the end of that time went to Illinois, his wife having died in the meantime. After two years spent in that state he returned to Bertram and worked for others for two years. He next bought a farm of one hundred and twenty acres on section 3, Bertram township, which at that time was all raw prairie and timber land, which he placed under excellent cultivation and improved with good buildings, including a comfortable home. In connection with general farming he raises cattle for market.

On the 7th of December, 1840, in Indiana, Mr. Knapp was united in marriage with Miss Mary Christman, who died in 1848. Of the four children born of that union, two are still living, namely: Lewis, a resident of Michigan; and Asa, who married Margaret Duncan and lives in Bertram, Iowa. Mr. Knapp was again married in Illinois November 22, 1849, his second union being with Miss Martha Christman, who died in 1896. To them were born five children: Mary, now the wife of John Stoneking, of Bertram; Henry, who resides at home with his father; Catherine, deceased wife of Colonel Mohler, of Bertram; George, who wedded Mary Johnvin and lives in Michigan; and Andrew, who married

Birdie Banks and resides on the homestead farm.

Religiously Mr. Knapp is a member of the Methodist church, and politically is identified with the Democratic party. He has been honored with several local offices, having served as school director and trustee for a number of years and as justice of the peace and road supervisor for several years each. His official duties were always faithfully and conscientiously discharged, winning for him the commendation of all concerned.



#### DAVID REECE.

Among the honored pioneers and leading citizens of Spring Grove township is David Reece, who came to the county in 1851 and has since resided upon his present farm. He was born in Highland county, Ohio, December 30, 1823, and is a son of William and Rebecca (Hyatt) Reece, both of whom died before our subject came west. On his arrival in this county he entered forty acres of timber land and one hundred and twenty acres of prairie land, on which not a furrow had been turned nor an improvement made. Upon their tract he has since made his home while devoting his time and energies to its development and cultivation. He added to the original purchase, and at one time had two hundred acres, but has since disposed of a portion of this, though he still retains one hundred and thirty acres, all under cultivation with the exception of a small timber tract.

Mr. Reece was first married in 1844 to Miss Juliana Lane, by whom he had two children, namely: William Henry enlisted at the age of eighteen in Company F, Twen-



tieth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, during the Civil war, his company being commanded by Judge Hubbard. He died at Jefferson barracks, St. Louis, having contracted a disease which resulted fatally. Sarah died at the age of four months.

In 1850 Mr. Reece was again married, his second union being with Miss Ketorah A. Conner, a cousin of his present wife. Unto them were born six children, of whom two are still living: Floyd N., who married Lula Freeland and lives near Coggon, this county; and Rebecca Annetta, wife of William Ball, of Buchanan county, Iowa.

On the 8th of June, 1863, at Vinton, Iowa, Mr. Reece was united in marriage with Miss Anna Connor, who is now the oldest living resident of Spring Grove township. She was born near Salem, New Jersey, and is a daughter of William and Clarissa (Huffman) Connor, both of whom died in Ohio. By occupation the father was a farmer. He had four children, two sons and two daughters, of whom three are still living. By his last marriage Mr. Reece had four children, as follows: William C. and Mary Elizabeth, twins, who died in infancy; Curtis D., who married Eveline Renfer and is now operating the home farm for his father; and Anna Irene, wife of William H. Herman, a farmer of Newton township.

Politically Mr. Reece was originally a Whig, and has been a staunch supporter of the Republican party since its organization. He was one of the first trustees of Spring Grove township, and the first election was held in his house, the ballot box being an old soft woolen hat. He also had the honor of casting the first ballot in the township, and still has the records of this election in a good state of preservation. At that time there were only thirteen voters in the town-

ship, the others being D. N. Saxton, L. D. Peyton, J. H. Walton, G. W. Carson, J. H. Swaim, A. J. Ward, William Phillips, R. Gilbert, I. Swain, S. Ewing, R. W. Church and David G. Church. Mr. Reece has held every office in the township with exception of clerk, which was held by his brother, and he has always taken quite an active and influential part in public affairs. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Protestant Church, and it is safe to say that no couple in the community are more honored or highly respected than Mr. and Mrs. Reece.

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#### HENRY REECE.

For almost half a century the subject of this review has made his home in Linn county, Iowa, and during all this time has been one of the most prominent and influential men of Spring Grove township, where he resides. A native of Ohio, he was born in Highland county on the 8th of August, 1829, and is a son of William and Rebecca (Hyatt) Reece, natives of South Carolina. He lost his mother during childhood, and was twenty years of age at the time of his father's death.

Mr. Reece grew to manhood in his native state, and in 1851 was married in Allen county, Ohio, to Miss Lucretia Nash, a native of Fayette county, Pennsylvania, and a daughter of John and Jane (Boyle) Nash. Her father was born in Ohio, her mother in Pennsylvania, and they were the parents of nine children, of whom six are still living. Five children were born to our subject and his wife, namely: Either H., who married Mrs. Reece, the widow of his cousin; A. L., who married Rosa Peyton; W. W., who

married Bess Shaffer; and Rebecca J. and Mary L., both deceased.

At the age of twenty-five Mr. Reece came to Iowa and settled in Linn county, having previously purchased eighty acres of wild land in Spring Grove township through his brother, who had preceded him to this state. On his arrival here our subject bought an additional thirty-acre tract of timber land and at once commenced the development of a farm. He placed the land under cultivation and erected thereon good and substantial buildings. He also bought other land and at one time had two hundred acres, but has since disposed of a portion of this, but still owns one hundred and forty acres, all well improved with exception of the timber tract.

Politically Mr. Reece is an ardent Republican, and his fellow citizens, recognizing his worth and ability, have elected him to several important official positions. Soon after coming to the county he was elected township clerk, and so acceptably did he fill that office that he was constantly re-elected and served for the long period of thirty-two consecutive years. He also served as township trustee, justice of the peace and school director, and his duties have always been most capably and satisfactorily performed. Religiously he and his estimable wife hold membership in the Methodist Protestant Church.

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#### JOHN W. WOOD.

Among the highly respected citizens of Springville who are now living in retirement from active labor is John W. Wood, who was born in Belmont county, Ohio, February 6, 1828. The Wood family is of English descent and of good old Quaker

stock. To the same family belong all the Woods in southern Pennsylvania and northern Maryland. Our subject's paternal great-grandfather, James Wood, was a native of the former state, as was also the grandfather, Matthew Wood, who was born in Delaware county, Pennsylvania, July 9, 1755. In 1811 the latter removed with his family to Belmont county, Ohio, and in the midst of the wilderness he and his sons cleared and improved a farm.

John Wood, our subject's father, was born in Bucks county, Pennsylvania, in 1800, and grew to manhood in Belmont county, Ohio, where he was married at the age of nineteen to Miss Esther Williams, a native of Georgia. Her father, Thomas Williams, was born in Pennsylvania in 1765, and was a son of Lewis Williams, who came to this country from Wales. For several years Thomas Williams resided in Georgia, and then removed to Belmont county, Ohio. There the father of our subject followed farming throughout his active business life. He died in 1833, at the comparatively early age of thirty-three years, and the mother passed away four years later. The subject of this sketch is the fifth in order of birth in their family of seven children and is the only survivor, the others having all died young, the last one passing away in 1852.

The early life of John W. Wood was passed upon a farm in Belmont county, Ohio, and he obtained a good practical education in the common and higher schools of that state. He successfully engaged in teaching school for fourteen terms in his native county and in Jones county, Iowa. On the 16th of November, 1848, he married Miss Almeda Crew, also a native of Belmont county, Ohio, and a daughter of

James and Sarah (Bain) Crew. Her father was born in Virginia, and in early life removed with his father, Jacob Crew, to Belmont county, Ohio, where he spent the greater part of his life as a farmer. He came to Iowa in 1864 and bought land in Linn county, but died in Keokuk county, this state, the same year. Mr. and Mrs. Wood have four children living, namely: (1) Elam J., now a business man of Hardin county, Iowa, is married and has four children, Harry T., Mabel L., Allie May and Elam Paul. (2) Allen D., agent for the Union Pacific Railroad at Rollins, Wyoming, is married and has one child, Allen Claire. (3) Mary is the wife of Walter S. Manley, who is now in the Klondike, while she is with her parents in Springville, Iowa. She has one son, Walter Merle. (4) Sina is the wife of I. E. Jackson, of Springville, and they have one son, Julian L. Mr. and Mrs. Wood have also lost four children, Sarah, Thomas and George having all died in childhood. Luther J. grew to manhood, and removed to Phoenix, Arizona, where he married, and where he died May 2, 1896.

In 1864 Mr. Wood came to Iowa, and for some years made his home in Jones county, where he owned and operated one hundred acres of land just across the line from Linn county. In 1888 he removed to Linn county, locating in Brown township, where he had ninety-eight acres. He made many improvements upon his farm, and was successfully engaged in general farming, stock raising and dairying until his retirement from active labor in March, 1901, when he removed to Springville, having purchased a pleasant residence there. He was always numbered among the most thrifty, enterprising and successful agriculturists of his community.

Politically Mr. Wood has always been identified with the Republican party, but has never been an office-seeker. While in Jones county, however, he was elected and served several terms as assessor, and was also a member of the school board and secretary of the same for sixteen years, having always taken an active interest in educational work. By birthright he and his wife are both members of the Society of Friends, and are now connected with the church at Whittier. In 1898 their children, grandchildren and other relations gathered at their home to assist in celebrating their golden wedding, and left numerous tokens of their affection for this worthy couple who have so long traveled life's journey together, sharing its joys and sorrows, its adversity and prosperity. They are widely and favorably known, and have a host of warm friends in both Jones and Linn counties.



#### ROBERT N. BUCK.

Robert N. Buck, the popular alderman from the First ward and a well-known laundryman of Cedar Rapids, has been a resident of that city since 1879, having come here from Davenport, where he resided for a time. He was born in Greene county, Ohio, on the 18th of April, 1846, and is a son of James W. and Nancy (Kerr) Buck, also natives of Ohio, the former born in 1809, the latter in 1818. On the maternal side the father was of Scotch lineage, and his father was a native of Virginia. During his boyhood James W. Buck received a good common-school education, and for many years taught schools, but the greater part of his time and attention was devoted

to farming. In 1866 he came to Iowa, and took up a tract of unimproved land in Poweshiek county, where he followed his chosen occupation. In politics he was a Democrat, but was never an active party worker or an office-seeker. He died in Montezuma, Iowa, in 1881, and his wife passed away at the home of their daughter in California in 1897. Of their seven children two died in early childhood, the others being Robert N., the subject of this sketch; Phœbe Agnes, who was married and died in the early '70s; James K., a resident of Davenport, Iowa; Eliza, wife of J. W. Patterson, of Tipton, Tulare county, California; and Catherine, wife of John Hutchison, of Fresno, California. The children were given the advantages of the common schools of early days, but their educational privileges were limited, as the country in which they lived was sparsely settled and the schools were few.

Robert N. Buck grew to manhood on the home farm, and remained with his parents until he entered the army during the Civil war, enlisting on the 1st of May, 1864, at the age of eighteen years, in Company F, One Hundred and Forty-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He served six months with the National Guards, and was then mustered out.

In 1866 he came to Iowa with the family, but just before leaving Ohio he was united in marriage with Miss Kate McCarty, a native of that state, who died in Cedar Rapids in 1883, leaving four children, namely: (1) James A., who is engaged in the toilet supply business in Cedar Rapids, is married and has two children, Harold and Paul. (2) Hattie L. is the wife of L. B. Hazelett, of New York city, and they have one child, Catherine. (3) Alida

J. is the wife of William Miller, of Cedar Rapids, and they have one child, Pauline.

(4) Roy is married and a resident of Cedar Rapids. He is a graduate of the public schools of this city. In 1885 Mr. Buck was again married, his second union being with Mrs. Mary M. Bunt, *nee* Nicholson, who was born in Wisconsin in 1849.

On coming to this state the family located in Montezuma, where Mr. Buck engaged in farming until 1869, when he went to Davenport, and was in the employ of a grocery house as traveling salesman for eleven years. In 1879 he removed with his family to Cedar Rapids, where he has since made his home. He was injured in a railroad wreck in 1881, and for a year was unable to do any work. He then engaged in the confectionery business; later conducted a hotel for a few years, and in 1887 purchased a laundry, which he has since operated with good success. In 1894 he purchased property and put in a modern plant, so that he now has one of the best equipped laundries in the city, and has built up an excellent trade. The new plant at the corner of A avenue and Third street is a modern two-story and basement brick, twenty-five by one hundred feet, with modern machinery, giving employment to from eighteen to twenty-five people—the largest business of its kind in the city. He also has other real estate interests in the city.

Since attaining his majority Mr. Buck has always affiliated with the Democratic party, and has been an active party worker. In March, 1897, he was elected alderman from the First ward, and so acceptably did he fill the office that he was re-elected the following year, and again in 1900, for two-year terms. He has served the people efficiently and well; was a member of the



finance committee the first year; was chairman of the public improvement and fire committees, during which time was built about three miles of pavement, also the Vinton ditch sewer, and the Central park sewer was extended since that time; and also of the judiciary committee the fourth and fifth years. For three years he has been a member of the board of health; has been a delegate to the state conventions of his party, and a member of the county and city central committees. Fraternally he is an honored member of Mt. Hermon Lodge, No. 263, F. & A. M.; Cedar Rapids Lodge, No. 98, Knights of Pythias, of which he is now master of works; Cedar Rapids Lodge, No. 141, I. O. O. F., of which he is now past grand, and the Encampment, of which he is now chief patriot. He is also a member of the Rebekah Lodge, No. 79, and of Patriarch Militant, Canton No. 21, and in the latter lodge is now chief of the staff with the rank of colonel on General M. A. Raney's staff. He is widely known in Cedar Rapids, and is an active worker for the city's interests.

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#### WILLIAM FINLEY WILSON.

William Finley Wilson, who was familiarly known as Finley by his numerous friends, came to this county in March, 1865, and throughout the remainder of his life was recognized as one of its valued and useful citizens. He was born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, on the 18th of March, 1830, and was a son of William Wilson, who was also a native of the Keystone state, and was engaged in farming in Westmoreland county for some years, but

in 1839 removed with his family to Washington county, Ohio, where he opened up a farm.

Finley Wilson grew to manhood in that county, and assisted his father in the arduous task of clearing and improving the farm. His educational advantages were somewhat limited. He was married April 15, 1858, in Washington county, Ohio, to Miss Lucy A. Dunbar, a native of Massachusetts, which state was also the birthplace of her parents, Stephen and Lucy (Cutler) Dunbar. The father was born near North Amherst, in 1804, and was a son of Josiah Dunbar, also a native of Massachusetts, and a soldier of the war of 1812. Mrs. Wilson's maternal grandfather, Joseph Cutler, also belonged to one of the pioneer families of the old Bay state. Her father, who was a wagonmaker by trade, removed to Ohio in 1839, and after spending a short time in Morgan county settled in Washington county, where he engaged in the manufacture of wagons until coming to Iowa in 1885. He spent his last years with Mrs. Wilson in Linn county, where he died April 2, 1891, at the ripe old age of eighty-seven years. His first wife died in Athens, Ohio, when Mrs. Wilson was quite small, and he subsequently married again.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson began their domestic life on a farm in Washington county, Ohio, and were residing there when the Civil war broke out. In May, 1863, he enlisted in the one hundred days' service, becoming a member of Company D, One Hundred and Forty-eighth Ohio Regiment. His command was sent to City Point, where it did guard duty, protecting a provision train. On the expiration of his term of enlistment Mr. Wilson was honorably discharged at Marietta, Ohio, in the fall of

1863, and returned to his home in Washington county.

It was in the spring of 1865 that he removed with his family to Linn county, Iowa, and purchased a farm of one hundred and thirty-six acres in Brown township, one mile east of Springville. There was an old log cabin upon the place, and everything was in a rather dilapidated condition, but he at once commenced its improvement, erecting thereon a good house, barn and other outbuildings. Subsequently he bought another farm at New Linden, one mile east of Springville, consisting of eighty acres, on which he made his home during the remainder of his active business life. He erected a pleasant residence upon this place, and made many other valuable improvements, which added greatly to its beauty and worth. In 1896 he bought residence property in Springville, and there lived retired until his death, which occurred October 3, 1898. He had little capital on coming to this state, and his success was due entirely to his industry, perseverance and good management, and the assistance of his estimable wife, who aided and encouraged him in every possible manner.

Unto this worthy couple were born five children, namely: Emma, who died at the age of seventeen years; Albert D., who died at the age of twelve years; Ella, who died at the age of nine; Robert, who married Minnie Pollock, and is engaged in farming in Brown township, and they have five children, Cecil, Lee, Edith, Hattie and Anna; Hattie R. is the wife of Wilton Pollock, a brother of Mrs. Robert Wilson, who is also a farmer of Brown township, and they are the parents of seven children, Florintha, Thomas, Elma, Lucy, Clinton, Edgar and Albert.

Politically Mr. Wilson was a staunch supporter of the men and measures of the Republican party, but he never cared for the honors or emoluments of public office, preferring to give his undivided attention to his business interests. He was a prominent member of the Grand Army Post at Springville, in which he filled all of the offices, including that of commander, and both he and his wife were earnest and consistent members of the Presbyterian church. She takes a very active part in its work, is a teacher in the Sabbath-school, and is a member of the Missionary Society. Mr. Wilson was well known in this section of the county as a man of exemplary habits and upright character, as well as a public-spirited and progressive citizen, who did all in his power to advance the interests of his community. Since her husband's death Mrs. Wilson has had charge of his business affairs, and has displayed exceptional ability along that line.

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#### THOMAS DEVENDORF.

Since 1867, a period of little more than a third of a century, Thomas Devendorf, who is now serving his fourth term as city treasurer of Cedar Rapids, has been a resident of the city, and one of its most enterprising and representative citizens. He was born in Frankfort, New York, August 25, 1837, and is the son of Chauncy and Rebecca (Marshall) Devendorf, the former a native of New York, of German descent, and the latter of Connecticut, but of English descent, both families, however, having long been residents of this country. The maternal grandfather Marshall was a sol-

dier in the Revolutionary war, serving his country faithfully in that struggle resulting in the independence of the colonies. He lived to a ripe old age, dying when about ninety-nine years old. The family has generally been a long-lived one.

For many years Chauncy Devendorf was engaged in the mercantile business in Frankfort, New York, and was a well-known and prominent citizen of the place. A well-educated man, he exerted a good and healthy influence in the community where he resided. He was born in 1806, and died in 1862. After his death his widow came to Cedar Rapids and made her home here until she, too, was called to her final rest. She was born in 1812, and died in 1882. Of her five children, all lived to maturity, our subject being the eldest. Emily, who is the widow of A. Mann, now makes her home in Chicago. Marian is the wife of James Clark, and they reside in Chenango county, New York. Rudolph was a soldier in a New York regiment during the Civil war. He was taken prisoner and died in Andersonville prison, where so many of the brave defenders of the Union gave up their lives. Frank, who made his home in Cedar Rapids, died in Florida. All the children received an academic education in their native state.

The subject of this sketch grew to manhood in his native state and remained at home with his parents until he attained his majority. After leaving the public schools he entered the store of his father, and after he became of age he was associated with him in business. After the death of his father he continued the business himself with very good success until his removal west. While still a resident of New York, in May, 1861, he was united in marriage with Miss

Rebecca Crosby, who was also a native of New York, born in 1842. By this union two children were born. Ella married A. C. Phelps and with him went to Michigan, where she died in 1890, leaving two children, Ruth and Thomas. Nellie married Richmond Smith, and they made their home in Cedar Rapids. She also died in 1890, leaving one daughter, who also bears the name of Nellie, and who makes her home with our subject.

In 1867 Mr. Devendorf came to Cedar Rapids, which has since been his home. On his arrival here he formed a partnership with Amasa Mann, and under the firm name of Devendorf & Mann engaged in the dry goods trade, the partnership being continued for a period of twenty years with marked success. They built up an excellent trade, carrying a full line of goods, and drawing custom for many miles around. In 1887 Mr. Devendorf sold his interest to his partner, who continued the business for a time and then sold out.

While Mr. Devendorf has given the greater part of his time to his business interests, he has not altogether neglected public affairs, and has ever been willing to lend his influence to any and every enterprise for the good of his adopted city. For twelve years he was identified with the public schools, and was president of the board of education of the city for several years. During this period the schools of the city made commendable progress, and several school buildings were erected. The time given to the public schools he considers well spent. In 1896 he was elected city treasurer, and he has been twice re-elected, and is serving the people to their entire satisfaction.

As a Republican, Mr. Devendorf has

been a worker for the success of the party, being a stanch advocate of its principles, which he believes to be for the best interest of the people. He has never been an aspirant for office, preferring to give his time to his private affairs, and what influence he possessed in a political way to his friends. He is a member of the Commercial Club of the city, organized for the purpose of promoting the commercial interests of the place. While formerly a member of the Masonic order, he does not at present take an active part in its work, although believing in its principles.

When Mr. Devendorf came to Cedar Rapids, in 1867, he found a little city of less than five thousand inhabitants. He has seen it grow until it has become the fourth city in the state in point of population, and second to none in the way of public and private improvements. In the accomplishment of all this he has borne his part, and he is recognized as one of the leading citizens of the city and county, with many friends throughout city, county and state.

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#### FREDERICK HOFFMAN.

For over forty years Frederick Hoffman has been actively identified with the agricultural and commercial interests of Linn county, and is now successfully engaged in the grain business at Walker. He was born in Bavaria, Germany, and is a son of George and Margaret Hoffman, who spent their entire lives in that province, the mother dying when our subject was only three years and a half old. He attended the public schools of his native land until thirteen years of age, and then assisted his father,

who was engaged in the manufacture of linen and cotton goods.

At eighteen years of age Mr. Hoffman emigrated to America, taking passage on a sailing vessel at Bremen, which was thirty-four days in crossing the Atlantic. On landing in New York he proceeded immediately to Buffalo, where he was variously employed for a time, and then went to Cattaraugus county, New York, where he learned the shoemaker's trade, soon becoming a proficient and skilled workman. Many of the boots and shoes that he made were worn in the White House at that time, and by the leading families of the country, while some pairs went from New York city round the Horn to San Francisco.

During his stay of ten years in Cattaraugus county, New York, Mr. Hoffman was married in 1857 to Miss Sylvia Baumgardner, who was also a native of Bavaria, Germany, and came to the United States about 1854, locating in that county. By this union were born ten children, all of whom are living at the present time, namely: Mary, who is married and lives with our subject; Frank, who wedded Sadie Chambers and resides at Troy Mills, Linn county; Jane, wife of Gilbert Crossland, of the state of Washington; Ella, wife of William Spade, of Buchanan county, Iowa; James, who married Minnie Spencer and lives in Grant township, Linn county; Susan, wife of J. S. Archibald, of Colorado; Robert D., who resides at home and is engaged in business with his father; and Fred, who married Della Gowins and lives on the old homestead in Grant township. The mother of these children died in January, 1891.

In May, 1860, Mr. Hoffman came to Linn county, Iowa, and worked at his trade in Marion until January, 1861, when he



purchased an eighty-acre tract of wild land in Grant township, and at once turned his attention to agricultural pursuits. He subsequently bought another tract of similar size, and placed the entire amount under cultivation. Later he purchased a partially improved farm of two hundred and twenty acres, and continued buying and selling until 1900, owning at one time about eight hundred acres. He still has in his possession about four hundred acres, but is not actively engaged in farming at the present time. In 1873 he formed a partnership with Charles Gitchell, one of the early settlers of Walker, and they embarked in the grain, stock and lumber business at that place, carrying on the same together for about ten years, when the partnership was dissolved, Mr. Gitchell taking the lumber department, and our subject the grain business, which he still conducts. In the fall of 1900 he built an elevator near the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad tracks at Walker, with a capacity of twenty-five thousand bushels, and is now doing a large and prosperous business.

In politics Mr. Hoffman is an ardent Democrat, and in his social relations is a member of the Masonic lodge at Walker, of which he has been treasurer for the past three years. He eminently deserves classification among the purely self-made men of this county, having commenced life in the new world without capital, as he spent his last nickel within a week after landing in this country, and was thus dependent upon his own resources for a livelihood. He has steadily overcome the obstacles in the path to success by his perseverance, industry and good management, and is to-day one of the well-to-do and prosperous citizens of his community.

#### HENRY FAIRCHILD.

Among the prominent and worthy citizens of Grant township whose lives are devoted to agriculture and the farming interests of the county is the subject of this biography, whose home is on section 11. He was born in Champaign county, Ohio, on the 6th of September, 1851, a son of J. H. and Sarah (Ellis) Fairchild, both of whom were natives of the same state and are now living in Coggon, Linn county, Iowa. They came to this county with their family in 1855, and the father purchased four hundred acres of land in Spring Grove township, two hundred and fifty acres of which was covered with timber. He at once commenced to improve and cultivate his land.

Henry Fairchild was reared in Spring Grove township, and pursued his education in its district schools until nineteen years of age. He remained under the parental roof until he attained his majority, giving his father the benefit of his labors. On the 20th of March, 1870, he was united in marriage with a Miss Walton, a daughter of J. H. and Maria (Cunningham) Walton, natives of Canada and Ohio, respectively. Her family were among the pioneer settlers of Spring Grove township, this county, where the father first purchased eighty acres of wild land, and later bought a timber tract of forty acres. He filled the office of justice of the peace for a number of years, and both he and his wife held membership in the Methodist Episcopal church. His death occurred in 1883, and she passed away the following year.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Fairchild were born thirteen children, as follows: Lena, now the wife of Fred Van Tassel, a farmer of

Buchanan county, Iowa; John, who married Julia Hudson, and is engaged in farming in Grant township, Linn county; Edward, who married Nellie Hudson, and also lives in Grant township; Sarah, wife of Louis Hudson, a farmer of the same township; Rebecca, wife of William Horak, a farmer of Grant township; Agnes, Clarence, Matilda, Emma, Blanche and Jennie, all at home; Fred, who died in infancy; and Ross, at home.

After his marriage Mr. Fairchild was engaged in farming in Spring Grove township until 1892, when he purchased an improved farm of one hundred and thirty-five acres on section 2, Grant township, conveniently located two miles east of Walker. He has since added to this property and now has three hundred and twenty acres on sections 2 and 11, Grant township, all of which is well improved and under a high state of cultivation. In connection with general farming Mr. Fairchild also devotes considerable attention to the raising of stock, and in his undertakings is meeting with well-deserved success.

As a Republican he takes quite an active and influential part in local politics, and in January, 1895, was elected supervisor of his township, which office he creditably filled until January, 1901. He is now a member of the school board, and takes an active interest in all enterprises calculated to advance the welfare of his township or county. Fraternally he is a member of the Camp of Modern Woodmen at Walker.

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#### GEORGE L. DURNO.

Among the public-spirited and leading citizens of Springville is numbered the subject of this review, who was one of the de-

fenders of the Union during the dark days of the Civil war. He was born in the village of Old Deer, Aberdeenshire, Scotland, June 9, 1838, and was one of a family of seven children, five sons and two daughters, whose parents were William and Jane L. Durno, also natives of Aberdeenshire. In 1840 the father, with several of his brothers, emigrated to America and settled at Johnstown, Pennsylvania, where as contractors they assisted in building the old Portage Railroad, which was the first railroad built in that state. After spending six years at that place William Durno removed to Winnebago county, Illinois, and entered two hundred acres of land near the present city of Rockford, which he improved with the assistance of his sons. He was one of the first settlers in that locality, and the region round about was an almost unbroken wilderness. Religiously he was an active and faithful member of the Baptist church, and served as deacon for over forty years. He died October 17, 1879, and his wife passed away April 7, 1881, both being laid to rest in the Rockford cemetery.

George L. Durno grew to manhood on the old home farm and attended the country schools of the neighborhood, though his educational privileges were rather limited. In 1858 he came to Iowa, and was residing in this state on the inauguration of the Civil war. In July, 1861, he enlisted at Postville, Iowa, in Company C, Twelfth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, as a private, but was elected corporal on the organization of the company. The regiment was formed at Dubuque, and assigned to the Army of the Cumberland. They were first ordered to St. Louis, and later participated in the battles of Fort Henry, Fort Donelson, Shiloh (at which battle his brother William

was killed), and Corinth. Mr. Durno then returned home on a sick furlough, and being disabled for further duty he was honorably discharged in January, 1863, at St. Louis. Although he had previously been ill, he had never been in the hospital as a patient, but did field hospital duty for some time, taking care of the wounded directly after the battles.

At Dubuque, Iowa, Mr. Durno was married December 25, 1860, to Miss Elizabeth M. Christman, a daughter of Peter and Margaret Christman. Her father was a native of France, and on his emigration to the United States first located in Pennsylvania, but in 1838 removed to Dubuque, where he followed his trade of millwright for several years. He died in that city in 1852, aged sixty-four years, and his wife passed away in 1890, at the advanced age of ninety years. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Durno were born five children, as follows: Charles A., who now holds a position in the government printing office at Washington, D. C.; William F., who is connected with the Chicago News; Sarah, wife of Arthur Wilson, who is engaged in the hardware business in Marble Rock, Iowa; Edwin P., who holds a business position in Dubuque, Iowa; and Gertrude E., wife of Adelbert W. Starbuck, a dentist by profession, who is now a demonstrator in the State University at Iowa City. All of the children are graduates of the schools of Springville.

After his marriage Mr. Durno lived on the old homestead farm in Winnebago county, Illinois, until 1870, when he came to Springville, Iowa, and here engaged in merchandising for about fifteen years. During President Grant's administration he was appointed postmaster of the village in 1872, and so acceptably did he fill the office that

he was reappointed a number of times, serving in all about sixteen years. He was one of the organizers of the corporation of Springville, and was elected and served as the first mayor of the town, and filled that office for two consecutive terms. He has also been a member of the school board several years; has served as township trustee, and is now serving his ninth year as justice of the peace. In whatever position he has been called upon to fill he has proved a faithful and efficient officer, and has won the approval of all concerned. From September 1, 1887, to April 18, 1882, he was editor and publisher of the Springville New Era. He shipped the first car-load of flour and apples that ever came into the town; also made the first lawn and owned the first lawn-mower.

Mr. Durno is a staunch supporter of the Republican party, and has been a delegate to various county, congressional and state conventions. Fraternally he is a Mason, belonging to the blue lodge of Springville, No. 139, the R. A. M., Chapter No. 10, and the Patmos Commandery of Marion, and is also a member of William Carbee Post, No. 270, G. A. R., while religiously both he and his wife hold membership in the Springville Methodist Episcopal church. She takes a very active part in church work, and has been president of the Ladies' Aid Society for fourteen years.

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#### NORMAN E. CLARK.

The agricultural interests of Franklin township are well represented in the subject of this sketch, who is accounted one of the most progressive farmers and stock



NORMAN E. CLARK.





raisers in his locality, his home being on section 6. A native of Linn county, he was born on the Dennis Tryon farm, near Marion, August 14, 1856, a son of Luther and Frances M. (Willhite) Clark, whose sketch appears on another page of this work. The father died very suddenly on the old homestead December 8, 1899, and was buried in Mt. Vernon. Our subject's paternal grandfather, Oliver Clark, Sr., also died very suddenly, on his farm in this county, January 13, 1871, and his wife departed this life January 13, 1881, just ten years later to the day and hour. The mother of our subject was born in Madison county, Virginia, February 29, 1832, and is a daughter of Samuel and Juda (Rush) Willhite, also natives of the Old Dominion, where her mother died in the fall of 1834. The father then removed with his family to Preble county, Ohio, and made his home near Eaton for a number of years, but in 1852 came to Linn county, Iowa. After living for some time on a farm in Franklin township he removed to Mt. Vernon, where he engaged in the cooperage business. He was visiting at the home of our subject when he was taken sick and died April 15, 1885. He had four children, namely: John, a resident of Sacramento, California, who first married Electa Mansfield, and second Mrs. Margaret Lyons, both now deceased; Jane, who died at the age of twenty years; Sarah, wife of Marshall Tedford, of Mt. Vernon, and had six children, four of whom are deceased, the others being M. Huston, and John W., who is an official on the Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad; and Frances M., mother of our subject. Norman E. Clark is the oldest in a family of three children, the others being Huldah J., who was born in a log house on the home farm, and lives with our subject; and Min-

nie M., wife of Arthur Collins, who resides one mile west of our subject in Franklin township. They have two children, Hazel B. and Mildred A.

Mr. Clark was only two years old when his parents removed with their family to Franklin township, Iowa, and on the old homestead there he grew to manhood, his education being acquired in the Summer district schools. After leaving school at the age of twenty he commenced devoting his entire time and attention to the work of the home farm, and since his father's death has had entire charge of the same. In its management he has shown that he is a thorough and skillful farmer and a man of good business and executive ability.

Mr. Clark is also a man of great courage and unusual energy, and possesses more than ordinary pluck and physical strength, which characteristics were brought into play very forcibly in an accident which happened to him recently. On the evening of February 5, 1901, he had started to feed his cattle when he was attacked by a bull that had suddenly become mad with rage. Before he was aware of it the infuriated animal was upon him, knocking him down upon the frozen ground. He grabbed the animal by the nose and one horn, and there then took place a battle more terrible than any described in the arena scenes of Quo Vadis. At one time he was carried on the head of the animal round the hay rick in the lot. His yells and the roars of the mad beast were heard by the neighboring farmers, who divined what was taking place and rushed to the rescue, but all were afraid to venture into the lot. Mr. Clark was tossed up in the air and then thrown to the ground. All the while the animal was trying to pierce him with its horns, but here Mr. Clark's strength

was most valuable. He was gored through the arms, hand and chest. In fact there was hardly a place on his body that was not marked. Finally the beast threw him upon the ground face down and planted its massive head in his back, crushing his chest and ribs. Being near the fence, Mr. Clark released himself from the animal and sprang over, while his neighbors, Jonathan Duncan and his two sons, Frank and Bert, and Frank Watson, tried to beat the animal off. He was taken to the house and for four days hung between life and death, but his nerve and wonderful constitution pulled him through, although the bones of his chest and ribs were twisted into an indescribable shape. Six weeks after the accident, however, he was able to walk to town, a distance of two and a half miles, where he had the bandages removed by Dr. Carson, of Mt. Vernon. Possibly no other man in the county or state could have gone through such an awful experience and lived to tell the tale. In politics he is a Democrat, but has never cared for official honors. He is held in the highest esteem by a large circle of friends and neighbors, and well merits their regard.

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#### HENRY KIMBALL.

For the past nine years the subject of this sketch has lived a retired life, but previous to this time he was engaged in farming in Brown township for a number of years. He was born on the 6th of April, 1822, in Sullivan county, New York, and is a son of George D. Kimball, who was born in Orange county, N. Y., and grandson of Levi Kim-

ball, a native of Connecticut. In early manhood the father was married in Rockland, Sullivan county, New York, to Miss Elizabeth Hitt, a native of that state. He engaged in farming and also owned and operated a sawmill on the headwaters of the Delaware river. He died on the old home farm in Sullivan county, having survived his wife a few years. They were the parents of eleven children, two sons and nine daughters, all of whom reached maturity and married. Those still living are Henry, our subject; Levi, a banker, of Wakefield, Nebraska; Deborah Ann, wife of Henry Hornbeck, of Illinois; Abigail, wife of Clinton Wilson, of Rockland, New York; Louisa, wife of William H. Young, of Liberty, Sullivan county New York; Mrs. Antoinette Apley and Mrs. Ellen Cochran, both residents of Rockland.

During his boyhood and youth Henry Kimball worked on the home farm and in the lumber woods, and his early school privileges were necessarily limited, so that he is almost wholly self-educated since reaching years of maturity. He was engaged in lumbering for several years, and ran a large number of rafts down the Delaware river.

On the 15th of July, 1847, in Greene county, New York, Mr. Kimball was united in marriage with Miss Lavina Laraway, a native of that county, and they began their domestic life on a farm near the old homestead. In connection with its operation he continued lumbering until 1865, when he removed to Clayton county, Iowa, and followed farming there for three years. There his wife died in 1865, leaving two children who are still living: Albert L., a resident of St. Paul, Minnesota; and Alice, wife of Harry Clark, of Walford, Benton county, Iowa. The children born of this union who

are deceased were Louisa, who married Corwin Stickney and died in Springville; Catherine, who died when a young lady; George W., who died after reaching manhood; and Fannie, who died when a young lady.

In 1868 Mr. Kimball came to Linn county and purchased a farm in Marion township, which he operated about two years, and then broke up house keeping, his sister Catherine, who was his housekeeper, having died in that township, March 1, 1868. With his two smaller children he returned to Clayton county, where he helped his brother in an elevator during the summer. The following fall he again came to Linn county and rented a farm near Springville.

Mr. Kimball was again married in Marion, November 16, 1871, his second union being with Mrs. Emma Bartley, a native of Susquehanna county, Pennsylvania. Her father, John Dunlap, was born in New York, and was married in Pennsylvania to Lydia Maria Peck, who belonged to an old Connecticut family. In 1845 they removed to Whiteside county, Illinois, and located on a farm near Sterling, where Mr. Dunlap died the following year. His widow subsequently married John Petty, of Sterling, and in 1855 they came to Linn county, Iowa. She spent the last years of her life with Mrs. Kimball in this county and died here in 1877. Here Mrs. Kimball was first married in 1859 to Robert C. Bartley, who came to this state from Crawfordsville, Indiana, and they began their domestic life on a farm in Brown township, which Mr. Bartley broke, fenced and improved. In August, 1863, he enlisted in Company H, Twenty-fourth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, of which he was elected sergeant. He was taken ill soon after entering the army and died on a hospital boat while on his way

home, January 27, 1864. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Bartley were born three children, of whom James Henry died in 1895, at the age of thirty-three years. Those living are Charles H. and Robert C., who are now living on a ranch at Joilet, Montana. By his second marriage Mr. Kimball has two daughters: Nettie, wife of William H. Armstrong, who is now operating the Kimball farm; and Myrtle H., wife of Harry Butcher, of Linn Grove.

After his second marriage Mr. Kimball lived on the Bartley farm of one hundred and twenty acres in Brown township, which he purchased of the heirs, and to which he subsequently added forty acres. He remodeled the house, built a good barn and other outbuildings, and made many other improvements upon the place. In connection with general farming he also engaged in dairying and stock raising with good success until 1892, when he rented his farm and purchased property in Springville, where he has since lived a retired life, enjoying a well-earned rest.

Originally Mr. Kimball was a Whig in politics, but has been a staunch supporter of the Republican party since its organization. He served as road supervisor for three years, but has never sought political preferment, though he has always taken a deep interest in public affairs, as every true American citizen should. Mrs. Kimball is an active and earnest member of the Presbyterian church, and both are held in high regard by all who know them.

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#### ELMER E. RICHARDS.

The subject of this sketch is the proprietor of the Western Poultry Journal published at Cedar Rapids, his office being



located in the Granby block. He is a native of Linn county, born June 9, 1866, and is a son of D. H. and Sarah C. (Leverich) Richards, the former of Welsh and the latter of English descent. The father was born in New York in 1839, but the mother's birth occurred at Cedar Rapids, in 1847, her parents being among the pioneer settlers of this county. In 1855 D. H. Richards came to Cedar Rapids, and was in the employ of the leading old merchants of this city for some years, and for twenty years was engaged in the grocery business on his own account, being thus employed at the time of his death, which occurred in 1894. He owned residence property on the west side where he made his home. In politics he was a Republican and was an active worker in political circles, serving as alderman of the Fourth ward for eight years. He was a charter member of the Odd Fellows Lodge, No. 141, and filled all the offices in the same. Religiously he was for over thirty years a member of the First Presbyterian church, of Cedar Rapids, with which his wife was also connected. Unto them were born eight children, namely: Elmer E., our subject; Alice B., wife of George Redmond; Edith, who married W. E. Denny and died in Cedar Rapids; Eugene F., a resident of that city; Carrie M., wife of C. L. Doolittle, of Cedar Rapids; Charles C. and Leon G., who are also living in this city.

Elmer E. Richards attended the public schools of Cedar Rapids until about sixteen years of age, and then aided his father in the store until the latter's death, when the property was sold. He has since engaged in his present business, having organized the paper now known as the Western Poultry Journal in 1893, and since 1894 has devoted his entire time and attention to it. He has

built up the circulation until it now amounts to ten thousand in the United States and it also has an extensive foreign circulation. In this enterprise he has been uniformly successful, being a man of good business and executive ability, of keen discrimination and sound judgment.

In 1886, Mr. Richards married Miss Iva A. Chandler, who died in 1894, at the age of thirty-one years, leaving three children, Helen, Gladys and D. H. He was again married in 1901, his second union being with Miss Myrtle G. Eddy, who was born in Dixon, Illinois, in 1875. By his ballot Mr. Richards supports the men and measures of the Republican party, but takes no active part in politics aside from voting. Fraternally he is a member of Maine Lodge, No. 643, I. O. O. F., and Star of Main Lodge, No. 122, D. of R., and has held office in the same.

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#### ISAAC NASH.

Isaac Nash, a veteran of two wars and one of the honored citizens of Springville, has made his permanent home in this county since 1867, and until within the last five years was actively identified with its agricultural and industrial interests, but has now laid aside all business cares to spend the remainder of his life in ease and quiet. He was born in Coles county, Illinois, January 1, 1829, a son of William and Martha (McCune) Nash. The father was born and reared in Tennessee, and when a young man went to Indiana, where he was married. Later he removed to Illinois, becoming one of the first settlers of Coles county, where he opened up a farm. There he died in 1835, and his wife passed away some three months prior to his death.

Our subject was thus left an orphan at the tender age of six years, and was early forced to earn to his own livelihood. He therefore had very little opportunity to attend school. His boyhood was spent partly upon a farm and partly in town. He went to Jacksonville, Morgan county, Illinois, where he learned the brick mason's trade, and followed that occupation until he entered the army during the Mexican war, enlisting in July, 1847, under General Zachary Taylor. He took part in some engagements and remained in the service until the close of the war.

After his return to Morgan county, Illinois, Mr. Nash was married, April 15, 1850, to Miss Mary A. Berry, a native of Kentucky, and a daughter of John Berry, who was also born in that state and removed with his family to Morgan county, Illinois, during Mrs. Nash's childhood. By this union were born six children, namely: Mrs. Alice Sigfred, a widow, now residing in Marion, Iowa; Emma, at home with her parents; Charles F., a farmer and stock dealer of Marion township; John E. and William E., twins, who are now engaged in business in Lincoln, Nebraska; and Lucy, wife of Norman G. Clark, a druggist of Parkersburg, Butler county, Iowa.

When the Civil war broke out Mr. Nash again entered the service of his country, enlisting on the 12th of August, 1861, in Company K, Twenty-seventh Illinois Volunteer Infantry, which at different times was connected with the armies of the Mississippi, Cumberland and Tennessee. The regiment was first ordered to Cairo, Illinois, and subsequently took part in the engagements at Belmont, Missouri, and Union City, Tennessee. They served as an escort to Commodore Foote's fleet down the Ohio and

Mississippi rivers, and participated in the battle at Island No. 10. They next dropped down the river to a point near Fort Pillow, and from there went to Shiloh to reinforce General Grant. They were in the battles of Laverne, Stone River and Chickamauga. At the last named place Mr. Nash was wounded in the left shoulder by a piece of shell, and was disabled for two weeks. He next participated in the battle of Missionary Ridge, and from there marched with his command to Knoxville to relieve General Burnside. They spent the winter at Loudon, Tennessee, doing guard duty, and in the spring joined General Sherman in the Atlanta campaign, during which they were under fire nearly every day. They were in the battles of Resaca, New Hope Church, Mud Run and Kenesaw Mountain, where Mr. Nash was again wounded by a gunshot through the left knee, which permanently disabled him for further duty. He had entered the service as private, but was later promoted to corporal, and after the battle of Belmont, Missouri, was made sergeant. Subsequently he was commissioned second lieutenant for bravery at Stone River, and at Kenesaw Mountain was promoted to first lieutenant. He had command of his company during the last year of his service. After being wounded at Kenesaw Mountain, June 27, 1864, he was in the hospital at Lookout Mountain until September, when he was sent home, and was honorably discharged at Springfield, Illinois.

For some years Mr. Nash resided in Morgan county, that state, and worked at his trade in Jacksonville and other towns, but in 1867 he came to Linn county, Iowa, and located on a farm in Marion township. After planting his crops he would work at his trade in Marion and Cedar Rapids, being

thus employed for a number of years on many of the public buildings of those cities. Later he purchased a farm of one hundred and ten acres in Brown township, one half mile from Springville, and took up his residence thereon in 1880. To the improvement and cultivation of that place he devoted his energies for fifteen years, and also engaged in stock raising and the dairy business. Renting his farm in 1896, he removed to Springville and has since lived a retired life. He has enlarged and remodeled his home, and has a very comfortable home. Commencing life as a poor boy, he deserves great credit for the success he has achieved. By his own unaided industry, enterprise and good management he has acquired a comfortable competence, and has won for himself an honored name by his straightforward course.

On attaining his majority Mr. Nash became identified with the Whig party, and cast his first presidential ballot for Zachary Taylor. Later he voted for General Scott, and in 1856 supported John C. Fremont, the first Republican candidate. He has since affiliated with that party, and has never missed a presidential election except when away from home in 1872. He has taken an active part in local politics and was a member of the central committee of his township for several years, but has never cared for official honors, though he was a member of the school board for some time while on the farm. He has been connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows since November, 1850, and is a charter member of the lodge in Marion, of which he is past grand and which he has represented in the grand lodge of the state. He is also a prominent member of the Grand Army Post at Springville, of which he is

past commander. He has been a delegate to state encampments, and has also attended several national encampments. His wife and daughter are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and while not connected with any religious organization he attends church with them and gives of his means to its support. He assisted in organizing the Linn County Veteran Association and also the Old Settlers' Association, whose meetings he always attends. He is well known throughout the county and universally respected and esteemed.

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#### CHARLES A. LAURANCE.

The art of publication has revolutionized the world—has brought civilization to the dark corners of the globe, banished ignorance and practically annihilated barbarism. Knowledge is power, says the old proverb, and knowledge has been brought to humanity mostly through publication. The business of printing and publishing has become one of the leading industries of the world and with it Charles A. Laurance is prominently connected as president of the Laurance Press Company, of Cedar Rapids.

He was born near Rochester, New York, October 28, 1855, and is a son of Alexander and Eliza (Skinner) Laurance. The former, who was familiarly known as Father Laurance to the majority of the people of this county, was born in New Deer Parish, Aberdeenshire, Scotland, on the 30th of September, 1811. It was the desire of his father to educate him for the ministry, but owing to the death of the former the son was obliged to leave school at the age of thirteen years and was apprenticed to John

Bruce, a wagonmaker at Strichan, his earnings going to the support of the family. After learning the trade Mr. Laurance continued to work for Mr. Bruce and his successor, and at Bruckley Castle, until August 17, 1833, when he emigrated to America. He arrived in Quebec, Canada, on the 1st of October, and remained there until 1838, when he went to St. Johnsbury, Vermont. After spending a short time there he removed to Geneseo, Livingston county, New York, and a year later took up his residence in York, the same county, where he worked at his trade until failing health compelled his retirement from that occupation in 1846. From that time until 1860 he was identified with public affairs as a county official, serving as sheriff, constable, collector of taxes, and then being appointed to the position of deputy United States marshal. In October, 1860, Mr. Laurance came to Cedar Rapids, and from 1862 until 1897 was almost continuously in public office here. In 1862 he was elected city marshal, which position he held until 1871; was county coroner from 1868 to 1890; and for twenty years was township trustee, assessor four years; and deputy United States marshal two years. He retired from public life in 1897, when his sight failed him.

On the 3d of May, 1838, at Argyle, Washington county, New York, was celebrated the marriage of Alexander Laurance and Eliza Skinner, a native of that state, who died in 1867. Unto them were born eight children, of whom four are still living, namely: George A., Archibald S., Charles A. and Anna J., all well-known citizens of Cedar Rapids. During his last years the daughter devoted her life to the care of her father, showing a devotion that is rarely seen.

Before leaving his native land Mr. Laurance was inducted into the mysteries of the Masonic order, August 14, 1832, as a member of Fraser Lodge, Strichan, Scotland, which was organized as an operative body, but later speculative Masons were admitted as members. It was one of the few operative bodies then in existence. When Mr. Laurance came to America opposition to the order had become a political issue, and in some sections of the country ignorance and prejudice had made known membership in the Masonic order a source of danger, but the storm soon subsided, however, and Masonry, stronger than ever, was again triumphant. Mr. Laurance did not avail himself of the privileges of the order until he settled in Cedar Rapids, where, under the mastership of the late A. R. West, he was admitted as a member of Crescent Lodge, No. 25, of which body he was ever afterward an honored member. In fact, few members of any society have been honored as he was recognized by Crescent Lodge, which on the 14th of August each year for several years appropriately celebrated the anniversary of his initiation into the order. He died at his residence, 818 Seventh avenue, February 9, 1901, and was laid to rest with Masonic honors in Oak Hill cemetery. In daily life and action he was ever genial and affable. He enjoyed the popularity which comes to those generous spirits who have a hearty shake of the hand for all of those with whom they come in contact from day to day, and who seem to throw around them in consequence so much of the sunshine of life.

Charles A. Laurance was only five years old when he accompanied his parents on their removal to Cedar Rapids, and in the public schools of this city he acquired his



education. After leaving the high school he served an apprenticeship to the printer's trade in the office of the old Weekly Times, where he remained eighteen years, being superintendent of the office the last six years. In 1888 he embarked in the printing business on his own account as a member of the firm of Laurance & Carr, which was changed to a stock company in 1896, known as the Laurance Press Company, and he has since been president of the same. They do all kinds of job printing and book-binding, confining their operations mainly to Iowa, though they publish the Russell Railroad Guide, which is universally used all over the western states. Under the able management of our subject the business has steadily prospered and now ranks among the leading enterprises of the city.

Mr. Laurance was married, October 18, 1883, to Miss Jennie C. Price, of Cedar Rapids, a daughter of E. G. Price, one of the old settlers of Linn county, now deceased. By this union has been born one son, Harry, who is now attending the public schools of Cedar Rapids. The parents both hold membership in St. Paul's Methodist church, and Mr. Laurance is now serving as steward. Politically he is identified with the Republican party, and socially affiliates with Mt. Hermon Lodge, No. 263, F. & A. M.; Trowell Chapter, No. 49, R. A. M.; Apollo Commandery, No. 26, K. T.; and El Kahir Temple, N. M. S., of Cedar Rapids. Like his father, he is widely and favorably known throughout this county, and has a host of warm friends in Cedar Rapids, where almost his entire life has been passed.

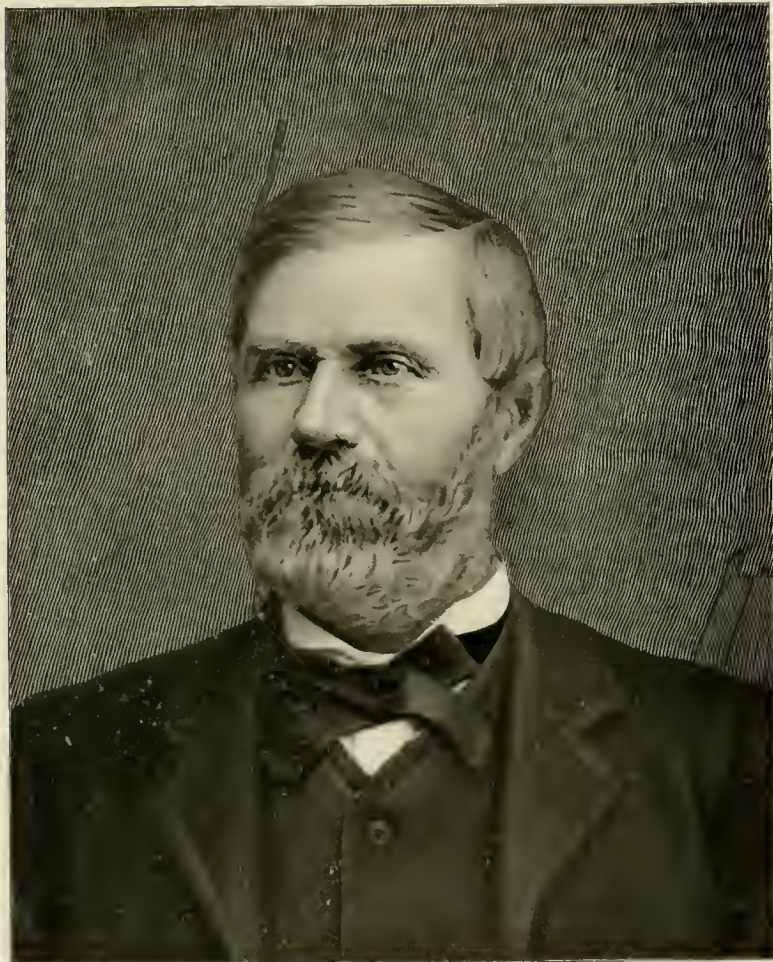
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#### REUBEN ASH.

Among the representative citizens and honored pioneers of this county the subject

of this sketch is deserving of prominent mention. He was born near Louisville, Kentucky, on the 26th of January, 1812, a son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Swaring) Ash, and received a very limited education in his early boyhood days. At the age of fourteen years he accompanied his parents on their removal to Putnam county, Illinois, where he attended the public schools for a short time, but most of his time was devoted to assisting his father in the labors of the farm. During the Black Hawk war he was in the employ of the United States government. He remained with his parents until 1839, when he came to Iowa with his brother Alfred, driving across the country in a prairie schooner. On their arrival in Mt. Vernon they found that their combined capital was only fifty cents. This city at that time contained only one log house and a blacksmith shop, and the surrounding country was all wild and unimproved, giving little promise of its present thriving condition. Reuben Ash entered a tract of government land, and also purchased a claim of a Mr. Roland, making a farm of two hundred and forty acres. He immediately turned his attention to transforming the unbroken prairie land unto a highly cultivated and well improved farm, and to its operation he devoted his time and energies for many years. He broke his land with oxen hitched to a primitive plow, made by nailing a piece of iron on a log of wood.

On the 4th of January, 1844, Mr. Ash was married in Mt. Vernon, to Miss Hannah Day, who was born in Ohio, January 16, 1828, and came to this county in 1840. They became the parents of nine children, namely: Harriet, born November 11, 1845, married Homer S. Bradshaw, an attorney of Ida Grove, Iowa, and died in Chicago,



REUBEN ASH.



on Decoration Day, 1896. Jane, born February 17, 1848, is the wife of Rev. A. K. Baird, of Mt. Vernon, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this volume. L. Homer, born January 10, 1850, was married in March, 1898, to Mamie Maguer, of Chicago, and is a commission merchant on the board of trade in that city. Augustus, born April 18, 1852, was married in Marion, Iowa, October 14, 1874, to Fannie Hughes, and died in Hastings, Nebraska, February 25, 1881, leaving a widow and one daughter, Amy. Isaac, born August 1, 1857, is associated with his brother, L. Homer, on the Board of Trade in Chicago. Mary May, born May 1, 1860, died March 30, 1872. Olive H., born December 19, 1862, was married October 14, 1890, to Dr. Thomas Baird, a son of Rev. A. K. Baird, and died July 30, 1891. Alfred and Dora both died in infancy.

Mr. Ash died on the 24th of February, 1891, at Mt. Vernon, in the house now occupied by his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Baird. He was one of the oldest Masons in the state. In his business dealings he was ever prompt, reliable and entirely trustworthy, and although he gained a greater degree of success than came to many of his fellow townsmen, it was because he was very energetic, persevering and capable in managing his affairs. In his death the community lost one of its best citizens, his neighbors a faithful friend and his family a considerate husband and father. He was pre-eminently public-spirited and gave to Cornell College the land on which Bowman Hall and campus now stands, it being a part of the old homestead farm.

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#### FRANK SINKEY.

The subject of this sketch, who is successfully engaged in farming on section 3,

Grant township, Linn county, Iowa, was born on the 4th of March, 1844, in Williams county, Ohio, a son of Thomas and Susanna (Phillips) Sinkey, also natives of the Buckeye state. In 1850 the father came to Iowa and took up his residence in Jones county, where he at first purchased forty acres of land, and later entered one hundred and sixty acres from the government. This was all unbroken with exception of ten acres of the forty-acre tract, but acre after acre was placed under the plow until it was all under cultivation. The mother of our subject died in 1851, at the age of thirty-one years, and was laid to rest in Jones county. She had three children, of whom Frank is the eldest, and two are still living. For his second wife the father married Emily Hildreth, by whom he had six children. He died in 1895, at the age of seventy-four years, and was buried in Woodbury county, Iowa.

Frank Sinkey was a child of six years when he accompanied his parents on their removal to Jones county, Ohio, and he is indebted to its public schools for his educational privileges. He remained at home until after the inauguration of the Civil war, but on the 19th of August, 1862, he enlisted at Wyoming, Iowa, in Company K, Twenty-fourth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, for three years, and was mustered into the United States service at Muscatine, Iowa, September 18. He participated in the engagements at Port Gibson and Champion Hills, the sieges of Vicksburg and Jackson and the battles of Carrion Crew Bayou, Mansfield, Pleasant Hill, Cane River, Middle Bayou, Marksville, Winchester, Fisher's Hill and Cedar Creek. At Champion Hills he was wounded and taken prisoner, but was soon released on parole and returned home for a short time. He was under the com-



mand of General Sheridan in Shenandoah valley, and at different times also served under Generals Grant and Banks. His discharge papers were made out at Savannah, Georgia, but his company was not disbanded until reaching Davenport, Iowa.

Mr. Sinkey then returned home and for two years operated the farm on the shares. At the end of that time he went to Buchanan county, Iowa, where he resided until 1876. In the meantime he purchased forty acres of wild land in Grand township, Linn county, in 1868, and six years later bought an adjoining tract of the same size, which was partially improved, but he did not locate upon this place until 1876. Since then he has extended the boundaries of his farm, and now has one hundred and sixty acres of well improved and highly cultivated land, on which he is engaged in both farming and stock raising. When he first settled in Grant township there was no road past his home, but it was laid out when the village of Walker was started.

On the 18th of October, 1867, Mr. Sinkey married Miss Catherine Wilson, a daughter of Benjamin and Margaret (Ferguson) Wilson, who were natives of Ohio and Pennsylvania respectively, and came to Jones county, Iowa, in 1851, where the father purchased and improved a farm of seventy acres. He died in 1898 at the advanced age of ninety-one years, and his wife departed this life in 1883 at the age of sixty-six, the remains of both being interred in Buchanan county, Iowa. They were members of the United Brethren church, and most estimable people. Of the ten children born to them, five are still living, and Mrs. Sinkey is the seventh in order of birth. Our subject and his wife have become the parents of twelve children: Orin, deceased; Wil-

liam; Sarah, deceased; one who died in infancy; John; Anna; Margaret, deceased; Alice; Bessie; Edith; Charles, deceased; and Maude. Those living are all at home. Mr. and Mrs. Sinkey are members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Walker, and are held in high regard by a large circle of friends and acquaintances. In politics he is a Republican, and has filled the office of road supervisor in his township.

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#### THOMAS D. YOCOM.

This well-known farmer residing on section 18, Brown township, two and a half miles from Springville, dates his residence in Linn county from the 27th of March, 1871. He was born in Belmont county, Ohio, December 17, 1829, and traces his ancestry back to Peter Yocom, who was of German descent and one of the early settlers of Pennsylvania, of which state his son, Samuel Yocom, the grandfather of our subject, was a native. The father, Thomas Yocom, was born on the Susquehanna river in Pennsylvania, in 1797, and in 1804 removed with the family to Jefferson county, Ohio, being among the first settlers of that locality. Here he remained one year. Later Samuel Yocom located in the southeastern part of Belmont county on the head waters of Captina creek, where in the midst of the forest he cleared and developed a farm. There the father of our subject grew to manhood and married Sarah Dewees, a daughter of Thomas and Jane (Watson) Dewees. She was born in Pennsylvania, but was reared in Ohio. In 1847 she and her husband removed to Morgan county, Ohio, where they spent the remain-

der of their lives. He owned and operated a farm, but devoted the greater part of his life to work at the carpenter's and joiner's trade. He died at Pennsville in 1877, at the age of eighty years, and his wife, who survived him a number of years, passed away in 1890, at the age of eighty-four. Both were faithful and consistent members of the Society of Friends.

Thomas D. Yocom, of this review, passed the days of his boyhood and youth in Belmont and Morgan counties, Ohio, and with his father learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed in early life in Morgan county. There he was married, February 28, 1850, to Miss Anna Bailey, who was born in Belmont county, but was principally reared in Morgan and Washington counties, Ohio. Her father, Henry Bailey, was a native of Virginia and an early settler of the Buckeye state. After his marriage Mr. Yocom worked at the carpenter's trade for some years, and then engaged in farming in Ohio for several years. There his wife died in September, 1864. Of the seven children born of this union three are living, namely: Edward, a prominent business man of Springville; Thomas Austin, a merchant of West Branch, Cedar county, Iowa; and Anna, wife of Barclay Dewees, of Brown township, Linn county.

On the 12th of December, 1865, Mr. Yocom was again married in Morgan county, Ohio, his second union being with Miss Mary Jane Bailey, a cousin of his first wife and a daughter of Joshua and Elizabeth (Embree) Bailey, who were natives of that state. Our subject and his wife have two children: Rachel, wife of William Patton, a farmer of Brown township, Linn county, Iowa; and Joshua, who is married and resides in Springville.

As previously state, Mr. Yocom came to Linn county, Iowa, in 1871, and purchased the farm of eighty acres in Brown township where he now resides. To the further improvement and cultivation of this place he has since devoted his energies and in connection with its operation he has also engaged in stock raising and the dairy business. He has another valuable and well-improved farm of sixty acres, and is numbered among the prosperous and well-to-do citizens of his community. He was one of the first members of the Brown Township Mutual Insurance Company, and has been a member of its board of directors and president of the same.

In early life Mr. Yocom was an old-line Whig in politics and has been identified with the Republican party since voting for John C. Fremont, its first presidential candidate, in 1856, but he has never cared for public office. Both he and his wife are members of the Friends church at Whittier, and are held in the highest esteem by their friends on account of their sterling worth and strict integrity.

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#### GEORGE H. BOYSON.

Among Cedar Rapids' most prominent and energetic young business men is George H. Boyson, of the Boyson Drug & Jewelry Company, wholesale and retail jobbers of drugs and physicians' supplies and jewelry. He is a native of Iowa, born in Jackson county, January 9, 1874, and is a son of Hans and Catherine Boyson, who were born in Germany and came to Iowa before their marriage. In early life the father was a sailor and made trips to nearly all the important seaports of the world. In 1862, on

giving up his sea-faring life, he located in Jackson county, Iowa, where he engaged in farming until our subject was about a year old, and then removed to Grundy county, this state. He purchased land and still follows agricultural pursuits there, his home being near the town of Dike on the Northwestern Railroad. Although he makes farming and stock raising his principal occupation, and feeds a large amount of stock for market, he is interested in a number of different enterprises, and is one of the most prosperous and successful business men of his community. He owns two or three store buildings in Dike, is president of the First National Bank at that place; is a stockholder of the Townsend & Merrill Lumber Company of Dike and Cedar Falls, and also a stockholder and director of the Cedar Falls National Bank and the Cedar Falls Savings Bank. He has never taken an active part in public affairs as he prefers to devote his entire time and attention to his extensive business interests. Religiously he and his estimable wife are members of the Danish Lutheran church. Their children are George H., of this sketch; Peter H., who is connected with our subject in business and has charge of the jewelry department; Cena, who is attending the Grandview Academy at Des Moines; Hans, bookkeeper in Leavitt & Johnson's National Bank of Waterloo, Iowa; Adolph, who is attending the State Normal School at Cedar Falls; and Holger, who is attending the district schools near the old home in Grundy county.

The primary education of George H. Boyson was also obtained in the district schools near home, and later he entered the business college at Waterloo, Iowa, where he took the commercial and academic courses

and was graduated in 1892. During the following two years he was in the drug store of George S. Mornin at Cedar Falls, and at the end of that time he entered the State University at Iowa City, where he studied pharmacy. He passed the examination before the state board in the spring of 1896, and received a diploma as a registered pharmacist. He remained at home until August of that year and then came to Cedar Rapids and purchased the drug store of W. L. Weller, at the corner of Third avenue and First street west, which he conducted until removing to his present location in February, 1901. At that time his brother, Peter H., purchased an interest in the business and has since had charge of the jewelry department. In the latter part of 1899, our subject commenced doing a wholesale, as well as a retail business, and now has two men upon the road, selling the goods of the company throughout Iowa. The firm occupy a large building at 107-111 Third avenue west, and have probably the finest equipped drug store in the state of Iowa. All of the furnishings are of the most expensive and latest pattern, and everything is ranged in such a systematic manner that the store is convenient in all its appointments, it being built expressly for their use. They occupy sixty-six hundred square feet of floor space, including a basement.

On the 12th of May, 1897, was celebrated the marriage of George H. Boyson and Miss Sarah J. Larson, a native of Grundy county, Iowa, and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Larson, who were old settlers of that county. One child blesses this union, Gladys, born May 31, 1898. In his fraternal relations Mr. Boyson is a member of Maine Lodge, No. 643, I. O. O. F., and the Foresters of America. In politics he is a Republican,

and is at present serving as superintendent of postal station No. 1, on the west side. He was instrumental in securing its location here, and has always taken an active interest in everything for the upbuilding and welfare of the west side. He was one of the organizers and is a director of the Peoples Savings Bank located at the corner of Third avenue and First street west and is very prominent in business circles. He is always a courteous, genial gentleman and well-deserves the high regard in which he is held.

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WILLIAM P. DEWEES.

Among the old and honored residents of Brown township none stand higher in public esteem than William P. Dewees, who is now living a retired life with his son, Joseph Dewees, on section 16. He is one of the early settlers of the county, having located here on the 9th day of May, 1853, and for many years was one of its most enterprising and prosperous farmers.

Mr. Dewees was born in Belmont county, Ohio, September 13, 1825, and is a son of William Dewees, whose birth occurred in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in 1782. His paternal grandfather was Cornelius Dewees, who was of French descent and one of the early settlers of Philadelphia. During the great yellow fever epidemic in that city in 1790 he helped to nurse the sick and bury the dead as a co-worker with the guard. From the age of seven years the father of our subject was reared on a farm, and grew to manhood in Pennsylvania, where he married Debby Hoops, who was born near Birmingham, that state, and was a daughter of Isaac Hoops, who was of Welsh ex-

traction. In 1816 Mr. Dewees removed to Ohio, becoming one of the early settlers of Belmont county, where he engaged in farming until 1836 and then went to Washington county, that state, where he also cleared and improved a farm with the assistance of his sons. There he died January 22, 1850, and his wife departed this life at her home in Chesterfield, Ohio, January 23, 1871. They were both of the faith and consistent members of the Society of Friends.

In the family of this worthy couple were the following children: Mary first married a Mr. Hall and later a Mr. Miller, and died near Salem, Ohio. Sarah was married in 1837 to a Mr. Doudna and died August 7, 1839. Isaac was married in 1844 and followed farming in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, in the summer season and taught school during the winters, until he was accidentally killed January 7, 1851. Cornelius was married and settled on the old home farm in Washington county, Ohio, which he operated for some years, and then removed to Chesterfield, that state, where he died March 14, 1901, while his wife preceded him about three weeks, dying February 22, at the advanced age of eighty-seven, while he was eighty years of age. William P., our subject, is the next in order of birth. Deborah cared for her mother during her declining years, and died in Salem, Ohio, December 15, 1891, aged sixty-two years. Griffith married and resided on the old homestead with his brother for some years, and later made his home in Chesterfield, Ohio. For some years he lived on a ranch in central Kansas, but is now engaged in business in Winona, Columbiana county, Ohio.

At the age of ten years William P. Dewees accompanied his parents on their re-



moval to Washington county, Ohio, and he aided his father in the arduous task of converting the wild land into highly cultivated fields. This farm is now very valuable, being in one of the richest oil districts of Ohio. During his boyhood Mr. Dewees pursued his studies in an old log school-house, but is really a self-educated as well as a self-made man.

In Morgan county he was married January 22, 1852, to Miss Maria Embree, a native of Morgan county, that state, and a daughter of Joseph Embree, who was born in Pennsylvania and was a son of Samuel Embree, one of the first settlers of Morgan county, Ohio. In the fall of 1853 her father came to Linn county, Iowa, and spent his last days with our subject.

Mr. Dewees began his married life upon a rented farm. In 1852 he and his father-in-law came to Iowa on a prospecting tour and traveled through the southern part of the state to Polk county and back through the central part, but returned to Ohio without making a selection. In the following spring, however, he moved to this state in company with his brother-in-law, and in May of that year purchased forty acres of prairie land and twenty acres of timber land near where Viola now stands. Upon his place he built a good hewed-log house and broke forty acres of land. Later he bought an adjoining forty-acre tract from his brother-in-law, and added to his property from time to time until he had one hundred and sixty acres, which he placed under excellent cultivation and adorned with various kinds of fruit and shade trees. In the fall of 1875 he replaced his log cabin home by a good frame residence, and about 1889 built a substantial barn. In connection with general farming he engaged in the

raising and feeding of stock with good success. Mr. Dewees resided upon his farm from the spring of 1854 until the spring of 1882, when he rented the place to his sons and removed to a tract of forty acres in the same neighborhood. In the spring of 1884 he located in Springville, where he lived retired for ten years, and has since made his home with his son.

Mr. Dewees lost his first wife on the 27th of September, 1882. By that union he had six children, namely: Matilda E. first married Abner Crew, who met death by being thrown from a horse, and after living a widow for twelve years she was married in the spring of 1900 to Elias Crew, of West Branch, a cousin of her first husband. She and her eldest daughter, Alice L., who married Alfred Standing, of Earlham, Madison county, Iowa, were married at the same time before the same congregation. Isaac T. is a farmer of Marion township, this county. Joseph N. owns and operates a farm on section 16, Brown township. Barclay carries on the old homestead. James Harvey was educated at the Friends school in Ohio and Philadelphia, and after his graduation he was principal of the Friends Boarding School at Olney, Ohio, for five years, but is now extensively engaged in the lumber and coal business at Paoli, Pennsylvania, near Philadelphia, as a member of the firm of Dewees & Bracken. Mary H. is the wife of Lewis Plummer, a farmer and dairyman of Belmont county, Ohio. For his second wife Mr. Dewees married Mrs. Elizabeth (Gilbert) Bedell, who died October 3, 1895.

Mr. Dewees has never taken any active part in politics, but in ante-bellum days was a strong abolitionist, and was a conductor on the famous underground railroad, by

which means he assisted many a poor slave on his way to Canada and to liberty. In company with a few other white men he aided as many as seventeen negroes on their way north one night. He has always been a supporter of the temperance cause, and he generally votes the Prohibition ticket at the present time. Since an early age he has been a faithful believer in the principles of the Society of Friends, and has been a correspondent for "The Friends," a religious and literary journal, of Philadelphia, for some years and also for the local papers, having written many interesting articles about the early settlers and pioneer life in Linn county, while personally he can relate many interesting incidents of the early days. When he first came to this county Indians were often seen, while deer, wild turkeys and other game was still to be had. In the early development of the county he bore an active part, and is justly entitled to prominent mention among its honored pioneers and representative citizens.

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#### WALLACE M. MOORE.

Wallace M. Moore, an honored veteran of the Civil war, and the present popular postmaster of Mt. Vernon, Iowa, was born in Charleston, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, May 13, 1841, a son of Henry N. and Mary Phœbe (Dartt) Moore. The father was a printer and school teacher and also a preacher, having been ordained a Methodist minister by Bishop Soule. For some years prior to his death he resided with our subject in Mt. Vernon, where he died in 1894, at the age of sixty-three years. His widow is still living at the age of eighty-six and

makes her home with a daughter in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

Our subject grew to manhood at his place of birth and received his early education in its district schools. On laying aside his text books he worked on a farm in the neighborhood until the breaking out of the Civil war. He was one of the first to offer his services to his country in her hour of peril, enlisting at Wellsboro, Pennsylvania, April 22, 1861, just ten days after Fort Sumter was fired upon. He became a member of Company E, First Pennsylvania Rifles, afterward known as the Bucktail regiment, which belonged to the Army of the Potomac. He was taken prisoner at Mechanicsville, Virginia, during the seven day's battle of the Peninsula, and was first sent to Richmond and later to Belle Isle, being held from June 26, 1862, until the 5th of August, when he was exchanged and rejoined his company at Harrison's Landing on the James river. Mr. Moore participated in the following battles: Drainsville, second battle of Bull Run, South Mountain, Antietam, Fredericksburg, Mine Run, Gettysburg, the Wilderness, and Spottsylvania Court House. During the last named engagement he was wounded and was confined in the hospital for two months, and later, on the 19th of August, 1864, at the battle of Weldon Railroad, near Petersburg, he lost his right arm, and was in hospital until the 28th of June, 1865, when he was finally discharged.

On his return to his old home in Pennsylvania, Mr. Moore served as constable and tax collector in Charleston townshipp for some time. He was married at that place, December 13, 1866, to Miss Mary H. Tipple, who was also born there, a daughter of Elias and Hannah (Kingsbury) Tipple,

now deceased. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Moore were born six children, namely: Mary Phœbe, who attended Cornell College and later was graduated from the Homeopathic Hospital connected with the State University of Iowa City as a professional nurse, and is now with her father in the postoffice; Leon Wallace was graduated from Cornell College in June, 1900, and is serving as assistant postmaster under his father; Otis Henry is attending Cornell College; Katherine O. will graduate from the public schools of Mt. Vernon in June, 1901; Frederick died at the age of two years; and Martha H., twin sister of Mary P., died in Sibley, Iowa, at the age of six weeks.

On first coming west in 1872, Mr. Moore located in Sibley, Iowa, where he served as county auditor for five terms of two years each, and was also engaged in the real estate and insurance business for two years. In 1886 he came to Mt. Vernon, where he has since made his home, and during his residence here has served as assessor six years and clerk of Franklin township the same length of time. On the 16th of March, 1898, he was appointed postmaster under President McKinley, and is now discharging the duties of that office in a most capable and satisfactory manner. Politically he has always been identified with the Republican party, and socially affiliates with the Odd Fellows lodge, and Washington Camp, No. 116, M. W. A., of which he is venerable consul. He was one of the organizers and charter members of L. G. Ireland Post, No. 118, G. A. R., of Sibley, of which he was adjutant, and on his removal to Mt. Vernon transferred his membership to W. C. Dimmick Post, No. 400, of which he is now quartermaster. He was elected representative to the National Encampment at

Buffalo in 1897 from the fifth congressional district of Iowa. On the 8th of August, 1885, he was appointed aide-de-camp by S. S. Burdett, commander-in-chief, and in 1893 was appointed assistant mustering officer in the fifth congressional district. Religiously Mr. Moore is a member of the Methodist church. In years of peace, no less than in those of war, he has bravely performed the duties which have devolved upon him, and is justly entitled to a place on the nation's roll of honor.

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#### ANDREW KEACHIE MURRAY.

This well-known and honored resident of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, was born on the 10th of November, 1813, in Florida, Montgomery county, New York, and is a son of William and Elizabeth (Keachie) Murray, who spent their entire lives in the Empire state. The paternal grandfather, Alexander Murray, a native of Scotland, came to America in colonial days, and became a soldier of the continental army in the Revolutionary war. He afterward drew a pension in recognition of his services. Our subject's maternal grandfather, Andrew Keachie, was also born in Scotland, and fought for American independence as one of the militia men of the Revolution. William Murray, the father of our subject, received but a limited education during his boyhood, and throughout life followed agricultural pursuits, owning and operating a small farm in New York. He was born in 1784, and died in 1852, while his wife was born in 1790, and died in 1822. They were the parents of six children, one of whom died in infancy. The others were







A. K. MURRAY.



MRS. A. K. MURRAY.



as follows: David, born June 18, 1812—the day war was declared between the United States and Great Britain—came to Cedar Rapids in 1876, and died here in 1892. A. K., our subject, is the next in order of birth. Agnes married John W. Milhine, now deceased, and she died in 1842, leaving three sons, one of whom is engaged in manufacturing in Cedar Rapids. Alexander, a bookkeeper in a Bible house in New York for forty years, died in that city in 1894. Margaret married Robert Morton, of New York city, and both are now deceased. Of their four children John Morton is now a resident of Cedar Rapids.

Reared in New York, A. K. Murray attended its common schools and also an academy for a short time, but much of his education has been obtained by reading and study in subsequent years. He taught school for a few years, and also conducted a singing school three winters. He was very active and progressive, and was also one of the leading young men of his community. He remained under the parental roof until his marriage, and helped his father in operating the farm.

In New York, June 6, 1854, Mr. Murray was united in marriage with Miss Margaret M. Gordon, who was born in Baltimore, Maryland, June 6, 1826, a daughter of Alexander and Margaret (Martin) Gordon. Her father was a native of Scotland, and was sent to America as a missionary of the Associate, now called the United Presbyterian, church at an early day. He continued his ministerial work in Pennsylvania and New York throughout life, and was quite active up to the time of his death, preaching just the Sunday before he was called to his final rest, August 20, 1845, in Fulton county, New York. His wife, who

was a native of Pennsylvania, died in 1832, when Mrs. Murray was only six years old. They had five children, all of whom reached maturity, namely: (1) Elizabeth G., who spent forty-five years as a missionary in North India, and had many thrilling experiences, returned to this country in 1900 and now makes her home with our subject. (2) Margaret M. is the wife of our subject. (3) Andrew also went to India as a missionary in 1854, but returned to this country in 1885 on account of ill health, and died here in 1887. He published a book, "Our Indian Missions." He left four children: Mrs. W. J. Doman, of Fairfax township, this county; Euphemia E., a resident of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Margaret died June 1, 1890; and David R., a missionary in India. (4) James W., formerly a missionary, made his home in Cedar Rapids for a time, but is now living with his daughter in Schenectady county, New York. His children are John M., who is employed in the bicycle works of Cedar Rapids; Ella M., a missionary in India; Mrs. Belle Elder, a resident of Schenectady county, New York; and Alexander T., a chemist of Iron Mountain, Minnesota. (5) David, a minister, who formerly resided in Cedar Rapids and died in Colorado in 1880, leaving three children: Nellie M., a teacher of the State Normal school of Indiana, Pennsylvania; George, an attorney of Atlanta, Georgia; and James, a minister of Cabin Hill, New York. Mrs. Murray's father was twice married, and by the first union had three children: John B., deceased; Alexander B., who died leaving one daughter, Belle B., who now makes her home with Mr. and Mrs. Murray; and Elizabeth, who died in infancy. In religious belief the Gordons were United Presbyterians.



Unto Mr. and Mrs. Murray were born ten children, of whom four died in infancy. In order of birth the others are as follows: (1) Alexander Gordon, who was employed as cashier and bookkeeper for Mr. Sinclair, of Cedar Rapids, for twenty years, but is now an assistant in a bicycle step-ladder house in Chicago, married Anna Hill, of Colorado, and they have one child, Grace Adair. (2) Edward M. is proprietor of a bicycle step-ladder manufacturing plant of Chicago, the ladder being his own invention. He married Flora Evans, and they have one daughter, Margaret. (3) David A. spent five years in Japan as a missionary, and is now pastor of the Presbyterian church of Ottumwa, Iowa. (4) Agnes E. is at home with her parents. (5) Sarella M. was a high school teacher for ten years, and is now the wife of Dr. E. L. Hawes, of Mankato, Minnesota. (6) Frederick G. is a graduate of Rush Medical College, class of 1900, and is now an interne of the Presbyterian hospital of Chicago. All of the children had good educational advantages, while some are college graduates and are now doing well for themselves. The family is one in which the parents may take a just pride.

After his marriage Mr. Murray continued to engage in farming in New York until 1868, when he came to Linn county, Iowa, and purchased an improved farm of forty acres now within the corporate limits of Cedar Rapids. His first home here stood about fifteen feet from his present new residence, and it was occupied by him for thirty years. He engaged in agricultural pursuits for a time, and then turned his attention to the real-estate business. As the city grew he laid out a portion of his land in town lots, making the first addition in 1871.

His property is now nearly all built up, forming what is known as Murray's first, second and third additions to Cedar Rapids. His farm joined D. W. King's place on the south, and is now a valuable and well-improved district. Since his retirement from farming he has given his attention to his real-estate interests, and has met with well-deserved success. On locating in Cedar Rapids there were only about fifty houses on the west side of the river and no manufacturing plants. There was not a covered carriage in the town, and everyone kept their own cows, pasturing them on the commons.

In his political views Mr. Murray is a staunch Republican, and has served his fellow citizens efficiently and well in several local offices. He and his family are all active members of the United Presbyterian church, in which he was an elder and is teacher in the Sunday school. He is a man of exemplary habits, commendable purpose and unbending integrity, and in all life's relations merits the confidence which is so freely accorded him. During their residence in Cedar Rapids he and his wife have made many warm friends, and are held in high regard by all who know them.

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#### MATHEW C. PHERRIN.

Mathew C. Pherrin is one of the thrifty agriculturists of Brown township, owning and operating a well-improved farm on section 22, less than two miles from Springville. A native of Pennsylvania, he was born in Erie county, February 15, 1849, and belongs to an old Pennsylvania family. His paternal grandfather, Samuel Pherrin, was born in that state March 3, 1781. The

father, John C. Pherrin, was born on the 5th of November, 1814, in Northumberland county, Pennsylvania, where he was reared, but when a young man he removed to Erie county, where he married Experience Col-lar, a native of New York. Six children were born to them in that county. In early life the father followed the millwright's trade, but also owned and operated a farm in the Keystone state. In 1855 he came to Iowa and purchased two hundred and forty acres of land in Brown township, Linn county, of which a few acres had been broken and a cabin erected thereon. He was joined by his family in the spring of 1856, and at once turned his attention to the fur-ther development and cultivation of his land. Later he erected a good house, barn and other buildings, and planted an orchard, making his place one of the most desirable farms of that locality. Here he died No- vember 1, 1893, having survived his wife seven years, her death occurring June 18, 1886. They were the parents of six chil- dren, of whom our subject is the youngest. J. Clark and William H. both own and op- erate farms in Brown township. Samuel B. enlisted in 1861, in the One Hundred and Eleventh Pennsylvania Infantry during the Civil war, and died in the hospital at Win- chester, Virginia, July 4, 1862. Sarah Ann died in infancy. Nancy J. died September 22, 1865, the day before the twenty-first anniversary of her birth.

The subject of this review was a lad of seven years on the removal of the family to this county, and in its common schools he acquired his early education, supple- menting it by a two-years course at Lenox College in Delaware county, Iowa. After leaving school he engaged in teaching for a few years with good success. Returning

to Ohio, he was married in Belmont county, October 7, 1875, to Miss Ruth Gregg, a native of that county, who had come to Iowa with her uncle when a young lady and here made the acquaintance of Mr. Pherrin. Her father, Laban Gregg, was born in Virginia, and when a child of eight years removed to Belmont county, Ohio, where he married Catherine Hedges, a na- tive of Maryland. There he followed farm- ing until his death, which occurred in Janu- ary, 1869. His wife spent her last days with her daughter and died in Des Moines, Iowa, in January, 1894. He was a minister of the Friends church, and was highly re- spected and esteemed by all who knew him. His mother lived to the advanced age of ninety-three years, and was a widow for fifty-two years.

Since his marriage Mr. Pherrin has continued to reside on the old homestead and has been very successful in its operation. He has been a staunch supporter of the Re- publican party since casting his first presi- dential vote for General U. S. Grant in 1872, but has never sought official honors. Both he and his wife are members of the Springville Presbyterian church, and he is also connected with the Masonic lodge at that place, in which he has filled all the offices and is now past master. He is widely and favorably known as a man of upright character and sterling worth and well mer- its the high regard in which he is uniformly held by his fellow citizens.

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JAMES BAILEY.

This well-known retired farmer residing in Whittier, was born in Belmont county, Ohio, on the 21st of March, 1829, a son of

James and Sarah Bailey. The father, who was a native of the Old Dominion, was married in North Carolina, and at an early day went to Ohio, traveling in a one-horse cart, accompanied by his wife and two children. They were among the pioneers of Belmont county.

The subject of this sketch was reared in the county of his nativity, and when a young man went to Morgan county, Ohio, where he married Rhoda Patten, a native of that county and a daughter of John Patton, one of its first settlers. Like Abraham Lincoln, Mr. Bailey was engaged in splitting rails the first year after his removal to Morgan county and then engaged in farming, owning at different times three farms in that county. Selling his property there in 1867, he came to Linn county, Iowa, and for three years engaged in farming on rented land. At the end of that time he purchased eighty acres in Marion township and built thereon a good house. After paying for his property he bought eighty acres more, and still later purchased a tract of forty acres, making a good farm of two hundred acres, to the improvement and cultivation of which he devoted his energies until 1895, when he sold that place and bought forty acres at Whittier. He has since disposed of all of this at a good profit with the exception of nine acres which he retains for his home, and is now erecting thereon a very pleasant and convenient residence.

Mr. Bailey lost his first wife in 1880. By that union he had three children: John H., a farmer of Marion township; Alice, wife of J. E. Kreedler, a hardware merchant of Fullerton, Nance county, Nebraska; and Lydia J., wife of Sidney Benjamin, a farmer of Nance county, Nebraska. On the 21st of

March, 1882, Mr. Bailey was again married in Linn county, Iowa, his second union being with Miss Rachel Engle, a native of Guernsey county, Ohio, but whose early life was principally passed in Linn county, Iowa.

Mr. Bailey cast his first presidential vote for Zachary Taylor, but has been a staunch supporter of the Republican party since its organization. He is a strong temperance man and a believer in the principles of prohibition, but not wishing to lose his vote he has never affiliated with that party which is so far in the minority. Both he and his wife are members of the Friends church of Whittier, and are people of prominence in the community where they reside. Mr. Bailey has been a member of the school board and has also filled the office of road supervisor. Having started out in life for himself with no capital, he deserves great credit for the success that he has achieved, having by his own labor and enterprise accumulated a comfortable competence, which now enables him to spend his declining years in ease and quiet, free from the cares and responsibilities of business life.

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#### JOHN IEHL.

John Iehl, one of the leading and representative farmers of Grant township, making his home on section 13, was born in Alsace, France, January 25, 1844, and is a son of Christian and Mary (Heitz) Iehl, also natives of France, in whose family were nine children, five still living. In 1849 they took passage on a sailing vessel at Havre, France, and after a voyage of twenty days landed in New York city, whence they proceeded to Lake county, Illinois. There the father purchased a farm,

which he operated for a time, and on disposing of it removed to Cook county, the same state, where he engaged in farming upon rented land for four years. In 1858 he came to Linn county, Iowa, having in 1854 entered two hundred acres of government land in Grant township. To the improvement and cultivation of that farm he devoted his energies throughout the remainder of his life. He died there November 24, 1885, and his wife, January 7, 1865.

The subject of this sketch was a child of five years when he crossed the ocean with his parents, and he was principally educated in the common schools of Illinois. During his boyhood and youth he worked on the home farm, and remained under the parental roof until he entered the Union army during the dark days of the Civil war. Prompted by a spirit of patriotism he enlisted at Lafayette, Linn county, August 11, 1862, in Company A, Thirty-first Iowa Volunteer Infantry, for three years, and participated in the battles of Haynes Bluff and Arkansas Post. He was captured at Raymond, Mississippi, and was a prisoner on parole at Vicksburg during the siege. In September, 1863, he was exchanged and rejoined his regiment at Iuka, Mississippi. He took part in the battles of Lookout Mountain, Missionary Ridge, and various other engagements in that vicinity, and was with Sherman on the famous march through Georgia from Atlanta to the sea, and from Savannah up the coast through the Carolinas and Virginia, being present at the surrender of Richmond. He was honorably discharged at Louisville, Kentucky, in June, 1865, and returned home, arriving there on the 4th of July.

Mr. Iehl at once returned to farming,

buying sixty acres in Grant township of his father, and residing thereon for a number of years. Later he took up his residence on the old homestead, which he purchased, and now has one hundred and sixty-eight acres of land which is under excellent cultivation and improved with good and substantial buildings. Like most men of this section he is interested in stock raising, as well as farming.

In 1867 Mr. Iehl married Miss Christiana Kronmiller, a daughter of Jacob and Margaret Kronmiller, and by this union have been born nine children, as follows: Albert, who married Kate Powell and is engaged in farming in Spring Grove township, Linn county; Rhoda, wife of Arthur Adams, of Seattle, Washington; Lillian, who died in infancy; Daniel, an engineer living in Seattle; Charles, a resident of the same place; and Daisy, Della, Benjamin and Raymond, all at home.

In politics Mr. Iehl is independent, voting for the men whom he believes best qualified for office, regardless of party affiliations. He is a prominent member of the Grand Army Post, No. 509, at Troy Mills, and is now commander of the same. He is widely and favorably known, and as an honored veteran of the Civil war and a highly esteemed citizen of this county is well worthy of prominent mention in its history.

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#### FRANK GILCHRIST.

The subject of this sketch is a thorough and skillful farmer and a business man of more than ordinary capacity, who is successfully carrying on his chosen occupation on sections 8 and 9, Grant township. He was born in that township, October 23, 1865, and



is a son of Corydon and Rebecca (Leonard) Gilchrist. The father was born in Oswego, New York, in 1828, and was a son of Daniel M. Gilchrist, who was born in Nova Scotia, in 1800, of Scotch ancestry, the family being founded there at an early day by Scotch emigrants. About 1838 the grandfather of our subject removed to Illinois, becoming one of the early settlers of De Kalb county, where he opened up a farm. There Corydon Gilchrist grew to manhood, and in 1856 he came to Linn county, Iowa, locating in what is now Grant township, where he became the owner of a fine farm of three hundred and twenty acres. In connection with the operation of his land he also carried on the lumber and grain business at Walker for some years, and was one of the well-to-do and prosperous citizens of his community. He was a staunch Democrat in politics, and filled various public positions of honor and trust, serving as county supervisor for a number of years.

Corydon Gilchrist was twice married, first, to Margaret Davis, who died in 1863, leaving three children—Lawrence, who is represented on another page of this volume; Florence, wife of Joseph Mutchler, also represented in this volume; and Margaret, a teacher in the schools of Fairview, Iowa. For his second wife, Corydon Gilchrist married Rebecca Leonard, a native of New Jersey, and a daughter of Charles and Elizabeth (Duckworth) Leonard. By this union there were also three children—Frank, the subject of this sketch; Fred, who is represented elsewhere in this work; and Ella, wife of Ruel Ferrin, a farmer residing in Cherokee county, Iowa. For his third wife he married Olive Phelps, by whom he had one daughter. On the 15th of July, 1893, the father of these children passed

away, and his remains were interred in the Davis cemetery in Grant township. His widow is yet living, and makes her home in Vinton, Iowa.

When Corydon Gilchrist first came to Linn county it was sparsely settled, but he lived to see it developed into one of the most productive counties in the state. To such men as he, and the great army of pioneers, is due the fact that Iowa to-day is the banner state of the Union from an agricultural standpoint. He was a man that was widely and favorably known and was held in the highest regard by the people of his adopted county.

Frank Gilchrist passed the days of his boyhood and youth upon the home farm and early acquired a good practical knowledge of agricultural pursuits. He also attended the public schools of his native township and Center Point, and since completing his education he has devoted his entire time and attention to general farming and the raising of thoroughbred Shorthorn cattle and Poland China hogs for breeding purposes. He has followed this special line for about twenty years, and sells his stock all over the United States. He is the owner of a well improved and valuable farm of two hundred and eighty acres, and being a man of sound judgment and good executive ability, he has met with excellent success in all his undertakings. By his ballot he supports the men and measures of the Democracy.

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#### JOSEPH KOZLOVSKY.

The subject of this sketch, who is now efficiently serving as city marshal of Cedar Rapids, was born in Kellnersville, Manitowoc county, Wisconsin, October 14, 1859,

and is a son of W. J. and Mary (Cenefels) Kozlovsky, natives of Bohemia. The father came to the United States in 1846, and located in Wisconsin, becoming one of the pioneer settlers of that section, where he followed farming for several years. It was in 1855 that the mother crossed the Atlantic, and two years later she gave her hand in marriage to W. J. Kozlovsky, at Manitowoc, Wisconsin. Unto them were born six children, as follows: Anna, wife of Wenzel Hedlick, of Cedar Rapids; Joseph, our subject; Mary, wife of V. J. Dvorak, of Cedar Rapids; Catherine, wife of Joseph Klima, of the same place; Rosa, wife of Frank O. Hanlon, also of Cedar Rapids; and one who died in infancy. In 1863 the father came to Marion, Iowa, and in May, 1865, removed his family to that place, where he engaged in the butcher business for some time. On his removal to Cedar Rapids, in 1869, he established what became known as the Cedar Rapids House, and conducted that hotel up to the time of his death, which occurred January 13, 1894. His wife survived him a few years, August 7, 1898.

The public schools of Marion and Cedar Rapids afforded our subject his early educational advantages, and later he attended St. John's College at Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin. On completing his education he returned to Cedar Rapids and was engaged in business with his father for a time. Later he embarked in the confectionary and cigar business on his own account, and continued in that line of trade for about five years. In 1898 Mr. Kozlovsky was elected city marshal on the Democratic ticket, and so acceptably did he fill that office that he was re-elected in the spring of 1900 for another term of two years. He is widely and favorably known, and has many warm friends

throughout the city. He was married February 13, 1888, to Miss Magdalena Benesh, a native of Bohemia, and they now have a pleasant home at No. 209 A avenue east.

Mr. Kozlovsky is a member of John Hus Lodge, No. 52, I. O. O. F., of which he is past grand. Also member of B. P. O. E. Lodge, No. 251, A. O. U. W., and the Bohemian Lodge Prokop, Velky, No. 46, C. S. P. S. Also a member of the National Association of Chiefs of Police of United States and Canada.

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#### JESSE A. RUNKLE.

The subject of this sketch, an attorney of Cedar Rapids, is a native of Linn county, born in Lisbon, July 13, 1863, and is a son of Daniel and Elizabeth (Neidig) Runkle. His paternal grandfather was William Runkle, who was of German descent and made his home in Lebanon county, Pennsylvania, while the maternal grandfather was John Neidig, a resident of Dauphin county, the same state. Both of Mr. Runkle's maternal great-grandfathers were contemporaries of William Otterbein, the founder of the United Brethren in Christ, and are mentioned in the early church histories.

Daniel Runkle, the father of our subject, was born in Lebanon county, Pennsylvania, and was married in the east to Miss Elizabeth Neidig, who was born in Dauphin county, Pennsylvania, January 31, 1828. In 1850 they came to Linn county, Iowa, with a colony, which at Pittsburg chartered the steamer Belle of the West, having crossed the Alleghany mountains in canal boats. One condition of the charter was that they were not to travel on the Sabbath day, so

that they might attend divine services at any point near their stopping place, the journey being resumed after midnight on Sunday. This boat took fire in the night a few miles below Cincinnati, Ohio, and fourteen of those on board were either burned to death or drowned.

On reaching Lisbon, Iowa, Daniel Runkle and his father-in-law built brick houses which are still standing and bear the inscriptions on cement places between the upper story windows: "Built by Daniel and Elizabeth Runkle, 1850," and "Built by John and Annie Neidig, 1850." In 1865 Mr. Runkle established business in Lisbon as a dealer in agricultural implements and hardware, and continued to carry on his store until his death, which occurred August 2, 1892, when he was seventy-two years of age, his remains being interred at Lisbon. His wife is still living at the age of seventy-three years, and continues to make her home there. He helped to lay out the town and served as its first postmaster, always taking an active and commendable interest in public affairs, and doing all in his power to advance the interests of the community in which he lived. He was always an active and faithful member of the United Brethren church, and sustained the relations of a local minister to the Iowa conference. In early days he preached nearly every Sunday at various places, traveling across the country by team, and his services were always given gratuitously. He was a man who acted well his part in life, and gained and retained the confidence, respect and esteem of his fellow citizens.

Jesse A. Runkle passed the days of his boyhood and youth in his native town, and acquired his primary education in its public schools. In 1882 he went to Toledo, Iowa,

and attended Western College, completing the classical course and graduating in 1887 with the degree of A. B. Several years later he entered the law department of the State University of Iowa at Iowa City, from which he was graduated with the degree of LL. B. in 1893. In November of that year, he located in Cedar Rapids, where he has since built up a good general practice, and as deputy collector also has charge of a branch of the internal revenue office of the third district, covering the second division. He was married November 28, 1889, to Miss Nellie L. Mason, a daughter of Charles and Mary A. Mason, of Toledo, Iowa. She was also educated at Western College. Mr. and Mrs. Runkle have one child, Mary Elizabeth. They are members of the Congregational church.



#### CHARLES W. BURTON.

Cedar Rapids has no more worthy or highly respected citizen than Charles W. Burton, who has made his home here since 1865, and has been prominently connected with its business interests. He was born in Brocton, Chatauqua county, New York, on the 9th of April, 1827, and is of English descent, tracing his ancestry back to John Burton, who was born in Durham, England, in 1646. His son, John, born in 1685, at the age of fifteen was pressed into the British navy, and was on a man of war for some time, being present at the taking of Gibraltar in 1704. After receiving his discharge he came to the new world and settled in Sutton, Massachusetts, where he died in 1763. He also had a son John (3), born in Massachusetts in 1726, and who was the



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father of John (4), the great-grandfather of our subject, born in Sutton, September 3, 1747. The grandfather, Simon Burton, was born in Massachusetts, November 19, 1769. Hiram Burton, father of our subject, was born in Croydon, New Hampshire, November 19, 1799, but was reared in Windsor, Vermont. He was a soldier of the war of 1812, together with his father and three brothers and one brother-in-law. He was married in Brocton, New York, to Miss Harriet Skinner, who was born in Chenango county, that state, in 1805. Her father, Daniel Skinner, had removed from Connecticut to New York at a very early day. It was in 1817 that Hiram Burton took up his residence in Chantauqua county, New York, becoming one of its pioneers. He was a millwright by trade and built numerous mills in that section. There he died on the 7th of January, 1892, at the advanced age of over ninety-two years, and his wife passed away in 1891, the remains of both being interred in the North Portland cemetery. Unto them were born six sons and two daughters, namely: Addison, who is now living retired in Ripley, New York; Linus, who died in 1885; Charles W., of this review; Chester W., a resident of Brockton, New York; Salmon, who died in 1893; Louisa, a resident of Brockton; Cassius, who died at the age of nine years; and Ann, wife of Jedediah Johnson, of Ripley, New York. Maria, a cousin of our subject and an adopted daughter of Hiram Burton died in Chicago, leaving three daughters, two of whom are married, while the third has been engaged in teaching in that city for nearly twenty years.

In the county of his nativity Charles W. Burton grew to manhood, and was edu-

cated in the Fredonia Academy. After leaving school he engaged in teaching in the same academy for seven years and in 1861 came to Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Shortly after his arrival here he took charge of the schools at Toledo, this state, and remained there for three years. The following year he taught in Albia, Monroe county, and in 1865 returned to Cedar Rapids to take charge of the schools of this city, with which he was connected for four years, installing the first graded course in the city and prescribed the studies for each course. This was the beginning of the graded and improved system of later years. His course was used for many years. He was also active in teachers' institute work. In 1869 he embarked in the nursery business on a small scale, and meeting with success in that venture he added to his stock and grounds from year to year, until he was at the head of a large and prosperous business, his trade extending through this section of the state. He was one of the first to start in that business in central Iowa, the business continuing under the supervision of Lewis H. Burton, his son. He continued in active business along that line until 1897, since which time his son has had charge of the nursery. In the meantime Mr. Burton had become interested in the insurance business, as a representative of the Mutual Life of New York, and in the past thirty years has done a large business for that company in Cedar Rapids, where there are now about five hundred policy holders. He also writes fire insurance, and does a good business in that line.

At Fredonia, New York, Mr. Burton was married, April 15, 1858, to Miss Helen Walker, a native of that state, who was reared, and educated at Fredonia. They have five children: Alice, an artist;

Allen, who holds a responsible business position in Kansas City, Missouri; Herbert, a prominent lawyer of Iowa City, who is a graduate of the State University and also of the law school; Helen, who now holds the position of private secretary to the postmaster of Cedar Rapids; and Lewis, who now has charge of his father's nursery business and lives near the city.

Mr. Burton attended the first meeting of the Southeastern Horticultural Society, and became an active member and worker in that organization about 1878. He served two years as president of the Southeastern Horticultural Society, and later was elected secretary, which position he filled for the long period of fifteen years, still holding that position. He has been prominently identified with that society from its inception, and has watched with interest its growth until it is now one of the leading societies of the kind in the state. Each year with the four other societies of the state is published a volume devoted to the horticultural interests of the state, and as secretary Mr. Burton has had an important part.

Politically Mr. Burton was originally an old line Whig, but joined the Republican party on its organization in 1856, and has since supported all of its presidential nominees. He served two years as justice of the peace and was a member of the city council for the same length of time. Educational affairs have always claimed his attention, and for several years he was an efficient and valued member of the school board. He is connected with the Universalist church, of Cedar Rapids. He is a member of Crescent Lodge, No. 25, A. F. & A. M., having been made a Mason by Forrest Lodge, No. 166, in the winter of 1856,

and of the Chapter, R. A. M., having served two years as high priest of the chapter at Cedar Rapids. In 1899 he prepared and published a genealogical record of the Burton family, dating back over two hundred and fifty years. He has always cheerfully given his support to any enterprise which he believed would prove of public good; his name is a synonym for honorable business dealing; and on the rolls of Linn county's representative citizens his name should be among the foremost. He built a fine home, 837 Fifth avenue, in 1869, where he still lives.

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#### THOMAS HOYLE.

For over thirty years the subject of this sketch was one of the most active and enterprising farmers of Brown township, having come to this county in the spring of 1865, but is now living a retired life in Whittier. He is a native of Pennsylvania, born in Chester county, on the 10th of January, 1820, and is a son of John Hoyle, who was born in England and on his emigration to America about 1779 located in the Keystone state. In 1823 the father removed with his family to Ohio, and became one of the early settlers of Jefferson county, where for thirteen years he engaged in farming on rented land and then purchased property, spending the remainder of his life in that county. He died at the ripe old age of eighty years.

Thomas Hoyle grew to manhood on the old homestead, and in the spring of 1842 was united in marriage with Miss Hannah V. Vail, a native of Belmont county, Ohio.

Unto them were born two sons: Joseph L., who is now engaged in farming and the breeding of thoroughbred Jersey cattle in Brown township; and William G., a carpenter and joiner of Whittier.

During the first eight years of his marriage, Mr. Hoyle was engaged in farming on rented land in Jefferson county, and then removed to Columbiana county, Ohio, where he bought a small farm and operated the same for seven years. On selling that place he removed to Belmont county, where he purchased eighty acres of land, and to its cultivation he devoted his time and attention until coming to Linn county, Iowa, in the spring of 1865. Here he purchased one hundred and twenty acres of land in Marion township and one hundred and forty-six acres in Brown township. For three years he made his home on the former tract and then moved across the road to that part of his farm lying in Brown township. When it came into his possession it was mostly wild prairie, but a few acres had been placed under the plow and a part of it had been fenced. There was also a small house upon the place and an "Iowa stable." With characteristic energy he at once turned his attention to its further improvement and soon had the entire tract under a high state of cultivation. Upon his land in Brown township he erected a pleasant residence, good barns and outbuildings, and made many other improvements which added greatly to its value and attractive appearance. He was also interested in raising a good grade of horses, cattle, sheep and hogs, and found that branch of his business quite profitable. On selling his farm in 1896, he bought property in Whittier, consisting of six acres of land with a house which he has since enlarged and remodeled, making a most comfortable home, where he

and his wife expect to spend their remaining days enjoying the fruits of former labor. In 1892 they celebrated their golden wedding surrounded by their children and many friends, who presented them with many handsome and useful gifts on that joyous occasion.

By birthright both Mr. and Mrs. Hoyle are members of the Society of Friends, and are now connected with the Friends church at Whittier. Politically he was first a Whig, supporting General Zachary Taylor for the presidency in 1844, but since the formation of the Republican party he has affiliated with that great political organization. The success of his life is due to no inherited fortune, or to any happy succession of advantageous circumstances, but to his own sturdy will, steady application, tireless industry and sterling integrity. There is probably no one in the community where he lives held in higher regard than Thomas Hoyle.

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#### STEPHEN JACKSON.

Stephen Jackson, deceased, was one of the pioneers of Iowa, having come to his state in 1857, and for a number of years was one of the honored and highly respected citizens of Linn county. He was born in Columbiana county, Ohio, on the 31st of May, 1817, and was reared upon a farm in his native county. On reaching manhood he was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Roberts, a native of Belmont county, Ohio.

As previously stated, Mr. Jackson came in Marshall county, where he purchased to Iowa in 1857 and took up his residence a farm of two hundred acres near Marshall-



town, which he broke, fenced and improved. He erected thereon a good set of farm buildings and transformed the place into a most valuable and beautiful farm.

While residing there Mr. Jackson lost his first wife in 1860. Unto them were born eight children, of whom seven are still living. Returning to Ohio, he was again married in Morrow county June 26, 1867, his second union being with Miss Frances F. Wood, a native of that county, who had been acquainted with Mr. Jackson when he was a young man. Her father, Israel Wood, was born in Clinton county, New York, April 4, 1797, and in early manhood went to Ohio and settled in Morrow county, where he wedded Mary Thurston, also a native of the Empire state. She died in 1862, and he departed this life November 11, 1874. By occupation he was a farmer and was one of the most substantial and father was Jonathan Wood, also one of the prosperous men of his community. His pioneers of Morrow county, Ohio. The numerous descendants of the Mosier and Wood families, who were among the earliest settlers of that county, have formed an association and hold an annual reunion there. By his second marriage Mr. Jackson had two children, namely: Israel E., a business man, of Springville, Iowa, who is married and has one son, Julian; and Marie, who married H. J. Holloway, a business man, of Marion, and has one son, Harold.

Mr. Jackson continued to successfully engage in agricultural pursuits in Marshall county until 1888, when he came to Linn county and purchased a farm near Whittier, in Brown township. He made a number of valuable and useful improvements upon this place, including the erection of a neat

and commodious residence, where his widow now resides. He made his home there until his death, which occurred October 20, 1900, and his remains were interred in the Friends' cemetery at Whittier. By birth-right he was a member of the Society of Friends, and during his residence in this county was connected with the church at Whittier, in which he served as elder for some time. In his political views Mr. Jackson was first a Whig and later a Republican, and, having always been a believer and supporter of the temperance cause, he affiliated with the Prohibition party for some years. He led an honorable, upright and useful life, and wherever known was held in high regard. His estimable wife still survives him and is also a faithful and consistent member of the Society of Friends.

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#### FRED W. GILCHRIST.

Grant township has no more energetic or progressive farmer than Fred W. Gilchrist, whose home is on section 19. He was born in that township, and is a son of Corydon and Rebecca (Leonard) Gilchrist. The father was born in Oswego county, New York, August 22, 1828, and was a son of Daniel M. and Elizabeth (Schoonmaker) Gilchrist. Daniel M. Gilchrist was born in Argyle, Washington county, New York, in 1800, of Scottish parentage, and lived to the age of seventy-two years, while his wife was born in Flatbush, Kings county, New York, in 1805, and died at the home of a son in Strawberry Point, Clayton county, Iowa, in March, 1882, at the age of seventy-seven years. About 1838 they removed to Illinois, becoming early settlers of

De Kalb county, where he opened up a farm. There Corydon Gilchrist grew to manhood, and in 1856 came to Linn county, Iowa, locating in what is now Grant township, where he became the owner of a fine farm of three hundred and twenty acres. In connection with the operation of his land he also carried on the lumber business at Walker for some years, and was one of the wealthy and substantial citizens of his community. He was a staunch Democrat in politics, and filled various public positions of honor and trust, serving as county supervisor for a number of years. In March, 1857, he wedded Margaret Davis, who died March 20, 1863, leaving three children, Lawrence, Florence and Margaret. He was again married April 3, 1864, his second union being with Rebecca Leonard, who was born in Hunterdon county, New Jersey, June 24, 18—, and died March 22, 1874. By that marriage were also born three children, Frank M., Fred W. and Mary E. On the 21st of December, 1876, the father married Olive Phelps, who was born in Kane county, Illinois, March 24, 1849. Of the three children born of this union Arthur and Edith are now deceased, while Geraldine is still living. The father died in 1893.

The district schools of his native township afforded our subject his educational privileges, and he early acquired an excellent knowledge of agricultural pursuits while assisting his father in the labors of the farm. At the age of twenty-three he started out in life for himself as a farmer, operating one hundred and sixty acres of land on section 19, Grant township, which he rented of his father, and which came into his possession after the father's death. He has made a number of improvements upon the place, and now has a very desirable farm.

He is engaged in the raising of both grain and stock, keeping a high grade of cattle and thoroughbred Poland China hogs, and he also gives considerable attention to the raising of Plymouth Rock chickens for breeding and market purposes.

On the 24th of March, 1898, Mr. Gilchrist was united in marriage with Miss Clara Hedding, who is the eldest in a family of four children, her parents being James and Jane (Speke) Hedding, both natives of Iowa. In his political views Mr. Gilchrist is an ardent Democrat, and he takes a deep and commendable interest in public affairs, as every true American citizen should. He is well known and quite popular in the community where he resides.

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#### GEORGE G. GRUPE.

Numbered among the capable and progressive business men of Cedar Rapids is George G. Grupe, manager of Laagomarcino & Company, wholesale fruits, and a member of the firm. He claims Iowa as his native state, his birth having occurred in Burlington, in 1867. His parents, Nicholas P. and Lydia (Hartley) Grupe, were born in Berlin, Pennsylvania, and were married in that state. In 1843 they removed to Burlington, Iowa, where the father engaged in business as a painter and decorator for many years, but has now retired from active labor. The mother died in March, 1899, hers being the first death to occur in the family. All of their seven children are still living.

George G. Grupe received his early education in the common schools of his native place, and at the age of twelve years began his business career as a helper to a

paper hanger. Later he entered an insurance office, and did office work for four years. At the end of that time he became connected with the firm of Laagomarcino & Company, taking charge of their retail fruit store at Burlington, Iowa, and subsequently spent one year on the road selling baking powder, spices and coffees for the Burlington branch of E. E. Andrews & Company, of Milwaukee, also working there as book-keeper and confidential clerk for a time.

At the age of twenty-one Mr. Grupe returned to the employ of Laagomarcino & Company at Burlington, Iowa, where he remained six years and a half, and on the 4th of October, 1894, came to Cedar Rapids to open their branch house at this place, of which he has since had charge. The first year the business amounted to about one hundred thousand dollars, and the house was represented on the road by one traveling salesman, but under the able management of our subject the business has increased so rapidly that now seven traveling salesmen are employed and the business amounts to about three hundred thousand dollars per year. The company has a cold storage plant and a track of their own at Cedar Rapids, and furnish employment to twenty-two men and women. The success of the concern at this place is mainly due to the well-directed efforts of our subject, who is a man of keen discrimination, sound judgment and untiring perseverance. In politics he is a Republican, and socially is a member of the Knights of Pythias fraternity.

Mr. Grupe was married in 1893 to Miss Grace Greenwood De Lashmutte, also a native of Burlington, and a daughter of Mathias J. and Fluvia (Arnold) De Lashmutte, who are now living in California. Her father removed to Burlington in 1833,

and was one of the earliest settlers of this state. In his family were nine children, five of whom are still living.

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### JOHN E. HODGIN.

Among the thrifty and progressive agriculturists of Brown township is numbered John E. Hodgin, who resides on section 18, and has made his home in this county since the fall of 1861. Like many of the best citizens of this locality he came from Ohio, being born in Belmont county, November 12, 1830. His father, Eli Hodgin, was born in Georgia, in 1798, and was a son of Samuel Hodgin, who removed with his family to Ohio about 1804 and settled in Belmont county, where he cleared and improved a farm. There Eli Hodgin grew to manhood and married Miss Mary Engle, a native of that county, and a daughter of Caleb Engle, who was also one of the pioneers of Belmont county. After farming in that state for many years Eli Hodgin joined his children in Iowa, and for some time lived on a farm in Brown township, Linn county, but his last days were spent in the present town of Whittier, where he died in the summer of 1885, when nearly eighty-seven years of age. His first wife and mother of our subject died in Ohio in 1840, and he subsequently married again.

John E. Hodgin passed the days of his boyhood and youth on the old farm, and received a good practical education in the common schools of that locality and the Friends Boarding School. He subsequently engaged in teaching school for some years, both in Ohio and Iowa. On the 31st of

October, 1855, he was married in Morgan county, Ohio, to Miss Tamer D. Vernon, who was also born in Belmont county, but was mostly reared and educated in Athens county, that state. Her parents were Eli and Eliza (Hanson) Vernon. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Hodgkin were born seven children, of whom two died in infancy, while Jesse died when a young man. Those living are Mary, wife of Thomas Thomason, who now owns the old home farm of seventy acres; Rachel, wife of Barton D. Coppock, a substantial farmer of Brown township, this county; Elza, who is married and follows farming in the same township; and Edgar, who served for five years in the regular army, and is now employed in the United States arsenal at Rock Island, Illinois.

After his marriage Mr. Hodgkin followed farming in Morgan county, Ohio, until the fall of 1861, when he came to Linn county, Iowa, driving across the country in a covered wagon. For two years after locating here he engaged in farming on rented land, and then purchased forty acres where the present town of Whittier now stands, but a year later he sold that place and bought eighty acres of raw prairie land where he now resides. Under his careful management acre after acre was soon placed under the plow, fences were built and other improvements were made. During this time he lived in a log house for several years, and then erected his present neat and substantial residence. He has a fine orchard and maple grove which he planted from the seed, and has also set out a grove of catalpas, making his farm one of the most beautiful and attractive places in the locality. For the past ten or twelve years he has given considerable attention

to the culture of small fruits, for which he finds a ready sale in the home market, and also raises a high grade of stock. For several years after coming to this county he engaged in teaching school during the winter term, and in all his undertakings has met with marked success.

Originally Mr. Hodgkin was a Republican in politics, supporting John C. Fremont for the presidency in 1856, but for many years he has been identified with the Prohibition party, and has been an earnest advocate of its principles. He served one term as assessor of his town, but has never cared for political honors. Both he and his wife were born and reared in the Society of Friends and were among the first to unite with the church at Whittier. For forty years they have made their home in this county, and during their early residence here experienced many of the hardships and privations of pioneer life. Of sterling worth and strict integrity, they are honored and respected by all who know them.

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#### JOHN W. GRIFFITH.

John W. Griffith is a successful veterinary surgeon of Cedar Rapids, whose office is located at No. 121 North Second street. He was born in St. George, Brant county, Canada, December 2, 1869, and is a son of William and Mary (King) Griffith, also natives of that country and farming people. Our subject's maternal grandfather, John King, was born in Scotland, and was also a farmer by occupation. Mr. Griffith is one of a family of seven children, of whom George, Jane, William and Herbert all died in Canada, and Cyrus and Lavina still live on the old homestead there.



During his boyhood Dr. Griffith attended the district schools of Canada, and after completing his literary education entered the Ontario Veterinary College, at Toronto, Canada, where he was a student for about three years, and was graduated from that institution in 1892, with the degree of V. S. Immediately after his graduation he commenced the practice of his profession at St. George, Canada, but in 1894 removed to Cedar Rapids, where he has since been in constant practice, and has met with excellent success. He receives a very large patronage, and has the confidence of all with whom he has business dealings or meets socially. He now owns an interest in the livery and feed barn where his office is located.

In 1899 Dr. Griffith married Miss Elizabeth Wenig, a daughter of George K. Wenig, whose sketch appears on another page of this volume. They have one child, George William. The Doctor was appointed by Governor Drake and later by Governor Shaw as assistant state veterinary surgeon, and also assistant dairy inspector of Cedar Rapids, which offices he is now capably and satisfactorily filling. Fraternally he is a member of Crescent Lodge, No. 25, F. & A. M.; Cedar Rapids Lodge, No. 141, I. O. O. F.; the Woodmen of the World, No. 124; and the Knights of Pythias, No. 98. He is now past noble grand in the Odd Fellows Lodge, and is a liberal contributor to church and charitable work.

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#### COLONEL HENRY H. ROOD.

One of the most prominent and widely known men of Linn county is Colonel Rood, of Mt. Vernon, who served with dis-

tingtion in the Civil war and has been an important factor in business circles. His popularity is well deserved, as in him are embraced the characteristics of an unbending integrity, unabated energy and industry that never flags, and as a public-spirited citizen he is thoroughly interested in whatever tends to promote the moral, intellectual and material welfare of the community.

He was born in Washington county, New York, February 6, 1841, and was named for President Harrison, his father being a staunch supporter of the Whig party. His parents were Nathaniel and Mercy (Nye) Rood, who made their home in Washington county throughout life. The father was born in the town of Greenwich, and in early life followed school teaching, but later engaged in agricultural pursuits. He served as commissioner of deeds for his county and also as justice of the peace, being elected to the latter office in 1840 by an overwhelming majority, although his township was strongly Democratic—a fact which indicated his personal popularity. In his family were ten children.

Colonel Rood acquired his elementary education in the common schools of New York. He was left an orphan when quite young, and at the age of fifteen years came to Nevada, Iowa, where he attended school two winters. While there he learned the plasterer's and stone and brick mason's trade, and assisted in building the first court house and the first school building at that place, besides many private residences. He followed that occupation until the winter of 1859-60, when he taught school in the Ballard district of Howard township, Story county, and in March, 1860, came on foot from Nevada to Cedar Rapids, and



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from there to Mt. Vernon, for the purpose of securing a better education in Cornell College, where he continued his studies until after the Civil war broke out.

Prompted by a spirit of patriotism, our subject enlisted September 15, 1861, in Company A, Thirteenth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and was elected second lieutenant on the 18th of October. He was commissioned first lieutenant April 20, 1862, and served as acting adjutant from the 10th of July, 1862, until the 22nd of the following January, when he was commissioned adjutant. He was mentioned in the official reports for gallant and efficient discharge of duty at Atlanta, July 22, 1864. During the winter of 1863 and 1864 he served as judge advocate of the fourth division of the Seventeenth Army Corps, and was detailed as mustering officer on the staff of Gen. Frank P. Blair, in September, 1864, serving in that capacity until the close of his service, November 1, 1864.

After being discharged from the army, Colonel Rood returned to Mt. Vernon, and in the spring of 1866 embarked in general merchandising with Dr. J. M. Armstrong, under the firm name of Armstrong & Rood, which partnership continued until 1878, when George W. Young purchased Mr. Armstrong's interest, and the name was changed to Rood & Young, and the business changed to clothing and merchant tailoring. In April, 1900, William Wilcox bought a half interest in the business, which is now carried on under the firm name of Rood, Young & Wilcox. In 1875, on account of impaired health from close confinement in the store, Colonel Rood commenced traveling as a salesman for the clothing house of Freeland, Harding & Loomis, of Boston,

his territory being the state of Iowa, and on the 1st of January, 1877, he made an engagement with H. A. Kohn & Brothers, now Kohn Bros., wholesale clothiers of Chicago, whom he still represents on the road. During all this time he has retained his connection with the business interests of Mt. Vernon, and on the 1st of February, 1893, purchased a third interest in the Mt. Vernon Bank, in connection with Dr. James Carson and William M. Smith, becoming vice-president, a position which he still holds.

On the 24th of August, 1863, he married Miss Frances E. Armstrong, who was born in Carroll county, Ohio, June 2, 1844, and was a daughter of Dr. J. M. and Nancy Jane (Westfall) Armstrong, the former a native of western Pennsylvania, the latter of Columbiana county, Ohio. She is one of a family of five children and also has a half sister. Of the seven children born to the Colonel and his wife those living are Luella, J. Albert and Anna Belle.

Colonel Rood has always taken an active and commendable interest in public affairs, and has never withheld his support from any enterprise which he believed would prove of public benefit. In 1867 he was elected a member of the board of trustees of Cornell College, and the following year was made secretary of the board, a position which he still retains. Upon the death of Henry A. Collin, in November, 1891, he was made Treasurer, and is still holding that office. He is also a member of the Executive Committee: On the 14th of June, 1900, was granted the honorary degree of A. M., by the college.

In company with twenty-two others Colonel Rood assisted in organizing the civic society, known as Crocker's Iowa Brigade, at Muscatine, Iowa, June 9, 1881, and be-



came its first recording secretary. In 1883 he was elected corresponding secretary of the organization, and in 1891, upon the death of Gen. W. W. Belknap, he became president, and has since been elected biennially to that position up to the present time. He also belongs to the Sons of the American Revolution, being entitled to membership in that order through his grandfather, Daniel Rood, who was a member of the first militia company organized in Bennington, Vermont, and participated in the battle of Bennington. He served under Colonel Stark, the noted commander of the Green Mountain Boys, and remained a member of the company as late of 1784.

In religious faith Colonel Rood is a Methodist, and has been an earnest and consistent member of that church since 1868. Politically he is a staunch Republican, but has never been a candidate for office, though he served as presidential elector for the fifth district of Iowa in 1900, and was delegate to the Republican National convention in 1888. Colonel Rood is especially honored, and will be best remembered by his fellow citizens of Mount Vernon for his faith in the growth of the town and college, and the time, labor and means he has used to promote their advancement. In 1890, when the town seemed to be unable to respond to the growth of the college and the country, though possessed of but moderate means he erected a group of attractive cottages, which were all rented before completion by new and desirable families, demonstrating that it only needed faith and effort to give the town a new growth in keeping with its opportunities; from that time the town has gone steadily forward each year.

#### CONDENSED MILITARY HISTORY.

Rood, Henry H., Pvt. Co. A, 13th Iowa Infy. Vols., Sept. 15, '61; 2 Lt. Oct. 18, '61; 1 Lt. April 20, '62; Act. Adj. July 10, '62, to Jan. 22, '63; com'd Adj. Jan. 22, '63. Col. John Shane, 13th Iowa Infantry Vols., in his report of the battle of July 22, 1864, before Atlanta, Ga., says: "I can not close this report without acknowledging my indebtedness to Adjutant Rood, Sergt.-Major Myers, and the line officers of the regiment who ably seconded and assisted in all the movements of the command; and who bore themselves throughout the trying scenes as brave men and gallant officers." Colonel William Hall commanding the brigade, 3rd Brig., 4th Div., 17th Army Corps, in his report of the same battle, says: "Where all officers and men devotedly did their whole duty, I can make special mention of but few \* \* \* Adjutants King, 15th Iowa, Prescott, 11th Iowa, and Rood, 13th Iowa, for gallant and efficient service." Served as judge advocate, 4th Div., 17th Army Corps, during winter of '63-64; detailed as mustering officer on General Blair's staff after Atlanta campaign; mustered out Nov. 1, '64; Lt.-Col. and A.-D.-C., Feb. 12, '84; Staff Gov. B. R. Sherman special A.-D.-C., May 22, '86; Inspector-General, May 8, '89; term expired May 1, '90; Col. and A.-D.-C., Feb. 1, '96; Quartermaster-Gen., Feb. 1, '98, with rank of Col.

Crocker's Iowa Brigade was organized April 27, 1862, at Pittsburg Landing, Tennessee, the fortieth birthday of Gen. Grant, and was composed of the 11th, 13th, 15th and 16th Iowa Veteran Volunteer Infantry. All of the regiments had fought at Shiloh,

though not then brigaded together, with an aggregate loss in the four regiments of 757 men. Gen. A. J. Hickenlooper, its last commander, says of it: "The theatre of whose operations embraced a territory continental in its dimensions, covering an area ten times greater than that of the United Kingdom of Great Britain. Actually marching over 6,000 miles, your feet pressed the soil of every southern state, but three, and trampled into dust the meteor wreck of a lost cause. Your victorious banners were unfurled in the capitals of six Confederate states; and were the first to wave in triumph over the birthplace of secession. Like the scales of a mighty serpent, your burnished arms have glistened in the swamps of the Mississippi valley, over the mountain ranges of the Alleghanies, and along the shores of the broad Atlantic."

Under the brilliant leadership of the educated soldier and strict disciplinarian, Crocker; the quiet, indemonstrative and resolute Reed; the self-reliant, uncompromising and exacting Chambers; the impetuous, self-willed and gallant Hall; or the brave, accomplished and whole-souled Belknap, everywhere, and at all times, "battle" and "victory" became synonymous words. On April 24, 1865, three years less three days after it was organized as a brigade, it was reviewed by General Grant at Raleigh, North Carolina. Its heroic story is best told by the following marches, battles, sieges and campaigns, participated in by Crocker's Iowa Brigade: Shiloh, April 6th and 7th, 1862; Bolivar, July 27th, 1862; Iuka, September 21st, 1862; Corinth, October 3d and 4th, 1862; March to Monroe, Miss., November 29, 1862; Vicksburg campaign, April to July 4th, 1863; March to Mechanicsville, Ga., May 29, 1863; March

to Monroe, La., August 29th, 1863; March to Jackson, Miss., July 5th to 18th, 1863; Meridian Expedition, February, 1864; Kenesaw Mountain, June 27th, 1864; Nickajack Creek, July 3d, 4th and 5th, 1864; Atlanta, July 21st, 22d, and 28th, 1864; Atlanta Campaign, June to September, 1864; "March to the Sea," Nov. 15th to Dec. 21st, 1864; Savannah, December 21st, 1864; March Through the Carolinas, January to April, 1865; Columbia, February 16th and 17th, 1865; Bentonville, March 20th and 21st, 1865; Raleigh, April 13th, 1865; Grand Review, Washington, May 24th, 1865. The present officers of the Brigade are H. H. Rood, president; D. W. Bushnell, Cor. Sec.; C. W. Kepler, Rec. Sec.; Peter Kiene, Jr., Treas.

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#### WILLIAM C. BYERS.

Among the gallant defenders of the Union during the war of the Rebellion was this well-known engineer on the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad, now residing in Cedar Rapids. He was born in Greencastle, Franklin county, Pennsylvania, March 9, 1844, a son of Martin and Margaret (Cline) Byers, who were natives of the same state and came west in 1805, locating on a farm in Linn county, Iowa, about eight miles east of Marion. The mother was accidentally killed by being thrown from a wagon and breaking her neck, in September, 1865. The father survived nineteen years.

William C. Byers attended the common schools of his native state until fourteen years of age and then learned the boot and shoemaker's trade. He next entered

the machine shop of Crowl & Davidson, at Greencastle, where he worked about three years as an apprentice. Hardly had the echoes from Fort Sumter's guns died away when he joined the boys in blue, enlisting on the 20th of April, 1861, at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, in Company C, Second Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. On the expiration of his term of enlistment he returned home, but later re-enlisted for nine months in Company K, One Hundred and Twenty-sixth Pennsylvania Regiment. He participated in the battles of Falling Water, Martinsburg, Harpers Ferry, the second battle of Bull Run, Antietam, White Plains, Snuckers Gap, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville and Gettysburg. He was taken prisoner during the last named engagement and recaptured by Colonel Dalgren. He was discharged at Harrisburg. His two brothers, Charles and George, were also soldiers, the latter being a member of the same company as our subject. He was killed at the battle of Fredericksburg, and Charles lost his life at the battle of the Wilderness.

Before leaving Pennsylvania, Mr. Byers was married October 8, 1863, to Miss Lucretia C. Conrad, also a native of Shady Grove, Franklin county, that state, and a daughter of Jacob and Mary (Keysey) Conrad. She is one of a family of ten children, but only three of the number are now living. Six children were born to our subject and his wife, namely: (1) Sherman W. died in infancy. (2) Shamon M., an engineer on the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad, married Loretta Myers, and they have three children, William, Harry and Ruth. (3) Earle is now assistant bookkeeper for Rea & Company at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, and also plays

the pipe organ in the Christian church in that city. He was selected as a delegate from that place to the musical convention held in 1900. (4) Edward is employed in a drug store in Cedar Rapids. (5) Carl is connected with a wholesale harness and saddlery establishment in Omaha, Nebraska. One died in infancy.

In the spring of 1864 Mr. Byers came to Linn county, Iowa, and for a time engaged in farming. Later he carried on the boot and shoe business at Springville for about six years, and then accepted a position as locomotive fireman on the Dubuque & Southwestern Railroad, with which he was connected for two years. On the 16th of September, 1872, he entered the service of the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad, and after firing for three years was promoted to engineer on a freight train, which position he filled for three years and for the past nineteen years has been on the best passenger runs on the road and is now about the ninth oldest man pulling a train on the road.

Religiously Mr. and Mrs. Byers are members of the Trinity Methodist Episcopal church, and they have made their home at 124 G avenue, West Cedar Rapids, for eighteen years. He is also a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers, and the Masonic fraternity, Crescent Lodge, No. 25, and Trowel Chapter, No. 49, and is a stockholder of the Masonic Temple at Cedar Rapids. The Republican party has always found in him a staunch supporter of its principles, and he has taken a very active and influential part in public affairs, serving as a delegate to five international conventions of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and

numerous political conventions. While a resident of Springville, he served as school director one year, and constable two years, and since coming to Cedar Rapids has represented the eighth ward in the city council, twice being elected on the Republican ticket, although it is the strongest Democratic ward in the city, being chairman of the sidewalk and street committee for three years. His election plainly indicates his personal popularity and the confidence and trust reposed in him by his fellow citizens.

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THOMAS PEARSON.

Prominent among the early settlers and representative citizens of Brown township is Thomas Pearson, who owns and operates a fine farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 8. He was born in Belmont county, Ohio, December 7, 1824, and comes of good old Quaker stock, his ancestors having all been members of the Society of Friends. His father, Jesse Pearson, was a native of Pennsylvania, and at an early day removed with his father, Benjamin Pearson, to Belmont county, Ohio, where he was reared amid pioneer scenes. There he married Cynthia Sinclair, a daughter of George Sinclair, who was also connected with the Society of Friends and was one of the early settlers of Belmont county, having removed from Virginia to Ohio in pioneer days. After his marriage Jesse Pearson located in Morgan county, Ohio, where he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of government land and transformed the place into a good farm. After residing there for some years he sold out and removed to another part of the county and bought another farm.

On disposing of the same in 1853 he came with his family to Linn county, Iowa, and bought a farm in Brown township, on which he spent the remainder of his life, dying here in 1878. His wife had passed away a few years previous.

Thomas Pearson grew to manhood on the home farm in Morgan county, Ohio, and there he was married in 1853 to Miss Mary Eves, who was born in Belmont county, that state, but was principally reared in Morgan county. Her father was James Eves, one of the early settlers of the former place. Soon after their marriage the young couple came to Iowa, and in the fall of 1854 Mr. Pearson purchased eighty acres of wild land in Brown township, to which he subsequently added another tract of similar size. Immediately after locating there he commenced to fence and break his land, and built thereon a good, though small, residence, which he subsequently enlarged and improved. He also built a barn and set out fruit and shade trees. Later he bought the forty-acre tract where he now resides, and some years afterward erected his present comfortable residence. By trade Mr. Pearson is a carpenter and joiner, and he successfully followed that occupation for some years, building many houses and barns in his part of the county, including the buildings upon his own farm. His place has three complete sets of farm buildings, one of which is occupied by his son. On coming to this county he was in rather limited circumstances, and the prosperity that has come to him is due entirely to his own well-directed and energetic efforts.

Mr. and Mrs. Pearson have eight children living, namely: J. C., who operates the home farm; James M., a farmer of Brown township; A. E., who is also living



on the old homestead; William B., a dentist, of Anamosa, Iowa; Jesse, a farmer, of Marion township; Hannah A., wife of J. M. Fields, of Stone City, Iowa; Agnes E., wife of T. C. Fields, of Washington county, Kansas; and Ella, wife of William Barrett, a farmer of Alburnett, Linn county. They lost one daughter, Jennie, who married J. A. Hart, of this county, and died, leaving one child.

In early life Mr. Pearson supported the Whig party and cast his first presidential vote for General Winfield Scott, but in 1856 he voted for John C. Fremont, and has since affiliated with the Republican party. His fellow-citizens, recognizing his worth and ability, have called upon him to fill several positions of honor and trust, the duties of which he most capably discharged. He served as township trustee several terms, justice of the peace about seventeen years and as a member of the school board and school treasurer for some time. During his entire residence here he has been actively identified with the welfare of his community and is one of its most public-spirited and enterprising citizens.

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#### HENRY J. NIETERT.

Among the most progressive and enterprising business men of the northern part of the county is Henry J. Nietert, a well-known banker of Walker. He was born in Dayton, Ohio, March 12, 1848, and is a son of John H. and Caroline (Buhlman) Nietert, both natives of Germany. The father came to America in 1836, at the age of fifteen years, the mother in 1830, at the age of ten.

and they were married in Dayton, Ohio, from which place they removed to Clayton county, Iowa, in 1854. By trade the father was a carpenter and millwright, but at that place he engaged in the produce business for about two years, and then conducted a hotel at Garnavillo for three years. He then removed to Clear Creek, Colorado, but in 1861 returned to Clayton county, Iowa, and in 1864 came to Delaware county where he was engaged in farming until 1875, when he came to Linn county, locating in Walker in 1876, where he lived a retired life until his death, which occurred in 1881, when he was sixty-one years of age. He served as postmaster of that place under President Hayes. His wife died in 1863. They had eight children but only three are now living.

Henry J. Nietert is indebted to the public schools of this state for his early educational privileges. He remained at home until attaining his majority and then engaged in clerking in a store at Manchester and other places until 1873, when he embarked in business for himself at Delaware Center, remaining there about a year and a half. He next went to Earlville, where he carried on business under the firm name of Deily, Neitert & Co. until 1875, when he disposed of his interest in the store, and for about a year was employed as a traveling salesman for a Dubuque house. For two years he was in the agricultural business at Earlville for E. Healy & Co., of Manchester, and then became manager of a store of general merchandise at Alta, Iowa.

On the 12th of February, 1872, Mr. Nietert married Miss Carrie Hauser, a native of Pennsylvania, and to them were born two children: William J., who died in January, 1898, and a daughter who died in infancy. Mr. Nietert was again married

May 4, 1881, his second union being with Miss Anna E. Wilde, a native of Illinois and a daughter of Edmond Wilde. Unto them were also born two children, Roscoe and Gertrude E.

In 1878 Mr. Nietert came to Walker and was engaged in mercantile business here under the firm name of J. R. Gitchell & Co. for about six years. They also carried on the creamery business together for eight years, and our subject is still interested in that enterprise. On the 12th of March, 1885, he opened the Exchange Bank, of which he is president, while his brother Charles H. serves as cashier. He is one of the ablest financiers in this part of the county, and in his banking business has met with excellent success. Although he started out in life for himself with no capital, he has, through his own well-directed and energetic efforts, acquired a fair competence, and owns considerable property, including a fine farm of two hundred acres near Walker. In 1890 he erected an excellent business block in the village, the lower floor of which he uses as his bank, and the hall above is the meeting place for the different secret societies of Walker.

Mr. Nietert is a member of the Blue Lodge of the Masonic order at that place, and also belongs to the chapter, commandery and temple of the Mystic Shrine at Cedar Rapids. As a Republican he takes quite an active and prominent part in political affairs, and in 1893, 1895 and 1897 was elected to the state legislature. During his second and third term he was chairman of the committee on banks and banking. He is at present serving as mayor of Walker, to which position he was elected in 1900. He is one of the most influential and popular men of the community, and never were the

reins of city government in more capable hands, for he is pre-eminently public spirited and progressive.

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#### HON. JOHN P. CARBEE.

For many years this gentleman was one of the most popular and distinguished citizens of Brown township, and was prominently identified with the development and prosperity of the county until death claimed him on the 25th of October, 1893. He was born in Grafton county, New Hampshire, May 3, 1823, a son of John H. and Anna (Powers) Carbee, both of whom were natives of Newbury, Vermont. His paternal ancestors were originally from France and were among the pioneers of New England. His father, who was a farmer by occupation, spent the last years of his life near Bath, Grafton county, New Hampshire.

John P. Carbee acquired his early education in the common schools of his native county and remained upon the home farm until reaching man's estate. Coming west in 1850, he decided to locate in Linn county, Iowa, and entered a tract of two hundred and forty acres of land on sections 5 and 8, Brown township, where his family now reside. He at once turned his attention to the improvement and development of this farm, and built thereon a small frame house, which was his home for a number of years, but was later replaced by a large, neat and substantial residence. In 1850 he built a large barn, which still has the appearance of being a recent structure. In connection with the operation of his land, Mr. Carbee also engaged in raising thoroughbred short horn cattle, and was ac-

counted one of the most successful farmers and stock raisers of the county.

On the 12th of June, 1853, Mr. Carbee was united in marriage with Miss Sarah and a daughter of Zachariah Hampton, who Hampton, a native of Morgan county, Ohio, was born in Pennsylvania of old Quaker stock and of English ancestry. For some years her father made his home on a farm in Morgan county, Ohio, and in 1851 came to Linn county, Iowa, locating in Brown township. She was a young lady on the removal of the family to this state, having been reared in the county of her nativity. She still survives her husband and resides on the old homestead with her son, Henry C.

Of the six children born to Mr. and Mrs. Carbee one died in infancy, while the others are as follows: (1) Anna is the wife of Robert Bailey, a farmer, of Brown township. (2) Ida is the wife of W. K. Pearson, of Anamosa, Iowa. (3) Hattie is the wife of I. S. Pearson, of Brown township. (4) John W. owns and operates a farm in Brown township adjoining the old homestead. (5) Henry C. is now carrying on the home farm, which he, with his brother, previously conducted for five years after the father's death. He is one of the most progressive agriculturists of the community, and in the operation of the farm uses the most modern improved machinery. He is also successfully engaged in raising a good grade of cattle and hogs, but makes a specialty of breeding and dealing in Shropshire sheep. He received his primary education in the common schools and also attended Cornell College for two years, thus being well fitted for the duties and responsibilities of business life. Socially he is a prominent member of Springville Lodge, No. 139, A. F. & A. M., in which he has passed

all the chairs and is now past master; and also belongs to the Ancient Order of United Workmen. The Carbee family is well known throughout the county, and stands high socially.

The Republican party always found in Mr. Carbee a staunch supporter of its principles, and he took a very active and influential part in local politics. In 1863 he was elected to the lower house of the state legislature, and so ably did he represent his district that he was re-elected in 1865, serving two terms with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of his constituents. He also filled many other positions of honor and trust, serving for twenty-five years as justice of the peace, during which time he married a great many couples. He was one of the most active and public-spirited citizens of his community, and gave his support to all enterprises which he believed would prove of public benefit or advance the moral, social or material welfare of his township, county or state. He was universally esteemed and respected as a man of sterling worth and exemplary habits, and in his death the county lost one of its best and most prominent citizens.

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#### JOSEPH S. BUTLER.

One of the most prominent business men of Springville for many years was Joseph S. Butler, who spent the greater part of his life in this county and was a worthy representative of one of its honored pioneer families. He was born in Gallipolis, Ohio, September 28, 1821, and was a son of Colonel Isaac Butler, who was born in Kentucky of Irish parentage and won his title as com-



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mander of a regiment of militia that was stationed at Fort Dearborn (now Chicago, Illinois) in 1836. In 1828 the father removed with his family to Louisville, Kentucky; three years later went to Cass county, Michigan, and in 1835 to Racine, Wisconsin. In 1840 he came to the territory of Iowa and made a permanent location in Linn county on land a part of which is now within the corporate limits of Springville.

Joseph S. Butler was a young man of nineteen years when he came with the family to this county, and he assisted his father in breaking, fencing and improving the land, remaining on the home farm for several years. In 1850 he started out in life for himself with no capital. Going to Anamosa, Iowa, he formed a partnership with a gentleman and engaged in the manufacture of cultivators and fanning mills for cleaning wheat for four years. On his return to this county in 1854, he settled in Brown township and engaged in farming and stock raising and also dealt in real estate. From 1862 until 1876 he was quite extensively engaged in dealing in grain and stock and in dressing hogs for market. In 1878 he established the Springville Exchange Bank with a capital stock of twenty-five thousand dollars, and carried on the banking business by himself for eight years, at the same time attending to his farming and stock raising interests. His bank was in the old town on the south side of Big Creek until 1881, when it was removed to its present location in the new town. His son, C. F., subsequently became a member of the firm, and together they conducted the bank until the father's death, which occurred December 31, 1898. He was laid to rest with Masonic honors, the Springville lodge officiating, a great number of his fraternal

brethren from Marion, Cedar Rapids and other places being present. The Old Settlers Association also attended the funeral in a body.

On the 4th of July, 1854, Mr. Butler was united in marriage with Miss Maria L. Reneau, a native of Indianapolis, Indiana. Her father, Jesse Reneau, was born in Tennessee of French ancestry and was married in that state. Later he spent some years in Indiana, and from there came to Linn county, Iowa, being one of its early settlers. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Butler were born three children. The oldest, A. J. Butler, was born September 28, 1856, on his father's birth day, and died January 1, 1876, while had the father lived one day longer he would have died on the anniversary of his son's death. Lurman died in infancy. The other son is Charles F. Butler, whose sketch appears on another page of this volume.

For several years Mr. Butler was obliged to use crutches as the result of accidents. When a young man he had his foot crushed by the fall of a horse, and in September, 1877, he was forced to have one leg amputated below the knee as the result of an accident in crossing a railroad track at Cleveland, Ohio. Notwithstanding these misfortunes, he was actively engaged in business throughout life, and was one of the most successful men of Linn county, accumulating a large estate. As a public-spirited and progressive citizen he gave his time and means to advance the interests of the community in which he lived, and never withheld his support from any enterprise which he believed would promote the general prosperity.

In 1862 Mr. Butler was commissioned by the Governor to raise a company for the war of the Rebellion, and he raised and or-

ganized what became Company H, of the Twenty-fourth Iowa Volunteer Infantry. He was a Jeffersonian Democrat and took quite an active part in politics. In 1864 he was nominated and ran for representative to the state legislature on the Democratic ticket, but was defeated by a small majority. For some years he served as justice of the peace and also as a member of the school board, always taking an active part in establishing good schools and promoting educational interests. He was an active member of the Presbyterian church, of Springville, and gave liberally toward the erection of the house of worship and parsonage belonging to the same, as well as toward the building of the Methodist Episcopal church. Fraternally he was a Knight Templar Mason, and an honored member of Springville Lodge, Marion Chapter, and Patmos Commandery. He was a man of recognized ability who stood high in public esteem, and had the confidence and respect of all with whom he came in contact either in business or social life.

In 1881 Mr. Butler established the Springville New Era, an eight-page sheet which he edited for a time, and was sole owner until he sold the same to Alfred L. Flude. The paper was non-partisan in politics and had a large circulation in Springville and vicinity. Mr. Butler was also one of the principal promoters of the water works system of Springville, in which he owns a large share of the stock.

In August, 1896, Mr. Butler read the following paper before the Old Settlers Association at Marion:

"The pioneers who came to Linn county and stood the brunt of the hardships, the exposures and privations of a frontier life, found this country to be a wilderness, a vast

unbroken pasture field, with frequent groves and streams, an abundance of wild fruit and game. Highways and bridges there were none. It was a wilderness inhabited by roving bands of Indians, wild animals, and the dreaded Mossager rattle snake. Occasionally a pioneer cabin was to be found in the edge of the timber for the better protection from storms in winter. Their cabins were built of round logs, the outside cracks daubed up with clay to keep out the cold. The roof was covered with shakes and weight-poles, while a puncheon floor, an old fashioned fire place, and a log cut out for a window completed the interior arrangements. Many times greased paper served in place of glass for the windows. Some of these cabins when completed did not have a nail, spike or bolt, or a piece of glass in their entire construction, the work being done with an ax, saw, draw knife and augur. Often times it was many miles to the nearest neighbor. The early pioneers usually brought all of their worldly possessions with them, which usually consisted of an ox team, a wagon, a cow or two, and many time without a dollar in money, but with a good rifle, a faithful dog, and added to that he possessed a brave heart, a determined will to defend himself and family and his property against all intruders, whether they were white men, Indians or wild animals.

"These pioneers were brave people, generous to a fault and when a stranger visited their cabins, he always found the latch string out and was always welcome to the best they had. They were generally an industrious people, honest in their dealings, and usually paid their debts promptly when due. They were very conservative in their mode of living and of doing business, seldom buying anything on time unless it was

a necessity. Their credit was their only capital with which they could do business, and they were generally very careful not to abuse it.

"It was very seldom they had a lawsuit, as their disputes were usually settled by arbitration, each party picking a man, and if they failed to agree, these two chose a third man, and their decision was final and ended the matter.

"At the same time there was quite a sprinkling of bad men in the country, such as horse thieves and robbers, but they were mostly transient, unwelcome night prowlers, ever to be dreaded, and occasionally Judge Lynch was called upon to administer the law with a rope and a gad, and sometimes in such a way that it was a terror to other evil doers. The result was such that thieves and rogues found it convenient to make haste to find a more congenial clime to perpetrate their dastardly deeds and make room for a better class of men to come in and locate and help improve, built up and make Linn county what it is to-day, with its thousands of beautiful farms under a high state of cultivation, with good houses and barns, many of them with beautiful residences finished off in the latest styles, with beautiful lawns, flower gardens and orchards, artificial groves and splendid outbuildings. The thousands of herds and flocks of the finest live stock, including horses, cattle, hogs and sheep, the great source of wealth of this country, with the splendid cheese factories and creameries scattered over the country with the finest machinery and fixtures, the products of which are great sources of revenue to our people; with good public roads leading in every direction; the county all checkered over with railroads, with their many depots and ware houses

for the convenience of commerce and travel, all prove that these early pioneers builded well for the future prosperity of their country. The numerous telegraph and telephone offices with easy communication by wire with all parts of the country, the streams spanned by the most substantial of iron bridges; the many weekly and daily papers with their immense circulations among an intelligent people; the country all dotted over with school houses, churches and colleges, with their spires pointing heavenward; the thriving towns and cities, with capital, energy and enterprise establishing jobbing houses doing immense businesses; the numerous manufacturing institutions of various kinds, the products of which are being shipped to all parts of the state; the many solid monetary institutions which compare favorably with any in this or any other state; the many systems of water works and organized fire departments for the protection of property; the magnificent county building on the county farm, a home for the unfortunate poor and helpless, all these speak eloquently of the foundation laid in poverty and privations by these early pioneers."

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#### PROFESSOR JOSEPH TLAPA.

Professor Joseph Tlapa, a well-known teacher of music in Cedar Rapids, was born in Wodnian, Bohemia, March 17, 1848, and is a son of Joseph and Anna (Kopetzky) Tlapa, in whose family were six children, five sons and one daughter. By trade the father was a tailor. Both he and his wife never left Bohemia. Their family consisted of Joseph, of this sketch; Anton, a mechanic, who has been employed in a steel mill since



eighteen years of age; John, a hardware merchant of Cleveland, Ohio; Carl, who is engaged in the retail hat business in Davenport, Iowa; Cyril, deceased, who was a musician of Columbus, Ohio; and Mary, wife of Mr. Waiss, who is a government official in Austria.

Professor Tlapa acquired his early education in the public schools of his native land, and afterward attended Budweis, a normal school, where he was graduated in 1865. After leaving that institution he engaged in teaching school in Austria for eighteen years, having served as principal for some years, which included the position of church organist and musical instructor. He gained a part of his musical education in the normal school and the remainder from private teachers. In the colleges of Bohemia music is taught as a regular study, and the teachers are paid by the government for their services. When fourteen years of age Professor Tlapa taught the son of Ignace Jelinek to read and write in exchange for musical instruction from the father.

Professor Tlapa married Miss Barbara Graf, and they have one child, Louisa, now the wife of Joseph Dostal, a druggist of Cedar Rapids. She has two children, Albia and Robert. Mrs. Tlapa died December 10, 1891, and the Professor was again married in August, 1894, to Mrs. Frances Mittwalsky, who was also born in Bohemia, but came to the United States with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dobrovsky, when six years old.

Professor Tlapa was thirty-five years of age when he came to the United States. He first located in Toledo, Ohio, where his two brothers, John and Cyril, were then living, and accepted a position under one

of his brothers as violinist in the orchestra, remaining there six months. He next went to Cleveland, where he taught Bohemian and German languages and music, and also attended a night school that he might better perfect himself in the English language. He spent three years in that city, and in 1886 came to Cedar Rapids, where he has since devoted his entire time and attention to the musical profession, with good success. He now has a large class, and is also director of Tlapa's orchestra, consisting of ten men, and considered one of the leading orchestras of the city. He has a fine home at 1035 South street. He is a valued addition to the musical circles of the city, and his services are in constant demand. He is a member of John Hus Lodge, No. 51, I. O. O. F.

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#### ELWOOD T. BEDELL.

Classed among the progressive agriculturists of Linn county is this well-known resident of Brown township, who is successfully engaged in general farming, stock raising and the dairy business on section 17, where he owns a well-improved farm of one hundred and twenty acres two miles from Springville. He was born on the 12th of June, 1852, in Greene county, New York, which was also the birthplace of his parents, William P. and Keziah (Osborn) Bedell. His paternal grandfather, Thomas Bedell, was a native of the same state, where the family was founded at an early day by Welsh emigrants. His maternal grandfather, Nathan Osborn, was also one of the pioneers of Greene county, New York.

The father of our subject was born in 1816, and at an early age assumed the responsibility of caring for the family, as his father had been accidentally killed. There were eleven children, of whom William P. was the oldest. He took charge of the home farm and continued its operation for a number of years, all of his children being born upon that place. In 1854 he came to Linn county, Iowa, and purchased one hundred and twenty acres of wild land near Whittier, which he broke, fenced and improved, making his home thereon until his death, in 1869. The mother of our subject had passed away in 1855, and the father subsequently married again, his second wife surviving him for a few years.

Elwood T. Bedell, of this review, is the youngest in a family of seven children, four sons and three daughters, all of whom are still living with the exception of one son. Being reared on the home farm in Brown township, he early became familiar with all the duties which fall to the lot of the agriculturist, and he obtained a good practical education in the common schools, which was supplemented by one term's attendance at the West Branch high school. After attaining his majority he had charge of the home farm for ten years, and in the spring of 1881 bought eighty acres of land on section 17, Brown township, where he now resides. He has since added to it a tract of forty acres, and has converted it into a highly cultivated and well-improved farm. He has enlarged and remodeled the house which was standing thereon when the property came into his possession, and has built a large basement barn and other outbuildings; has planted fruit, forest and evergreen trees; and now has one of the most attractive places of the locality. For the past ten

years Mr. Bedell has been engaged in the wholesale poultry trade to a large extent. He raises thoroughbred Holstein cattle, and is also successfully engaged in the dairy business.

In 1879 Mr. Bedell was united in marriage with Miss Hannah Ellyson, a native of Ohio, and a daughter of Benjamin and Abbie Ellyson. By this union have been born three children, L. Franklin and Cora Amelia, who are still living, while the first born died in infancy.

Politically Mr. Bedell is a staunch supporter of the men and measures of the Republican party, but has never cared for office, preferring to give his undivided attention to his business interests. By birth-right he and his wife are members of the Society of Friends and are connected with the church at Whittier. Their circle of friends seems only limited by their circle of acquaintances, and they are held in high regard by all who know them.

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A. W. MANCHESTER, M. D.

Among the successful physicians and surgeons of Linn county is Dr. Manchester, who for several years has engaged in practice at Walker. He was born in Tiverton, Rhode Island, January 9, 1847, and is a son of Abram and Jane (Hood) Manchester, natives of Rhode Island and Massachusetts, respectively. In early life the father was a sea captain, but was engaged in mining in California at the time of his death. The mother died in her native state. They were the parents of three children, of whom our subject is the youngest and the only one now living.

When eight years of age Dr. Manchester removed with his mother to Loda, Illinois, where he spent two years on a farm, and then returned to the east, making his home in Somerset, Massachusetts, where he acquired his elementary education. At the age of seventeen he entered Brown University at Providence, Rhode Island, where he pursued his studies for about a year, and then came to Linn county, Iowa, locating here about the close of the Civil war. For some time he was engaged in farming with a maternal uncle, and later attended Cornell College at Mt. Vernon. After leaving school he engaged in teaching for a time in Buffalo township, this county, and at Central City, following that pursuit for three years in all. At the end of that time he commenced the study of medicine with Dr. Harry Seigworth, of Waubeek, remaining with him one year, and then entered the Iowa State University, where he pursued a two-years' course in medicine. After leaving that institution he traveled for about a year, and then located at Walker, Linn county, where he soon built up a large and lucrative practice, his skill and ability being widely recognized.

In 1875 Dr. Manchester was united in marriage with Miss Alice Barnes, a daughter of Orsamus and Almira L. (Mitchell) Barnes. Her father was born in Canandaigua, New York, March 5, 1821, and is a son of Amos and Jane (Mitchell) Barnes, the former a native of Maine, the latter of New York. By trade Amos Barnes was a millwright. He removed with his family to Indiana when his son Orsamus was a child of seven years, but subsequently returned east, where his death occurred. His wife died near Freeport, Illinois. In their family were five children, of whom two still

survive, these being the father of Mrs. Manchester and his brother, Oliver C., a resident of Freeport, Illinois. Orsamus Barnes was reared and educated in Indiana and remained at home until nineteen years of age, working at anything which he could find to do. He then went to Illinois, where he learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed until 1859, when he crossed the plains to Colorado, and there engaged in mining for a number of years. His wife also crossed that vast American desert four times. In the fall of 1864 he came to Linn county, Iowa, and purchased one hundred and fifty acres of land in Grant township, forty-five acres of which was covered with timber. There he made his home for ten years, but is now living with his daughter, Mrs. Manchester, in Walker. His wife died in January, 1900, and was buried there. They had only two children: Alice, wife of our subject; and Edwin, a tinner of Walker. Fraternally Mr. Barnes is a member of the Masonic order, and politically is a supporter of the Republican party. He cast his first presidential vote for John P. Hale, the Free-soil candidate, in 1844, and has always taken a deep and commendable interest in public affairs. For seven years he efficiently served as trustee of Grant township.

Of the four children born to the Doctor and his wife, Gifford died at the age of three months. Those living are George E., Jennie and Gail, all at home. When Dr. Manchester first came to Walker he opened a drug store, which he conducted for a number of years, and since disposing of that has carried a line of drugs for his own use. In politics he is a Democrat, and in religious belief a Presbyterian. He is a Knight Templar Mason, belonging to the blue lodge

in Walker, and the chapter and commandery at Cedar Rapids, and he is a member of the Odd Fellows Lodge at Walker, in which he has served as noble grand. Socially he is deservedly popular, as he is affable and courteous in manner, and possesses that essential qualification to success in public life, that of making friends readily and strengthening the ties of all friendships as time advances.

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### CALVIN R. MOORE.

The subject of this review has spent almost his entire life in Linn county, and since attaining man's estate has been actively identified with her agricultural interests. He is now the possessor of an excellent farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 3, Brown township, and in its operation is meeting with well-deserved success. He is a native of Pennsylvania, his birth occurring in Greene county, November 6, 1853.

His father, William Moore, was also born in Pennsylvania, and there married Keziah Lindley, a native of the same state. In early life he had removed with his father, John Moore, to Guernsey county, Ohio, but on reaching manhood he returned to the Keystone state, where he made his home until his emigration to Iowa in 1856. Locating in Linn county, he engaged in farming here for many years, but now, at the age of seventy-four, is living a retired life, enjoying a well-earned rest. He makes his home with our subject. His wife died in 1866. They were the parents of eight children, of whom four sons are still living and are all married, namely: John, a farmer of Waubeek, this county; Calvin R., our

subject; William, a resident of Douglas county, Oregon; and Carl, a liveryman of Central City, Iowa. Mrs. Elizabeth Jones, the oldest of the family, died in Waubeek; Flora E. died when about twelve years of age; Frank died in childhood; and Crawford died in Marion township.

Calvin R. Moore was only three years old when brought by his parents to this county, and he remained on the home farm until seventeen years of age, when he started out in life for himself, working by the month for five or six years. He was married in Brown township June 29, 1876, the lady of his choice being Miss Emily Jane Rhoten, who was born on the farm where she now resides, her parents being Alexander and Nancy Rhoten. Her father was one of the earliest settlers of this county, having come here from Indiana about 1838. He made a claim in Brown township, and later entered the land. To the cultivation and improvement of his farm he devoted his energies until called to his final rest in 1869. His wife survived him some years, and died in February, 1887.

Mr. and Mrs. Moore began their domestic life on the Rhoten homestead, to which they succeeded after the death of Mrs. Rhoten. While they have no children of their own, they have an adopted daughter, Mrs. Jennie Yocom, who was reared and educated by them. In his farming operations Mr. Moore has been eminently successful, and has also prospered in his stock raising.

Politically he has been a life-long Republican, casting his first vote for Rutherford B. Hayes in 1876, but he has never been a politician in the sense of office-seeking. Fraternally he is a member of Viola Lodge, A. O. U. W., and was formerly identified with the Independent Order of



Odd Fellows. His wife holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal church of Viola, and while he is not a member of any religious organization, he attends church with her and contributes to its support. Both are well known and highly respected.

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ALONZO C. TENNEY, M. D.

This prominent and successful physician and surgeon of Mt. Vernon was born in Plano, Illinois, on the 13th of August, 1873, and is descended from old and substantial English families, who have borne an important part in the history of this country.

His family history reads as follows: His father, Nason M. Tenney, was born in Plano, Illinois, on March 9, 1845, and was a son of Amos Tenney, who was born in New Chester (now Hill), New Hampshire, September 22, 1794, and in 1837 removed to northern Illinois, his death occurring at Little Rock, that state, January 13, 1848. He was a soldier in the war of 1812, and was the oldest son of Moses Tenney, who was born about 1765. The latter's parents were Edmund and Hannah (Wood) Tenney, of Rowley, Massachusetts, and through his mother the family were heirs to an estate in England. Moses Tenney married Sally Garland, of Salisbury, New Hampshire, and after her death he wedded Polly Fifield, of New Chester (now Hill), that state. His father, Edmund Tenney, was baptized September 6, 1741, and was a son of Ebenezer and Ann Tenney. He was married, November 6, 1763, to Hannah Wood, and after her death removed with his three sons to New Hampshire. By occupation he was a farmer.

Ebenezer Tenney was born in Rowley, Massachusetts, August 12, 1703. His wife, Ann, died October 19, 1753, and on the 28th of May, 1754, he wedded Mary Woodbury. She died and he married his third wife, ——— Moore. They made their home in Linebrook parish, Rowley, Massachusetts, he being one of the original church members at that place. He was also one of the thirtyseven men enrolled under Captain Northand's Alarm List. His parents were Daniel and Mary(——) Tenney. The former was born in Rowley, Massachusetts, July 16, 1653, a son of Thomas and Ann Tenney, and was married July 21, 1680, to Elizabeth Stickney, a daughter of Lieutenant Samuel and Julia (Swan) Stickney. She was born in Bradford, Massachusetts, May 9, 1661, and died in Rowley, April 28, 1694. He was remarried twice, his second wife being Mary, by whom he had four children, the youngest being Ebenezer. His third wife was Elizabeth Woodman, a daughter of Joshua Woodman, their wedding being celebrated at Newbury, Massachusetts, in November of 1712. He made his home first in Bradford, and later at Rowley. He was under the command of Major Richard Waldon, of Dover, New Hampshire, in Queen Anne's war. His father, Thomas Tenney, and wife Ann, were the ancestors of the Tenney family in America. They were members of Rev. Ezekiel Rogers' company of twenty families who removed from Yorkshire, England, to Salem, Massachusetts, in December, 1638.

In April of the following year, being joined by forty more families from England, Rev. Rogers, with his colony sixty families strong, settled on the north shore of Massachusetts Bay, founding the colony of Row-



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ley, and giving it that name in honor of their old home in England. Thomas Tenney's wife Ann died and was buried September 26, 1657, and on the 24th of February, 1658, he married Elizabeth, widow of Frances Parrot, of Rowley.

Nason M. Tenney, the Doctor's father, was one of a family of nine children, the others being Eunice, Solomon, Hannah, John, Catherine, Sarah, Charles and Caroline. He began his education in the district schools near his boyhood home, at Plano, Illinois, and later attended the Aurora Seminary. December 22, 1869, he was united in marriage with Miss Mary Elizabeth Tolman, of Plano, a daughter of Alonzo and Amyra Tolman.

Her paternal grandfather, Jeremy Fisher Tolman, was the second son of Captain John and Elizabeth (Fisher) Tolman, while the Captain was a son of Dr. Nathaniel Tolman, Jr., of Needham, Massachusetts, who was a direct descendant of Sir Thomas Tolman, grand Almoner to Egbert, first king of the united Saxons, A. D. 825. The family name was originally "le Tollere" or "le Toller," and was subsequently changed to the English form of Tolman, meaning those who took the King's levy. From the early traditions we learn that the family was of German origin and was founded in England at a very early day.

After his marriage to Mary E. Tolman, Nason M. Tenney removed to Tampico, Whiteside county, Illinois, where he engaged in the stock business for a few years, and then returned to Plano, where he followed farming and the dairy business for some time. He was next engaged in the real estate business and dealt quite extensively in western lands. Being of an

inventive turn of mind he has taken out patents on a number of valuable articles.

He was a trustee of the First Baptist Church of Plano, and one of the most liberal contributors to the erection of the house of worship. Politically he is a staunch Republican, and takes a very active interest in public affairs.

In the family of Nason M. and Mary E. (Tolman) Tenney were five children, namely: Mary, who died in infancy; Alonzo C., our subject; Clarence E., born April 20, 1876, who is married and resides in Martin county, Minnesota; M. Maud, born March 4, 1878, wife of William L. Colborn, of Waterloo, Iowa, who is now engaged in farming in Martin county, Minnesota; and N. Earl, born January 25, 1886, at home with his father.

Dr. Tenney's primary education was obtained in the public schools of Kendall county, Illinois, and he was graduated from the high school of Plano in 1891. He then taught school until the following spring, when he commenced traveling for an educational supply house of Chicago. In the fall of 1892, he entered Hahnemann Medical College of Chicago, and was graduated with "honorable mention" in a class of seventy-four in the spring of 1895, receiving two prizes. He received, also, the appointment to the post of resident surgeon at the Hahnemann Hospital, in which only four contestants were taken from each class, being selected by competitive examination. In the medical and surgical clinics of the hospital he gained practical experience which has been of inestimable benefit to him in his subsequent practice, and although a young man he is recognized as a physician and surgeon of much more than ordinary ability.



On the 5th of July, 1896, Dr. Tenney married Miss Elona West, who was born in Beloit, Wisconsin, November 4, 1875, a daughter of George W. and Emily Frances (Ferguson) West. She is the third in order of birth in their family of four children, the others being Maud, wife of Frank E. Lester, a carriage dealer of Chicago, by whom she has one child, Gertrude E.; Robert, who married Mae Putnam January 1, 1900, and lives in Beloit, Wisconsin; and George, who died in infancy. The Doctor and his wife have one child, Phyllis Elona, born February 1, 1900.

After his marriage Dr. Tenney located in Spencer, Iowa, where he engaged in practice for a time, and on the 14th of September, 1897, removed to Mt. Vernon, where he has since made his home, and where he has already built up quite a large practice. In the summer of 1900 he attended lectures at the Chicago Clinical School and the Illinois School of Electro-Therapeutics. Constant study and close application to the details of his profession have enabled him to reach an enviable position in his chosen calling.

While a resident of Spencer he assisted in organizing the Northwestern Iowa Medical Society, which is now one of the largest associations of the kind in the state, and was elected its first president. He is a prominent member of the Central Homeopathic Medical Society of Iowa, and was president of that organization in 1900. The Doctor is also a member of the Hahnemann Medical Association of Iowa, and has served on its committees and bureaus every year since he became connected with it. This year he is engaged in the research work of proving a new drug, on which he will report at

their next meeting. He is a regular contributor to the Clinique, a medical journal published monthly in Chicago, and is a member of the American Institute of Homeopathy.

In 1898 Dr. Tenney built a handsome residence in Mt. Vernon, which is supplied with all modern conveniences, and his office, which is at his home, is equipped with all the modern appliances known to the science of medicine and surgery.

In politics he is a supporter of the Republican party, and in his social relations he is a member of Star of Bethlehem Lodge, No. 3, K. P., while in religious faith he is a Methodist.

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#### EPHRAIM KELLER.

Among the leading agriculturists of Grant township is the gentleman whose name introduces this review, his home being on section 1. He was born in Ohio, July 10, 1843, and is a son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Dilts) Keller, natives of Pennsylvania, who removed to Ohio at an early day and in 1849 came to Iowa. After spending about six years in Cedar county, they removed to Buchanan county in the spring of 1855, and the father purchased eighty acres of government land, which he put under cultivation, continuing to make that place his home until called to his final rest in January, 1864, at the age of fifty years. His wife died in August, 1895, and was buried in Cedar county. In politics he was a Republican.

Our subject is the second in order of birth in a family of seven children, the others being William, a resident of Des Moines; Mary Ellen, of Buchanan county,

Iowa; Henry, deceased; Margaret, of Linn county; and Ida and Marcus, both of Cedar county, Iowa.

Reared in this state, Ephraim Keller attended the public schools of Cedar, Buchanan and Linn counties until nineteen years of age, and at the same time assisted in the operation of the home farm, taking charge of the same after his father's death, and remaining there until 1879. Later he resided at various places, and became a permanent resident of Grant township, Linn county, in 1882, when he purchased eighty acres of land on section 1, to which he subsequently added forty acres. In 1899 he remodeled his residence, and has made many other improvements upon the place which add greatly to its value and attractive appearance. He raises both grain and stock for market, and is meeting with well-deserved success.

At Independence, Iowa, Mr. Keller was married in 1869, to Miss Azuba Stevens, who was born at Flag Staff, Maine, and was only a year and a half old when she removed to Illinois with her parents, Prince Thomas and Asenath (Staples) Stevens. Later the family came to Iowa and took up their residence in Buchanan county, remaining there until 1872, when they removed to Grant township, Linn county. Mr. Stevens spent his last years in retirement from active labor in the village of Walker, where he died and was buried. His widow still survives him at the age of eighty-seven years, and continues to make her home in Walker. She is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, while her husband was connected with the Free Methodist church. Unto them were born eight children, namely: Clara, deceased; Austin, a resident of southern Iowa; Abia H., of Minnesota;

Flora, of Walker; Azuba, wife of our subject; Brooks, of Linn county; Paul Thomas, of Tama county, Iowa; and Clara, deceased.

Mr. and Mrs. Keller are the parents of seven children, all living, namely: Lenora Dell, wife of Louis Payton, of Grant township; Luetta, wife of Charles Church, of Troy Mills, Iowa; Tessa Melvina, wife of Charles Andrews, a farmer of Buchanan county; Prince Edward, who lives in Grant township, Linn county, at home; Frank Leslie, who married Esther Walton and is engaged in farming in Buchanan county; and Ervin Wesley and Stewart Austin, both at home. In his political affiliations Mr. Keller is a Republican, and at present is a member of the school board in his district. He is a man of considerable prominence in the community in which he lives, and wherever known he is held in high regard.

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#### J. HAROLD LEAF.

Among the energetic and enterprising citizens of Brown township is numbered J. Harold Leaf, who is successfully following his chosen vocation on section 6, where he owns a valuable and well-improved farm of one hundred and forty acres. He was born in this county, August 8, 1867, his parents being James and Jane (Taylor) Leaf, both natives of England. The father was reared in his native land, and was a young man when he came to the new world. He was married in Pennsylvania, where he made his home until 1865, and then came to Linn county, Iowa, locating on a farm which he purchased in Maine township. To the cultivation and improvement of that place he devoted his time and

attention until called to his final rest in 1878. There his wife also died. Of the eight children born to them only two are now living, these being our subject and his sister Elsie, wife of J. D. Crow, a farmer of Mapleton, Iowa.

Harold Leaf spent his early life in much the usual manner of farmer boys on the old homestead, and after the death of his parents he and his older brother, Charles C., now deceased, took charge of the place, carrying it on together for a number of years. After the property was divided our subject operated his portion for some years, and then traded the same for the farm where he now resides. He located here in 1896, and has since made a number of useful and valuable improvements on the place, including the erection of a large modern residence, heated by furnace, and one of the best barns in this county. He has also set out fruit and ornamental trees, which add much to the beauty of the place. In connection with his farming operations he is also engaged in dairying and stock raising.

At Anamosa, Iowa, Mr. Leaf was married, October 18, 1888, to Miss Orpha B. Crow, who was born in Buffalo township, this county. Her father was E. M. Crow, who came here from Indiana in 1837, and was engaged in farming in Buffalo township until his death, which occurred July 26, 1894. (See sketch elsewhere in this work.) His wife died in November, 1872, when Mrs. Leaf was quite young, and she was reared by her mother's people in Cedar county, Iowa. Our subject and his wife have a family of five children, Pearl, Ethel, Fannie, Fred and Irene, all now in school with the exception of the youngest.

Since attaining his majority Mr. Leaf has affiliated with the Democracy, but has

never been an aspirant for office. He is a member of the Odd Fellows Lodge at Springville, and in social as well as business circles he stands deservedly high among his fellow citizens.

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#### DAVID WILD.

David Wild, a representative farmer and highly esteemed citizen of Brown township, whose home is on section 6, was born in Cumberland county, England, on the 15th of September, 1836, and grew to manhood in that country, learning the joiner's and cartwright's trades, which he followed until his emigration to America in 1858. Coming west by the Great Lakes, he went up the Mississippi river from Prairie du Chien to St. Paul on the steamboat that carried the first message that was sent by the Atlantic cable from Queen Victoria to President Buchanan. Mr. Wild went to Jackson county, Minnesota, in search of a location, but not being pleased with that region he came to Iowa and settled at Dubuque, where he worked at his trade in a sash, door and blind factory for a year and a half. He then went to Grant county, Wisconsin, and continued to work at his trade in Georgetown until he entered the army during the Civil war.

It was in the spring of 1864 that Mr. Wild enlisted as a mechanic and went to Nashville, Tennessee, where he was employed as foreman on government works for a time. Subsequently he and twelve others out of the twenty associated with him entered the volunteer service as regular soldiers, to help drive Generals Hood and Forrest from the state. They participated in

the battles of Johnsonville and Nashville, besides many skirmishes, and were in the rear of General Sherman's army for a time. Mr. Wild was in the service for about a year, and when the war ended he was honorably discharged at Nashville, in April, 1865.

Returning to his old home in Wisconsin, Mr. Wild worked at his trade in that state until 1868, when he came to Iowa and bought eighty acres of land on section 6, Brown township, Linn county, only a few acres of which had been broken and a log cabin erected thereon. He made that his home for two years while he devoted his attention to the development of his farm, and then built a small frame house, to which he has since added until he now has a commodious and pleasant residence. He has also built a large basement barn, which is one of the best in the township, and has beautified his place by planting both fruit and forest trees around his home. He also owns another eighty-acre farm in Marion township, and his property has all been acquired through his own unaided and energetic efforts, for he came to the new world empty-handed, and has since been dependent upon his own resources.

On the 2d of October, 1862, Mr. Wild was married in Wisconsin to Miss Mary Ann Kay, the wedding ceremony being performed by Rev. John Sharp, a Methodist Episcopal minister of that state, who had come to this country from England as a missionary. Mrs. Wild was born in Wisconsin of English parentage, and was reared in Grant county, that state. Her father, Rev. William Kay, came to America in 1840, and was a pioneer local preacher of Wisconsin, who used to travel over his circuit in an ox-cart.

Mr. and Mrs. Wild are the parents of thirteen children, all living, namely: Sarah M., now the wife of James M. Pearson, a substantial farmer of Brown township; Grace E., wife of George E. Calvert, of the same township; William K., a merchant of Delaware Junction, Delaware county, Iowa; Jennie, wife of Vinton Smith, a merchant of Tulsa, Indian Territory; John A., a farmer of Marion township, this county; Charles C., a farmer of Marion township, but who resides at home; Alice, who holds a business position in Springville; Rosa M., who is a teacher by profession; George, who aids his father in carrying on the home farm; and Ed, Leona, Bertha and Fred, all at home.

In politics Mr. Wild was a Republican until 1872, since which time he has affiliated with the Democratic party. He has served on the school board, and is now treasurer of the independent school district. He has also served as secretary and treasurer of the Brown Township Horse Thief Association. He was reared in the Church of England and confirmed by the Bishop of Canterbury, but he and his wife now attend the Methodist Episcopal church, although they are not members of any church. He formerly affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Springville, and is highly respected and esteemed by all who know him.

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OLIVER CLARK.

For many years this gentleman was one of the leading and prominent citizens of Linn township, as well as one of the honored pioneers of the county. He was born



in Lorain county, Ohio, October 2, 1823, and lived at his birthplace until sixteen years of age, when he came to Iowa with his parents, Oliver and Electa (Wilcox) Clark, both natives of Connecticut, where they were married. They reared their family in Ohio. In 1837 the father came to Linn county, Iowa, and took up a tract of government land where the city of Cedar Rapids now stands. He then returned to Ohio for his family, and during his absence the claim was jumped. Two years later he became a resident of Franklin township, this county, and entered another tract of land, on which he made his home until his death, which occurred January 13, 1871, when he was seventy-three years of age. By trade he was a blacksmith, but during his residence in this state he followed agricultural pursuits. His wife survived him ten years, and died on the old homestead, at the age of eighty-two years. In their family were eleven children, of whom one son and two daughters are still living.

As previously stated, the subject of this sketch accompanied his parents on their removal to this county, and became prominently identified with the early improvement and development of this locality. He turned the first furrow ever turned where the city of Cedar Rapids is now located, it being on the site of the present postoffice building. He also hauled the first load of merchandise that ever entered the city of Marion, from Muscatine, then called Bloomington. He remained with his parents until his enlistment in the Mexican war, in which he served nine months. On his return home, in June, 1847, he engaged in farming on his own account on a tract of land which he had purchased previous to entering the army, and in the spring of 1848 built for

himself a home on section 32, Linn township, one mile north of where he died. There he followed farming and stock raising for twenty years. In 1868 Mr. Clark removed to the farm where his widow now resides, and improved the place by erecting a fine barn and other buildings, besides placing it under an excellent state of cultivation. Since his death Mrs. Clark, in 1895, built a beautiful country home near where the old house was located when they first took possession of the place.

On the 16th of October, 1847, Mr. Clark married Miss Barbara Ellen Brice, who was born in Leith, Scotland, June 25, 1828, a daughter of William and Agnes (Safley) Brice, also natives of that country. The father, who was an architect, died when Mrs. Clark was but a small child, and the mother afterward came to the United States. Mrs. Clark crossed the Atlantic about 1833 with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Safley, and after spending some time in New York state, came with them to Iowa in November, 1839, the trip across the continent being made by way of the Erie canal to Buffalo, and thence by the Great Lakes to Chicago, where they were met by two uncles. The journey from there was made by wagon, but owing to the heavy loads Mrs. Clark walked the entire distance with the exception of about five miles. They located at St. Julian, Linn township, this county, where her uncle served as postmaster and also engaged in blacksmithing, manufacturing the first diamond moldboard plow and other machinery ever made in Linn county. Before leaving Scotland Mrs. Clark's mother was married again, her second husband being William Hogue, by whom she had one son who came to America with his parents in 1852. All are now de-

ceased. Mrs. Hogue survived her husband, and after his death made her home with Mrs. Clark, where she died January 22, 1892, at the advanced age of ninety-four years and ten months. Mrs. Clark is now the only survivor of the five children born of the first marriage. One brother and two sisters came to America, namely: William engaged in farming and the sawmill business in California until his death in November, 1895. He worked in the mill that sawed the immense tree, one board of which would cover a large room and was on exhibition at the World's Fair in 1893. Agnes married John Barr, and died in Waterford, New York. Isabella was the wife of Alexander Rogers, who, after living in Iowa for four years, removed to California, and she died near San Francisco, at the age of twenty-six.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Clark were born six children, as follows: (1) William Oliver, born in Linn township, August 21, 1848, was educated in the district schools and has always resided here. He assisted in the work of the home farm until attaining his majority, and then commenced farming on his own place, consisting of one hundred acres on section 32, Linn township. He is also engaged in stock raising. He resides with his mother. In politics he is a Democrat. (2) Agnes is the wife of Michael Harrison Cavanaugh, now a resident of Denver, Colorado, who was born in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, and for a number of years resided in Linn township, this county, where he engaged in farming and school teaching. They have three children, Lester, Harry and Belle, all born in Linn county. (3) Mary wedded Bennett Ashton, a farmer of Danbury, Nebraska, and died in 1883. (4) Thomas G., a farmer of Ber-

tram township, this county, married Eliza Calhoun, and they have one child, Etta, now the wife of Ray Goodyear, who is engaged in farming on her father's place. (5) Henry was educated at Cornell College, and is now a prominent farmer of Franklin township, this county. He is a Democrat in politics and at present is serving as assessor. He married Rebecca Keafer and they have four children, Lawrence, Pearl, Frederick and Ross. (6) Marlie D. married Cora Hyatt and is engaged in farming and stock raising on the old homestead in Linn township, making a specialty of thoroughbred Shorthorn cattle, of which he has a very fine herd. In politics he is a Democrat, and as a public-spirited and enterprising citizen he advocates all that tends to improve the community in which he resides.

Mr. Clark died on the farm now occupied by his widow, December 14, 1891, and was laid to rest in Mt. Zion cemetery, Linn township. He was a supporter of the Presbyterian church, which his family all attended. Politically he was identified with the Democratic party, but he never cared for public office, though he served at one time as constable of his township. He was held in the highest respect by his fellow citizens for his upright and honest dealings, and made many friends throughout the county where he had so long made his home and where he was so widely known.

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#### CHARLES F. GORDON.

Among the well-to-do and prosperous citizens of Linn county who devote their time and attention to agricultural pursuits and have met with marked success in their labors is the gentleman whose name intro-

duces this review. He makes his home on section 36, Brown township, and is the owner of two valuable farms aggregating two hundred and forty acres.

A native of this county, Mr. Gordon was born in Mt. Vernon, October 14, 1857, and is a son of Charles S. Gordon, whose birth occurred in Belmont county, Ohio, March 29, 1818. The father was reared in his native state, and in Morgan county, Ohio, he married Miss Rachel A. Arment, who was born in Delaware, and in 1831, when a child of eight years, removed with her father, Levi Arment, to Ohio. Mr. Gordon was a mechanic and followed the plasterer's trade in early life. On first coming to Linn county, Iowa, in 1855, he located in Mt. Vernon, and worked at his trade nine years. At the end of that time he purchased a farm in Brown township, and made many permanent improvements on the same. After residing there for twenty years he sold the farm and removed to Springville, where he spent the closing years of his life. He died at the residence of a son in Linn township, May 1, 1898, and his wife passed away July 10, 1897, both being laid to rest in the Springville cemetery.

Charles F. Gordon was a lad of seven years when the family took up their residence on the farm in Brown township, which was their home just twenty years, as they left the place on the same day of the month that they located there. Our subject then engaged in farming on rented land for three years, and at the end of that time bought forty acres of his present farm. From time to time he has added to his original purchase until he now has two hundred and forty acres, divided into two farms and improved with two sets of good farm

buildings. At the age of twenty-one he commenced hauling milk for the creamery in his neighborhood, and has since engaged in that pursuit. He now rents his farms and devotes his entire time to stock raising and the dairy business, which he has found a profitable source of income.

In this county, Mr. Gordon was married, May 13, 1885, to Miss Rebecca Dunlap, who was born and reared in Licking county, Ohio, and was a young lady when she came to Linn county, Iowa. In 1876, in company with a brother and a sister and her husband, she came to this state, and were later joined by the other members of the family. They came across the country with teams, arriving here on the 6th of November, that year. William Dunlap, father of Mrs. Gordon, was a native of Virginia, and emigrated to Ohio, where he lived until his death.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon have one daughter. Their first born, a son, died in infancy.

Since casting his first presidential ballot for James A. Garfield, Mr. Gordon has always affiliated with the Republican party, but has never sought or held public office, preferring to give his entire time and attention to his business interests. He is widely known as an upright and reliable business man, and he commands the confidence and respect of all with whom he comes in contact either in business or social life. His success is due to his own well-directed and energetic efforts and the assistance of his estimable wife.

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G. W. ALLEN.

Outside of Cedar Rapids there are many progressive and energetic business men in Linn county who have met with excellent



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success in their undertakings, and are now quite wealthy. Among these is numbered G. W. Allen, a well-known merchant of Bertram. He was born in Adams county, Illinois, September 25, 1843, and is a son of Franklin and Rebecca (Myers) Allen. The father was born in Dresden, New York, April 15, 1818, and came west during the '30s. He assisted in building Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, and was engaged in rafting logs down the Missouri river for a time in connection with a brother, who was drowned while following that pursuit. Franklin Allen then went to Illinois, where he engaged in milling, and in that state he was married October 10, 1842, to Rebecca Myers, who was born in Richland county, Ohio, July 25, 1825. Subsequently they removed to Missouri, where he also followed milling until the Mexican war broke out. In 1846 he enlisted with five hundred others, and was in the service for sixteen months. He then returned to Council Bluffs, Iowa, where he had left his family, and followed his chosen occupation there until the spring of 1852. Being a Mormon at that time, he, with a colony and train of forty wagons, went to Salt Lake City, Utah, where he made his home until 1857, when he returned to Iowa and settled in Cedar county. He operated a mill at that place for two years, and then came to Linn county, where he followed the same occupation near Bertram until 1862. During that year he again entered the service of his country, enlisting in Company A, Twentieth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, but was discharged fifteen months later on account of disability and returned to his home in this county. He subsequently had the misfortune to lose an arm in the machinery of Scott's mill, near Bertram, and then removed

to Bertram and embarked in mercantile business. He remained a resident of that place until his death, which occurred December 16, 1890, and he was laid to rest in Campbell's cemetery. During the latter part of his life he was a member of the Freewill Baptist Church, and was always a supporter of the men and measures of the Democratic party. His patriotism and loyalty were manifested by his service in two wars, and he was ever recognized as a valued citizen of his community. His estimable wife died February 16, 1885.

Unto them were born fourteen children, of whom G. W., our subject, is the oldest; Sannel, the next in order of birth, died in infancy; Matilda is the wife of Thompson Kountz, of Bertram township, this county; Franklin married Nancy Bickford and lives in Maquoketa, Iowa; Vina, deceased, was the wife of Peter Flanagan, of Oxford, Iowa; Rebecca is the wife of James Moore, of Clinton; Jacob died April 23, 1895; Amanda is the widow of Alexander Blair and a resident of Rock Island, Illinois; Daniel died in infancy; Sarah died in childhood; Henry married and resides in Davenport; Wesley married Jessie Murphy, and is also a resident of Davenport; Edith is the wife of O. J. Knapp, of Marion; and another child died in infancy.

G. W. Allen accompanied his parents on their various removals during his boyhood, and was principally educated in the subscription schools of Salt Lake City and the district schools of Cedar and Linn counties, Iowa, but his opportunities along that line were rather limited. At the age of seventeen he commenced assisting his father in the mill, and he also engaged in the timber and tie business, and followed that until the breaking out of the war.

Mr. Allen remained at home until he joined the boys in blue during the war of the Rebellion, enlisting at Cedar Rapids, August 11, 1862, in Company A, Twentieth Iowa Volunteer Infantry. After being mustered in at Clinton he went with his command to Davenport and later to St. Louis and Rolla, Missouri, where they drew accoutrements. For some time they were engaged in skirmishing between Springfield, that state, and Fayetteville, Arkansas, and took part in the battle of Prairie Grove, Arkansas, December 7, 1862. Later they were in a number of skirmishes in that state and Missouri until June, 1863, when they returned to St. Louis, where Mr. Allen was taken sick from exposure and was sent to the hospital in Jefferson City, Missouri. Subsequently he was granted a thirty-day furlough, which he spent at home, and on the expiration of that time rejoined his regiment at Corpus Christi Bay, Texas, where they remained six months. They next went to Brownsville, opposite Matamoros, Mexico, and from there to St. Mary's Light House, where they boarded a vessel, which carried them to New Orleans. They marched up White river and were engaged in scouting around Duvall's Bluff for a time, and then returned to New Orleans, from which place they were ordered to Fort Morgan, and assisted in the capture of that stronghold. After this engagement they returned to New Orleans and later took a steamer to Pensacola, Florida, and from there went to Fort Barancas, Florida, and then to Fort Blakely, near Mobile, arriving in time to take an active part in the siege and capture of that fort. This practically closed the war, and they were mustered out at Mobile in April, 1865. By steamer they went to St. Louis, and from there returned

to Clinton, Iowa, where they were discharged on the 27th of July.

Returning to his home in Bertram, Mr. Allen assisted his father in business until March, 1866, when he went to a point on the Missouri river near Omaha and engaged in rafting and flatboating on the river for some years. In 1879 we again find him in Linn county, and he devoted his time to railroad construction work until July 3, 1883, when he opened a general store in Bertram, and has since successfully engaged in business at that place, having the largest store of the kind in this section of the county. He is a most progressive and up-to-date business man, and has been remarkably successful in his financial ventures. Besides his business property he owns town lots in Bertram, one lot in Marion, four and a half lots in Cedar Rapids, two hundred and sixty acres of land in this county, three hundred and twenty acres in South Dakota, five hundred and twenty acres in Missouri, eighty acres in Kansas, and eighty acres in Nebraska.

Near Tipton, Cedar county, Iowa, Mr. Allen was married, February 16, 1881, to Miss Ida Wirick, who was born December 26, 1854, in Richland county, Ohio, of which her parents, Joseph and Sarah (Myers) Wirick, were also natives. Mr. and Mrs. Wirick were married in Cedar county, this state, April 1, 1852, and then returned to Ohio to visit his parents, remaining there three years, during which time two children were born to them. In the fall of 1849 they returned to Cedar county, where Mr. Wirick engaged in farming until his death, which occurred November 7, 1891. In 1896 his wife came to Linn county, and now makes her home with her children. Unto them were born fifteen children, namely: Thomas married Ella Fulwider and lives in

Boulder, Colorado; Mrs. Allen is next in order of birth; Loduska is engaged in missionary work at Tokio, Japan; Cassius M., who is professor of chemistry in the Boys' Manual Training School of Chicago, married Fannie Pearce and second Cora Rhinerson; Plimpton is an expert machinist, living in Greensboro, North Carolina; Orange married Addie Foster, and is engaged in mining in Salina, Colorado; Asher married Catherine Thompson, and is a blacksmith of Cedar Bluffs, Iowa; Viola married John D. Werling, and died in Carbondale, Colorado, May 14, 1889; Minnie is the widow of John Howard, and a resident of Clarence, Iowa; Myrta is the wife of William Werling, a farmer, of Cedar county; Lulu is a tailoress of Salina, Colorado; Helen married Isaac Collar, and died in Cedar county, Iowa, in November, 1896; Frank is a farmer, living near Tipton, Iowa; Beatrice is the wife of Frank Hunter, of Bertram; and Lucian, twin brother of Beatrice, died at the age of eleven months. Mr. and Mrs. Allen have two daughters: Cora R., born June 4, 1884; and Oma, born December 14, 1885, on the anniversary of George Washington's death. Both will graduate from the Bertram schools in 1901.

Socially Mr. Allen affiliates with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and T. Z. Cook Post, No. 235, G. A. R., of Cedar Rapids, and politically he is identified with the Democracy. Public spirited and enterprising, he takes a very active interest in public affairs, and has acceptably filled a number of local offices, serving many years as a member of the school board and also as township clerk and treasurer for a number of years, as well as postmaster of Bertram. He is one of the most popular and influential citizens of his community.

#### CHARLES H. PETTY.

Prominent among the progressive, enterprising and successful business men of the eastern part of the county is Charles H. Petty, of Viola, who is the senior member of the well-known firm of Petty & James, general merchants of that place. Almost his entire life has been passed in this county, and with its agricultural and commercial interests he has been prominently identified since reaching man's estate.

Mr. Petty was born on the 26th of December, 1849, in Whiteside county, Illinois, near the present city of Sterling, and is a son of John Petty, who brought his family to Linn county, Iowa, in 1856. The father was a native of Vermont and one of the pioneer settlers of Whiteside county, Illinois. There he married Mrs. Lydia Dunlap, who was born near New Milford, Pennsylvania, and was a daughter of Gideon Peck. As previously stated, they came to this county in 1856, but the father was not long permitted to enjoy his new home, as he died three years later. The mother survived him some years and reared their family. In their family were five children, four boys and one girl, and all are living with the exception of one son, who died in 1887.

The subject of this review grew to manhood on a farm in this county, receiving but limited educational advantages, so that he is practically a self-educated as well as a self-made man. After arriving at mature years he engaged in farming on rented land for several years. His first purchase consisted of sixty-eight acres in Brown township, which he improved and cultivated for some time and then sold at a good



profit, buying another farm near Viola. This was known as the old Peet farm and comprised two hundred and twenty acres, on which he located in 1886, but had purchased it three years previously, making it his home for seven years. While engaged in farming he also devoted considerable attention to raising, feeding and shipping stock, and was one of the prominent stock dealers of the county. In 1893 he rented his farm and built a pleasant home in Viola, where he has since resided. In April, 1900, he formed a partnership with Samuel James and purchased a mercantile establishment in Viola, which they have since successfully carried on under the firm name of Petty & James. They carry a well-selected stock of general merchandise, and by fair and honorable dealing have gained the confidence of the public and a liberal patronage. When he began his business career Mr. Petty was without capital, and by his own unaided efforts he has worked his way upward to a position of affluence, so that he is now one of the prosperous and substantial men of his community.

In Linn county, in 1878 Mr. Petty was united in marriage with Miss Mahala Parsons, who was born and reared on a farm in Jones county, Iowa. They have one son, Clarence, who is now a young man and is still at home. Mr. Petty is connected with Viola Lodge, A. O. U. W. In his political affiliations he has been a life-long Republican, having never failed to vote with that party at each presidential election since casting his first ballot for General U. S. Grant in 1872.

In 1871 Mr. Petty went to Kansas, where he spent two years, and the following two years were passed in California, but with that exception he has always made

his home in this county since the age of six years. He has therefore witnessed the greater part of its growth and development, and in its progress has manifested a deep interest, having always taken his part in supporting those measures calculated to prove of public good.

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#### W. W. MOSES.

W. W. Moses, a prominent citizen and successful farmer and stock raiser of Grant township, residing on section 8, was born on the 17th of May, 1842, in Somerset county, Pennsylvania, of which state his parents, Jacob and Eva (Wagner) Moses, were also natives. The father, who was a farmer by occupation, removed with his family to Illinois in 1858. He died January 15, 1890, at the age of seventy-four years, and his wife departed this life June 9, 1898, at the age of seventy-nine years. In their family were eleven children, of whom our subject is fourth in order of birth, and six of the number are still living.

Mr. Moses, of this review, began his education in the common schools of his native state, and continued his studies in Illinois after the family's removal to that state. He remained at home until twenty-two years of age, when he entered the employ of the government during the Civil war, being stationed for a time at Springfield and Rowley, Missouri. Returning home in 1864, he enlisted at Freeport, Illinois, on the 14th of February, of the following year, in Company E, Forty-sixth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, for three years or during the war. His regiment was assigned to garrison duty, and he remained in the

service until October 9, 1865, when he was honorably discharged at Memphis, Tennessee. He then returned to Freeport, Illinois, and engaged in farming for a time. In 1867 he went to Benton county, Iowa, where he followed the same pursuit in partnership with his brother until 1869, and then removed to Buchanan county, this state where he purchased land, making his home there until coming to Linn county in the spring of 1870. Mr. Moses bought an eighty-acre tract of wild land on section 8, Grant township, which he placed under cultivation, and subsequently purchased an adjoining eighty acres on the same section, making a farm of one hundred and sixty acres, which he has converted into a very desirable and well-improved place.

On the 18th of November, 1869, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Moses and Miss Celestia Bailey, a daughter of James and Clarinda (Brown) Bailey, natives of New York and Pennsylvania, respectively. James Brown was a carpenter by trade and at various times followed farming. He departed this life January 10, 1884. His wife died January 22, 1870, both being interred in Benton county, in Urbana burying ground. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Moses were born three children, namely: Inez; Louis W., who died in infancy; and Dudley. Those living are at home with their parents. The family hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, and are people of prominence in the community where they reside. Mr. Moses was one of the pioneer business men of the town of Walker, conducting a general store in partnership with James K. Hotkiss. He sold and weighed out the first sugar sold in Walker, on the depot platform, while awaiting the completion of the store building.

The Republican party has always found in Mr. Moses a staunch supporter of its principles, and he has filled the office of school director in a most commendable and satisfactory manner.

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#### HENRY E. SMITH.

Henry E. Smith, the well-known and efficient secretary of the Star Club of Cedar Rapids, was born in Ontario county, New York, on the 15th of June, 1838. His father, Daniel M. Smith, was a native of Vermont and a worthy representative of the sturdy Green Mountain boys, his ancestors being pioneers of that state. When a young man he removed to Ontario county, New York, where he married Miss Lucinda Hickox, a native of that county. There he carried on farming for some years, but in 1856 came west and took up his residence in Linn county, Iowa, purchasing a farm near Cedar Rapids, where he followed his chosen calling throughout the remainder of his life, dying there in 1875, at the ripe old age of seventy years. His wife survived him two years and passed away at the home of our subject in 1877.

Mr. Smith, of this review, was a young man of eighteen years when he came to this county with his parents, and for some years he assisted his father in operating the home farm. Returning to Ontario county, New York, in 1864, he was united in marriage with Miss Adella Earl, who was born and reared in Monroe county, that state. Soon afterward he brought his bride to Cedar Rapids, and engaged in farming two and a half miles from the city, where they made their home for a year. He then returned to

Ontario county, New York, where he was engaged in agricultural pursuits for three years. He was also interested in stock raising, making a specialty of sheep. In 1868 he purchased a farm two and one-half miles west of Cedar Rapids and in the spring of 1869 he returned and resumed farming here. To the further improvement and cultivation of his land he devoted his energies until the death of his wife, since which time he has made his home in Cedar Rapids.

Mrs. Smith died in December, 1893, and was laid to rest in Linwood cemetery. Of the three children born of this union Viola married J. V. Kemper and died in 1894, leaving one son, Glenn. Fred was a young man of good education and exemplary habits, who held a position with T. A. Wilcox in the Aetna loan office in Cedar Rapids until his death, which occurred in 1894. He left a widow and one child, Theda. Clayton, the youngest of the family and the only survivor, is now a resident of St. Louis, Missouri.

Since casting his first presidential ballot for Abraham Lincoln in 1860, Mr. Smith has been a staunch supporter of the men and measures of the Republican party, and has never wavered in his allegiance to that great political organization, though he has never been an aspirant for office. While living on his farm, however, he served five terms as assessor of his township. On the organization of the Star Club Mr. Smith became a member and was elected its first secretary. After serving three years he resigned, but a year later, in January, 1901, he was re-elected and is now filing that position in a most capable and satisfactory manner. After his wife's death he was on the road for a time in the interest of A. H. Connor & Company, depot contractors and

builders, along the line of the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad. For over forty years he has been a resident of this county, and during that time has made hosts of warm friends who esteem him highly for his genuine worth and many noble traits of character.

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#### SAMUEL JAMES.

For thirty years this gentleman has made his home in Linn county and is today one of her most reliable and energetic business men, being a member of the firm of Petty & James, prominent merchants of Viola. His early home was on the other side of the Atlantic, as he was born in Cornwall, England, October 16, 1846, and there grew to manhood upon a farm. He was first married in that country and for some time worked in a stone quarry after reaching mature years.

In 1869, Mr. James left his native land in March and sailed for America, arriving in New York in April, of that year. For two years he worked on a farm in Connecticut, and then came west to Iowa. He obtained employment in the quarries at Stone City, with which he was connected for nearly thirty years, first as foreman, and later as a partner in the business. During the most of this time he resided in Viola, where he purchased property in 1876 and improved the same. In April, 1900, he formed a partnership with Charles H. Petty and purchased a general store in that village, which they are now conducting with marked success, having already built up a good trade which is constantly increasing.

Mr. James lost his first wife, Lavina (Pierce) James, in 1876, by whom he had six children, namely: Mary, now the wife

of John Palmer, of Springville; Ernest J., a resident of Viola; Pierce, of Viola; Samuel, Jr., who holds a responsible position in the Springville Exchange Bank; Kate, wife of Burt Miner, of Jones county, Iowa; and Thomas, of Viola. For his second wife Mr. James married Melitable Heaton, a native of Linn county, by whom he has two children, Susie L. and Charles I.

In political sentiment Mr. James is an ardent Republican and has never wavered in his allegiance to that party since he cast his first presidential vote for James G. Blaine, but he has never sought political honors. He takes a deep interest in educational affairs, and has efficiently served as a member of the school board for several years, being president of the same at the present time. He was reared in the Episcopal faith and still holds membership in that church. Fraternally he is a prominent Mason, belonging to the blue lodge, chapter and commandery at Anamosa, and the Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Cedar Rapids. He was formerly a member in high standing of the Odd Fellows lodge at Viola, but when the lodge was discontinued he joined Anamosa Lodge, No. 40, in which he has filled all the chairs and is now past grand. His strict integrity and honorable dealings in business commend him to the confidence of all, and he is one of the most influential and popular citizens of his community.

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#### HENRY HOCKEN.

This well-known and highly esteemed citizen of Spring Grove township, was born on the 13th of August, 1845, in Henderburnick, Davidston parish, Cornwall, Eng-

land, his parents being William and Mary (Heiston) Hocken, who continued their residence in that country throughout life. The father was a farmer by occupation. In their family were ten children, of whom Henry is second in order of birth. Nine are still living and three make their home in the United States, these being Mary Jane and Martha, both residents of Philadelphia, and Henry, of this review.

During his boyhood Henry Hocken received a common school education in his native land and remained at home with his parents until he attained his majority. He was then united in marriage with Miss Mary Mathews, who is the second in order of birth in a family of four children, and a daughter of Anthony and Elizabeth (Taylor) Mathews, who were also life-long residents of England. She has one sister, Elizabeth Anna, who is living in America. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Hocken were born eleven children, as follows: Harry, who married Etta Neitbeck, and is engaged in farming in Buchanan county, Iowa; Polly, wife of Nathan Smith, also a farmer of Buchanan county; Anna, wife of James Marlin, a farmer of the same county; Catherine, who was a twin sister of Anna and died young; William, who married Ellen Newton and lives near Fairbanks, Iowa; Victor, a resident of Troy Mills, Linn county; Gifford, who died at the age of eighteen years; Jerry, a resident of Buchanan county; Bert and Carl, both at home; and one who died in infancy.

For three years after his marriage Mr. Hocken was employed as a police officer in Plymouth, England, and then worked for his father for about a year. When twenty-five years of age he and his family sailed for America, taking passage at Liver-



pool, England, on the City of Washington, which was fourteen days in crossing the ocean at this time. On landing in New York, Mr. Hocken came immediately to Iowa and located in Jackson county, and later in Clinton county, where, after working for a year and a half for others, he rented a farm. In 1874 he came to Linn county and settled in Spring Grove township, where he at first operated a rented farm, but later in the same year he purchased forty acres of partially improved land, to which he subsequently added a forty-acre tract of wild land. This he has placed under a high state of cultivation and made many useful and substantial improvements thereon. He is engaged in general farming and stock raising, and is meeting with well-deserved success in his labors. Fraternaly he is a member of the Masonic lodge at Walker, in which he has served as junior warden and junior deacon, and politically he is identified with the Democratic party. He has filled the offices of road supervisor and school director in a most creditable and acceptable manner, and he commands the confidence and respect of all with whom he comes in contact either in public or private life.

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#### ROBERT ELLIS.

Robert Ellis, of Rapids township, is an honored representative of the early pioneers of this county, and a true type of the energetic, hardy men who have actively assisted in developing and improving this beautiful and fertile agricultural region. He was one of the first white men to set foot in Cedar Rapids, as the dusky savages

were still living here when he first came to the county in 1838.

A native of Pennsylvania, Mr. Ellis was born in Westmoreland county, January 20, 1817, and is a son of John and Elizabeth (Cairns) Ellis, both natives of Ireland. In early life his father came to the new world and settled in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, where he followed farming until his death in 1836. There he married Elizabeth Cairns, who had come to America with her parents when quite young. She also died in that county in 1840. They had two children, of whom our subject is eldest in order of birth. By a former marriage John Ellis was the father of eight children. Of the ten children Robert Ellis is the only survivor.

Robert Ellis was reared in the county of his nativity and acquired his education in an old log school house. At the age of twenty years he started west, and after spending about a year in Ohio and Michigan, he crossed the Mississippi river at Rock Island, Illinois, and followed an Indian trail through the state of Iowa. He spent about six weeks in what is now Cedar county, and then came on a prospecting tour to what is now Rapids township, Linn county. The only resident of Cedar Rapids at that time was Philip Hall, who lived in a cabin located about where the T. M. Sinclair Packing Company now have their establishment. There was also a log house on the site of the Masonic Temple, but it was unoccupied at that time. Iowa was then a part of Wisconsin and was under the government of that territory.

Coming here without a dollar, Mr. Ellis worked for some years at anything which he could find to do, and in 1849 crossed the plains to California, where he engaged



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in mining and mercantile business until 1856, when he returned to Linn county, Iowa, and moved on a claim of one hundred and sixty acres of timber land on section 17, Rapids township, which he had entered in 1846 at the land office, which had been temporarily moved from Dubuque to Marion for the convenience of the early settlers in this part of the state. He paid the government price of one dollar and a quarter and received a patent from the government. This property has now been in his possession for over half a century, and is to-day a highly cultivated and well improved tract. His residence is of brick, and here, surrounded by all the comforts which make life worth the living, Mr. Ellis expects to spend his remaining years.

On the 2nd of July, 1857, at Marion, he was united in marriage with Miss Martha L. King, a daughter of William and Catherine (Ambrose) King. Her mother was twice married, her first husband being Lester Barger. Mrs. Ellis, who was a native of Pennsylvania, died September 20, 1899, and was laid to rest in the Linnwood cemetery. She was a consistent member of the First Presbyterian Church of Cedar Rapids and a most estimable lady.

Of the nine children born to Mr. and Mrs. Ellis, the oldest is deceased. Those living are King W., a resident of Rapids township; Elizabeth, who married George Buchanan and is now living on the old homestead keeping house for her father; Sherman R., a resident of Butte City, Montana; Charles G.; Ralph R., who is with the wholesale grocery firm of J. S. Cook & Frick, of Cedar Rapids; Amanda, wife of F. A. Lyman, of that city; Wirt H., at home; and George W., of Butte City, Montana.

In his political views Mr. Ellis is a Republican, and has held the offices of township trustee and president of the school district. During his long residence in this county he has witnessed its marvelous transformation from a wild, uncultivated region into beautiful homes and farms, and has watched with interest the growth of its towns and cities. He is to-day the oldest resident of Linn county, having resided within its borders for over sixty-three years. In the early days he bought cattle and hogs all through this county and would sell them at the Indian agency and also at Fort Atkinson, and at times at Prairie du Chem. As a generous, liberal-minded and progressive citizen he has aided in the development of the county, and is deserving of prominent mention on her roll of honored pioneers.

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#### GEORGE W. POST.

George W. Post, who was one of the valiant defenders of the Union during the dark days of the Rebellion, dates his residence in Linn county, Iowa, from November, 1851, and is now successfully engaged in general farming and stock raising on section 11, Brown township. He was born in Cayuga county, New York, on the 17th of August, 1843, and is a son of William T. and Rosetta A. (Sharp) Post, also natives of that county. His paternal grandfather, James Post, was a Virginian by birth. He was one of the early settlers of Cayuga county, New York, and a soldier of the war of 1812. The father of our subject was a mechanic and in early life followed the shoemaker's trade, and also worked as a stone mason to some extent.



In 1851 he removed with his family to Linn county, Iowa, and entered land in Marion township, where he engaged in farming up to the time of the Civil war, when he sold his farm and removed to Wisconsin. Locating near Shellsburg, he commenced prospecting for lead, and continued to reside in that state until his death, which occurred in 1899, when he was eighty-three years of age. His wife had passed away in 1869.

The subject of this review was a child of eight years when brought by his father to this county, and upon the home farm he grew to manhood, receiving the advantages of the country schools. Responding to the president's call for troops to help crush out the rebellion, he enlisted in September, 1861, in Captain William Carlee's company, which was made up at Springville, and was mustered into the United States service as Company H, Twenty-fourth Iowa Volunteer Infantry. They were first ordered south to Helena, Arkansas, and from there went to Vicksburg, participating in the siege at that place. They also took part in the battles of Port Gibson, Champion Hill, Jackson and Black River Bridge. Later they returned to Vicksburg and were sent down the river to New Orleans, where they joined General Banks in time to start on the Red river expedition. They were in the battle at Sabine Cross Roads and a great many skirmishes during that expedition. On their return to New Orleans they were transferred by boat to Washington, D. C., and later joined General Sheridan at Harpers Ferry, in the Shenandoah valley, serving under him until December, 1864. They were then sent to Savannah, Georgia, where they remained in camp all winter. In the spring they marched to Augustine,

then in June returned to Savannah, where he was mustered out, and honorably discharged at Davenport, Iowa, in July, 1865, after which he returned to his home. For four weeks he was ill in the hospital at New Orleans, and on account of sickness was off duty about four months before going on the Red river expedition, but with that exception he was in active service all the time, and was a brave and fearless soldier, who was always found at his post of duty.

After his return from the war, Mr. Post worked for a banking firm in Marion for a time, and then engaged in feeding and herding cattle for sixteen months. Subsequently he was in the employ of an osage fence company for four years, putting in fences in this county. On the 16th of March, 1869, at the home of the bride at Viola, he wedded Miss Mary C. Wilson, a daughter of D. C. Wilson. She was born in Ohio, and was about eight years of age when her family removed to this county, where she grew to womanhood. Prior to her marriage she successfully engaged in teaching school for five or six years. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Post were born three children, of whom one son, Earl, died at the age of two months. Alice R. is now the wife of Charles C. Pollock, who is engaged in the creamery business in Viola and they have one son, Robert G. Charles C. is engaged in the creamery business in Sac county, Iowa.

After his marriage Mr. Post engaged in farming on rented land in Brown township for several years, and then bought the farm of eighty-eight acres on section 11, the same township, where he now resides. He has made many substantial improvements upon this place, and its neat and thrifty appearance plainly indicates his

careful supervision and good business ability. In connection with general farming he is engaged in stock raising and the dairy business, and in all his undertakings is meeting with well-deserved success.

Religiously both Mr. and Mrs. Post are members of the Methodist Episcopal church of Viola, and fraternally he is also an honored member of the Grand Army Post at Springville. Although he was reared a Democrat, he is now a staunch supporter of the Republican party and its principles, and takes a deep and commendable interest in political affairs. He was elected and capably served as township trustee for six years, and has been a member of the school board for the same length of time. For half a century he has made his home in this county, during which time Cedar Rapids has grown from a cross roads village to a flourishing city of many thousand inhabitants, and the whole country has been made to bloom and blossom as the rose. In the work of development and progress he has ever borne his part, and is accounted one of the most useful and progressive citizens of his community.

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#### JOSHUA DEAN STONE.

Joshua Dean Stone, one of the honored pioneers of Linn county, took up his residence here in 1847 and for many years was engaged in farming but is now living in ease and quiet at his pleasant home in Springville. He was born on the 31st of August, 1822, in Genesee county, New York, and is a son of Harvey and Laura (Bowers) Stone, natives of Massachusetts and New York, respectively. He is also a

brother of Zephnia Stone, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this volume.

Our subject grew to manhood in Tompkins county, New York, and had good school privileges, attending both the common and higher schools of that locality. In 1847 he joined his father's family in Linn county, Iowa, they having located here two years previously. He entered a tract of one hundred and sixty acres of school land in Brown township, and at once commenced to fence and break the place, but after residing thereon for two years he sold out and in connection with his brother, under the firm name of the Stone Brothers, engaged in operating a threshing machine for ten years during the threshing season. His next farm, now known as the Carter place, consisted of one hundred and sixty acres of partially improved land in Maine township, and he erected thereon a good two-story frame residence, making it his home for a few years. He also owned and operated a steam sawmill, being engaged in the manufacture of lumber for two or three years.

During the early years of the Civil war Mr. Stone sold his farm in Maine township, and in the fall of 1862 joined the Sixth Iowa Cavalry, which was ordered north to quell the Indian insurrection in Dakota. He remained there during his entire service and participated in one big battle, that of White Stone Hill, besides numerous skirmishes. Although he was ill for a time, he lost very little time from active service, and on the expiration of his term of enlistment, in 1864, he was honorably discharged.

After his return home Mr. Stone operated Dr. Love's farm for eight years, and then bought one hundred and sixty acres

of land in Maine township, where he engaged in farming and stock raising for some years. He kept a good grade of cattle, but made more of a specialty of hogs, and was one of the most successful stock raisers and feeders in his locality. Removing to Springville in 1889, he rented his farm for a few years and then sold it, while he has lived a retired life, enjoying a well-earned rest. He purchased seven acres of land in the village and has built thereon a neat and commodious residence, which is one of the best homes in the village.

On the 11th of June, 1877, in Clarke county, Missouri, Mr. Stone married Miss Frances A. Peck, a native of Chautauqua county, New York. The Peck family is of English origin and was one of the first to settle in Connecticut, its progenitor being William Peck, one of the founders of the New Haven Colony in 1638. He came to America the year previous with his wife, Elizabeth, and son, Jeremiah, arriving in Boston on the 26th of June, 1637. David H. Peck, Mrs. Stone's father, was born in Connecticut, and was married in New London, that state, to Hannah S. Caulkins, also a native of Connecticut and of Sparfish descent. Throughout his active business life he was engaged in merchandising, following that pursuit in Chautauqua county, New York, for some years, and later in Middletown, Ohio. He was one of the leading business men of that latter place and a prominent thirty-second-degree Mason, a member of Reed Encampment, at Dayton, Ohio. He died at Middletown in 1870, when over eighty years of age, and his wife passed away August 14, 1869, at the age of seventy-three years. After the death of her parents Mrs. Stone went to live with a sister in Missouri, and remained

there until her marriage. She is now the only survivor of a family of twelve children, five sons and seven daughters. Her brothers were all prominent men, one being Dr. Peck, who was a physician of Springville, Iowa, for some years. By a former marriage Mr. Stone had four children, namely: Alice C., deceased wife of Dr. Love, of Springville; Jennie F., who died after reaching womanhood; Augustus D., who commenced the study of medicine but died in his eighteenth year; and Gertrude E., who died at the age of four years.

Politically Mr. Stone is a Jacksonian Democrat, and cast his first presidential ballot for James K. Polk in 1844. He has always supported that party except when he voted for Abraham Lincoln in 1860. In early years he served as township school inspector, but has never cared for official honors. His wife is a member of the Presbyterian Church of Springville, and he attends service with her, although he is not a member of any religious organization. For fifty-three years he has been a resident of this county, and has borne an active and prominent part in its development. He is therefore justly entitled to mention among its valued citizens and honored pioneers whose lives have formed so important a part in the history of the county.

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#### GEORGE PAUL.

George Paul is one of the most active, energetic and successful agriculturists of Brown township, where he owns a valuable and highly improved farm of nearly two hundred acres on section 30, within one mile of Springville. A native of this county, he

was born in Linn township November 3, 1845, and is a worthy representative of one of its old and honored families. His father, Jonathan Paul, was born in Greene county, Pennsylvania, in 1817, and on reaching manhood was there united in marriage with Miss Dorcas Wilson, a native of Virginia and a daughter of Isaac Wilson, who had removed from the Old Dominion to Pennsylvania. Jonathan Paul followed farming in his native state until April, 1843, when he came west and located in Linn county, Iowa, pre-empting a claim of one hundred and twenty acres, but after residing here for two or three years he removed to Dubuque county, where the following nine years were passed. At the end of that period he sold his property there and returned to this county and purchased a tract of over three hundred acres of land in Bertram township, where he successfully engaged in farming and stock raising throughout the remainder of his life, becoming one of its prosperous citizens. There he died January 12, 1901, honored and respected by all who knew him. His wife survived him and continues to reside on the old homestead.

The subject of this sketch grew to manhood on the home farm and remained under the parental roof until twenty-six years of age, aiding his father in the development and cultivation of the farm. His father gave him forty acres of land, where he now resides, and he has since added to it until he now has two hundred acres, which he has converted into a highly cultivated and well-improved farm. He has a good, neat residence and substantial outbuildings, and also has a good orchard. He has always given considerable attention to the raising and feeding of cattle and horses for market, and is accounted one of the most thrifty

farmers and successful stock raisers in his section of the county.

On the 4th of January, 1877, Mr. Paul was married in this county to Miss Anna Ford, a native of Schenectady county, New York, and a daughter of B. S. Ford, who brought his family to Iowa in 1854 and took up his residence in Linn county, where Mrs. Paul was reared. By this union were born four children, namely: Charles, now a student at Cornell College, Mt. Vernon; Effie, at home; Francis, who died at the age of eight years; and Margaret, who is attending the home school.

Politically Mr. Paul has been a life-long Democrat, always supporting that party on national issues, but at local elections he is independent and votes for the men whom he believes best qualified for office, regardless of party lines. His wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and he attends its services with her and gives to its support, although not a member. They are widely and favorably known and enjoy the hospitality of the best homes in their part of the county.

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#### ARTHUR PAUL.

Since the spring of 1852 the subject of this sketch has been a resident of Linn county, and has therefore witnessed the greater part of its growth and development. By occupation he is a farmer and followed his chosen vocation in Brown township, where he owns a fine farm of one hundred and fifty acres on section 30, within one mile of Springville.

Mr. Paul was born in Knox county, Ohio, on the 4th of July, 1851, and is a



son of William Paul, Jr., whose birth occurred in Rockingham county, Virginia, in 1826. His grandfather, William Paul, Sr., was also a native of the Old Dominion and belonged to one of the old and honored families of that state, the family homestead being in Rockingham county for over a century and a half. At an early day the grandfather removed to Knox county, Ohio, where, in the midst of the wilderness, he cleared away the timber and improved a farm. There William Paul, Jr., was reared, and on reaching manhood he married Miss Samantha Briggs, a native of Licking county, Ohio, and a daughter of Arthur Briggs, who was one of the first settlers of that county, having removed from Massachusetts to Ohio at a very early day. For some years the father of our subject followed farming in Knox county, and in 1851 came to Iowa, first locating in Henry county. A year later he came to this county and entered a tract of land in Linn township, about one mile north of Mt. Zion cemetery, which he transformed into a very productive and highly cultivated farm of one hundred and fifty acres. Upon this place he still resides, but is now living a retired life, enjoying the fruits of former toil.

It was during his infancy that Arthur Paul was brought by his parents to this county, and the days of his boyhood and youth were passed in Linn township. To its common schools he is indebted for his educational advantages, and on the home farm he early acquired an excellent knowledge of agricultural pursuits. On the 19th of November, 1874, in Linn township, he was united in marriage with Miss Mary Lockard, who was born in Coshocton county, Ohio, her parents being Hamilton and Martha Lockard, natives of Ireland and early

settlers of the Buckeye state. By this union were born three children: Alice, now the wife of Roy Reid, a farmer of Marion township; Julia, at home; and William Hamilton, who assists his father in the operation of the farm.

After his marriage Mr. Paul took his bride to the old homestead in Linn township, where they resided until 1877, when he purchased seventy acres of his present farm on section 30, Brown township, only a few acres of which had been broken and a small house erected thereon. Under his able management soon acre after acre was cleared and placed under the plow, and many other improvements were made. He has enlarged and remodeled his residence, has built a barn and other outbuildings, and has beautified the place by planting fruit and shade trees about the house. He has also added to his property and now has a good farm of one hundred and fifty acres. In connection with general farming he carries on stock raising with good success, and now has a fine herd of pure blooded Shorthorn cattle and a good drove of Poland China hogs. In his undertakings Mr. Paul has steadily prospered, owing to his untiring industry, perseverance and good management, as well as the assistance of his estimable wife, and he is now quite well-to-do.

Politically he has always been identified with the Democracy, since casting his first presidential vote for Horace Greeley in 1872, but at local elections he votes independent of party lines, supporting the men whom he believes best qualified for office. He has served as township trustee, road supervisor and as a member of the school board, and his official duties have always been promptly and faithfully discharged.

In all the relations of life he has been found true to every trust reposed in him and he justly merits the confidence and respect so freely accorded him.

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WILLIAM H. PHERRIN.

Among the brave boys in blue during the dark days of the Civil war was this well-known farmer residing on section 21, Brown township. He dates his residence in Linn county from the 20th of April, 1856. A native of Pennsylvania, he was born in Erie county, November 24, 1842, and is a son of John C. Pherrin, also a native of that state, and a brother of M. C. Pherrin, a sketch of whom appears on another page of this volume.

Our subject was a lad of thirteen years when he came with the family to this county, and, being reared on the home farm, his education was obtained in the country schools of the neighborhood. Prompted by a spirit of patriotism he enlisted on the 7th of August, 1862, in Company H, Twenty-fourth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, which company was organized at Springville. The regiment was assigned to the Department of the Gulf, and participated in the siege of Vicksburg and the battle of Port Gibson, Champion Hill and Jackson. After the last named engagement they returned to Vicksburg and went down the Mississippi river to New Orleans, from which place they started on the Red River expedition. They were in the fight at Sabine Cross Roads and a number of other smaller engagements. On their return to New Orleans they went by boat to Washington, D. C., and from there into the Shenandoah Valley, where,

under the command of General Sheridan, they participated in the battles of Winchester, Fisher's Hill and Cedar Creek, besides many skirmishes. Subsequently they joined General Sherman at Savannah, Georgia, but did not accompany him on his campaign, though they subsequently went to Goldsboro after the battle at that place. They were then stationed at Augusta, Georgia, until the close of the war, and were mustered out at Savannah. Mr. Pherrin was honorably discharged at Davenport, Iowa, August 2, 1865, lacking only five days of having been in the service for three years.

Returning home Mr. Pherrin assisted his father in the operation of the farm for a few years. On the 21st of March, 1869, in this county, he was united in marriage with Miss Sarah Green, a native of Denmark, Lee county, Iowa. Her father, Eli Green, was born in Washington county, New York, in 1796, and in 1806 removed to Washington county, Ohio, with his father, Duty Green, the family being among the first settlers of that locality. There he was reared and educated, and on reaching manhood married Miss Barbara Moore, a native of Ohio. In 1846 he removed to Iowa, and for some years was engaged in farming in Lee county. Later he made his home in Mercer county, Illinois, where he owned and operated a farm several years, and then returned to Lee county, Iowa, but his last years were spent in Bates county, Missouri, where he passed away in September, 1871. Mrs. Pherrin spent the greater part of her girlhood in Mercer county, Illinois. After the return of the family to Lee county, Iowa, she came to Linn county with her sister, Mrs. Elizabeth White, who is represented elsewhere in this work. By her marriage

to our subject she has become the mother of six children: J. Bruce, now a dentist at Central City, Iowa; Eva Luella, at home; Nannie E., a teacher of this county; Charles A., who is engaged in farming near the old homestead; Robert Edward, who is attending the Springville high school; and Archie, who died in 1896, at the age of six years.

Mr. and Mrs. Pherrin began their domestic life on his father's farm, but in 1872 they went to Kansas and took a soldier's homestead in Republic county, where they resided two years while he perfected his claim, and then returned to this county. Leaving his wife and children to carry on the farm, Mr. Pherrin went to California in 1874, and spent four years on the Pacific slope engaged in railroad construction, a part of the time being carpenter for the Southern Pacific Railroad. Since 1881 he has made his home uninterrupted in this county, and has devoted his time and energies to the operation of his farm. It is a well improved place of seventy-eight acres on section 21, Brown township, pleasantly situated about a mile from Springville. Mr. Pherrin is also successfully engaged in stock raising.

In his political affiliations he is a staunch Republican, and cast his first presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln while in the army, in 1864. He served six years as township clerk, and was an efficient member of the school board for some years, having always taken an active interest in educational affairs. Both he and his wife hold membership in the Springville Presbyterian church, and his wife takes a very active part in its work and is a member of the auxiliary societies. Fraternally Mr. Pherrin belongs to the Masonic lodge in

Springville, with which he has been officially connected, and is also a honored member of the Grand Army Post, of which he is past commander. He is a man of many sterling traits of character, and commands the respect and confidence of all with whom he comes in contact, either in business or social life.

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#### THOMAS DAVIS.

The subject of this biography is now successfully engaged in the practice of law in Central City, Iowa, and is one of the most prominent citizens of that place. He was born in Coshocton county, Ohio, June 9, 1856, of Scotch-Irish parentage. His father, James Davis, is a native of Ireland, born near Londonderry in 1817, and in that country married Miss Jane Fullerton, who was born there in 1827. Both are still living and continue to make their home in Coshocton county, Ohio. Throughout the greater part of his life the father has followed farming, and although he came to the new world a poor man he is now quite well-to-do. In politics he is a Republican, and is an active party worker, who has held a number of local offices in his township. In religious belief he is a Presbyterian and also takes an active part in church work.

Unto James and Jane (Fullerton) Davis were born fifteen children, nine sons and six daughters, of whom five died in early childhood, and one son at the age of eighteen years, and a daughter died in Colorado at the age of about twenty-six. Those living are Mrs. Martha Scott, a resident of Arizona; Mrs. Rebecca Infield, of Coshocton county, Ohio; John F., a farmer, living near Milford, Dickinson county, Iowa; Mrs.

Jane Parker, of Denver, Colorado; Thomas, of this review; Robert M., of Milford, Iowa; James E., of Coshocton county, Ohio; and Ella, at home with her parents. All were educated in the schools of Ohio, and the daughters attended seminaries and colleges.

Thomas Davis began his education in the district schools of his native state, and at the same time he assisted in the work of the home farm. Later he engaged in teaching country schools, and with the money thus acquired he paid his way through the Spring Mountain Academy of Ohio, where he took up the common branches and the regular English course. After graduating from that institution he attended the One Study University at Coshocton, Ohio, a branch of the Scio College, remaining there one year. He next entered the Ohio Central Normal School at Worthington, where he worked his way through school by teaching, and after graduating in the scientific course in 1876, he had charge of the Spring Mountain Academy as principal for a short time. In April, 1879, he came to Linn county, Iowa, and taught in the schools of Walker, Springville and Centre Point for a time.

Mr. Davis next took a course at the Iowa State University in Iowa City, and was graduated from the law department in 1886. He was then admitted to practice before the United States and district courts and also the court of claims at Washington, D. C. In 1886 he opened an office in Walker, but in November of the following year he removed to Central City, Iowa, where he has engaged in practice ever since and has met with excellent success. He now gives his attention principally to commercial law, and in this line has gained a most enviable reputation. For one year prior to the time employed in teaching he was engaged

in railroad construction for the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad Company, and worked his way to the front as a civil engineer. He has prospered financially as well as professionally, and has invested his capital largely in city property, doing much for the prosperity of Central City.

In politics Mr. Davis is a staunch Republican, and formerly took a very active part in political affairs, being a recognized leader of the party in Central City. For five years he filled the office of mayor. In religious belief he is a Congregationalist.

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#### GEORGE GREENE.

To Robert Greene and Sefer Woodward Greene, natives of Staffordshire, England, were born three sons, George, William and Joseph, who, jointly and severally, gave the best they could of thought and energy to the cause of progress in that section of the new west which early in life they selected to be the field of their lives' work.

George, who was born in Alton, Staffordshire, was two years old when his parents brought him to the United States and located in Buffalo, New York, where the other sons were born, and where the father died in 1825. The mother, leaving her young children in Buffalo, returned to England, where some property had been left, which she sought but failed to recover. She died at her old home in 1827. For four years George, who had thus been left an orphan at the age of ten, managed to support himself and his brothers. Then he went to England, hoping to succeed where his mother had failed. He returned in less than a year, having worked his passage each



way, and bringing back nothing except a meagre fund saved from his own personal earnings while away and a dogged determination to succeed by his own efforts. By dint of industry and economy he managed to study one year at Carysville Collegiate Seminary, a year at Aurora Academy and two years at French's Collegiate Institute in Geneva, New York. During these years he taught school and did such other work as he could find to do.

After leaving the institute he read law in the office of Hon. George P. Baker, of Buffalo, making his home with a Dr. Chapin and assisting the Doctor in office work, keeping his books, etc.

He came west in 1838. His first stopping place was Davenport. Here he met and was at once employed by David J. Owen, who was making a geological survey of Iowa. For the next six months he was a surveyor. Thus he acquired an intimate knowledge of much of the country and saved considerable from his liberal salary.

Then he came to Ivanhoe, Linn county, and taught school, continuing his law studies at the same time. In 1840 he was admitted to the bar at Iowa City. The same year he moved to Marion and began practice. The next year he was a member of the Territorial Legislature. In 1845 he engaged in law practice and journalism in Dubuque, having purchased the *Minero Express*, which he conducted for several years. His law partner was J. J. Dyer. Soon after the formation of the partnership Mr. Dyer was appointed judge of the United States district court. In 1847 George Greene was appointed one of the supreme judges of the state, to fill a vacancy. The following year he was regularly elected. He served on the supreme bench for eight years.

During that period he compiled "Greene's Reports," published in four volumes.

Judge Greene was one of the founders of the city of Cedar Rapids. In 1849 he, with others who owned the site, surveyed and laid out the original town. From that time his best efforts were devoted to promoting the growth and welfare of the city. In 1851 the city became his home, and so continued, except a short interval, until his death.

He engaged extensively in the banking business, associated with John Weare, D. O. Finch, W. H. Merritt and others. When the panic of 1857 came he was actively connected with the management of nine banks in different localities. He was largely interested in real estate in most of the counties and nearly every large town of the state.

In 1859 Judge Greene formed a law partnership with Cyrus Bently, of Chicago, which continued for five years, during most of which time he lived in Chicago. During the winter of 1863-1864 he lived in McGregor, Iowa, while he and his brothers were building the McGregor Western Railroad to Conover. At this same time and for several years following he was also engaged in the construction of the Rockford, Rock Island & St. Louis Railroad. On his return to Cedar Rapids he formed a law partnership. The other members of the firm were Judge Dudley and A. S. Belt, Judge Greene's son-in-law. The firm were solicitors for the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad. About this time Judge Greene became president of the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Minnesota Railroad and was a most important factor in the construction of that road, which afterward became the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad. He constructed several other smaller railroads, and altogether was prominently identified with rail-

road enterprises in six states, Iowa, Illinois, Wisconsin, Missouri, Minnesota and Kansas.

Judge Greene erected many buildings in Cedar Rapids. Chiefly through his efforts and backing the Cedar Rapids & Marion Railway was built, and he was at the head of or actually interested in almost every important corporate enterprise that was developed in the city before his death.

He was one of the founders and a warden of Grace Episcopal church, and one of the most loyal promoters of Coe Collegiate Institute, the forerunner of Coe College. He was for many years president of the board of trustees of that institution.

On May 30, 1838, George Greene was united in marriage with Miss Harriet Merritt, a daughter of Jesse and Harriet (Milton) Merritt, of Buffalo, New York. Of the four children born to them, George W., born April 4, 1839, died in Ivanhoe, Iowa, March 13, 1840; Susan H., born March 3, 1841, in Marion, was married November 26, 1862, to Algernon S. Belt, a lawyer of Cedar Rapids; Mary Ely, born in Dubuque June 7, 1843, died July 28, 1844; Edward Merritt, born March 29, 1845, in Dubuque, married Emma Eberhart and is engaged in the insurance business in Cedar Rapids. The mother of these children died in Dubuque April 25, 1850.

Judge Greene was again married February 21, 1855, his second union being with Miss Frances R. Greene, a daughter of Calvin and Fanny (Carlisle) Graves, of Cooperstown, New York. Mrs. Greene is still living, and is now, May 22, 1901, in Yokohama, Japan, with her daughter, Mrs. N. W. McIvor. Eight children, six sons and two daughters, namely: Calvin G., born February 18, 1856, is now engaged in the real

estate business in Cedar Rapids; Fanny C., born January 19, 1858, died in October, 1859; George, born December 28, 1859, was married September 1, 1886, to Charlotte Winton, and resides at Jamaica Plain, Boston, Massachusetts; William J., born November 28, 1861, married October 7, 1896, to Mae Huldah Whittam, is manager of the Cedar Rapids Electric Light and Power Company; Elizabeth, born August 13, 1864, was married to Nicholas Williams McIvor, and is now a resident of Yokohama, Japan, where her husband (formerly United States consul general) is now engaged in the practice of law; Robert C., born December 22, 1867, died June 19, 1885; Francis, born May 14, 1870, is a mechanical engineer and now resides in Chicago; Woodward K., born August 2, 1873, married Ellen Belle Safely May 29, 1899, and is employed in the general offices of the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad.

Judge Greene died at his home in Cedar Rapids June 23, 1880, surrounded by all the members of his family. He was buried with Masonic honors.

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#### A. S. KAUFMAN.

Since 1864 this gentleman has made his home in Cedar Rapids, and as a mason contractor has been actively identified with its business interests. He was born in Juniata county, Pennsylvania, on the 31st of October, 1848, and is a son of Joshua and Elizabeth (Knisely) Kaufman, also natives of that state and of German descent, although the ancestors of our subject have made their home in Pennsylvania for several generations. He comes of a long-lived

race, his paternal grandfather being eighty-six years of age at the time of his death in 1855. The father received such an education as the subscription schools of his boyhood afforded, and in early life he learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed for a number of years. In 1854 he came to Linn county, Iowa, and here engaged in farming for a short time, but at the time of his death was proprietor of a sawmill in Fayette township. He was born in 1806, and departed this life in 1862. His widow, who was born in September, 1817, is still living and finds a pleasant home with our subject in Cedar Rapids.

In the family were eight children, two of whom died in childhood. The others were as follows: Ann E. married A. J. Allen, and died in Cedar Rapids after rearing a family; Emma J., deceased, was the wife of T. J. Lewis, of Cedar Rapids; Belle M., deceased, was the wife of F. J. Shefler, foreman of the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad shops at Cedar Rapids; A. S., our subject, is next in order of birth; James T. is a marble cutter of Cedar Rapids; and Thomas A. is a marble cutter of Kankakee, Illinois. The children were all educated in the public schools of Linn county.

A. S. Kaufman was reared in this county and during his youth learned the plasterer's trade. In 1864 he located on the lot where he still resides, though at that time there was not a house west of him, it being all prairie land in that direction. Since seventeen years of age he has given the greater part of his time and attention to his trade, and his work has been confined to Cedar Rapids mostly. He now takes principally plastering contracts, but does some brick work. In 1879 he went to Lead-

ville, Colorado, where he spent about six years following various occupations. Mr. Kaufman then returned to his home in Cedar Rapids, and for five years he was engaged in photography with good success.



#### REV. E. W. JEFFRIES.

This age is not wholly utilitarian. On all sides we see some earnest souls laboring devotedly to bring about a recognition of some higher principle in life than selfish greed, and stimulating in the hearts of others a desire for spiritual progress. The friends of Rev. E. W. Jeffries will see in his years of faithful work in all forms of religious endeavor, a source of present good to the community and long after he has entered into his final rest his influence will continue in everlasting circles.

Mr. Jeffries was born on the 17th of November, 1827, in Somersetshire, England, of which country his parents, Roger and Nancy (Hussey) Jeffries, were life-long residents. In their family were five children, four sons and one daughter. Our subject received his early education at his mother's knee. At the age of twenty-three he came to the United States with his brother Isaac, sailing from London on the *Gentoo*, a sailing vessel, which was eight weeks in making the voyage. He landed at Montreal, Canada, where he remained two days, and then went by boat to Detroit, Michigan, and from there to Chicago. After spending a short time in the latter city he proceeded to Joliet, Illinois, where he passed the winter, and then returned to Chicago, where he worked at the carpenter's trade.

While attending a revival meeting held in the Indiana Street Methodist Episcopal church of that city, Mr. Jeffries experienced religion and joined that church. Feeling called to preach the gospel, and being urged by the pastor—Sias Bolls—he commenced attending school in the fall of 1853, at the old Rock River Seminary at Mt. Morris, Ogle county, Illinois, and continued there during the winter and spring terms, and then returned to Chicago. After spending the summer vacation there he attended the Albion Seminary, Albion, Michigan, three terms. Dr. Dempster, who founded Garrett Biblical Institute at Evanston, Illinois, persuaded Mr. Jeffries and a number of other students attending Albion Seminary to go to the Garrett Biblical Institute the next fall, which he did in 1855, and after three years, having completed the course of study, graduated in the first class in June, 1858.

On leaving school Mr. Jeffries spent his vacation in St. Paul, Minnesota, and then went to Lyons, Iowa, where the Upper Iowa Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church was then in session. The conference received him on probation and he was assigned to the Delhi charge as junior preacher, with L. S. Ashbaugh as colleague. Mr. Jeffries has served the following charges, namely: Delhi, Dubuque circuit, Andrew, Manchester, Anamosa, Mt. Vernon, Cedar Rapids, Waverly, New Hartford, Eldora, Nashua, Center Grove, Dyersville, Lyons and Wyoming. Having contracted throat trouble he was obliged to discontinue pastoral work and was appointed superintendent of church and Sunday-school library work, with headquarters at Mt. Vernon. In 1888 he took a superannuated relation in the conference, and

in 1900 was put on the superannuated list. He has now been a member of this conference forty-three years. For the last twenty-eight years he has been elected and served as conference publisher, and by securing advertisements has been able to furnish the preachers of the conference three thousand copies of the minutes of the conference every year at about half the cost of printing them, and for twelve years of the twenty-eight was able to pay the printer's bill in full by advertisements. For the last fifteen years he has been assistant secretary of the conference.

On the 10th of July, 1859, Mr. Jeffries was united in marriage with Miss Emeroie E. Goodell, of Delaware county, Iowa, who was born in Vermont in 1838, and is a daughter of Horace and Harriet (Spalding) Goodell, natives of Vermont and New York, respectively. In 1854 she removed with her parents to Delaware county, Iowa. In 1865 Mr. Goodell and family came to Linn county, locating on a farm near Mt. Vernon, where he died in 1892. His wife now makes her home in Lisbon. They had five children, namely: Merritt, who married Ophelia Mattison, and is now pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church at Lisbon; Emeroie, wife of our subject; Eliza, who died unmarried in 1863; Delos, who married Emma Powers and died in 1882; and Hattie, who died at the age of nine years. Mr. and Mrs. Jeffries have two children: Harriet A., who was born in Delaware county, Iowa, in March, 1861, and is now the wife of George W. Smith, of Dixon, Illinois; and William F., who was born in Manchester, Delaware county, in April, 1864, and died at the age of fifteen months.

Mr. Jeffries owns one of the best homes in Mt. Vernon, where he is now resting



from his labors, reaping the reward of a well-spent life, being in his seventy-fourth year. He has a very large and complete library and takes great pleasure in his books. He is probably one of the oldest Odd Fellows in Iowa, having joined the order in 1846, and he is now a member of Mt. Vernon Lodge, No. 551. He has also been a member of the Independent Order of Good Templars. He is a thorough believer in the new system of political economy, known as the "single tax" theory, and is fully confident that it will be adopted and put into practical use by the people of the United States in the very near future. He is widely and favorably known throughout the state and his friends are legion.

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#### J. W. BROSH.

J. W. Brosh, a successful farmer and representative citizen of Bertram township, whose home is on section 12, was born on the 15th of September, 1857, in Cedar township, Johnson county, Iowa. His parents, John and Anna (Belshan) Brosh, were born, reared and married in the northern part of Austria, and came to America about 1852. They located on a farm in Johnson county, Iowa, where they are still living, hale and hearty in their old age. Fourteen children were born to them, three of whom are deceased. In order of birth they are as follows: James married Lizzie Dobricka, now deceased, and resides in O'Brien county, Iowa; Mary is the wife of Herman Keppee, of Davenport; Josie is the wife of Frank Stach, who lives near Prairieburg, Iowa; Annie, wife of James Kasperek, of Big Grove township, Johnson county; J. W., our subject, is the next of the family;

Joseph married Mary Ilek and makes his home in Cedar township, Johnson county; Frank married Annie Klouda and resides in Solon, Iowa; Barbara is the wife of John Horsky, of Bain, Oregon; Frances is the wife of Frank Dobricka, of O'Brien county, Iowa; Lizzie is the wife of Edward Urbanek, of Big Grove township, Johnson county; and Lewis married Annie Sedlacek and lives in Cedar township, Johnson county.

Reared on his father's farm in Johnson county, J. W. Brosh attended the district schools of the neighborhood until twelve years of age, and then gave his entire time and attention to the work of the farm until he attained his majority, when he started out in life for himself. He purchased eighty acres of land in Franklin township, Linn county, on which he made his home for twenty-three years, and added to it a tract of forty-five acres. He cleared away the timber, broke the land and placed it under cultivation, and he also erected a good set of farm buildings upon the place. Selling that farm in 1900, he bought one hundred and fourteen acres of land on section 12, Bertram township, upon which he has already made some valuable improvements, and to-day has one of the most desirable farms of its size in the locality. There is a good modern residence upon the place, substantial barns and other outbuildings. Mr. Brosh raises a high grade of cattle for the market, and in all his undertakings has steadily prospered until he is now quite well-to-do.

At St. Peter's and St. Paul's Catholic church, in Cedar township, Johnson county, Mr. Brosh was married, April 22, 1878, to Miss Mary Zinkula, who was born in Iowa City, October 1, 1860, her parents be-

ing Jacob and Barbara (Pesek) Zinkula, both natives of Austria. On their emigration to America in 1854, they settled in Johnson county, Iowa, where the father is still living on a farm. The mother died April 12, 1884. They had four children: Joseph, who married Josephine Karl and resides in Cedar township, Johnson county; Martin, who married Josie Vitengl and resides in Franklin township Linn county; John, who married Frances Krob and also lives in Cedar township, Johnson county; and Mary, wife of our subject.

Mr. and Mrs. Brosh have had two sons, Wesley J., born July 26, 1879, and L. J. born November 8, 1882. The latter met death by a falling tree, which fractured his skull. He died December 25, 1899. Wesley J. Brosh was educated in the district schools of this county and the business college at Cedar Rapids, where he was graduated in 1899, and is now assisting his father in the labors of the farm. Both father and son give their allegiance to the Republican party, and take an active interest in local politics. The former has served as school director in his district for a number of years. Religiously he is a member of St. Peter's and St. Paul's Catholic church. He is a good practical farmer, who thoroughly understands his business, and his upright, honorable dealings commend him to the confidence and respect of all.

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### JAMES H. DAVIS.

It is the enterprise and character of the citizen that enrich and ennoble the commonwealth. From individual enterprise has sprung all the splendor and importance of

this great west. The greatest merchants have developed from the humblest origins. From clerkships have emerged men who have built great enterprises and farm hands have become wealthy land owners. America is a self-made country and those who have created it are self-made men. No influence of birth or fortune has favored the architects of her glory. Among those who have achieved prominence as men of marked ability and substantial worth in Central City the subject of this sketch, James H. Davis, occupies a prominent position.

He has been a resident of Linn county since 1855. He was born in Manchester, England, August 7, 1849, his parents being George A. and Susanna (Chislett) Davis. In his native land the father was timekeeper and cashier for a foreign shipping house, occupying that position until he came to America. Crossing the Atlantic to America, he came direct to Iowa and began farming in Linn county. When he arrived he had about five hundred dollars in gold. He entered eighty acres of land from the government in Jackson township and erected a log cabin, after which he began the development of fields hitherto uncultivated. There was then not a house between Paris and Marion until near the latter place, the wild prairie stretching away in every direction, while bands of Indians roamed through this portion of the country, showing eastern Iowa to be still on the frontier. Mr. Davis had always been employed in an office and had no practical knowledge of farm work, but he soon made a good home for his family and placed his land under cultivation. He also taught school in a log school house at Long Grove for five years. He was likewise a proficient bookkeeper, and frequently replenished his exchequer by acting

as bookkeeper for some merchant in the community. On the 30th of June, 1863, he left the farm on account of a great hailstorm which had ruined his crops and accepted a position as clerk in the store of S. Merriam, at Marion, Iowa. He then removed to that place, selling his farm, and there remained until March, 1868, when he took up his abode in Paris, Jackson township, where he opened up a small stock of general merchandise, the family living in the back part of the store. This venture proved very profitable, and he carried on operations there until 1879, when he retired from the store and returned to Marion, where he purchased property and erected several houses, renting most of them. His death there occurred in August, 1894, when he was seventy years of age, and his wife passed away January 12, 1884, at the age of fifty-eight, having been born January 15, 1826. In politics he was a zealous Republican, and, being an ardent supporter of the government, he loaned to it in war times all the money that he had saved in business. He held various district and township offices and was recognized as a leader in local political circles. Both he and his wife were members of the Christian church and were people of the highest respectability, who warmly merited the high regard in which they were held. They had been educated in the pay schools of England and had started out in life together empty handed, so that all they acquired in later years was the reward of their own labors.

This worthy couple were the parents of seven children, of whom two died in infancy, while one daughter, Laura, died in Marion at the age of fourteen years. A son, Albert, was drowned in the river in Maine township when twenty-one years of age. The three

living children are: J. H., who is the eldest of the family; Mrs. Amelia A. Curtis, a widow residing in Chicago, whose husband was in the employ of the Burlington Railroad and resided at St. Joseph, Missouri; and George A., who has spent his entire life in Jackson township, where he owns a large tract of land and carries on general farming. His home is now in Central City.

Our subject was only five years of age when brought with his family to America. The voyage was made in a sailing vessel, and they were six weeks in making the trip. In the common schools of Jackson township he acquired his education, pursuing his studies only through the winter season after he was old enough to assist his father in the work of the fields through the summer months. He remained at home with his father and in 1875 entered into business with him as a partner in the store in Paris. In 1879 he became sole proprietor and continued the enterprise, increasing the business with the passing years until 1888, when he disposed of his store and removed to Central City, to which place the railroad had just been completed. Here he purchased property and opened a lumber and coal yard, and the first train which crossed the bridge carried a carload of lumber for the firm of Davis & Blakely. This was the pioneer lumber business in the town. In 1890 Mr. Blakely retired, but Mr. Davis continued in business until 1895, when he sold out to E. K. Hatch, the present proprietor. The Land and Improvement Company was organized in 1888 by P. G. Henderson, E. K. Hatch, Fred McLeod and J. H. Davis, and from the beginning Mr. Davis has been its secretary. Property to the value of ten thousand dollars was purchased and laid out in town lots, residences and store buildings were erected

thereon and since that time much of the property has been sold at a good advance in price, but the company still retains a large store building known as the Union Block, also a few lots and residences. After selling out his business Mr. Davis undertook the work of organizing what is known as the Bishop Telephone Company, with P. G. Henderson, president; Fred McLeod, vice president; J. H. Davis, manager, and Fred Bishop, electrician. They instituted a large independent line and have since conducted a successful business. In 1900 the following officers were chosen: W. M. Downey, of Marion, president; Fred McLeod, treasurer; J. H. Davis, manager, and Fred Bishop, electrician. They have a very extensive independent system and with their connection reach nearly every point in eastern Iowa. The business is now in a flourishing condition. The company has been incorporated with a capital stock of twenty-five thousand dollars, and since its organization Mr. Davis has devoted the greater part of his time to the management, and has been the most active factor in its success.

When he started out upon his business career he had nothing but energy and determination, and practically all that he has is the direct result of his labor, although he inherited some capital from his father.

On Christmas day of 1877 Mr. Davis was united in marriage to Miss Attula Fleming, who was born in Linn county June 2, 1857, a daughter of William Fleming, of Otter Creek township, one of the honored pioneers who settled on land entered from the government and which has not since passed from his possession. He has three daughters, Alice, Inez and Attula, and two sons, C. D. and O. M. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Davis was blessed with six

children, but one child was drowned at the age of seven years. The others are Gertrude and Arthur, who attended Willis Academy and Williams Business College at Iowa City; Grace, Inez and Parke, who are students in the public school. The parents are members of the Christian church, and Mr. Davis is one of its officers and takes a very active and helpful interest in the work of the church and Sunday-school. He is also a member of Level Lodge, No. 284, A. F. & A. M., of Central City, with which he has been identified since 1873, and he also belongs to the chapter No. 112 and Patmos Commandery of Marion. In politics he has always been a Republican and has held local offices in the township and in connection with the schools. In 1882 he was elected as one of the county supervisors and by re-election was continued in the position for six years. There are three supervisors, having full control of the county business. He has been a member of the school board and of the city council of Central City, and in all these positions has been found most loyal and faithful to his duty. His support and co-operation are cheerfully and abundantly given to all movements to upbuild the county along substantial lines of reform and progress, and he is also one of the leaders in philanthropic works. He regards a public office as a public trust and, therefore, over the record of his official career there is no blot of disloyalty or neglect. He indeed deserves mention among the most prominent men of Central City and among her representative citizens, and should find a place in the history of the men of business and enterprise in the great west whose force of character, sterling integrity, control of circumstances and whose marked success in establishing industries have contributed in such an eminent



degree to the solidity and progress of the entire country. His life has been manly, his actions sincere and his example is well worthy of emulation.

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JOHN F. ELY, M. D.

The deserved reward of a well-spent life is an honored retirement from business in which to enjoy the fruits of former toil. Today, after a useful career, Dr. Ely is quietly living at his beautiful home in Cedar Rapids, surrounded by comforts that earnest labor has brought him. He came to this city in October, 1848, and has since been prominently identified with its growth and upbuilding.

The Doctor was born in Rochester, New York, June 25, 1821, and is the fourth son of Elisha and Hannah (Dickinson) Ely, both representatives of old New England families. He is of Puritan stock. His ancestor, Nathaniel Ely, was one of the band that sailed from Ipswich, England, in 1634 with Rev. Thomas Hooker to find religious freedom in the Massachusetts colony. He located first in Cambridge, Massachusetts, then successively in Hartford and Norwalk, Connecticut, and finally at Springfield, Massachusetts, in 1659.

Elisha Ely, the Doctor's father, was born in West Springfield, where he received a liberal education. Soon after his marriage, in 1807, he removed to Pittsfield, and there engaged in mercantile pursuits. In 1810 he went to Rochester, New York, where he commenced the development of the water-power on its site and erected the first flouring-mill in that city. He was also a member of its first large mercantile firm

(Bissell, Ely & Co.), and was also prominent in shaping the future of the city, not only along business lines, but also in regard to its religious and moral aspects. He, with his wife, were among the original members of the First Presbyterian church. His wife died of cholera in 1832. The following year he went to western Michigan, and founded the town of Allegan. There he spent the remainder of his days. He filled many positions of honor and responsibility in the county and state. He was one of the first regents of the State University, and for several terms was county judge. During the war with Britain, with a captain's commission, he served with his regiment (Col. Isaac Stone's) in the defense of Rochester and afterwards, under General Scott, at Buffalo and vicinity.

Dr. Ely has led an eventful life. Early in his career he enjoyed superior advantages for education, was fitted for college in his twelfth year, and at that time occurred the death of his mother. The next year the family was broken up. The father, with his three eldest sons, going to Michigan, and the younger boys to Massachusetts. Our subject was sent to an aunt in Stockbridge, where for three years he worked on the farm during the summer and attended the academy during the winter months. Here two of the noted Field brothers, Cyrus W. and Henry M., were his classmates. He devoted himself at this time chiefly to the study of civil engineering and other special branches, which were of essential service to him in his subsequent career. In 1836 he went west to live with his father. Three years after found him again at Rochester, where he entered the employ of his uncle, Hervey Ely, who then owned the largest mills in the city. There



DR. JOHN F. ELY.



he obtained a good business education. In 1841 he was again in his father's home. Under the tutorship of a graduate of Williams College he sought to prepare himself for the third term of the sophomore year in that college. Together with his studies, he performed the duties of deputy county clerk, deputy town clerk and also edited the Allegan Record, a Democratic paper. All this work so impaired his health as to compel him to give up the intended collegiate course. Instead he took up the study of medicine and in the fall of 1845 went to New York and entered the office of Dr. Willard Parker, professor of surgery in the College of Physicians and Surgeons, where he attended lectures and received his degree of M. D. in March, 1848. The three years in this course were spent in such close study as to seriously affect his health. For recuperation, he again made a change to the west, and when at Allegan he learned that the Holland colony, but a few miles distant, was suffering from the fatal ravages of malarial disease. Under the urgent solicitation of the leading men of the colony, he went over there and spent some three months in successful practice and in teaching the Dutch doctors how to properly treat malarious patients.

In October, 1848 Dr. Ely came to Cedar Rapid, which had at that time a population of three hundred, and he was the second physician to locate here. He engaged in general practice, having at the same time charge of a considerable estate left by his brother, Alexander, including a flouring-mill. This mill and also a sawmill the Doctor purchased and operated for some years with success. He also became the owner of a large interest in the water power. These interests he disposed of when the Civil war

came on. In 1856, with his three brothers then living, he became interested in the construction of a railroad from Marquette, Michigan, to the Lake Superior mine, a distance of seventeen and one-half miles. This was the first railroad in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. His brother, Heman B., who had charge of this enterprise, had completed six miles of the track when he died suddenly in October, 1856. In July of the same year congress made four grants of land to the state of Michigan to aid in building railroads in that region. The Doctor spent some two months during the winter of 1856-57 at Lansing, Michigan, and in connection with Lewis H. Morgan, attorney of Rochester, New York, succeeded in securing two of these grants. Prior to this the brothers had made a sale of their road to W. B. Ogden, then president of the Chicago, St. Paul & Fond du Lac Railroad (now the Chicago & Northwestern). This sale was contingent upon the brothers securing one or more of the land grants. It was also provided in the contract that Dr. Ely should go to Marquette the following season and complete the road. It was now that his knowledge of civil engineering was first brought into play in railroad construction. He entered upon this work in June, 1857, and in less than three months it was completed and accepted. Soon after that the Chicago, Iowa & Nebraska Railroad Company was organized to build the line from Clinton to Cedar Rapids. Dr. Ely, with other leading citizens, subscribed largely to the stock. He was a director in the company and gave of his time and labor towards the completion of this first railroad to reach this city. In the extension of the line to Council Bluffs, much of his time was employed in the work. After-



wards he was connected in the construction of the Iowa Falls & Sioux City Railroad, but before the completion of these lines the Civil war broke out. Dr. Ely was commissioned, in August, 1862, as surgeon of the Twenty-fourth regiment, of Iowa Volunteer Infantry. In February, 1863, he was made surgeon of General Clinton B. Fiske's brigade and later became division surgeon of the Twelfth Division of the Thirteenth Army Corps, under General Alvin P. Hovey. He performed a very arduous service in Arkansas, Mississippi and Louisiana, was in all the battles leading up to the fall of Vicksburg, until June, 1863, when he was compelled to resign from ill health. The Doctor refers with pride to the fact that while engaged in this patriotic service he retained his position as director in the boards of the railroad companies, his associates deeming him their representative in the Union army.

After a few years spent in recuperation he again became actively engaged in railroad work. In 1868 he was one of the organizers of the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Minnesota Railway Company (now the B. C. R. & N. Railway), of which he was for some years the vice-president and treasurer, during which time the road was completed from Burlington to Nora Springs on the main line, with branches from Cedar Rapids to Decorah, to Muscatine, to Iowa City, and to Traes. This was the Doctor's last railroad work in Iowa, having been connected with the building of about five hundred miles of track in this state. That Cedar Rapids has become a large and important railroad center is largely due to his efforts. He was also vice president and one of the principal stockholders of the St. Louis Hannibal & Keokuk Railroad, built in Mis-

souri by Cedar Rapids parties. He was a director of the First National Bank and also of the Union Savings Bank of Cedar Rapids, and has been prominently identified with most of the public enterprises of this city. Some years since he was made treasurer of the State Agricultural College by appointment of the Governor, which office he filled creditably for one year.

January 17, 1853, Dr. Ely was united in marriage with Mrs. Mary A. (Weare) Ely, of this city. Of their three children, only one is now living, John S., of Cedar Rapids. Their beautiful daughter, Mary Dickinson, passed away November 6, 1880, at the age of twenty years. Harriet D. died in infancy. During his entire residence in Cedar Rapids the Doctor has lived on Second avenue. For many years he has spent much of his time in conserving health, as each summer for twenty-eight years has been passed by him and his wife at Scituate Beach, Massachusetts, while for sixteen years they have spent the winter months at Riverside, California.

In politics the Doctor has been identified with the Republican party since 1860. He has always taken a deep and earnest part in promoting the charitable, educational and religious institutions of this city, as has also his wife, who has been prominent in seconding his efforts to promote every good work in the community. No lady in this city enjoys a more universal esteem. The Doctor has taken a special interest in the growth and development of Coe College, and was the first named of the trustees selected by Daniel Coe in 1853 to invest a conditional donation of fifteen hundred dollars in the purchase of lots and lands for the foundation of this now flourishing institution. The town lots for school site

and the eighty-acre tract upon which the present college buildings are now located were purchased by him in his own name and deeded to the college when the funds came from Mr. Coe. He is still a trustee of the college. Since 1865 he has been the honored senior elder of the First Presbyterian church, of which his wife was one of the original members, has always given liberally to its support and was a member of the building committee when the present house of worship was erected.

Through his various business experience, travel and observation he has become a man of broad general information and liberal and progressive views. He has an untarnished record and an unspotted reputation as a business man. In all places and under all circumstances he is loyal to truth, honor and right, justly valuing his own self-respect as infinitely more preferable than wealth, fame or position.

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T. A. WILCOX.

This well-known and enterprising citizen of Cedar Rapids was born in the town of Granby, Connecticut, on the 6th of May, 1833, and was reared there, his early education being obtained in the common schools, the Suffield Academy and the old Westfield Academy, where he was fitted for college. Later he was graduated at the Suffield Scientific School, a department of Yale College. In 1855 he went to Indian Territory, where he engaged in teaching in a Cherokee school for one year. After his return east he came to Cedar Rapids, Iowa, where he joined some old friends, and for five months was engaged in civil

engineering, being on the preliminary survey of the old Iowa Central Railroad, which never was completed. Later he was similarly employed by the Chicago, Iowa & Nebraska Railroad, which now forms a part of the great Northwestern system. He worked on the division of the road being built from McGregor westward until the time of the panic in September, 1857, and made his headquarters at that place for a time. He then started for his old home in Connecticut. He did not have money enough to pay his way and was unable to obtain cash on good checks in his possession, but was given a pass to Chicago, where he succeeded in getting a check cashed, and then proceeded on his eastward journey. To show the extent of the panic it may be mentioned that the currency he received in Chicago would not pass east of Buffalo.

After spending the winter in Connecticut, Mr. Wilcox went to Tennessee, where he was engaged in remeasuring tunnel work for about six months. He then entered the employ of Thomas Phillips, an iron house and rolling mill proprietor of Cincinnati, collecting and settling accounts in adjacent states. In 1860 Mr. Wilcox formed a partnership with H. W. St. John, a former classmate, who later married Elizabeth Wilcox, a sister of our subject, and is now actuary for the Ætna Life Insurance Company. They located at Milford, Illinois, where they were engaged in merchandising and milling until 1861, when they removed to Clear Water, Minnesota, and built a mill for the manufacture of staves, which business was discontinued on the breaking out of the Indian troubles at the beginning of the Civil war.

Returning to Connecticut in 1862, Mr. Wilcox enlisted as a private in Company I,

Fifth Connecticut Volunteer Infantry, which was assigned to the Army of the Potomac. After participating in the battles of Chancellorsville and Gettysburg, the regiment went to Chickamauga, Tennessee, and later went with General Sherman on the Atlanta campaign. They took part in the battle of Resaca, and other battles and arduous duties of the campaign, after which they were ordered to proceed to Washington, D. C., by way of Richmond, and participated in the grand review in the capital city. Mr. Wilcox was off duty but little during his entire service, although he was confined to a hospital in Georgia for a few weeks. He was mustered out at Georgetown, D. C., and honorably discharged at Hartford, Connecticut, in July, 1865.

The following two years Mr. Wilcox spent in Connecticut, and in 1867 went to Texas, where Mr. St. John owned a large tract of land, with the intention of engaging in the stock business. He was quarantined there on account of yellow fever from July, 1868, until February, 1869, when he returned home and entered the office of the Aetna Life Insurance Company as bookkeeper, which position he held until the great Chicago fire in October, 1871, when he went to that city in the interest of the company. He arrived Monday morning when the conflagration was at its height. He expected to open a loan office for the company, but their building being destroyed the project was abandoned. The same fall he came to Cedar Rapids, and engaged in loaning money for the company. Since then he has placed loans for the Aetna Company on farm property in Iowa to the amount of about fifty million dollars and has been remarkably successful in business affairs for the company. He

has bought and improved farm property on his own account, but has since disposed of the same.

Mr. Wilcox was married in Cedar Rapids, December 16, 1880, to Miss Ida A. Wetzel, who was born in this city, her father, Jacob Wetzel, being one of its pioneer business men. To them has been born one son, Lucien T., now a student at Phillips Academy, Andover, Massachusetts. Since attaining his majority Mr. Wilcox has usually supported the Republican party, but has voted for every successful presidential candidate. He has never cared for political honors, preferring to give his undivided attention to his business interests. Enterprising and public-spirited, however, he has given his support to all measures which he believes will advance the interests of his adopted city and state, and is therefore a valued member of the community. His wife is a member of Grace Episcopal church, and to them are accorded an enviable position in social circles, where true worth is received as a passport into the best society.

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#### JOSEPH SMITH.

For more than half a century Joseph Smith has resided within a radius of ten miles of Central City, where he is now making his home, living retired from the more arduous duties of business life. His activity in former years enabled him to gain a fair share of this world's goods, prosperity coming to him as a justly merited reward of his diligence, carefully directed by sound business judgment and sagacity.

Mr. Smith was born in Pickaway county, Ohio, May 31, 1834, and on both the pa-

ternal and maternal sides is of German lineage. His grandparents were natives of Pennsylvania, however, and became pioneer settlers of the Buckeye state, locating in Pickaway county, where John Smith, the father, was born in 1809. There he was reared amid the wild scenes of the frontier and becoming familiar with farm work in his youth he made it his life occupation. He was married there to Catherine Woodring, who was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, in 1808, and unto them were born three sons while they remained in Ohio. In 1850, with his wife and children, John Smith came to Iowa and after their arrival here they became the parents of a daughter, who died at the age of seven years. The eldest son, Joshua, went west, to make a home for himself and died in Kansas in 1886. Daniel, formerly a farmer, is now living retired in Central City, where Joseph also makes his home. Both parents died in Marion, Iowa. On coming to this state the father secured his land from the government and partially improved it. The place was in Buffalo township, and at their pioneer home the early settlers frequently gathered to hold their religious services, for the parents were earnest Christian people.

Joseph Smith began his education in the common schools of his native state and also continued his studies in a select school in Marion, Iowa. He remained at home upon the farm until twenty-four years of age, and was early trained to habits of industry. As is usual with young men just starting out in life for themselves, he sought a companion and helpmate for the journey, and in 1858 was united in marriage to Miss Rebecca Shoemaker, who was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, in 1842, a daughter of Jacob and Susanna Shoemaker, who always re-

sided in the Buckeye state, the latter dying in 1845, the former in 1850. They were the parents of eleven children. One of the daughters, Hannah, married the oldest brother of our subject and in 1855, with her sister Rebecca, she came to Iowa. She is now a widow and resides in Kansas. One of the brother of the family—William Shoemaker—is a farmer residing in Buffalo township.

At the time of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Smith of this review Dubuque was their nearest trading point and all produce was hauled to the river. The first railroad was built in 1859. For eight years Mr. Smith worked in his father's sawmill which he aided in building and then in operating. In an early day he also engaged in teaching school for five winters in Iowa, four of them in his own district. He taught the first school held in Central City, conducting it in a house which he built in the embryo town in the fall of 1857. There were but two houses in the town at the time he erected his, but the same season three or four others were built. After leaving the sawmill he engaged in farming for nine years upon part of his father's land, becoming the possessor of two hundred acres. He then conducted a general merchandising establishment at Waubeek for five years and then returned to the farm where he remained for fifteen years, giving his time and attention to its cultivation and further improvement until March, 1891, when he rented his land and came to Central City, where he purchased a home and has since lived retired.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Smith have been born seven children, but one died in infancy and Jennie M. died in December, 1898, at the age of twenty-three years. Those still living are as follows: Arthur L., residing in



Central City, where he is engaged in the hardware business, has a wife and two sons, Roy and Clifford B.; Clara A. is the wife of J. Fox, a general merchant of Waubeek, by whom she has a daughter Edna; Ida F. is the wife of Frank Foncanon, an engineer in the electric light plant of Macon, Missouri, by whom she has three daughters, Grace A., Roxey L. and Julia R.; Harry E., who resides on a farm in Linn township, is married and has two children, J. Marie and Dilman C.; and Burleigh M., who has attended a dental college in Chicago, was a traveling dentist, but now is located in Schaller, Iowa. The children all attended the public schools of the county and some of them have been college students, while the daughters were teachers for a number of years.

Although now living retired Mr. Smith is yet the owner of two hundred and forty acres of rich land under cultivation and has forty acres of timber land, in addition to property in Central City,—all acquired through his diligence and enterprise, directed by keen business discernment. For four years he served as justice of the peace in Buffalo township and for five years in Maine township. He has held other local positions and has been a stalwart Republican in politics since the organization of the party. He is a warm friend of the public-school system and is always interested in everything pertaining to the good of the people and to the advancement of public progress. Both he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he is recording steward, while his wife belongs to the different societies formed by the ladies of the church. He has led a useful, honorable career. It is not because of special prominence in public affairs that he has, and is justly entitled to, the respect and confidence

of his fellow men for his personal qualities are such as to make men esteem and honor him.

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#### REUBEN C. ROCK.

Reuben C. Rock, deceased, was the pioneer hardware dealer of Cedar Rapids, and one of its most honored and useful citizens for many years. He was born on the 23d of April, 1820, in Lititz, Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, and was a son of Peter and Susan (Christ) Rock. He spent the first fifteen years of his life in his native town and then went to Illinois, where he had a brother-in-law living, who had large landed interests. For several years he resided in Burlington, Iowa, where he was employed as clerk in a mercantile establishment, and in 1851 came to Cedar Rapids and opened the first hardware store in the place. He also erected one of the first brick store buildings, and carried on business as a hardware dealer until 1859, when he entered the freight office of the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad, where he remained twenty-eight years.

On the 15th of May, 1855, in Cedar Rapids, Mr. Rock was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Calder, who is the second in order of birth in a family of nine children. Her parents, Joseph and Ellen (Keeling) Calder, were natives of England and came to America in 1822, locating in Cherry Valley, New York. After coming west her father practically lived retired, and spent his last days in Cedar Rapids, where he died in 1873, and his wife passed away in 1887. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Rock were born two sons and two daughters, namely: Ellen, wife of Charles B. Keeler, of Chicago, assistant chief solicitor for the Chicago, Mil-



MRS. ELIZABETH ROCK.



waukee & St. Paul Railroad; Elizabeth, who married Charles D. Ives, of Cedar Rapids, and died in 1881; and Theodore D. and Walter C., who are now in Mexico and are with the Mexican Central Railroad.

Mr. Rock died on the 4th of November, 1898, and was buried at Cedar Rapids. As a public-spirited and enterprising citizen he took an active interest in the welfare of his adopted city, and in early days served as mayor, filling that office with credit to himself and to the entire satisfaction of his constituents. He gave his support to all measures calculated to advance the educational or moral welfare, and his life was ever such as to win for him the confidence and high regard of all with whom he came in contact either in business or social life. In his political views he was a Democrat. He and his wife were among the earliest members of Grace Episcopal church, Mrs. Rock being the only one now left of the first communicants, and both took an active part in founding the church. He served as vestryman for about thirty-five years, while she was a teacher in the Sunday school for the same length of time and very active in all church work.

It was in 1849 that Mrs. Rock came west with a brother and sister, and, after spending about a year in Dubuque, Iowa, she took up her residence in Cedar Rapids, coming to this place in the fall of 1850 with Judge Greene, a distant relative, whose two children had been committed to her care by their dying mother. It was also her purpose to start a girls' school in the new town, which then had between three and four hundred inhabitants. She also assisted Judge Greene in establishing a Sunday school in her school room in the second story of Greene Brothers'

building, at the corner of First avenue and First street, which room became a regular place for Episcopal worship. Some months after opening her school she found it necessary to procure two other teachers, one of whom was brought from New York for the piano, the other, Miss Parkhurst, from Miss Lillis' seminary at Rockford, Illinois, to assist with English branches. Instruction was given in French and drawing. Pupils came from Dubuque, Muscatine, Burlington, Fairfield, Vinton and Marion, but after a few years failing health obliged Mrs. Rock to relinquish her work in this line, and a year later the school ceased to exist. At the establishment of the Home for Aged Women she was appointed a member of the first board of managers, which position she still holds. The home was started about fifteen years ago. Those that had it in charge purchased a fine site in West Cedar Rapids and erected an excellent brick building with modern improvements and accommodations for about twenty. Until recent years the ladies of the city raised all funds for its support, and now have charge of its management. There is now a substantial endowment fund, one-half of which was contributed by the citizens of Cedar Rapids and the other half by Mr. Slimmer, of Waverly, Iowa. A board of trustees consisting of prominent business men of the city have charge of the finances. To the encouragement of this work Mrs. Rock has devoted much time and attention, as well as to all that tends to uplifting and elevating the social conditions of the city. She is a most estimable lady of many sterling qualities, and has a large circle of friends in the community where she has so long made her home.



## NATHAN C. GILLILAN.

Nathan C. Gillilan has passed the Psalmist's span of threescore years and ten but is still an active factor in business life. Such a record should put to shame many a man of younger years who, grown weary of the cares and responsibilities of an industrial or commercial career, would relegate to others the burdens which he should bear. A life busy, useful and honorable has won for Mr. Gillilan the respect and confidence of his fellow men, and wherever he is known he is held in high regard. A pioneer settler of Iowa, he came to Linn county almost sixty years ago, his residence here dating from 1842. Marvelous changes have occurred since that time, as with the onward march of progress Iowa has gained a place in the front rank among the great commonwealths which comprise the Union. It is the early settlers who laid the foundation for the present progress and prosperity of the state and to such all honor is due.

To this class belongs Nathan G. Gillilan. He was born in Mason county, West Virginia, then a part of Virginia, October 5, 1827, a son of William and Anna (Edmundson) Gillilan, both of whom were natives of Greenbriar county, Virginia. On the maternal side he is of Welsh ancestry and on the paternal of Scotch-Irish lineage, the families having been residents of America at the time of the Revolutionary war. In 1833 the father of our subject removed with his family to Champaign county, Ohio, and in 1842 came to Linn county, Iowa, living amid the scenes of pioneer life in both places and enduring all the hardships which fall to the lot of early settlers. His wife died in Virginia in 1832, and in 1834 he married Lydia Upton Antrim, a widow, who died

soon after coming to Iowa. By the first marriage there were six sons and three daughters, but Mr. Gillilan of this review is now the only survivor. In 1837 two of the sons and a daughter had come to this state, and in 1842 they were joined by the father and four other children. In the party which arrived in 1837 were Samuel Kelley, James Gillilan, James Dawson and Edward Crow, the first named being the husband of our subject's sister. They traveled on horseback and with wagon and found here an unsettled district of country, the land all wild and entirely destitute of improvement. Kingston and Marion were the only towns in this portion of the state at the time and they were mere villages. The families all took up homesteads and engaged in farming, and the town of Viola was afterward established on part of the land owned by James Gillilan. When the father of our subject arrived he also secured a tract of wild land and began the development of a farm which he continued to operate for a time. His wife died in 1845, and he passed away at the home of his son William in 1854. There was one daughter by the second marriage who is yet living—Virginia, now the wife of William Haas, of Maine township. She was but six months old when brought by her parents to this state. Mr. and Mrs. Gillilan were members of the Methodist Episcopal church and took an active part in its work. In politics he was a Whig.

The children of the Gillilan family were educated in the common schools, pursuing their studies in a log school-house, seated with slab benches, the session lasting only three months in the year. The teacher was paid by subscription and "boarded round" among the scholars. Our subject pursued his education in Virginia and Ohio and for

a short time was a student in the district schools of Iowa. He was reared upon the home farm and since the age of sixteen he has provided for his own support, beginning to earn his own livelihood by working as a farm hand. In 1862 he enlisted in Company F, Twentieth Iowa Infantry, joining the army as a private. He was promoted to sergeant and served until honorably discharged at Raleigh. He participated in the battle of Prairie Grove and was also in a number of skirmishes. After leaving the army he returned to his home in Iowa and again resumed farming.

Mr. Gillilan had been married in 1851 to Miss Mary L. Heaton, who was born in 1833, in St. Lawrence county, New York, and in 1839 was brought to Iowa by her parents, the family locating in Dubuque county and the following year coming to Linn county. The father was a farmer by occupation and died when the daughter was sixteen years of age. The mother died when Mary was only four and a half years old. Her paternal grandfather was in the Revolutionary war, serving for seven years as an army surgeon. Two of the daughters of the Heaton family are yet living, a sister of Mrs. Gillilan being Mrs. Barber, who resides in Central City, at the age of eighty-two years. Unto our subject and his wife have been born thirteen children, two of whom died in early childhood, while the others are yet living, namely: Charles H., a farmer residing in Maine township; Lydia, the wife of H. P. Bellows, a blacksmith of Wahoo, Nebraska; Augustus H., a well driller, residing at home; Orpha J., the wife of E. E. Good, of Wahoo, Nebraska; Marcus, a farmer of Maine township; Will C., who is living in Minnesota; Sheridan and Sherman, twins, the former at home, while

the latter is married and resides upon a farm in Jackson township; Jake L., a soldier of the Spanish-American war, who re-enlisted in the Thirty-sixth Regiment of the Regular Army and is now in the Philippines; Mary, the wife of A. A. Schwantz, who makes his home near Creston, in Union county, Iowa; and Oscar R., who is a graduate of Cornell College and is now principal of the schools in Center Junction, Iowa. The children all attended the schools of Linn county and afterward attended college, pursuing literary, scientific or business courses, and six of the number have become successful educators.

Mr. Gillilan in 1853 purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land at the government price and also twenty acres of timber, and for many years he continued farming, transforming his place into a very valuable and highly cultivated property. In 1890, however, he left the farm and came to Central City. He has since purchased a small farm near the town and has disposed of the old homestead. His enterprise and energy in the control of agricultural pursuits brought to him a handsome competence. For the past nine years he has engaged in the undertaking business here, being the only representative of that industry in the place. In early life he was a supporter of the Whig party and cast his vote for Zachary Taylor. In 1856 he voted for John C. Fremont and has never failed to cast a ballot for the Republican candidates since that time. He has held a number of local offices, has been a delegate to district and state conventions and has taken an active part in politics, his influence being a potent element in securing the best interests of the party. He has always contributed to church work and is a prominent member of Marvin Mills

Post, No. 212, G. A. R., in which he has held the office of vice commander. Through almost six decades he has resided in Linn county and is therefore familiar with its history, his career here forming a connecting link between the primitive past and the progressive present with its splendid facilities and advantages. He has taken just pride in its progress and has contributed in no unimportant manner to its upbuilding.

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REV. JOHN HOGARTH LOZIER, A. M.

There is probably no man in Linn county more widely known or is held in higher esteem than Chaplain Lozier, of Mt. Vernon. His life has been a source of constant inspiration to those around him, and is deserving of permanent record on the pages of his country's history, that others seeing his good works may follow in his footsteps.

The Chaplain was born in Dearborn county, Indiana, January 22, 1830, a son of Lawrence and Mary (McCracken) Lozier. The father was born in England, April 24, 1787, and belonged to an old French Hugenot family, being related to General La Fayette and also to Earl De Gray, who was prominent in English history during the '60s. The mother was a native of Scotland, born May 25, 1791, and also came of a distinguished family, being a descendant of Sir Walter Scott and related to Hogarth, the great English artist. The Chaplain's parents were married in New Jersey, on the 18th of August, 1811, and at an early day started westward. Crossing the mountains of Pennsylvania, they first settled in Pittsburg, and later removed to Lawrenceburg, Indiana, locating there about the time

the war of 1812 broke out. Being an expert machinist he first assisted in building the first steamboat ever constructed. After his removal to the Hoosier state he worked at the machinist's and blacksmith's trades and engaged in the manufacture of plow shares, which at that time were pointed pieces of iron nailed to a piece of wood. He also built a wagon which resembled the freight cars of the present day. In Indiana he secured a claim of one hundred and sixty acres, and made his home in that state until his death, which occurred in 1859, his remains being interred at Aurora. His wife died in 1853, and was buried at Wright's Corners, Dearborn county. They had eight children, namely: Mary, born July 18, 1812, married Sewell Plummer, of Aurora, Indiana, and died in 1886. George, born February 28, 1815, married Eliza A. Blaisdell, a sister of ex-Governor Blaisdell, of Nevada, and both died in Dearborn county, Indiana. Margaret, born December 30, 18—, died in infancy. Abram, born January 19, 1819, first married Lucinda Lemley, and after her death wedded Charlotte Turner, and died in Aurora, Indiana, in January, 1901. Sally Ann, born September 22, 1822, died in infancy. Sarah J., born September 26, 1824, is the widow of James C. Perry and a resident of Kankakee, Illinois. Her eldest son is now United States district attorney of South Dakota. James O., born June 29, 1827, died at about the age of twenty-two years. John H., our subject, is the youngest of the family.

Chaplain Lozier began his education in the district schools of his native state, and at the age of fourteen went to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he learned the pharmaceutical business, remaining there six years. During that time he became converted and changed his mode of life. At the age of

twenty he entered the De Pauw University at Greencastle, Indiana, and having no money he worked his way through college by sawing and chopping wood, hoeing gardens, mowing yards, etc. At that time cane bottom furniture was new, and very popular, and he and his room-mate learned the business, becoming quite skilled in that line. Mr. Lozier made a rack for his books by the side of his study-table so that he might study and work at the same time. He also taught elocution to lawyers, ministers and others, and conducted classes in the college, for which he received a good salary. After graduating at that institution in 1857, he studied medicine for a time, but that profession was repellent to him. He next took up the study of law at Aurora, Indiana, under William S. Holman, who became known as the "watch dog of the treasury," being the conservative Democratic senator who objected to all seemingly unnecessary expenditures during the Civil war.

On the 17th of September, 1857, Mr. Lozier was married at Lawrenceburg, Indiana, in the old manor of General Zebulon Pike, to Miss Sarah Shaw, who was born and reared in New York city, and is a daughter of Colonel Edward and Amanda (Lewis) Shaw, also natives of that place. About 1846 her family removed to Cincinnati, and from there went to Lawrenceburg, Indiana, her father being engaged in steamboating on the Ohio river at that time. During the Civil war he was commander of the A. O. Tyler, the flagship of the Mississippi squadron, which was shot to pieces by the "Ram" Arkansas—the terror of the western gunboat fleet. After the war, he was given a position in the United States mail department at Indianapolis and moved his family to that city, where our sub-

ject was then pastor of a church. Colonel Shaw subsequently made his home with our subject and died in Mt. Vernon, Iowa, in 1887. He had four children, of whom Mrs. Lozier was the eldest; Abram died in 1889; Frank went west and has not been heard of since; and Horace died in infancy.

Chaplain Lozier spent two years in Aurora, Indiana, and after his marriage entered the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal church. He had preached at different times before this, but his first pastoral charge was at Westport, Indiana, where he spent one year. He was next at Versailles for two years, and was then transferred to Dillsboro, Indiana. It was during his second year at the last named place that the Civil war broke out. On Sunday morning while hitching his horse preparatory to going to Hart's Mills, a distance of seven miles, to preach, a horseman came galloping along the road, shouting that Fort Sumter had been fired upon and that President Lincoln had issued a call for seventy-five thousand men to come at once to defend the capital. That morning Mr. Lozier preached a war sermon, and commenced to organize a company the same day. In the afternoon he preached the same sermon, and again at night. He was the first to enlist in what afterward became Company "H," Seventh Indiana Volunteer Infantry, Colonel E. Demont commanding, but at that time they refused to accept married men in the rank and file.

When the call came for "three year men" Mr. Lozier organized Company F, Thirty-seventh Indiana Infantry, and at first beat the bass drum in "beating up" for volunteers, but was afterward elected captain of his company, and later resigned that position on being elected chaplain of the regiment. With the Army of the Cumberland this regi-



ment took part in the battles of Bowling Green, Nashville, Stone River, Kenesaw Mountain, Missionary Ridge, Chattanooga and Chickamauga, and also the Atlanta campaign. Chaplain Lozier's time expired during this campaign, but he remained in the service three months longer until the fall of Atlanta. The regiment lost so heavily in the battle of Chickamauga that there was not enough men left to re-organize, and it was consolidated with the Thirty-fifth Indiana, which was an Irish-Catholic regiment with a priest for chaplain. Noting the efforts of our subject to save the wounded at the battle of Stone River, General Rosecrans sent for him to come to headquarters, where he was notified by the adjutant-general that he had been appointed chaplain-in-chief, all other chaplains reporting to him. General Rosecrans, however, was a Catholic and had his own chaplain. Dwight L. Moody, the great evangelist, after became associated with Chaplain Lozier in his work, with "Headquarters" in the Chaplain's office. The Chaplain was the Cincinnati Commercial army correspondent, "Jargo Nethliz" which is "untangled" to mean John Hogarth Lozier. About this time Governor Morton of Indiana asked Mr. Stanton, secretary of war, to have our subject report to him for special duty, and he was given full charge of all things to be sent to the men at the front, especially for the sick and wounded. He perfected a system by which the men were sure to receive the things sent to them and held that position until the close of the war, his rank being that of major. In 1865-6 he organized the first soldiers' and orphans' home in Indiana, which is located at Knightstown and is now worth one million dollars. This institution now accommodates from four to six hundred sol-

diers' orphans. Chaplain Lozier solicited the money to buy the grounds and erect the first building, and he was several times called upon to speak there,—the last time being with Fred Douglass, the famous colored orator. He was mustered out of service and received an honorable discharge in 1867.

Chaplain Lozier then resumed his ministerial work and in 1868 was appointed by his conference as agent for De Pauw University. He was next pastor of the Asbury Methodist church at Indianapolis for two years and for three years had charge of the church of that denomination at Franklin, Indiana, during which time S. J. Burton, United States senator from Kansas, was in college there, and was one of our subject's pupils in elocution and oratory. Chaplain Lozier was then transferred to the Northwest Iowa Conference, which was that year organized at Fort Dodge, and he was appointed by Bishop Andrews as presiding elder of the Algona district. He afterward resigned that position to accept the pastorate of the Methodist church at Fort Dodge, and during the three years he spent there he built a large church. Subsequently he was pastor of the Methodist churches at Webster City two years; Le Mars one year; and Sioux City two years. At the last named place he projected the building of the First M. E. church. He also served as presiding elder at Sioux City for four years. Failing in health he was then obliged to retire from his ministerial labors. As soon as he had recovered he came to Mt. Vernon, and was appointed agent for Cornell College. He is now practically living a retired life as he still suffers from a broken ankle received in the service of his country.

Mr. and Mrs. Lozier are the parents of five children: (1) Charles Edward, born in

Versailles, Ind., March 2, 1849, married Grace Cheney, of Dixon, Illinois, and is now manager of the sales department of the American Bicycle Company at Chicago. They have two children, Cleve E. and Mary L. (2) Ada E., born at Versailles, Ind., Oct. 7, 1861, is the wife of Dr. E. S. Pettyjohn, of Chicago, who is now traveling abroad with his family, visiting the hospitals of Russia, Norway, Sweden, Germany, France and England. They have three children, Wallace H., Pauline M. and Elmore J. (3) Lewis Hogarth, born in Indianapolis, Sept. 17, 1864, married Edna Holman, of Sergeant Bluff, Iowa, and is now a designer and illustrator of Chicago. (4) Horace Gillette, born at Indianapolis, Aug. 1, 1867, is a graduate of the Chicago University, and is now an instructor in the Princeton-Yale Institute of Chicago. During the Spanish-American war he enlisted in Company A, First Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and became connected with the civil engineering department. He was in all of the engagements in which his regiment took part, and was taken sick during his service at Porto Rico, and was sent to Chicago barely alive. (5) James Minard, born Dec. 6, 1869, at Franklin, Indiana; was married in Lisbon, Iowa, to Clara Wilcox, of that place. He was the founder and editor of The "Remarker" (now *Record*) of Mt. Vernon, Iowa, but is now connected with the American Wheel Company at Westfield, Massachusetts.

Fraternally Chaplain Lozier is an Ancient member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Ancient Order of United Workmen, and several temperance organizations. He is also a Knight Templar Mason, and past chaplain of the Grand Council of Indiana, and past grand chancellor of the

Knights of Pythias of that state. He belongs to W. C. Dimmitt Post, No. 400, G. A. R., and was chaplain of the first national encampment G. A. R. He was known during the war as the "fighting chaplain," and was loved and respected by his comrades at the front, as well as by all who know him at the present time. He has made extensive tours from ocean to ocean, lecturing for the Grand Army of the Republic, his most popular lectures being known as "Forty Rounds," "Top Rails," "Grab a Root" and the "Sunny Side of Soldiering." He also lectured before the Christian Endeavor societies and the Epworth League, etc., his best entertainment being "Your Mother's Apron Strings," which is now published in book form, and is highly endorsed by prominent men throughout the country, including President McKinley. As a writer, lecturer, minister and soldier, he has won for himself an enviable reputation and is well worthy the high regard in which he is uniformly held.

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#### JAMES R. McPARTLAND.

Prominent among the railroad men of Cedar Rapids is James R. McPartland, the present trainmaster, who was born in Burlington, Iowa, on the 1st of October, 1859, and is a son of Thomas and Catherine (O'Flynn) McPartland, both of whom were natives of Ireland, the former born in County Leitrim, the latter at Lake O'Flynn, County Mayo. His parents made their home in Burlington until their deaths. The father was a lake captain, and was lost with his vessel, the Comet, many years ago. Of their nine children all are now deceased with

exception of our subject and J. H. McPartland, assistant superintendent of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad residing in Burlington.

James R. McPartland received his education in the common schools of Burlington, and at the age of sixteen years began his railroad career as brakeman under W. B. Ryder, train-master, on a construction train on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad. Later he was promoted to brakeman on a freight train and was made a conductor at the age of nineteen, being in all probability the youngest conductor in the United States at that time.

On leaving the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad in 1882, he became identified with the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad as brakeman on a freight train in April of that year, and the following fall was promoted to conductor. During 1883 he was night yard master at Cedar Rapids, but the following year returned to the road, and was freight conductor until 1893. He was then given a regular passenger train, which he ran until September, 1899, when he was promoted to train master with headquarters at Cedar Rapids. This important position he is now most creditably filling, and is one of the most faithful and trusted employes of the road.

In 1881 Mr. McPartland wedded Miss Mary Sexton, a daughter of Colonel Michael Sexton, who commanded a Confederate regiment in the Civil war and is now deceased, while her mother makes her home with our subject. The family came to this state from Memphis, Tennessee, and Mrs. McPartland was born in Fairfield, Iowa. Unto our subject and his wife were born two sons and four daughters, of whom two died in infancy, the living being Josephine Barney,

Marguerite and Francis, now attending school in Cedar Rapids. The family have a pleasant home at 1628 Second avenue. Socially Mr. McPartland is a member of Crescent Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Cedar Rapids, also a member of O. R. C. He is a man highly respected and esteemed by all who know him.

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#### EDWARD M. CROW.

Wherever there is pioneer work to be done, men of energy and ability are required, and success or failure depends upon the degree of those qualities that is possessed. In wresting the land of Linn county from its native wilderness; in fitting it for the habitation of men; in developing the natural resources of the community in which they lived, few if any contributed more than Edward M. Crow, who was the first white man to locate permanently in this county.

He was born in Paoli, Orange county, Indiana, June 4, 1816, a son of John and Mary (Millis) Crow, natives of North Carolina, who removed to Orange county, Indiana, in early life and were there married June 20, 1815. They continued their residence there until the spring of 1834, when they removed to Chicago, but as Joliet, Illinois, was then the most promising town they went to that place after spending one season in Chicago. Six months later, however, they removed to Kane county, the same state, locating near Geneva, where the mother died January 9, 1836. Later the father married Miss Docia Hill, of Naper-ville, Illinois, and in the spring of 1838 they came to Linn county, Iowa, locating east of



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the present town of Viola. There the father died March 3, 1841. His children were all by the first marriage and in order of birth were as follows: Edward M., our subject; Garrison C., who died in California December 13, 1875; Wesley, who died in Grant county, Wisconsin, October 8, 1883; Nelson V. A., a banker and capitalist of St. Charles, Minnesota; Esther, who married Julius A. Peet and died in Jones county, Iowa, February 22, 1883; Nancy, who married Truman J. Peet and died in Buffalo township, Linn county, November 1, 1854; John, who died in Jones county, this state, November 7, 1873; and Mary, who wedded Charles C. White and died in California June 10, 1864.

Mr. Crow of this review was eighteen years of age when the family went to Chicago, and he accompanied his parents on their various removals until the autumn of 1835, when he returned to his native county and there attended school for one winter. Desiring to try his fortune farther west, he purchased a horse and on horseback went to Kane county, Illinois, where he remained until June 4, 1837, when he crossed the Mississippi and came to Linn county, Iowa. On the 4th of July he laid claim to a large tract of land on what is now sections 13 and 14, Brown township, east of where Viola now stands. He then returned to Fox River, Illinois, and shortly afterward, in company with James Dawson and his brother, Garrison Crow, purchased six yoke of cattle and made preparations to again come to Linn county. The little wagon train left Fox River in the latter part of August and arrived at their destination September 5, 1837. They built a shanty on Crow creek in Brown township, which stream was named by the United States

surveyors in honor of Mr. Crow, who was living on its banks when they arrived. The little company immediately began cutting hay and making general preparations for the winter season.

Subsequently Edward Crow, in company with John Joslin, returned to Illinois after provisions to carry them through the winter. Being overtaken by a snowstorm, they left their teams at a Mr. Nye's on this side of the Mississippi. They crossed the river and traveled eastward about fifteen or twenty miles, where they bought corn, meat and other provisions, which were hauled to the river by hired teams. After having their corn ground at Mr. Nye's mill they started for the big woods on the Wapsie, but were overtaken by a heavy snowstorm at Cherry Grove and in order to reach their cabin had to wade through very deep snow. The following winter was intensely cold, long and dreary, and the privations endured by the little band of pioneers was exceedingly great. Snow lay about two feet deep on the level.

On the 22d of February Mr. Crow was obliged to return to Illinois to meet his father and family, and the third day after starting they reached Black Dick's point, which was a small grove of timber. The trail was so bad that they could only travel about eight miles a day. The ice on the river was weakened by the January thaw, but had been somewhat strengthened by subsequent cold, but as it was then the latter part of February, the little band of travelers were fearful that it was not strong enough to bear the full weight of their ox teams, so they unhitched them and drew the wagon across the river with one ox, the other being led at a safe distance in the rear. Upon the island in the river they met a band of wood

choppers who were cutting wood for steam-boats. During their trip from Linn county to the Mississippi, however, they had only met one white man, a trapper by the name of Wheat. They proceeded on their journey to Prophetstown, Illinois, where they crossed the Rock river on the ice, meeting between the two rivers only three white settlers. Near Pawpaw Grove, about twelve miles from the Rock river, they met a little cavalcade on sleds, which proved to be that of their parents. As the snow melted the following day the sledges were abandoned and the remainder of the journey was made by wagon. They followed the Rock river down to within four miles of its mouth, and crossed the Mississippi at Davenport, reaching home April 10, 1838. The father brought with him fifty head of cattle and about the same number of hogs, which were the first swine brought to the big woods.

Mr. Crow could relate many interesting incidents of pioneer life, when he was compelled to go to the lead mines at Galena, Illinois, for his mail, a distance of sixty miles, and had to pay twenty-five cents for each letter received. The trip was frequently made on foot. At one time he went to Davenport, fifty miles away, to get his plow sharpened and his coulter mended, so that he might continue his work of breaking prairie. The first grain he raised was sod corn and buckwheat, which he took to Thompson's mill on the Little Iowa river, five miles from Dubuque, but the mill was so imperfect that when ground the buckwheat could not be bolted. The trip was made with ox teams and required ten days, Mr. Crow being compelled to camp out on the way and carry food for himself and cattle. In crossing streams he frequently had to cut the ice or scatter old hag along and

pour water over it and later freeze it to keep the cattle from slipping. On the other hand when there was no ice he had to build rafts to cross the stream.

In the spring of 1838 Mr. Crow commenced to improve his claim, but the following October he sold it and returned to Orange county, Indiana, where he attended school during the winter of 1838-9. He had previously made a claim in Buffalo township, this county, and erected thereon a shanty, which he found had been destroyed by fire on his return here in April, 1839. He at once rebuilt and continued to make his home in Buffalo township throughout life. In later years he erected a good brick residence upon his place, and made many other valuable and useful improvements. He prospered in his farming operations and kept adding to his landed possessions until he had at one time thirteen hundred acres of land in Linn and Jones counties, but later disposed of a portion of it, retaining four hundred acres in Buffalo township, this county; fifty-eight acres in Jones county, Iowa; one hundred and fifty-seven acres in Crawford county, this state; and a large stone quarry with eighty acres in Kansas. He was quite extensively engaged in stock raising, feeding about sixty head of cattle, six horses and fifty hogs annually.

On the 14th of November, 1839, in Linn township, Mr. Crow was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Bennett, who taught the first school in this county. Her father, Ezra Bennett, was lost at sea. She was born in Syracuse, New York, but was reared in Canada, and died at her home in Buffalo township, this county, February 5, 1844. By this union were born two children: Mary E., born November 11, 1840, married John Wall and died in Redwood,

Minnesota, April 18, 1868; and John Wesley, born May 4, 1842, married Rachel Bolt-enhouse, and is now living on a ranch near Houston, Texas. He served over three years in the Civil war as a member of the Thirty-first Iowa Infantry.

Mr. Crow was again married in Brown township November 14, 1848, his second union being with Mrs. Narcissa E. Bowman, the widow of Isaac Bowman. By their union three children were born, namely: Willard D., born November 7, 1849, married Louisa Burke, and is a large land owner and wealthy citizen of Houston, Texas; Edward Linas, born November 13, 1852, married Adelia Gillen, and is now a stock and grain dealer of Mapleton, Iowa; and Nancy E., born May 3, 1856, died December 13, 1891. She was the wife of George S. Elwood, who was an extensive land owner and stock dealer of Washington county, Kansas. The mother of these children departed this life in Buffalo township July 17, 1857.

At Anamosa, Iowa, December 8, 1860, Mr. Crow married Mrs. Sarah A. Green, widow of Addison Green, and to them were born seven children, as follows: Jefferson D., born December 25, 1861, married Elsie Leaf and is engaged in farming near Mapleton, Iowa; Nelson M., born March 19, 1863, married Addie Dial and died in State Center, Iowa; Sarah E., born September 18, 1864, is the wife of Owen Carl, of Perry, Iowa; Charles F., born August 5, 1866, married Mertie Boyles and is a farmer of Jones county, Iowa; Garrison M., born April 28, 1868, and Louis N., born August 17, 1870, are both deceased; and Orpha B., born September 30, 1871, is the wife of J. Harold Leaf, who is represented on another page

of this volume. Mrs. Crow died November 3, 1872.

In his political views Mr. Crow was a Jacksonian Democrat and a staunch supporter of his party and its principles. As one of the leading and influential citizens of his community he was called upon to fill a number of local offices, and served as supervisor for nine years and justice of the peace in early life. In religious belief he was a Universalist, broad and liberal in his ideas. He passed away July 26, 1894, honored and respected by all who knew him. His remains were interred in Wilcox cemetery, Brown township, near the village of Viola, where his wives were also buried. He always took an active and commendable interest in the welfare of his adopted county, and was prominently identified with its growth and development. He was not only genial and hospitable in disposition, but was exceedingly charitable, and no one coming to him for aid was ever turned from his door empty-handed. He often gave shelter to those less fortunate than himself, both children and grown people making their home with him at various times. Mr. Crow was not only Linn county's earliest settler, but was also one of its best known and most highly esteemed citizens.

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#### SIMEON BLODGETT.

In tracing the history of the Blodgett family, of which the subject of this review is a worthy representative, it is learned that the founder of this branch in America, an Englishman by birth, came to this country as early as the year 1636, bringing with him



two sons, Samuel and Daniel. One of his descendants and the great-grandfather of our subject, lived to the ripe old age of ninety years. His father, Joseph Blodgett, was born in Deerfield, Massachusetts, July 25, 1802. Upon reaching manhood he lived for a short time in the state of Pennsylvania and here he met Hanna Carpenter, who became his wife. She was of English ancestry, born February 22, 1802, and was also a descendant of one of America's early settlers, her great-grandfather having been one of the "Seven Partners" famed in history, who settled in Susquehanna county, Pennsylvania, and formed a colony there. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Blodgett came to Illinois and settled in Du Page county. This was in the year 1835. Mr. Blodgett took up land here and farmed for eighteen years. In 1853 he moved to Iowa and lived there until his death which occurred in 1870. His name is mentioned among the pioneers of both Illinois and Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Blodgett were the parents of six children, three sons and three daughters. Two of the latter died in early womanhood and the oldest daughter died at the age of twenty-eight years, by name Mercy C., who became the wife of Ezra Kidder, a soldier in who died in the service; Simon, the subject of our sketch; Austin, who lives in Central City, and was also a member of the Ninth Iowa Regulars, having enlisted in September, 1861; Alvin, who lives in Grinnell, Iowa, and is the owner of the transfer lines there. These children all received a common school education, the best to be obtained in those days.

Simeon Blodgett lived with his parents until the year 1857, but had entered eighty acres of land from the government in 1853 and worked at farming, improving and cul-

tivating the land. To this he later added one hundred acres, making his farm one hundred and eighty acres in all.

Maria L. Tucker on March the 12th, 1857, became the wife of our subject. She was born in Ohio in 1837 and was the daughter of Rev. Stillman Tucker, who was born in Vermont in 1812 and who took up his residence in Ohio in the year 1833. He was a Congregational minister, formerly a school teacher. In Ohio he took up farming in connection with his ministerial work and here his wife passed away in 1847. After her death, some years having passed, he again married and to this union were born three children: Mary, living in Oklahoma; Phoebe, wife of M. Collins, living in Oklahoma, and J. F. Tucker, a minister in the east. The mother of these children is still living in Oklahoma.

In 1864 Mr. Blodgett joined Company C., Fifteenth Iowa Infantry, with whom he served until the close of the war. He was with Sherman through the Carolinas and on the march to the sea. At Washington he was in the grand review and in 1865 was mustered out. He returned at once to his home and again took up his agricultural pursuits, at which he was eminently successful.

In the year 1888 our subject was unfortunate in losing his right hand which had to be amputated owing to the fact that blood-poisoning had set in.

To Mr. and Mrs. Simeon Blodgett were born eleven children, five of whom are still living: (1) Hannah P., wife of Henry Henderson, a farmer living in Jackson township; (2) Olive A., wife of Dr. A. Cunningham, of Renwick, Iowa, who have five children, Harold S., Albert, Ray, Lillian and Carl; (3) Joseph E. lives in Jackson township and

is engaged in farming. He is married and has two children: Clara and Bernice. (4) Lillian E., wife of the Rev. J. F. Mumford, of Correctionville, Iowa, is the mother of two children: Iva and Olive; (5) Corydon L., attending the Iowa State University, is studying dentistry. These children have received good educational advantages having attended the various colleges and academies in the state.

Prospering as time went on in the year 1892 Mr. Blodgett was enabled to retire from the farm and took up his residence in Central City where he purchased five acres of land and erected a beautiful modern dwelling upon it. In 1899 he sold the farm and has invested his capital so that it will support himself and wife for the remainder of their lives.

In politics Mr. Blodgett has been a close follower of his father, who from the time of his taking up his residence in Iowa was constantly before the public, having been one of the first supervisors of the county and holding many other positions of trust. Since coming into the county Mr. Blodgett has been a member of the town council, elected by the Republican party. He has been a delegate to county conventions, was justice of the peace for Jackson township and was for six years assessor and for thirteen years trustee of the same township and has always been an ardent supporter and earnest worker for the promotion of good schools in the county. Mr. Blodgett is a member of the Iowa Crocker's Brigade, a history of which will be found in the sketch of Col. H. H. Rood. As a citizen Mr. Blodgett has a record of which few men can boast and that is of having voted at forty-seven state elections, never having missed one from the time he cast his first vote.

Mr. Blodgett is a member of the Congregational church, of which he was a deacon for fifteen years and also held the position of trustee. He still takes an active part in both church and Sunday school work.

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ORRIN E. ABORN.

Orrin E. Aborn has been a resident of Cedar Rapids for over twenty years, and is to-day one of its most highly esteemed citizens. He is a native of the Prairie state, his birth occurring in Sycamore, Illinois, November 7, 1855. His parents, Calvin and Eliza (Atkins) Aborn, were born, reared and married in Vermont and removed to Illinois about 1850. The father was engaged in the patent right business and patented the first seed sower ever made. He removed to Independence, Iowa, in 1859, forming a partnership known as Aborn & Ingals. They made and sold the seeder extensively through the west, having at one time forty teams on the road and doing a successful business. He is now deceased, but the mother is still living and makes her home in Independence, Iowa.

The subject of this sketch is the sixth in order of birth in a family of nine children, and was only four years of age when the family removed to Independence, Iowa, where the days of his boyhood and youth were passed. To the public schools of that city he is indebted for his educational privileges. On leaving the school room at the age of seventeen he commenced clerking in a dry goods store in Independence, and was thus employed until after the removal of his employers to Cedar Rapids in 1878, remaining with them at this place for one

year. He then went to Kansas and engaged in farming with his brother for one year.

In the meantime Mr. Aborn was married at Red Cloud, Nebraska, in 1879, to Miss Amanda Rudolph, a daughter of Samuel and Della Rudolph, of Cedar Rapids, both of whom are now deceased. The father was one of the first hotel keepers of this city. Mr. and Mrs. Aborn have two children: Libby D., now cashier and bookkeeper for S. L. Rudolph; and Claude E., who is attending the high school of Cedar Rapids.

After his return to Cedar Rapids Mr. Aborn worked in the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad shops for seven years, and then entered the employ of S. L. Rudolph, a wholesale and retail grocer of this city, as manager during the absence of the proprietor. He is a charter member of the camp of Modern Woodmen of America at Cedar Rapids, and also belongs to Cedar Rapids Lodge, No. 141, I. O. O. F.

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#### JAMES SLIFE.

For over half a century James Slife has been a resident of Linn county, and during all these years has been prominently identified with her agricultural and business interests. He is now editor and proprietor of the News Letter, published in Central City, and in the new venture is meeting with the same success that has characterized his entire business career.

Mr. Slife was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, on the 3d of August, 1836, and is a son of Daniel and Eve (Morrow) Slife, the former born in Maryland in 1804, the latter in Pennsylvania, in 1806. On both the paternal and maternal sides he is of German

ancestry, but both families were founded in America several generations back. His grandfather, Ulrich Slife, was a soldier of the Revolutionary war. In an early day Daniel Slife went to Ohio, where he married the mother of our subject. When young he learned the wheelwright's trade, but never followed that occupation, and shortly afterward took up carpenter work, to which he devoted his time and energies until he retired from active labor. After his marriage he made his home in Canal Winchester, Ohio, for some time, engaged in contracting and building, and in 1846 removed with his family to Jones county, Iowa, being among its pioneers. At that time there was not a house in Anamosa, and their nearest trading posts were Muscatine and Dubuque, to which they hauled their produce by wagon, there being no railroads in the state. On coming to Iowa Mr. Slife purchased a farm in Jones county, where he resided for a short time. In 1850 he removed to Linn county and bought a farm of which our subject took charge while his father worked at his trade. In 1868 he retired from business, and three years later removed to Riverside, Washington county, Iowa, where he died in 1873. His wife passed away the following year. Both were very active and earnest members of the United Brethren church, and were highly respected by all who knew them. The father was a fairly well educated man for his day and was well posted on the questions and issues of the times. On the organization of the Republican party in 1856, he joined its ranks and continued one of its staunch supporters throughout life.

There were ten children born to Daniel and Eve (Morrow) Slife, of whom four died in childhood. The others were as follows:

Valentine, who was a farmer by occupation, died in Jones county, Iowa, in July, 1899; Mary wedded Jacob Fesler, of Riverside, Washington county, and died in April, 1898; Christina died near Glidden, Iowa, in 1889; Rachel is the wife of John Minehart of Central City, Iowa; James, our subject, is next in order of birth; and David was a member of the Ninth Iowa Infantry during the Civil war, and died in the service in 1864. They were all educated in the common schools of this state.

James Slife was fourteen years of age when he came to Linn county, and his education was principally acquired in Jones county, though he attended school here for a short time. His educational advantages were rather limited. He grew to manhood on the home farm and had charge of its operation for a number of years. In 1858 he was united in marriage with Miss Catherine Coffits, a native of Tama, Ohio, and a daughter of Philip and Catherine (Bruner) Coffits, who were early settlers of this county, and continued to reside on the farm where they first located until their deaths. They had three children: John, a resident of Tama, Iowa; Alexander, of Minnesota; and Catherine, wife of our subject.

Mr. Slife continued farming until war was declared between the north and south, when he entered the service of his country, enlisting August 13, 1862, in Company G, Twenty-fourth Iowa Volunteer Infantry. He went at once to the front and took part in the battles of Port Gibson, Mississippi; Champion Hill and Sabine Cross Roads, Louisiana. He was taken prisoner at Champion Hill, but was detained only a few days before being paroled and sent across the river to camp. After being exchanged in September, he rejoined his regiment and partici-

pated in many other engagements and skirmishes until he reached New Orleans, where he was ill in the hospital for a time. He was subsequently able to rejoin his command at Morehead City, North Carolina, and remained with them until mustered out at Savannah, Georgia, in 1865. The regiment lost heavily at Champion Hill, there being over two hundred either killed or wounded.

After the war Mr. Slife resumed the more quiet pursuits of farm life, which he continued to carry on until 1888, when he rented his farm and removed to Central City, where he engaged in the hardware business very successfully for five years. He purchased a lot, erected a building, and put in a stock of new goods. Selling his farm in Jones county, Iowa, he next purchased a place of one hundred and forty acres in Jackson township, Linn county, which is fully improved, and which is operated by his son. After living retired for about a year Mr. Slife purchased the plant of the News Letter on the 15th of March, 1900, from P. G. Henderson, of Central City. This paper was established March 1, 1888, by A. W. McCormick. It is now conducted as an independent paper and has a circulation of six hundred, which has steadily increased under the capable management of our subject. He also does all kinds of job printing and is meeting with excellent success.

Mr. Slife's first wife died in Jones county, in 1876, leaving five children, namely: Melvin, who is married and engaged in the grain and agricultural implement business in Carroll county, Iowa; Adelia, wife of C. A. Shibley, a contract painter of Chicago; Frank H., who is married and lives on the home farm in Jackson township; Clara, wife of P. O. Wehrman, of Chicago; and Daniel, who is married and conducts a meat market



in Blainstown, Iowa. In August, 1879, Mr. Slife was again married, his second union being with Miss Mary Newell, a native of Pennsylvania, who died July 11, 1896. In 1897 he wedded Mrs. Sarah Hill, the widow of Thomas Hill, by whom she had four children, three still living, namely: Rowland, a resident of Boulder township, this county; Elizabeth, wife of Ray Cane, of Coggon; and John, who lives with his brother on the farm in Boulder township.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Slife are members of the Congregational church, and he was trustee of the same for a time, but increasing business compelled him to resign that position. He is a supporter of all church and charitable work, however, and never withholds his aid from any enterprise which he believes will prove of public benefit. Fraternally he affiliates with the Grand Army Post at Central City, and politically is identified with the Republican party, for whose interest he labors untiringly, although he has never been a politician in the sense of office seeking. He started out in life with no capital, but being a man of sound judgment and practical ideas, he has succeeded in all his undertakings, and has acquired considerable valuable property, including a good residence and store buildings in Central City, besides his fine farm and the building which he now occupies.

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#### THEOPHILUS THOMAS.

Theophilus Thomas, who is well and favorably known in Fairfax township, Linn township, was born in Cambria county, Pennsylvania, on the 15th day of November, 1856.

Born in 1818, also in the state of Pennsylvania, his father, Thomas R., followed farming there for many years, after which he removed to Iowa and resumed the same occupation, which he followed until his death, which occurred in September, 1880. Marguerite Evans became his wife and the mother of our subject. She was born in 1826, in Sharva Tavia, Wales, and was but sixteen years of age when her parents emigrated to the United States. Taking with them their family, they settled in Cambria county, Pennsylvania, where their daughter married Mr. Thomas.

The following nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas: George W., who married Alice Shaw and who now lives in Holidaysburgh, Pennsylvania, where he conducts a general merchandise store; Edward, with his wife, Hannah (Ellis) Thomas, is living in Johnson county, where he follows farming; John is a carpenter by trade and with his wife, who was Samantha Ream, resides in Fairbury, Jefferson county, Nebraska; Howard, who was an engineer on the Pennsylvania Central Railroad, was killed at the age of twenty-five years, leaving a wife, Frances (Brown) Thomas, and three children, Ross, Clinton, and Alice; Elizabeth married Spencer Pate, who is a farmer by occupation; Robert L., who is also a farmer, lives in Johnson county, Iowa; carpentry is the trade followed by Alexander who, with his wife, Bertha (Byron), lives in Delaware county; William is also a carpenter and lives at home.

The early school days of Mr. Thomas were passed in a little log school house in Cambria county, Pennsylvania, at the same time lending a helping hand to his father on the farm. He was twenty-seven years of age, when in the spring of 1878 he moved



THEOPHILUS THOMAS.



with his parents to Johnson county, Iowa, where he stayed for one year. Gage county, Nebraska, was the next place in which he resided, where he worked by the month for about a year and then returned to Johnson county, his father having died during his absence. Here he worked the home farm for three years, at the end of which time he purchased a forty-acre farm for himself, which he sold two years later to his mother.

For two years he rented a farm from Mr. Swisher and then he again moved to Nebraska, staying there, working by the month for one year, when he again took up his residence in Johnson county. Twelve months later he went to Linn county and settled upon the property which he now occupies, working by the month for the first two years, one year drilling wells.

He married here, November 20, 1890, Carrie M. Miller, a daughter of Aquilla Miller, a very old resident of Fairfax township, who was born in York county, Pennsylvania, January 22, 1827, and was the son of Samuel Miller, who married Elizabeth Winter, both being natives of York county. The father of Mrs. Thomas was the oldest of seven children, five sons and two daughters. He left Pennsylvania and for a short time lived in Ohio, but in the spring of 1851 settled in Iowa. He is a deacon of the Christian church and now makes his home with our subject. Elizabeth (Winter) Miller, his mother, died March 15, 1892, at the ripe old age of ninety-two years.

Temperance (Philips) Miller, the mother of Mrs. Thomas, was a native of Richland county, Ohio, born November 29, 1825. Her parents were Thomas and Sarah (Hedrick) Philips, peaceful agriculturists.

Their children were: Sarah E., born July 4, 1850; Mary J., now deceased, born April 25, 1852, died December 6, 1890; Samantha A., also deceased, born November 27, —, died September 18, 1858; Thomas M., deceased, born November 5, 1855, died January 5, 1869; Jacintha A., deceased, born October 5, 1857, died February 27, 1865; Jason L. S., deceased, born January 25, 1859, died September 10, 1859; William E., still living, was born August 5, 1860, and is a plumber by trade in Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Avery E., born December 21, 1863, married Nellie L. Hill, who is the daughter of James Hill, of Cedar Rapids. Mr. Miller follows the plumbing business at Maquoketa, Iowa, and Carrie M., our subject's wife, who was born October 10, 1867.

Four years after his marriage Mr. Thomas rented a farm. In 1893 he bought eighty acres of land, and in 1895 purchased the old homestead, which contained one hundred and twenty acres, making in all two hundred acres.

Having started out in life with but thirteen dollars in cash, Mr. Thomas' success in life is due entirely to his own efforts. His beautiful farm of two hundred acres, all under the highest state of cultivation, is the home of himself and wife, where they are surrounded by their three devoted children: Ella M., born April 21, 1894; Glenn Harold, born May 6, 1896; and Elliott Aquilla, born December 17, 1897. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas have also reared and educated Lillie Stevenson, a daughter of Mrs. Thomas' sister Jane.

Beside his farm Mr. Thomas is engaged in the dairy business, his products being of the highest quality.

In politics Mr. Thomas is a Republican



and has served two terms as school director. In religion he is a member of the Christian church, which he joined over twelve years ago, and to which he has been one of its most liberal contributors. Mrs. Thomas has for the past sixteen years been a teacher of the Christian church Sunday school.

Mr. Thomas belongs to the Modern Brotherhood of America and the Royal Circle of Cedar Rapids. He was formerly treasurer of the Modern Brotherhood.

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#### ROBERT G. BROCK.

As proprietor of the Grandview dairy farm Robert G. Brock is widely known throughout Cedar Rapids and surrounding country. A native of Orange county, Vermont, he was born in the shadow of the Green Mountains, February 5, 1832, and is a son of William and Ann (Wallace) Brock, also natives of that county, where the father spent his entire life as a farmer. After his death, the mother, in company with some of her children, came west and located in Rock county, Wisconsin, but her last days were spent at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Emmert, in Freeport, Illinois. Our subject's paternal grandfather, Thomas Brock, was of English descent and one of the early settlers of Vermont. The maternal grandfather, William Wallace, was born in Glasgow, Scotland, and came to the new world when a young man.

Robert G. Brock passed the first twelve years of his life in his native county, and then went to Lowell, Massachusetts, where he received a good education. He then learned the machinist's trade in the Amos-

Keag shops, where he remained about four years, and at the end of that time went to New York city, where he engaged in clerking in an office for one year. In 1856 he engaged in a grocery store for about two years, came to Iowa and after looking over the country located at Cedar Rapids. A year later he went to McGregor, where he engaged in the roofing business one year, and then returned to Cedar Rapids, becoming interested in the boot, shoe and leather business at this place, where he conducted a tannery until 1859. He was then ill for some time, and on partially recovering his health he went west in 1860, crossing the plains with Judge Greene's party to Pikes Peak, where he remained until December of that year.

Having regained his health Mr. Brock returned home and soon after visited his mother and other members of the family in Rock county, Wisconsin. He secured a farm near Janesville and there engaged in agricultural pursuits during the Civil war. In the spring of 1865 he went to Audrain county, Missouri, and was engaged in the drug business with a brother-in-law at Mexico for about four years. At the end of that time he returned to Iowa, and for three years followed farming in Marshall county, but was at length forced to leave the farm on account of his wife's health. During the construction of the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad he had charge of their supply store for two years, and on the expiration of that time returned to Cedar Rapids, where he engaged in the wood and coal business for thirteen years, and also owned and operated a sawmill, manufacturing lumber. At the same time he ran a small steam boat on the Cedar river between this place and Vinton, Iowa,

and owned a tug and several barges carrying freight and passengers, and doing a large excursion business. In 1886 he removed to what is now known as the Grandview dairy farm, and has since successfully engaged in the milk business, keeping a large number of cows and supplying about two hundred families with milk and cream.

On the 15th of March, 1865, in Newbury, Vermont, Mr. Brock married Miss Frances E. Doe, who was born and reared in the same town where her husband's birth occurred. Her parents were William and Phoebe (Craig) Doe, natives of Vermont and Pennsylvania, respectively. Our subject and his wife have one son, William W., who assists his father in the dairy business, and has run a milk wagon for some years, making daily trips.

Mr. Brock cast his first presidential ballot for John C. Fremont in 1856, and is a stalwart supporter of the Republican party and its principles. Religiously both he and his wife hold membership in the Second Presbyterian church of Cedar Rapids, and are among the most honored and highly esteemed citizens of their community. In business circles he occupies an enviable position. Thoroughness and persistency have characterized his entire business career and have been the means of bringing to him a well-merited success

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#### PETER A. HEATON.

This well-known boot and shoe dealer is one of the leading business men and foremost citizens of Central City. He is one of Linn county's native sons, born February 9, 1845, and is a worthy repre-

sentative of one of her honored pioneer families. His father, Alonzo Heaton, was born in St. Lawrence county, New York, in 1815, and on the paternal side was of English descent, and on the maternal of German extraction. His ancestors, however, came to this country in the early part of the eighteenth century. Our subject's paternal great-grandfather fought for American independence in the Revolutionary war, and his grandfather was a soldier of the Mexican war.

In 1839 Alonzo Heaton came to Iowa, and after spending about a year in Dubuque, he came to Linn county, and took up one hundred and sixty acres of government land in Maine township. At that time this region was all wild and unimproved; the Indians were far more numerous than the white settlers; and wolves, deer and all kinds of wild game was plentiful; while all trading was done in Dubuque. Mr. Heaton was one of a family of thirteen children, seven sons and six daughters, who were born in New York and from there removed to Michigan and later came to Iowa. He was single on coming to this state, and here married Mrs. Rebecca (Poet) Heaton, the widow of James Heaton, his older brother. There are no living children by the first marriage, but by the second union two sons were born, one of whom died in early childhood, the other being Peter A., the subject of this sketch. The father, who followed the occupation of farming throughout life, died in 1848, and his widow subsequently became the wife of an older brother, Samuel Heaton, who was born in 1811, and died in 1888. By this union were born five children, all living, namely: James, a resident of Kansas; William, a

farmer of Maine township, this county; Ann, wife of J. D. Matteson, who formerly lived in Kansas for twenty-seven years, but now makes his home in Central City, Iowa; and B. F. and N. C., both residents of Kansas. They were all reared and educated in this county. In 1875 the father of these children removed to Kansas and took up a homestead, becoming the owner of several hundred acres of land in that state, where he spent the remainder of his life. His wife, who was born in 1823, is still living there. Politically the family are all identified with the Republican party, and have held local offices in the communities where they reside.

Peter A. Heaton received his education in the common schools of Linn county, but his opportunities along that line were limited. During the Civil war he enlisted in 1862 in Company K, Sixth Iowa Cavalry, under General Sully. This regiment was stationed on the western plains to quell the Indian insurrections, and participated in the battle of Whitestone Hill and many skirmishes. At the close of the war Mr. Heaton was honorably discharged in 1865, and returned home to resume the more quiet pursuits of farm life. He purchased and improved several farms in this county.

On the 31st of December, 1865, Mr. Heaton was united in marriage with Miss Mary A. Sawyer, who was born near Medford, Massachusetts, November 17, 1846, a daughter of Abner J. and Sophia (Gillam) Sawyer. Her mother died in that state, and in 1854 her father came west, his death occurring in this county when he was seventy-seven years of age. He was a ship carpenter by trade, and lived in Chicago for a number of years. He had one son, William Sawyer, who was a member of the

Twentieth Iowa Volunteer Infantry during the Rebellion, and died in the service, and one living at Central City, Iowa, George, who was also a member of the Twentieth Iowa Volunteer Infantry. Those of his family still living are Almira, widow of James Sawyer, of Central City; Mary A., wife of our subject; Annie, wife of C. H. Clark, of Central City; and George, the eldest of the family, who was also a soldier of the Civil war and is now a resident of Central City. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Heaton, but two died in early childhood, and Susie died January 23, 1900, at the age of thirty-one years. Those living are Curtis, Maud A. and Benjamin F., all at home. The children were educated in the public schools of Central City.

On leaving the farm in 1873, Mr. Heaton removed to Central City and embarked in general merchandising. He has since been interested in various business enterprises, being connected with the hardware trade for some time, and in 1900 he purchased the boot and shoe store, which he now conducts. He has dealt quite extensively in property for some time, and in all his business ventures has been marked by success. He owns a good home in Central City, besides his store, and still has an interest in the hardware business at that place.

Mr. Heaton and his family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he is one of the trustees, and his daughter who died took a very active part in church work. She was also a member of the Eastern Star, and was worthy matron at the time of her death. Mr. Heaton is a member of the blue lodge of the Masonic order at Central City, and of Marvin Mills Post, No. 212, G. A. R., of which he is now

commander, and has always taken an active interest in fraternal work. In politics he is a Republican, and has been a member of the school board for some time. He is noted for his reliability in all business transactions, and his career has ever been such as to gain for him the confidence and high regard of his fellow citizens and business associates.

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CYRIL H. CLARK.

For sixty years this gentleman has made his home in Linn county, and most of this time has been spent in Central City, where he has carried on business as a contractor and builder with good success. A native of Iowa, he was born in Dubuque, on the 23d of April, 1841, and the same year was brought to this county by his parents, Seymour and Orpha (Heaton) Clark. His ancestry is of English origin, and both grandfathers were soldiers of the war of 1812. The grandfather was born, reared and educated in New York, and in 1839 came overland to Iowa with his family. On taking up his residence in Linn county he pre-empted a tract of government land south of where Central City now stands, the village being first known as Clarkford. By occupation he was a farmer, and he followed that pursuit in Maine township until his death in 1844. The father of our subject left two sons, of whom our subject is the older. James L., born in March, 1843, spent his early life in this county, but is now a resident of San Jose, California. For her second husband the mother married Richard Barber, who came to Linn county about 1848, and by this union she has six children, of whom two died in early

childhood, while Susan became the wife of Albert Jaynes and removed to California, where she died leaving one son, Arthur, now a resident of Marion, Iowa. Those of the family still living are Alvah, a farmer of Maine township; Oscar R., a merchant of Central City; and Alice, wife of A. L. Hatch, a farmer of Jackson township. The father of these children died in 1871, but the mother is still living, at the age of eighty-two years, and has made her home in the northern part of this county longer than any other of its residents.

Cyril H. Clark began his education in a log school house at Central City, but his school privileges were meager, and he is practically self-educated by the reading of good literature. He remained under the parental roof until he attained his majority, and then joined the Union army, the country being engaged in civil war. He enlisted in July, 1862, as a private in Company H, Twentieth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and remained with his regiment until the following spring, being confined in a hospital at Springfield, Missouri, with measles. He then returned home and, renting land, was engaged in farming for a time, and later conducted a general store at Central City, but during the greater part of his business career he has carried on operations as a contractor and builder, having learned the carpenter's trade, and his work has been confined to the community in and around Central City. Here he owns a beautiful place of fifteen acres, on which he has erected a good residence and other buildings.

In 1867 Mr. Clark married Miss Francisella Crane, who was born in Oswego, New York, in 1844, and died in October, 1868, leaving one child, Ella F., who was born July 30, 1868, and is now the wife



of O. J. Hall, of Central City. He was again married in 1871, his second union being with Miss Anna M. Sawyer, who was born in Medford, Massachusetts, January 11, 1851, and was then living in Central City with her sister. Unto them was born a son, Burleigh, whose birth occurred April 2, 1874. He is now station agent on the Illinois Central Railroad at Masonville, Iowa, is married and has one daughter, Mildred. Both of our subject's children were educated in the public schools of Central City, and are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Mr. Clark has never taken an active part in politics, though he votes with the Republican party and has always worked for its interests. Upon the incorporation of the township he was elected to the council, and has since been a member of that body with the exception of two years. Fraternally he is a member of the blue lodge of Masonry, of which he was junior warden for some time; and of Marvin Mills Post, No. 212, G. A. R., of which he has been quartermaster for several years, while religiously he is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he is one of the trustees and in which he has always held some office. His wife also holds membership in that church, and they have the respect and esteem of a large circle of friends and acquaintances, who appreciate their sterling worth and many excellencies of character.

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#### JOSEPH F. VONDRACEK.

Bohemia has furnished to Cedar Rapids many of its best and most enterprising business men, who have met with remarkable success during their residence here, and

have risen from a humble position to one of affluence through their own unaided efforts. To this class belongs Joseph F. Vondracek, a well-known wholesale and retail grocer of this city. He was born in Bohemia, July 8, 1850, and is a son of Frank Vondracek, who spent his entire life in that country as a farmer and contractor, and died when our subject was only three years old. In the family were fourteen children, of whom Joseph F. is the youngest, and he and his brother Anton are now the only representatives of the family living in Cedar Rapids, the latter being engaged in the oil business.

Joseph F. Vondracek was educated in the land of his birth, and in early life learned the trade of carriage painting, which he continued to follow while living in Bohemia. In 1870 he emigrated to America, and came direct to Cedar Rapids. At that time his brother John, now deceased, was engaged in farming in Johnson county, Iowa. When our subject arrived in Cedar Rapids he was unable to speak a word of English. He first worked for Lawrence Stark, a collar manufacturer, for a year and a half, and then went to Chicago, where he was again engaged in carriage painting for four years. On the expiration of that time he returned to Cedar Rapids and established a carriage painting shop at this place, but after conducting it for six months he embarked in the grocery business with a capital of only three hundred dollars. As his trade grew he enlarged his stock from time to time, and now has a large double store well stocked with staple and fancy groceries.

On the 28th of July, 1875, Mr. Vondracek was married in Chicago to Miss Frances Hedlicka, of that city, and to them

were born eight children, seven of whom are still living, namely: Mary, Julia, Olga, Bertha, Henry, Henrietta and Lumir. Olga is now pursuing a classical course at the University of Chicago. Mr. Vondracek is a member of several civic societies, including the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he is now vice grand. He is president of the Bohemian Reading Society; president of the Bohemian Mutual Fire Insurance Company, and of the Home Forum. His political support is always given the Democratic party, and for two terms he efficiently served as alderman of the Seventh ward, and was a member of the streets, alleys, parks and several other committees. He does not care for office, but prefers to give his entire time and attention to his business interests. For his success in life he deserves great credit, for it is due entirely to his own industry, perseverance and good management.

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#### GEORGE C. SKINNER, M. D.

This well-known and progressive physician of Cedar Rapids, a member of the firm of G. R. & G. C. Skinner, was born in Polo, Illinois, November 11, 1859, and is a son of the senior member of the firm, whose sketch appears on another page of this volume. Our subject was only two years old when the family removed to Cedar Rapids, and in its public schools he acquired his early education. Later he took a classical course at Coe College, and spent one year at the college in Grinnell, Iowa. He attended his first course of medical lectures at the medical department of the University of Michigan, in Ann Arbor, and

then entered Rush Medical College, Chicago, from which he was graduated May 23, 1894, with the degree of M. D. Immediately after his graduation he returned to Cedar Rapids and entered into partnership with his father. He has since devoted his entire time and attention to his profession, and has been eminently successful in both the practice of medicine and surgery.

On the 3d of February 1894, Dr. Skinner married Miss Helen Bowen, a resident of Broadhead, Wisconsin. Her mother died at the time of her birth, and her father died in Los Angeles, California, when she was a mere child. They have two children, Stephen B. and George H.

Fraternally the Doctor is a member of the Loyal Legion of Iowa; Mt. Herman Lodge, No. 263, F. & A. M.; and Cedar Rapids Lodge, No. 98, K. P., of which he is past chancellor. He is also a member of the Knights of Khorassan, and was one of the organizers of that lodge in Cedar Rapids, while in connection with his profession he belongs to the State Medical Society and the Union Medical Society. He is a progressive physician, who keeps well informed on the latest discoveries and theories by his perusal of medical journals, and his skill and ability are attested by the liberal patronage he receives.

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#### ERNEST J. FLUCKIGER.

The subject of this review is the popular proprietor of the Fulton Meat Market, which is one of the largest and best in Cedar Rapids. He is a native of Switzerland, born March 24, 1859, and is a son of John and Mary (Maurer) Fluckiger, who spent their entire lives in that country, where both

died at about the age of fifty-eight years. In their family were eleven children, all of whom are still living and five of the number continue to make their home in Switzerland. Those who came to the United States are Frederick, a farmer of the state of Washington; Ernest J., our subject; John, also a farmer of Washington; Charles; Rudolph, proprietor of a meat market in Cleveland, Ohio; and Anna, also a resident of that city.

Ernest J. Fluckiger was educated in the public schools of his native land, and at the age of sixteen went to Paris, France, where he spent two years working at the butcher business. At the end of that time he came to America, and first located at Long Branch, New Jersey, where he remained for one year, and then went to Cleveland, Ohio, following his trade at both places. He was the first of his family to emigrate to America. After working in a packing house at Cleveland for two years he opened a small market of his own and carried on business quite successfully there until coming to Cedar Rapids in 1891, when he sold out to his brother, who still conducts the business.

During his residence in Cleveland Mr. Fluckiger was married in 1882 to Miss Lena Snyder, who was also born in Switzerland, in 1863, but was living in Cleveland at the time of their marriage. They have three children, namely: Hulda, Ida and Henry, all of whom are attending the Cedar Rapids public schools.

On coming to Cedar Rapids, in 1891, Mr. Fluckiger was employed to take charge of the beef department at the Sinclair packing house, and was connected with the same for three years, having fifteen men working under him. At the end of that

time he purchased his present market of George K. Wenig, who had the oldest established business of the kind in the city. Since Mr. Fluckiger took possession his trade has increased so rapidly that it has trebled in volume and comes from the best class of people in the city. He is also engaged in buying and shipping cattle for market purposes, and furnishes employment to six men besides a bookkeeper. As a progressive and enterprising man Mr. Fluckiger has not confined his attention to one line of business, but has become interested in other undertakings, and is now a stockholder in the Tycoon Mining Company of the Black Hills, and also of the Auditorium Company and the Cedar Rapids Carnival Company. He purchased a lot on the west side with three houses upon it, two of which he now rents, while the other he occupies as a residence. In all his business ventures he has been remarkably successful, and the prosperity that has come to him is certainly well deserved, for he began life in the new world with no capital save that acquired by his own industry. He is charitable and benevolent, and contributes liberally to all enterprises which he believes will prove of public benefit. Fraternally he is a member of the blue lodge of Masonry; Star of the West Lodge, No. 1, K. P.; and the Uniformed Rank of Knights of Pythias, and filled all the chairs of the latter order in Cleveland, Ohio.

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J. M. ROGERS.

J. M. Rogers, a prominent and influential citizen of Fairfax township, has been a resident of Linn county for many years.

and has been actively identified with its agricultural and political interests. He was born in Putnam township, Linn county, Iowa, December 14, 1849, a son of William and Elizabeth (McKinnon) Rogers. The father, born in Zanesville, Ohio, in 1830, came west when a very young man and settled in Rogers Grove, now known as Putnam township, Linn county. At the time of his moving westward he was practically penniless, but upon the death of his father received forty acres of timber land. This he cleared and by building a saw-mill upon the land and rafting the lumber down the river to Muscatine, Iowa, near which place the property was located, he was enabled to dispose of all the timber. He then proceeded to cultivate the land, and built for himself, being a carpenter by trade, a small frame residence. Later on he erected a barn, which at that time was the largest in the county. Here upon the second floor he threshed his grain by walking his horses over it, the wheat dropping through to the first floor where it was cleaned. Little by little he acquired land until he became the owner of two hundred acres, upon which, after some years, he erected a very fine dwelling, for which he himself made the brick.

J. M. Rogers received his early education in the district schools of Putnam township, and later attended the public schools of Cedar Rapids. Upon leaving school he rented a farm of eighty acres from Art Skiles. Here he remained for two years and then took up threshing and corn shelling as a means of livelihood, at which he was employed during the summer months, while the winter months he spent in hauling wood to Cedar Rapids.

June 23, 1873, Mr. Rogers married

Miss Margaret Russell, a daughter of William and Margaret (Buchon) Russell, natives of Scotland. After leaving their native land the Russell family took up their residence in Canada and from there moved to Linn county, where the parents spent the remainder of their lives. They had eight children: William (1), the oldest, died on shipboard on the way to Canada; William (2); Margaret; Anna; Jennie; Andrew, Jessie and Mary are still living.

To Mr. and Mrs. Rogers have been born ten children, of whom William and Gertie died in infancy, while the others, still living, are as follows: Annie, Maggie, Jessie, Elsie, Norma, Orville, Mabel and Wallace.

After his marriage Mr. Rogers moved to Benton county, rented a farm and remained there two years. He then went to Cedar Rapids, where he was engaged as a teamster, but after a short time moved to the old homestead, which he had bought and where he lived for twelve years. He then sold the place and bought the property where he now resides, then known as the "Old Ure Farm," and which was at that time entirely unimproved. The farm contains two hundred and forty acres and under the care of Mr. Rogers has become one of the finest pieces of farming land in the county. During the past few years Mr. Rogers has devoted considerable time to the raising of stock, at which he has been very successful and he also devoted a portion of his time to the Prairie Valley Fair ground, of which he is a director.

In politics Mr. Rogers is a staunch Democrat, and his fellow citizens, recognizing his worth and ability, have often called him to office. For ten years he filled the office of township trustee and for twelve years



that of school director and has been road supervisor since his residence in this district. He is one of the best known men in the community, and is held in the highest esteem by his fellow citizens. He is a member of Lodge No. 364, A. F. & A. M., at Fairfax, in which he is holding the office of senior steward.

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### JOHN B. CUTLER.

The subject of this review is one who has been identified with the interests of Linn county since early pioneer days, and has contributed to its progress and prosperity in no small degree. After a long and busy career, in which he prospered financially, he is now living a retired life in Central City. He was born in Glover, Orleans county, Vermont, November 15, 1813, and was the fourth in order of birth in a family of six children, three sons and three daughters. He was the only one of the family to come west, and is now the only survivor, the others having all died within four miles of their birthplace. His father, Nathan Cutler, was a native of England, and on his emigration to America settled in Vermont, where in the midst of the timber he cleared and improved a farm. He also built a saw and grist mill, which he operated in connection with his farm. He died when our subject was quite young. His wife was in her maidenhood Miss Martha Blanchard and was of Scotch descent.

The early schools of Vermont afforded John B. Cutler his educational privileges. On leaving home at the age of sixteen he went to Barton, Vermont, where he had charge of stage horses, and was quite young when put upon the road as a driver. After

the railroad was built in that locality he went from Concord to Boston, where he spent five years, and then went to New Orleans, hoping to go to northern Alabama to drive a stage, but instead came to Iowa, locating in Linn county, in 1844. Here he first worked as a farm hand during the summer, while the winter was passed at Mobile.

Mr. Cutler's first purchase of land consisted of one hundred and sixty acres, which he at once commenced to improve, and as he met with success in his farming operations he kept adding to his property until he owned about four hundred acres, which he placed under a high state of cultivation, making it one of the most desirable farms in the locality. He always made a specialty of stock raising, and had some of the best horses in the county. He has practically lived retired since 1875, leaving his son to conduct the farm, but he continued to reside thereon until 1891, when he removed to Central City and has purchased a pleasant home at that place. From time to time he has disposed of portions of his farm, though his wife still has forty acres in Jackson township, which is to be the property of her daughters when she is through with it.

In May, 1856, Mr. Cutler married Miss Ann Crookshank, who was born in Nova Scotia in December, 1826. She went to Boston in 1847, and in 1852 came to Iowa. By this union were born four children, as follows: (1) Mary, a school teacher of Clarion, Iowa, married A. W. Eldridge, now deceased, and to them were born two sons, Blanchard and Ivan. (2) Sophia died at the age of seventeen years. (3) Eva is the wife of Noah Gramling, who lives on the old homestead in Jackson town-

ship, and they have two children, Mason and Mabel. (4) John C., who was born and reared in Jackson township, followed farming until 1891, when he removed to Central City and for a time was engaged in business as a harness dealer and a manufacturer of woven wire fencing, but has since sold out. In 1898 he was elected city marshal and has since filled that position in a most creditable and acceptable manner. He married Emma Bishop, and they have five children, Clifford, Jennie, Harry, Ralph and Edna. Mr. Cutler gave his children good educational advantages. All attended the common schools of the county, and the daughters, Mary and Eva were graduated at the college in Grandview, Iowa, while the son was a student in the Iowa Normal School at Columbus Junction, but did not complete the course. He is a charter member of the Knights of Pythias Lodge at Central City, and has passed through all the chairs.

When Mr. Cutler came to Iowa this county was but sparsely settled, and he encountered many vicissitudes in his efforts to secure for himself and family a good home and comfortable competence, but success at length attended his efforts and he became one of the prosperous and substantial men of his community. He has always been a Jacksonian Democrat in political sentiment, and in religious belief is a Congregationalist, taking an active part in church work as much as possible.

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#### E. D. CLEVELAND.

E. D. Cleveland, an honored veteran of the Civil war, and now one of Iowa's most esteemed citizens, was born in Troy, Brad-

ford county, Pennsylvania, July 11, 1824. Haden, Massachusetts, was the birthplace of Daniel Cleveland, the father of the subject of this sketch. His mother, Clarissa (Ely) Cleveland, was a native of West Springfield, Massachusetts. To this couple were born the following children: Quartus E., a very successful agriculturist of Pennsylvania, who at an early age was united in marriage with Esther Benedict; Jerusha B., who, having married a farmer named John Hally, became a resident of the state of New York for some time, after which they moved to Lawton, Van Buren county, Michigan, and passed the remainder of their lives there; Daniel J., a bright and enterprising young man, married Sophia Coville, engaged in farming in Pennsylvania; Clarissa Ann became the wife of Alexander Dickenson, a man of the highest reputation, and with him took up her residence in Springfield, Pennsylvania, but moved shortly afterward to Wisconsin, where he died; Sophronia M. remained in Pennsylvania and became the wife of Nathan Bailey. These children have all passed away, the only one now living being the subject of this sketch.

His father being a successful farmer, E. D. Cleveland received his early education by attending school during the winter months, while the months of spring and summer were passed on the farm assisting his father. At the age of twenty-one, his father having died, he took charge of the farm and managed it very successfully for some years.

On December 31, 1849, he was married to Annida E. Kirkendall, daughter of John L. and Catherine Kirkendall, who were the parents of the following eight children: George Washington; Susan A.; Amanda

Emmaline, the wife of our subject; Hannah Adeline; James Madison; Julia Alma; Eliza Jane; and John W. Mrs. Cleveland is of good old Revolutionary stock. Her great-grandfather, Emanuel Hoover, served in the Revolutionary war, her grandfather at that time being about sixteen years of age.

At the age of twenty-six years Mr. Cleveland married, and is now the father of three children: Florence L., who married F. W. Whitney, whose sketch appears on another page of this volume; Myrtie May, now Mrs. Beebe, having married Oscar Beebe, a farmer living in Fairfax township, Linn county, with her husband and only child, Olive Blanch; and Loretta, the youngest of the three, is deceased.

Shortly after his marriage Mr. Cleveland enlisted in the army at Troy, Pennsylvania, joining Company B, Two Hundred and Tenth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, under the command of Colonel William Sargent, who was afterward killed in battle. Mr. Cleveland was in front of Pittsburg during most of the winter after enlisting, and from there went to Appomattox. He bravely fought in the battles of Gravel Run and Five Forks, and was a member of the Fifth Corps at the time Lee's army surrendered to it. After remaining three days at the place of surrender, they then marched all the way to Washington, thence to Arlington Heights, where Mr. Cleveland received an honorable discharge, being afterward paid off at Harrisburg, at the close of the war.

Having decided to move west, Mr. Cleveland took up his residence in Linn county, Iowa, in 1873, and having almost all his life been a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and one of its most high-respected brethren, he has become the leader

of the Sunday-school, which he attends with his wife and daughter.

James K. Polk received the first vote cast by Mr. Cleveland, and with but one exception during his entire life has he voted for other than the Republican party in national politics; that exception was the vote cast by Mr. Cleveland while in the army, and was for George B. McClellan. However, strong as are his principles with regard to national affairs, he casts his vote in township and county affairs for the man who in his opinion will best fill the office.

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#### BUEL EVANS.

Since October, 1852, Buel Evans has been a resident of Linn county, Iowa, and is to-day one of the most energetic and enterprising men of Central City. He was born on a farm in Jefferson county, Indiana, June 25, 1845, his parents being Turner and Nancy (Fleming) Evans, natives of Kentucky and Indiana, respectively. The Evans family came originally from Wales. Throughout the greater part of his life the father of our subject followed the occupation of farming, but during the latter years of his life conducted a general store at Paris, Iowa. As a pioneer he came to Linn county, Iowa, in October, 1852, and settled in Jackson township, where he pre-empted a tract of government land and converted it into a good farm of one hundred and sixty acres. When he located here there were but few families in the township, though his wife's people had moved here about four years previously. There were no fences dividing the different farms, and one could ride over the wild prairies for

miles in any direction without meeting with any obstructions. Turner Evans was a Republican in politics, and held several local offices, but never took a very active part in political affairs. He died in 1881, and his wife, who was a faithful member of the Christian church, passed away in Jackson township in 1865. Unto this worthy couple were born ten children, of whom one died in early childhood, the others being Buel, the subject of this sketch; Mary, wife of Shedrick Rundel, of Walker; James, a resident of Wright county, Iowa; Adam, who lives on the old homestead in Jackson township, Linn county; Harriet and Sabina, also residents of Wright county; Minner A., who is living in Jackson township, on one of the oldest farms in that part of the county, it being owned by Harvey Powell; Julia, wife of James Patton, of Wright county; and Fleming, who also makes his home in that county. The children were principally educated in the common schools of Paris, Jackson township, and in later years some attended different colleges, paying their own way. The parents came to this county with practically no capital, but at the time of their deaths were fairly well-to-do, and were universally respected.

Buel Evans was seven years of age on the removal of the family to Iowa, and he grew to manhood on the home farm in Jackson township, this county, his education being acquired in the country schools of the neighborhood. About the time he attained his majority he went to work as local agent for the Farmers Insurance Company of Cedar Rapids, and has been connected with them almost continuously since 1870. He followed school teaching in Jackson township for about fifteen years, and in the town of Paris for seven years.

In 1878 Mr. Evans removed to Anamosa and embarked in the grocery business, which he successfully carried on for seven years as a member of the firm of Brasted & Evans. On disposing of his business there in 1885, he removed to Central City and established a grocery store at that place, later adding agricultural implements to his stock. Here business was conducted under the firm name of Evans & Wratislaw for two years, when the partnership was dissolved and the business divided, Mr. Wratislaw taking the implement department and our subject the stock of groceries. Although he started in business in a small way, Mr. Evans has met with good success and now enjoys an excellent trade, which is constantly increasing. Besides his business property he owns a good residence in the city.

While a resident of Anamosa Mr. Evans was married in 1882 to Miss Angie L. Gale, a native of Vermont, who came to Iowa with her parents and settled in Manchester, where her father was engaged in the real estate business. She is a graduate of the Anamosa high school. Mr. and Mrs. Evans have six children, namely: Lawrence B., born in 1883; Frank J., in 1885; Harry, in 1887; Nellie, in 1889; Linn L., in 1891; and Ruth M., in 1899. They have attended the public schools of Central City on reaching a sufficient age, and the oldest son is now associated in business with his father.

Mrs. Evans holds membership in the Congregationalist church, and contributes liberally to its support. In 1870 Mr. Evans was made a Mason at Central City, and is now the oldest member of Level Lodge, of which he has been secretary for ten years. He took the commandery degrees at Anamosa. In politics he is a Republican. He



was the first city recorder elected in Central City, and filled that office for four years. He has also served as treasurer of the independent school district of Central City for twelve years, and as a citizen is always willing to discharge any duty which devolves upon him. He is rather a conservative man, but is genial and pleasant in disposition, and has the happy faculty of making friends easily, and as easily retaining them.

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#### CHARLES McENIRY.

Charles McEniry, who is now so capably and satisfactorily serving as general road master of the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad, with headquarters at Cedar Rapids, was born in County Cork, Ireland, May 10, 1859, his parents being Matthew and Ellen (Flynn) McEniry, also natives of the Emerald Isle, the former born in County Limerick, the latter in County Cork. By occupation the father was a farmer and horse buyer. During the boyhood of our subject he emigrated to the United States with his family and settled in Rock Island county, Illinois, where he was connected with the old Western Union Railroad for about two years. He then laid the track for the Rockford, Rock Island & St. Louis Railroad, for which corporation he worked until March, 1872, when he removed to Morning Sun, Iowa, and became identified with the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad as section foreman, serving as such until his retirement from railroad work in 1886. Since then he has engaged in farming in Monroe county, Iowa, and is now a hale and hearty old man of eighty-three years. His wife, who

was a cousin of Archbishop Hennessy, of Dubuque, lately deceased, died in 1882, at the age of sixty-seven years. They had a family of six children, namely: Michael, who has been agent for the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad at Greene, Iowa, since 1871; Mary and Margaret, both deceased; Charles, our subject; William, an extensive farmer and stock raiser of Monroe county, Iowa; and Ellen, wife of Richard Hammam, a farmer of the same county.

The McEniry family was the first to settle in Rock Island county, Illinois, a paternal uncle of our subject having gone to that region with Colonel Davenport at a very early day. Soon after locating there our subject's paternal grandmother died, and as there was no cemetery in Rock Island, her remains were carried across the river and buried in the Catholic graveyard at Davenport, being the third to be interred there. On coming to the new world other members of the family stopped first at Syracuse, New York, and later went to Rock Island. Our subject's father did not accompany them on their emigration to America, but remained in Ireland to care for his father until the latter's death, he being afflicted with rheumatism. On coming west the family made the journey by boat down the Ohio and up the Mississippi to the present site of Rock Island, and during their early residence there were forced to endure all the hardships and privations incident to pioneer life.

Charles McEniry is indebted to the schools of Rock Island and Morning Sun for his early educational privileges. At the age of fourteen years he became connected with the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad as water boy for an extra

gang on a gravel train, and later worked as a section hand. He was gradually promoted, serving as foreman of an extra gang, and later as section foreman. He was connected with the laying of the new track between Emmetsburg, Iowa, and Worthington, Minnesota, in 1882, and after its completion went to Estherville, Iowa, in the winter of 1882-3, and served as section foreman until the spring of 1884, when he became road master of the lines between Spirit Lake, Iowa, and Worthington and Pipestone, Minnesota, occupying that position and making his home in Sibley, Iowa, until 1892. He then removed to Cedar Rapids, being transferred as road master to the main line between Burlington and Vinton, Iowa. On the 1st of January, 1901, he was promoted to the position of general road master of the entire system of the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad, having about thirteen hundred miles of road under his supervision, with eleven road masters and two hundred section foremen. The arduous and responsible duties of this position he is now most faithfully and satisfactorily performing, and he has the entire confidence and respect of the officials of the road, as well as those working under him.

On the 6th of September, 1880, Mr. McEniry married Miss Lizzie Knowles, a native of Monroe county, Iowa, and a daughter of Patrick Knowles, who was one of the pioneer settlers of Dubuque, Iowa, and later took up a homestead near where Ottumwa now stands, that being the birthplace of Mrs. McEniry. She is the ninth in order of birth in a family of eleven children. Unto our subject and his wife were born seven children, namely: Matthew, a clerk in his father's office; William; Ellen,

deceased; Charles; Mary; Lizzie and Lucy, twins. With exception of the oldest, all are still attending school in Cedar Rapids. In religious faith the parents are Catholics, and are members of the Immaculate Conception church. Mr. McEniry gives his political support to the Democratic party, and was serving his fourth year as a member of the city council at Sibley, Iowa, on his removal to Cedar Rapids. He is progressive and public spirited, and takes quite an active interest in public affairs calculated to advance the general interests of society. He is vice-president of the Road Masters Association of America, and has been prominently connected with the organization since 1887, serving as a member of several important committees.

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HENRY G. PORTER.

Henry G. Porter, one of the prominent business men of Central City and a recognized leader in political circles, was born on the 28th of February, 1844, in Yorkshire, England, but the following July was brought to this country by his parents, John and Frances (Ascough) Porter, who were also natives of England, and were educated in its common schools. There the father was employed as overseer of a large estate. On coming to America he first located in Rochester, New York, and in 1855 removed to Jackson county, Iowa. He was next engaged in the manufacture of brick near Canton, Iowa, for the same length of time. In 1860 he resumed agricultural pursuits, purchasing the farm of one hundred acres in Union township, Delaware county, which is still in possession of the

family. Throughout the remainder of his life he followed farming, and died upon that place in 1879, at the age of sixty-three years. Politically he was a Republican, and religiously both he and his wife held membership in the Methodist Episcopal church. She was born in 1819 and is still living, her home being in Hopkinton. Of the nine children born to them three died in infancy. The others are Henry G., of this review; Thomas, a resident of Union township, Delaware county; William, a retired farmer of Hopkinton; Mary J., wife of T. G. Wetherbee, a druggist of Dallas county, Missouri; John F., a farmer of Albion, Nebraska; and Eddy, who lives on a farm adjoining the old homestead in Delaware county. The children were all educated in the public schools of that county.

After attending the common schools for some years Henry G. Porter entered Epworth Seminary, where he pursued the normal course. He was only eighteen years of age when he joined the boys in blue during the war of the Rebellion, enlisting in 1863 in Company K, Twenty-first Iowa Volunteer Infantry. He took part in the battles of Spanish Fort, Fort Blakesly and the capture of Mobile, and was never off duty during his entire service. At the close of the war he was honorably discharged at Houston, Texas, September 15, 1865. Returning to his old home in Delaware county, Iowa, he completed his education at Lennox College, and then engaged in teaching in the district schools of that county for four years.

In 1866 Mr. Porter was united in marriage with Miss Hannah Olmsted, a native of Cattaraugus county, New York, and a daughter of Rev. E. D. Olmsted, who was a minister of the United Brethren church.

By this union were born three children: Effie M., now the wife of Harry L. Reed, a farmer of Jackson township; Bertha E., wife of L. J. Reed, a farmer of Maine township, Linn county; and Francena F., who is engaged in the millinery business in Central City and lives with her parents.

Mr. Porter continued to engage in teaching school until 1870, when he purchased a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Milo township, Delaware county, to the improvement and cultivation of which he devoted his energies until 1877. He then took the government contract to carry the mail from Manchester to Marion, a distance of forty-seven miles, and covered the route himself every day for two years, though he had an assistant a part of the time. There was then no railroad between the two cities. After residing in Manchester for two years, Mr. Porter removed to Central City in 1879. Here he learned the tinner's trade with G. L. Sawyer, and in February, 1881, formed a partnership with that gentleman in the hardware business under the firm name of Porter & Sawyer. They began with a small stock valued at one thousand dollars, and carried on business together with good success until 1895, when our subject traded his interest in the store for a farm of eighty-five acres in Maine township, adjoining the village, on which he erected a modern brick residence. He was succeeded in business by the firm of Heaton & Stark, and he was in their employ until the first of February, 1901, when he purchased an interest in the store, which has since been conducted under the firm style of Porter, Mattison & Company. They carry a full line of shelf and heavy hardware, pumps and windmills, valued at thirty-five hundred dollars, and enjoy a good trade, which is constantly in-

creasing, the business being now under the capable management of our subject.

The Republican party has always found in Mr. Porter a staunch supporter of its principles, and he has ever taken quite an active and influential part in political affairs. He has been a delegate to numerous county conventions, and has assisted in organizing a number of Republican clubs. He has also served as drill master of ladies' and gents' clubs. He filled the office of township clerk for two terms, and was the efficient and popular mayor of Central City from 1891 to 1895. He was also a member of the school board when the first new building was erected. Religiously he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he was a trustee for a few years, and socially he is a member of Wapsie Lodge, No. 235, I. O. O. F.; Level Lodge, No. 284, A. F. & A. M.; and the Marvin Mills Post, No. 212, G. A. R., of which he was commander for several years and adjutant for ten years. A man of progressive ideas, broad minded and liberal, he has risen to a foremost place among the representative citizens of his community and has become a leader in public affairs.

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#### WATROUS PECK.

For almost forty years the subject of this sketch was numbered among the highly esteemed citizens of Linn county, his last days being spent upon his farm on section 30, Rapids township. He was a native of New York, born at West Bloomfield, Ontario county, December 28, 1839, and was a son of Desmond G. and Harriet L. (Wilson) Peck. His father was born in New York state and died in Wisconsin in Oc-

tober, 1844, his remains being interred near Milwaukee. The mother was born November 14, 1810, and died at the home of our subject in Rapids township, this county, May 28, 1891, but was buried at Romeo, Michigan. In their family were the following children: Amelia Caroline, Watrous, Gilbert W. and Frances Eliza. Gilbert is the only one surviving.

Our subject was twenty-one years of age when he came to Linn county, Iowa, and took up his residence on a farm about five miles west of Cedar Rapids, in Clinton township, where he made his home until he entered the service of his country during the Civil war, enlisting in 1862 in Company K, Twentieth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and served throughout the war, being discharged July 11, 1865, at Wheeling, West Virginia.

When hostilities ceased Mr. Peck returned to this county, but later went to Canada, becoming a contractor on one of the large railroads of the Dominion, and subsequently he was made purchasing agent for the Wisconsin Central Railroad in Wisconsin, holding that position until his return to Cedar Rapids in 1891. Buying twenty acres of land on section 30, Rapids township, he erected thereon a large modern house, which he made his home throughout the remainder of his life. He also purchased another tract of thirty-five acres in the same location and engaged in fruit culture with good success. He died July 21, 1898, honored and respected by all who knew him, and was laid to rest in Linnwood cemetery.

On the 17th of October, 1877, Mr. Peck married Miss Mary Juliana Weed, who was born in Winnebago county, Illinois, October 7, 1853, but came to Linn county when eight months of age, and attended the Cedar



Rapids high school and also took a year's course at Cornell College, Mt. Vernon, after which she engaged in teaching, first in the district schools and later in the graded schools of Cedar Rapids until her marriage. Her parents were Henry and Electa (Losey) Weed, natives of New York state. He came to Wisconsin, where he was married, and resided there a number of years and then moved to Illinois, where he made his home two years, and in the summer of 1854 came to Linn county, where he died in Clinton township June 9, 1880. His widow is living with her son on the old homestead in Clinton township. Mrs. Peck is the second in order of birth in a family of three children, the others being Egbert, who married Hattie Trask and lives on the old homestead in Clinton township with his mother; and Alice, wife of Charles Earl, a business man of Cedar Rapids. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Peck were born two children, namely: Clayton H., who is a graduate of the Cedar Rapids high school, and since the death of his father has had charge of the fruit business founded by the latter, making his home with his mother on the original twenty-acre tract; and Grace Amelia, wife of Delmer Tarpenning, of Shellsburg, Iowa. Mrs. Peck is an earnest and consistent member of the Trinity Methodist Episcopal church of Cedar Rapids, and is a most estimable lady who makes many friends.

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#### CHANDLER JORDAN.

There is probably no man in Maine township wider or more favorably known than Chandler Jordan, who came to Linn county in pioneer days, and is recognized as one of

the important factors in its progress and development. He is a native of Maine, born in Danville, Cumberland county, March 2, 1820, and is a representative of a prominent old New England family, which was founded in this country by Rev. Robert Jordan, who came from England in 1640, at the age of twenty-nine years, and settled at Cape Elizabeth, near Portland, Maine. His descendants became prominently identified with the growth and upbuilding of that state.

Ebenezer Jordan, the father of our subject, was also a native of Cumberland county, Maine, his birth occurring at what is known as the Pejepscot claim, on the 30th of November, 1789. He received a good common school education and followed farming throughout life. During the war of 1812 he took up arms against the mother country. Twice he visited Iowa, but continued to make his home in the old Pine Tree state until called to his final rest December 4, 1873. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Sarah Dyer, was born in Maine December 19, 1791, and died February 4, 1864.

Unto this worthy couple were born ten children, of whom George died at the age of ten years and James at the age of twenty-one. The others were as follows: Lemuel D., born in 1813, came to Linn county, Iowa, in 1840, and was engaged in farming in Maine township until his death in 1890; Mary D., born in 1815, married John Penley and died in Maine in 1841; Charles, born in 1818, was a dry goods merchant of Boston, but purchased land in this county and died at the home of our subject in 1854; Chandler is the next in order of birth; Ebenezer, born in 1822, still lives near the old homestead in Maine; Nelson, born in 1824,

was engaged in the railroad business nearly all his life, but was following farming in Kansas at the time of his death in 1894, and his remains were interred in Maine township, this county; Rishworth, born in 1826, died in Maine in 1889; and Lydia B., born in 1832, married Moses Chapman and died in Maine. The children were educated in the public schools and academies of their native state.

During his boyhood and youth Chandler Jordan pursued his studies in the common schools and the academy at Lewiston, Maine, and remained on the home farm with his father until twenty-two years of age, being engaged in school teaching during the winter months. Coming to Iowa in 1844, he located in Maine township, Linn county, where his brother had settled about four years previously. At that time there were but few settlements in the neighborhood and not an acre of land had been entered in the township. There were no railroads in Iowa, and from Chicago our subject traveled overland by wagon. The day-book which he kept in those early days was the only record kept in the township, and has been used as authority in settling many a dispute.

Mr. Jordan took a claim in Maine township, broke the prairie with oxen, and improved his farm. His first purchase consisted of one hundred and sixty acres, and as he succeeded in his farming operations he added to it from time to time until he now controls nine hundred acres in that township, the greater part of which he himself has improved. He had but limited means on coming to this county, but has steadily prospered, and is to-day one of the most extensive farmers and wealthy citizens of his community.

On the 2d of June, 1847, Mr. Jordan

was united in marriage with Miss Sarah D. Waterhouse, who was also born in Cumberland county, Maine, June 27, 1824, a daughter of Zebulon and Anna (Dyer) Waterhouse. The mother died in 1835, and in 1854 the father came to Linn county, Iowa, where he departed this life in 1879, at the age of eighty-four years. Mrs. Jordan was reared and educated in her native state. Of the seven children born to our subject and his wife only two are now living, namely: Lydia B., born in 1855, is the wife of Rev. Eli Paeker, a Baptist minister of Des Moines, Iowa. Julia J., born in 1861, is the wife of John N. Dunn, who lives on the home place, and they have three children, Julia A., Lewis J. and Jessie S. Those of the family now deceased were Anna, who died at the age of four years; two who died in infancy; Elizabeth A., who died at the age of four years; and Emma E., who married Dr. Woodbridge and died at the age of thirty-three, leaving three children, but one died soon after the mother's death, those living being Chandler J. and Edward E.

In politics Mr. Jordan is a Democrat, and has taken quite an active part in public affairs, filling various township offices. During almost his entire residence here he has been officially connected with the schools, had control of all the school territory and for many years he was school treasurer, and held the money to pay the teachers. The first school in this part of the county was established in Jackson township, and when a neighborhood became large enough to support a school others were started. Mr. Jordan has been a life-long member of the Baptist church, and was instrumental in founding the church at Jordan Grove. He superintended its construction and has always been an officer of the same. He is now the

oldest living resident of Maine township, but is still quite active and enjoys good health. His life has been manly, his actions sincere and his example is well worthy of emulation, and he is certainly deserving of honorable mention among the prominent pioneers and representative citizens of his adopted county.

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### JOHN LEONARD.

For many years this gentleman, who is now deceased, was one of the most prosperous and successful farmers of Grant township, as well as one of its honored and highly respected citizens. He was born in New Jersey on the 22d of April, 1838, and was a son of Charles and Mary (Duckworth) Leonard, natives of New Jersey. At an early age our subject came with his father to Linn county, Iowa, and took up his residence in Grant township. His first purchase of land consisted of eighty acres, which at that time was all wild and unimproved, but he soon placed it under cultivation and erected good and substantial buildings thereon. As time advanced and he prospered in his undertakings he added to his landed possessions from time to time until at his death he had four hundred acres of very valuable and well improved land. His life was devoted to general farming and stock raising.

In December, 1868, Mr. Leonard was united in marriage with Miss Sarah E. Mutchler, who was born in Pennsylvania. Her father, Jacob Mutchler, was a native of Germany, and came to America with his father, Mathias Mutchler, locating in Lycoming county, Pennsylvania. On reach-

ing manhood Jacob Mutchler was married there to Miss Elizabeth Birch, who was born in that state of German parentage. He owned and operated both a farm and saw-mill, being engaged in the manufacture of lumber for some years. In 1849 he removed to Crawford county, Ohio, where he followed agricultural pursuits until coming to Linn county, Iowa, in 1864. He located on a farm in Grant township and continued to make his home here until called to his final rest in the spring of 1894. His wife had passed away some years previously, dying in 1877. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Leonard were born two children: Omar S., mentioned below; and Maude, who resides with her mother in Center Point.

Mr. Leonard died February 27, 1899, at the age of sixty-one years. Being a strong temperance man, he gave his political support to the Prohibition party, and was a faithful and consistent member of the Free Methodist church. He led an upright, honorable and useful life, and in his death the community realized that it had lost one of its most valuable and highly esteemed citizens.

Omar S. Leonard, the only son of our subject, was born in Grant township October 17, 1869, and was educated in the local schools. In early life he assisted his father in the labors of the farm, and since the latter's death has had complete charge of the same. In its management he has displayed excellent business ability and sound judgment, and is successfully engaged in general farming and stock raising. Politically he is a staunch Democrat. He was married March 24, 1896, to Miss Temperance Hoff, who is one of a family of seven children, six of whom are now living. Her parents are Jacob and Ellen (Palmer) Hoff, natives

of Ohio and Iowa, respectively. Her father came to this county in 1851, and here he and his wife still reside. Mr. and Mrs. Leonard have one child, Lois.

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ABRAM S. FUNK.

Abram S. Funk, one of the oldest and most popular engineers on the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad, residing in Cedar Rapids, was born in High Spire, Dauphin county, Pennsylvania, January 1, 1845, and is a son of Abraham and Magdaline (Springer) Funk, also natives of the Keystone state, the former born October 5, 1803, the latter January 2, 1805. The father was a well-educated man for his day and a cooper by trade. On leaving Pennsylvania April 11, 1850, he started overland for Iowa, and landed in Muscatine the same month. He engaged in farming in Muscatine county until 1873, when he removed to the city of Muscatine and lived retired until his death, which occurred October 23, 1898. He was then ninety-five years of age, while his mother was ninety-nine at the time of her death. The mother of our subject died at the home of her son in Cedar Rapids July, 1891, at the age of eighty-six. She had four children by her marriage with Mr. Funk, namely: Barbara, who married Joseph Wilhelm, of Muscatine, and died in that city; Sarah, wife of Rev. Peter C. Hetzler, of Salem, Oregon; Rebecca, wife of A. Whitten, who lives near Portland, Oregon; and Abraham S., our subject. By a former marriage the mother had two children: Jacob Steese, who lives in Hummelstown, Pennsylvania; and Mrs. Elizabeth Gegler, who died in Philadelphia, leaving a son,

Henry Gegler, who has been for twenty-six years connected with the Bank of North America, of Philadelphia. The father of our subject was also married twice, and by the first wife had four children: Daniel M., deceased, who was a farmer and blacksmith by occupation; Mrs. Catherine Bond, a resident of Muscatine; Mrs. Maria Whistler, of Grand View, Iowa; and Mrs. Susan Erb, of Muscatine. The children were all educated in the public schools, either of Pennsylvania or Iowa. In connection with the operation of his farm, consisting of three hundred and twenty acres, the father conducted what was known as the Four Mile House, a tavern on the Iowa City road. He sold his farm in 1886 and purchased a home in Muscatine, where he continued to reside throughout the remainder of his life, as previously stated. In politics he was first a Whig and later a Republican, but never took an active part in political affairs. In early life both he and his wife were members of the Winebrennerian church, but after coming to Iowa joined the United Brethren church.

The subject of this sketch attended the common schools of Muscatine county until seventeen years of age, when he entered the service of his country during the dark days of the Rebellion, enlisting August 13, 1862, in Company B, Thirty-fifth Iowa Volunteer Infantry. His regiment was a part of the Fifteenth Army Corps until the fall of Vicksburg, when it was transferred to the Sixteenth Corps, and remained with the same until the close of the war. Mr. Funk participated in the battle of Jackson, Mississippi, May 14, 1863; the siege of Vicksburg from the 18th of May until the 4th of July; the ten days siege of Jackson from July 10; the battle of Fort DeRusa, Louisiana, March



14, 1864; Pleasant Hill, April 9; Monsuri, Louisiana, May 16; Yellow Bayou, May 18; Old River Lake, Arkansas, June 6, 1864, when the captain of his company was killed while acting as major; Tupelo, Mississippi, July 14; Nashville, Tennessee, December 15 and 16; and the siege of Spanish Fort, Alabama, from March 27 to April 8, 1865. Mr. Funk was wounded in the head at Pleasant Hill, and still has the bullet in his possession. He was honorably discharged at Davenport, Iowa, August 10, 1865, and returned home with a war record of which he may be justly proud.

Mr. Funk then worked with his father upon the farm until the 1st of January, 1868, when he married Miss Eleanor L. Cook, who was born in Indiana March 5, 1846, and died in Muscatine, Iowa, November 5, 1874. In the fall of 1872 he left the farm, and on the 15th of January, 1873, entered the employ of the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad as fireman. At that time he removed to Cedar Rapids, but after residing here one year he returned to Muscatine, where his wife died. On the 10th of August, 1877, he was promoted to the position of engineer, and has continued with the road in that capacity ever since, ranking ninth as the oldest engineer in point of service now with the road. He ran a freight train until 1883, when he was promoted to passenger engineer. Exceedingly careful, he met with no accident requiring the assistance of a wrecking train until in November, 1900, when he had to send for it.

On the 5th of September, 1877, Mr. Funk was united in marriage with Miss Maggie M. Mader, who was born in Muscatine August 19, 1857, of German parentage, and was educated in the schools of that city. Unto them have been born four children,

namely: Myra M., a professional nurse; Frank M., a machinist in the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern shops; and Howard M. and Ruth M., both in school. They are all still at home. Ruth M. Funk was born at 5:20 a. m., November 17, 1893, and at ten minutes past nine the same morning her father took four shares in the Perpetual Building Association of Cedar Rapids for her, which makes her the youngest stockholder known in America, being not quite four hours old. In 1884 Mr. Funk removed to Cedar Rapids and built his present home on South Ninth street. With his wife and eldest daughter he holds membership in the United Brethren church, and is one of the trustees and stewards of the same. He is a member of Hawkeye Lodge, No. 3, A. F. & A. M.; of Washington Chapter, No. 4, R. A. M.; DeMolay Commandery, No. 1, K. T.; Iowa Consistory and El Kahir Temple of the Mystic Shrine, and also belongs to T. Z. Cook Post, G. A. R.; the Ancient Order of United Workmen; and the Iowa Legion of Honor, as well as the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, in which he has served as chief engineer and first assistant of the Division, No. 159, and also delegate to the national body.

Mr. Funk has traveled quite extensively, visiting nearly every state and territory of the Union. He has a fine cabinet of curios, which he has been collecting for forty years, and consists of a miscellaneous assortment of very interesting relics, including all the ballots he has ever cast since attaining his majority; a history of the Bank of North America, which is the oldest in the United States, being founded in 1781; and one of the largest personal collections of books of views of the principal cities of this country. He also has bullets picked up by himself

mainly from the battlefields of Vicksburg, Jackson, Corinth, Tupelo, Black River Bridge, Port Gibson, Pleasant Hill, Port Hudson, Petersburg, Fair Oaks, Harper's Ferry, the Wilderness, Cold Harbor, Spottsylvania, Fredericksburg, Atlanta, Kenesaw Mountain, Resaca, Missionary Ridge, Nashville, Lookout Mountain, Chickamauga, Murfreesboro, Shiloh, Antietam, Stone River, Gettysburg, Arkansas Post, Old River Lake and Perrysville. His nephew, Edward Erb, who was a soldier of the Spanish-American war, also obtained a number of interesting articles for his collection. Mr. Funk has an apple preserved since 1866; a piece of bread baked by his mother in 1850 in the house where he was born; and a copy of the Muscatine Journal with a notice of the first declaration of the war of the Rebellion.

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#### LEONARD B. CHRISTMAN.

Leonard B. Christman, one of the leading business men and most prominent citizens of Springville, is a native of Iowa, born in Dubuque, February 16, 1856, and is a son of John and Elizabeth (Berg) Christman, who are represented elsewhere in this volume. He was a lad of six years when he came with his parents to Springville, and here he grew to manhood, receiving his primary education in the public schools of the village. Subsequently he attended Cornell College at Mt. Vernon for a number of years, and also took a commercial course at a business college in Dubuque. His vacations were spent in his father's store, where he received a thorough and practical business training, and on leaving school was well qualified to enter upon his business career.

On returning home from college in 1876 Mr. Christman took charge of his father's store and outside business, with which he was also familiar, and on his father's death, in 1889, he succeeded to the business. He has since greatly enlarged the store room and has added to the stock, carrying a large and complete assortment of general merchandise. Mr. Christman is also interested in real estate and has owned numerous farms throughout the county, besides considerable town property in Springville, where he has built three good residences. He is one of the most energetic, enterprising and reliable business men of this part of the county, and is able to carry forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes.

On June, 9, 1880, on a farm near Oskaloosa, Iowa, Mr. Christman was united in marriage with Miss Anna P. Knowlton, a daughter of Samuel and Julia A. (Hadley) Knowlton, who was born in Ohio, May 17, 1859, but at an early age came to this state with her parents, and was reared and educated in Oskaloosa. They have no children of their own, but have an adopted daughter, Marie Peck, now a young lady, who has been reared by them. She is the daughter of Mr. Christman's sister, Margaret N. Peck, now deceased.

In his political views Mr. Christman is an ardent Republican, and he takes an active interest in local politics but has never cared for office, preferring to give his time and attention wholly to his business interests. He was one of the charter members and promoters of the Knights of Pythias lodge at Springville, and has filled all the offices in the same, being past chancellor. He has also represented the lodge a number of times in the grand lodge of the state. Springville has no more progressive or public-spir-

ited citizen than Mr. Christman, who is always willing to lend a helping hand to all public enterprises and assist in everything calculated to advance the interests of the community in which he lives. He was one of the instigators and promoters of the water works and owns a large share of its stock, and also assisted in promoting and establishing the rural telephone system. In fact he has been identified with every enterprise for the public good and may well be numbered among the most valued and useful citizens of the village.



#### HENRY S. RAYMER, M. D.

Since 1885 Dr. Raymer has been numbered among the prominent and successful physicians and surgeons engaged in practice in Cedar Rapids. He was born in Rock Run, Stephenson county, Illinois, September 13, 1856, a son of John C. and Elizabeth (Rassweiler) Raymer. On both sides he is of German ancestry. His father was born in Alsace Loraine, Germany, in 1826, and was the son of Philip Raymer, who was a soldier in the Napoleonic wars. The former was only three years old when he came with his parents to America, locating in Canada and later in New York, and in the early '50s took up his residence in Stephenson county, Illinois, which was then quite wild and unimproved. Throughout life he followed the occupation of farming and became very prosperous, although he began his business career with but small capital. He was a Republican in politics and both he and his wife were active and consistent members of the Evangelical

church. He died in 1898, and she passed away in 1900. She was born in Allentown, Pennsylvania, and was a sister of C. F. Rassweiler, who was professor of mathematics in the Northwestern College for many years, and a cousin of H. H. Rassweiler, who was president of that institution.

Unto John C. and Elizabeth (Rassweiler) Raymer were born eleven children, of whom two died in infancy. The others are Rose, wife of J. E. Stauffacher, of Des Moines, a presiding elder of the United Evangelical Association; Henry S., of this review; George A., a traveling salesman for a grocery house of Cedar Rapids; Mary, wife of Levi Stauffacher, who was formerly a preacher but is now a member of the firm of Stauffacher, McCook & Cerney, of Cedar Rapids; John J., and Levi, both farmers of Green county, Wisconsin; Harrison, also a very prosperous farmer of that county; Sarah, wife of Henry C. Stevens, a minister of the United Evangelical Association at Terre Haute, Indiana; and Emma, wife of Rev. Eugene Fuessle, of Ottawa, Illinois. The children were afforded the best educational advantages, and after attending the public schools three of the number entered the Northwestern College of Naperville, Illinois. Our subject and his brother George engaged in school for a number of years.

Dr. Raymer began his education in the district schools of his native county, and at the age of eighteen entered the Northwestern College, where he took a two years' preparatory course and four years' collegiate course, teaching school in the meantime to pay his expenses. He graduated in 1881, degree of B. S., and the following year commenced the study of medicine under the



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eminent Dr. Senn, assisting in some of the first experiments which afterward gave him his renowned reputation. For three years he attended lectures at the Physicians & Surgeons College in Chicago, and was graduated with honors in 1885, being valedictorian of his class. That year Dr. Raymer located in Cedar Rapids, and in practice here he has met with wonderful success, having secured a large and lucrative patronage. He has not only met with success professionally, but has prospered in business affairs, having dealt somewhat in landed property. He has given more than usual attention to psychological research as it pertains to its scientific aspect and also as to its bearing on his profession, and has given more time to study of mental disease than any one in that section.

In 1892 Dr. Raymer married Miss Minnie F. Bailey, who was born in this county, in 1866, a daughter of William and Amelia (Hannawault) Bailey. The latter is a sister of Dr. Hannawault, of Des Moines. Mrs. Raymer is one of a family of six children, the others being Mrs. Ellen Ayres, of Cedar Rapids; John F. Bailey and Mrs. Anna Mitchell, both of Cedar Rapids; Mrs. Thomas Brownwell, of Cedar Rapids; and Mrs. Jennie Worthington, whose husband is a prominent druggist of Rockford, Illinois. The father of these children, who was a farmer by occupation, died in Marion township, this county, but the mother is still living and makes her home with our subject. Mrs. Raymer is an accomplished lady, who was educated in the public schools of this county, and is quite proficient in music and painting. She is also quite prominent socially.

Dr. Raymer gives his support to all church and philanthropic work, and has

been a member of the staff of physicians and surgeons of St. Luke's Hospital for twelve years. He was formerly secretary of the Cedar Rapids and Iowa Union Medical Societies, and is also a member of the State Medical Society and the American Medical Association, which is the largest society of the kind in the United States. He is medical examiner for the New York Mutual Life and the Manhattan Life Insurance Companies, and is a progressive member of the profession, whose investigations into the science of medicine and his skillful application of the knowledge thus acquired has won for him an enviable reputation in the medical fraternity. Socially he is a member of Star of the West Lodge, No. 1, K. P., and No. 278, A. O. U. W. He has a good home at 111 South Eighth street.

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#### JAMES M. BURGE.

Prominent among the honored pioneers and representative citizens of Linn county was James M. Burge, who was actively identified with the development of this region for many years. He was born in Greene county, Pennsylvania, July 5, 1821, and belonged to a family which originated in Hull, Yorkshire, England, and, coming to America with Lord Baltimore in early colonial days, settled in Maryland. Some of its members took part in both the Revolutionary war and the war of 1812.

Jeremiah Burge, the father of our subject, was born in Pennsylvania in 1800, and was a son of William and Priscilla (Long) Burge, also natives of that state. He married Hester Morford, and to them were born seven children, namely: James M., of this



review: Fannie, wife of William Waln, of this county; Jeremiah, deceased, who married Sarah Archer; William, who married the widow of his brother Jeremiah and lived in Franklin township, this county; John, who married Harriet Harlis, deceased, and resides near Cedar Rapids; Jane, who married Robert Maxwell, of Cedar county, Iowa, and both are now deceased; and Martha, who married, first, Washington Turner, who was killed in the Civil war, and she is now the widow of Elijah Rundell and resides in Clyde, Nebraska.

During his boyhood James M. Burge was able to attend the country schools only a short time, and his education was mostly acquired by reading and observation in later years. In 1837, at the age of sixteen, he came with his father's family to Muscatine, Iowa, the journey being made by boat down the Ohio and up the Mississippi rivers. After spending two years on a farm at that place, they came to Linn county and took up their residence in Franklin township. Our subject remained under the parental roof until about 1846, when he entered eighty acres of land on section 21, Franklin township, and purchased the same when it came into market. He walked to the land office in Dubuque, starting on Monday morning and reaching home Wednesday afternoon in time to do a portion of a day's work, though he had traveled one hundred and forty miles in that time. His home was midway between Dubuque and Iowa City, on the old military road, and was the favorite stopping place for all passing that way. No one was ever turned away hungry from his door, and he would charge nothing for the meals and accommodations furnished. Mr. Burge was a very generous, open-hearted man, who was always willing to

lend a helping hand to friend or stranger, it mattered not. Even his youngest son remembers seeing as many as forty-six people entertained at one meal.

On starting out in life for himself Mr. Burge became interested in the stock business in connection with farming, and bought cattle in three states. He would start out on horse back, going first to Illinois, and working his way into Missouri and Iowa. He marketed much of his stock at Davenport and Muscatine, and was one of the first to ship cattle to the Chicago market after the opening of shipping facilities to that place. He was one of the most prominent cattle men of Iowa in early days, and as he prospered in business he became an extensive land owner, having at one time over fourteen hundred acres of land. He presented each of his children with a farm. Mr. Burge was a man of splendid physique and unusual strength, and when a boy was able to cradle grain with any of the men in the field. In early days he used to raft his wheat down the Cedar and Mississippi rivers to St. Louis and then return home on foot.

In 1844 Mr. Burge was married in this county to Miss Elizabeth McRoberts, a native of Kentucky and a daughter of Michael and Mary (Smith) McRoberts, who were born in Virginia. The McRoberts family came from Scotland to America in the early part of the eighteenth century and it has been well represented in the wars of this country. William Smith, the maternal grandfather of Mrs. Burge, was in the secret service under General Arnold in the war of 1812, was present at the surrender of Detroit, and was massacred at the battle of River Raisin. Mrs. Burge was the fifth in order of birth in a family of eleven children, the others being William, who is mar-

ried, and is now living at Watsonville, California; Russell, who wedded Mary Fitz and resides in Greene county, Iowa; Mary Jane, who married John Prather, and after residing for a time in Linn county, Iowa, moved to Kansas and later to Oregon, where both died; George, who married Sarah Black and makes his home in Mound City, Missouri; Frank and James, twins, both of whom entered the Union army during the Civil war, and died at Maitland, Missouri, from the effects of their army life; Lucinda, who married Henry Rogers, and both died in Greene county, Iowa; Elsin, who died in infancy; Duncan, a physician, who was killed in the Civil war; and Margaret E., who died at the age of twenty years.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Burge were born twelve children, as follows: Frances married Jeremiah Thomas, a farmer of Franklin township, and died in 1878. Jerry was killed in a tornado on the home farm in Franklin township June 3, 1860. Hester M. married Joseph Moore, who died in this county in 1877, while her death occurred in Greene county, Iowa, in 1885. Their sons are now engaged in the cattle business in Tillamook, Oregon. John W. married Hannah Clark and is engaged in farming in Bertram township, this county. Ellen married Andrew Dill, a farmer of Franklin township, and died August 21, 1879. Elizabeth is the wife of John Hoffman, a farmer of Franklin township. James R. married Alvina Minick and is engaged in the ice business in Mt. Vernon. Lavina is the wife of James Waln, a farmer of Franklin township. Elmer married Kate Heller and resides on his grandfather's old homestead in the same township. Ethelda makes her home with her brother George H. She is a graduate of Cornell College and has for

a number of years been a teacher in the high schools. Anson S. married Lulella Davis and resides in Spokane, Washington. George H. is mentioned more fully below.

Politically Mr. Burge was a Republican, but he never cared for the honors or emoluments of public office, although he always took a deep interest in those enterprises which he believed calculated to prove of public benefit. He died upon his farm in Franklin township May 5, 1891, and in his death the community realized that it had lost one of its most valued citizens. He was always a friend to the poor and needy and was held in the highest respect and esteem by all who knew him. His estimable wife passed away April 21, 1886, and both were laid to rest in the Mt. Vernon cemetery.

George H. Burge, our subject's youngest son, was born on the 21st of August, 1872, on the old homestead in Franklin township where he still continues to reside. The district schools afforded him his early educational advantages, but he later attended the high school at Mt. Vernon, where he was graduated with the class of 1888, and for several terms during the winter he was a student at Cornell College, while the summer months were devoted to farm work. In 1889 he took charge of the home farm of one hundred and thirty acres, a half of which he purchased, while his father gave him the remainder. This includes the original tract entered by his father from the government. As the son has prospered in his farming operations he has added to his property until he now has two hundred and fifty acres of very valuable and productive land, which he has placed under a high state of cultivation, and on which he has made many useful and substantial improvements. He has a good modern residence, has built

new fences, erected numerous cattle sheds, and has planted an orchard, so that he now has one of the best places in the county, it being known as the "Wayside Farm."

Mr. Burge is one of the most successful breeders of fine cattle in America, making a specialty of the short-horn breed, and has carried off many premiums at county fairs, and also at several state fairs in different states. His cattle have not only won prizes at these fairs, but also at national exhibits. He has made a constant study of his chosen occupation and has met with success. Mr. Burge attributes his success to the teachings of his father, who was a most excellent judge of stock. His evenings are mainly devoted to study, and he has an excellent library, his office at home reminding one more of a literary man than a farmer. He is one of the most intelligent, progressive and successful agriculturists of the county, while as a stock raiser he has but few equals among the young men of this county. He is a scientific as well as a practical farmer, and to this may be attributed his success. In politics he is a Republican.

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#### GEORGE W. BURNSIDE.

George W. Burnside, ex-sheriff of Linn county and a prominent citizen of Coggon, now living retired, was born on the 13th of October, 1832, in Otsego, New York, of which state his parents, George and Elizabeth (Walley) Burnside, were also natives. There the father engaged in farming during the greater part of his life, but spent his last years with our subject in Linn county, Iowa, where he died May 24, 1879. The mother had passed away many years pre-

vious, dying on the 3d of August, 1844. They had a family of five children, of whom Marion and Sarah A. are now deceased. Those living are Thomas, a farmer of Delaware county, New York; George W., our subject; and William, a retired farmer of Oconto, Wisconsin. All were educated in the common schools of New York state.

After completing his education George W. Burnside left his native county, and in 1857 came west, first locating in McHenry county, Illinois, where he engaged in farming for about five years. In 1861 he removed to Linn county, Iowa, and was one of the first to settle in Bowlder township, where he continued to follow agricultural pursuits for five years. Later he started a creamery, which he conducted for a few years, and then purchased a general store at Prairieburg, Bowlder township, being engaged in merchandising there until 1890, and at the same time serving as postmaster of the village.

In 1890 Mr. Burnside was nominated by the Republican party for sheriff of Linn county, and was elected by a large majority. Disposing of his business in Prairieburg, he removed to Marion, the county seat, and entered upon the duties of his office. After filling the position in a most creditable and satisfactory manner for four years he retired from office and removed to Coggon, where he has since made his home. There he erected a new store building and again embarked in general merchandising, but in 1895 his store and stock were destroyed by fire, and since then he has not been actively engaged in any business. At one time he was interested in the Coggon Savings Bank, which he assisted in establishing, and is now one of the stockholders of the Bank of Harris, at Harris, Osceola county, Iowa.

He has always been a lover of fast horses and fine stock, and has owned one or two valuable horses during his entire residence in this county.

Mr. Burnside married Miss Sarah A. McArthur, of Delaware county, New York, a daughter of William McArthur, who was an extensive farmer of that state, where his death occurred. Our subject owns a nice residence in Coggon, where he and his wife now make their home. They are both members of the Presbyterian church and are people of prominence in their community. Politically Mr. Burnside is a staunch Republican, and socially is a thirty-second degree Mason, a member of the blue lodge of Coggon, the chapter and commandery of Cedar Rapids. He is a man of recognized ability, and is one of the most valuable and useful citizens of the community in which he resides.



#### JOHN M. GRIMM, B. S., LL. B.

Among Cedar Rapids' prominent and successful attorneys must be numbered John M. Grimm, who has been connected with the bar of this city since July 1, 1890, but has already made for himself an enviable reputation in professional circles. He was born in Wethersfield township, Henry county, Illinois, December 21, 1866, and is a son of Charles H. and Catherine (McLennan) Grimm, the former a native of Germany, the latter of Ross-shire, Scotland. Soon after his emigration to America the father located in Henry county, Illinois, and later came to Iowa county, Iowa, taking up his residence near Williamsburg, where he followed farming very successfully until life's labors were ended. He died in 1873,

at the age of forty-five years, and his wife departed this life in 1885, at the age of about fifty years. Of their two children one died in infancy, so that our subject is the only representative of the family now living.

John M. Grimm began his education in the public schools of Illinois, and after coming to this state pursued a high-school course at Marengo, where he was graduated in 1883. He passed his boyhood and youth upon a farm, where he remained until he entered upon a collegiate course at the Iowa State University at Iowa City. While attending that institution he cut short the college year, and for several summers engaged in civil engineering, spending one season in Nebraska with the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad; one in Iowa with the Illinois Central Railroad; and two years in Sioux City. It thus took him five years to complete the college course, graduating in the class of 1889 with the degree of B. S. During the last year of his collegiate course he took up the study of law, and one year after receiving his degree of B. S., in June, 1890, graduated from the law department of the State University.

Coming to Cedar Rapids, Mr. Grimm formed a partnership with James H. Rothrock, Jr., under the firm name of Rothrock & Grimm, the senior member being a son of Judge J. H. Rothrock, who was on the supreme bench twenty-one years. After the Judge retired from that office, in January, 1896, he became connected with his son and our subject in the private practice of law, and continued with them until his death, in January, 1898. The son was still a member of the firm until after his election as judge of the superior court of Cedar Rapids, when, in January, 1901, the partnership



was dissolved. Later the firm of Preston, Grimm & Moffit was formed, consisting of J. H. Preston and J. M. Grimm, of Cedar Rapids, and J. T. Moffit, of Tipton, Iowa, with offices at Cedar Rapids and Tipton, Cedar county, Iowa.

Mr. Grimm makes a specialty of corporation practice, and now represents the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad, the Illinois Central Railroad as local attorney, and the order of Railroad Conductors of America as general counsel. In the fall of 1892 he was elected county attorney on the Republican ticket, and entered upon the duties of the office January 1, 1893. He filled that position three successive terms, and the county reports show that while in office he transacted more business at less expense than any county in the state, giving every detail of the business his personal attention, keeping down expenses and discouraging improper criminal litigation. He is a very able and efficient attorney, and his growing business has given him prestige in the city.

Mr. Grimm has also become interested in several business enterprises, and is now a stockholder and secretary of the Cedar Rapids Canning Company, organized in 1898, and a stockholder of the Cedar Rapids New Telephone Company. He is attorney for the Cedar Rapids National Bank, and also for many leading fire and casualty insurance companies and mining corporations of the city. He is an active member of the Commercial Club, and a director of the Cedar Rapids Auditorium Company, which has erected a commodious building especially for public meetings. He was one of the prime movers in organizing this company and in furthering its plans.

December 27 1894, Mr. Grimm married Miss Orphea Bealer, a daughter of E. J. C.

Bealer. They now have one son, Donald Stephen, who was born January 27, 1896. Mrs. Grimm is a lady of domestic tastes, who takes an exceptional pride in her home and family, and makes friends wherever she goes.

Mr. Grimm is a member of the Masonic fraternity, the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Knights of Pythias, and the D. O. K. K. He takes an active part in the social features of these orders, has filled all the chairs in the Knights of Pythias Lodge, and in 1892 delivered the address of welcome to the grand lodge which met at Cedar Rapids. Being an orator of exceptional ability, he has often been called upon to deliver addresses on Memorial day and the 4th of July throughout the county. He is a supporter of the Universalist church, and one of its prominent workers, though not a member. Public spirited and progressive, he takes a deep interest in all enterprises which he believes calculated to promote the moral, social or material welfare of the community. Mr. Grimm has always been actively identified with political affairs, has served as president and secretary of the Republican county committee and of Republican clubs at different times, but has never been an office-seeker. He is one of the most popular young men of the city, and owes his success in life to his perseverance, energy and a laudable ambition to succeed.



#### A. JEROME WARE.

Prominent among the leading citizens of Coggon is this well-known retired farmer, who is now serving as vice-president of the Coggon State Bank, and is a worthy rep-

representative of one of the oldest families in this part of the county, having resided here since the fall of 1856. A native of Ohio, he was born in Lake county, October 28, 1829, and is a son of Harris and Mary (Jerome) Ware, both of whom were natives of New York state. At an early day they removed to Ohio, and the father was engaged in farming in Lake county until 1857, when he brought his family to Linn county, Iowa, and located on the old Valley Farm in Jackson township, where he continued to engage in agricultural pursuits until his death, which occurred on the 6th of January, 1883. His wife died January 9, 1879. They were the parents of four children, namely: Hannah, deceased; A. Jerome, our subject; Ellen E. and Mary Annie, both deceased.

Reared in the county of his nativity, Mr. Ware is indebted to its common schools for his educational privileges. There he learned brick making and worked at the same until coming west in 1856. Here he engaged in farming on the old homestead in Jackson township until 1888, when he sold the place and removed to Coggon, where he owns a nice residence in the eastern part of the town.

As a companion and helpmate on life's journey Mr. Ware married Miss Mary Castle, a native of New York state and a daughter of Lemuel Castle, who was one of the very earliest settlers of Jackson township, this county, where he followed farming until called to his final rest on the 18th of May, 1878. His wife died March 31, 1873.

Immediately after his removal to Coggon Mr. Ware assisted in establishing the Coggon Savings Bank, of which he was elected vice-president, and later president. Shortly afterward another bank was start-

ed, but as the village was not large enough to support two banks, they were consolidated under the name of the Coggon State Bank, which has a capital stock of twenty-five thousand dollars and is one of the most reliable financial institutions of the county. Mr. Ware is now a stockholder and vice-president of this bank. He is one of the well-to-do and prosperous citizens of the community, and all that he possesses has been acquired through his own unaided efforts, good management and indomitable perseverance. He began life here during the hard times in this section when he had to haul his wheat and other grain with oxen to Dubuque, which was then the nearest market, and could get but very little cash for his products. By his ballot he supports the men and measures of the Republican party, but has never been an office-seeker, though he has been called upon to fill local positions of honor and trust, such as councilman. Both he and his wife are faithful members of the Presbyterian-church of Coggon and take great interest in its work.

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#### DAVID W. KING.

David W. King came to this county in the spring of 1839, when the Indians were far more numerous than the white settlers, and when the land was still in its primitive condition. He was born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, in 1800, and in early life followed mercantile pursuits. In 1836 he was married in his native state to Miss Mary Ann Singer, who was also born in Westmoreland county, January 6, 1817. Soon after their marriage they started in a carriage for Michigan, and in that state Mr. King engaged in farming for three years.

In the spring of 1839, accompanied by his wife and two children, he came to Iowa with an ox-team. In the party was also Thomas Gainor and his family, all of whom are now deceased. Mrs. King was the first white woman to cross the river at Cedar Rapids, Indian canoes being the only means of transportation at that time. The family located on the west side of the river in a log house.

Mr. King entered a tract of government land on the west side of Cedar river when the land first came into the market. Early in the '40s he built the first ferry ever run at Cedar Rapids, obtaining the material for the same from Dubuque and Muscatine. The cable used in operating the ferry was of wire, which he brought on horseback from the former city. At that time most farm products were rafted down the river to a point about opposite Muscatine, and then conveyed by team to that city. Mr. King became the owner of considerable property in Cedar Rapids, besides about three sections of land in other parts of Linn county. In the early '50s he laid out the town of Kingston upon his land, it being now that part of the west side of Cedar Rapids formerly known as Kingston. During his residence here he engaged in farming and the real estate business with most excellent success, and was prominently identified with all of the early improvements of the city. He gave many lots for the benefit of public enterprises, as well as for manufacturing plants and other industries which he believed would lead to the upbuilding and development of the city. He was always very liberal and public spirited, and never withheld his support from any object which was calculated to promote the public welfare. The west side was growing rapidly when he was called from this life,

but the many improvements and enterprises with which he was connected having lost their leader, its growth was practically stopped at his death. He was really at the head of every industry that had been started, and was serving as justice of the peace. His death resulted from exposure while fighting a prairie fire. He passed away in 1854, at the age of forty-six years. He was a well-educated man for his day, and possessed exceptionally good business and executive ability. He was the first person buried under the auspices of the Freemasons at Cedar Rapids, of which body he was an active worker. In politics he was a Whig, and in religious belief was a Methodist. Both he and his wife were earnest and consistent members of that church, and took an active part in its work. In his house he built a large hall twenty-four by sixty feet for church purposes, and there religious services were held until churches were built. The meetings of the Independent Order of Good Templars were also held there, he and his wife having assisted in organizing the lodge at this place. His life was exemplary in all respects, and he well deserves the high regard in which he was uniformly held.

Mrs. Mary A. King still survives her husband, and for thirty years has made her home with her son William. Her father, Samuel Singer, remained in Pennsylvania until his death. His wife died there when Mrs. King was a child. Mr. Singer was a soldier of the Revolutionary war.

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E. A. VAUGHN.

Success is determined by one's ability to recognize opportunity, and to pursue this with a resolute and unflagging energy. It



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results from continued labor, and the man who thus accomplishes his purpose usually becomes an important factor in the business circles of the community with which he is connected. Through such means Mr. Vaughn has attained a leading place among the successful men of Marion, and his well-spent and honorable life commands the respect of all who know him.

A native of Pennsylvania, he was born in Mercer county, June 1, 1829, and is a son of William and Irene Vaughn, also natives of the Keystone state, whence they came to Linn county, Iowa, in 1841. Throughout his active business life the father engaged in agricultural pursuits. He was a very active and earnest member of the Presbyterian church, in which he served as elder, and his life was ever in harmony with his profession. He was born December 16, 1791, and died February 18, 1878. His wife, who passed away in 1851, at the age of fifty-six years, was also a faithful member of the Presbyterian church. This worthy couple were the parents of ten children, namely: Thomas, who died at the age of eighty-two years; Eunice, married Silas Dodd and died in 1842, at the age of thirty; Mary, who wedded Samuel Ross and died in 1851, at about the age of thirty; Phebe, widow of Joseph Carson and a resident of Bedford, Iowa; Cynthia, widow of William Carson and a resident of Greeley, Colorado; E. A., our subject; Ruth, who died at the age of fifty-six years; J. C., who enlisted in 1862, in the Twenty-fourth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and served through the Civil war; Hattie H., a teacher, who died at the age of thirty; and Myrtie, wife of R. B. Wallace, of Topeka, Kansas.

E. A. Vaughn was reared on the home farm and educated in the public schools of

the neighborhood. He remained under the parental roof until 1850, when he went to the Pacific coast by the overland route, the journey consuming nearly four months. He spent the first winter lumbering in Oregon, on the Columbia river, and later became interested in mining on Robe river between Oregon and California, where he remained for some time, meeting with fair success. After three and one-half years spent in the far west he returned to this county, and embarked in farming and stock dealing. For a number of years he bought stock, which he drove to St. Paul and there disposed of the same, being quite successful in that enterprise. He had a cattle stable where now stands the Nicollet Hotel—one of the largest hotels of Minneapolis. For a third of a century he continued to engage in the raising of fine cattle and hogs, and the business is still carried on by his son, William W., who now lives on the old home farm, our subject having removed to Marion in 1893. On coming to this county Mr. Vaughn entered government land, and three years later when the land came into market he purchased his claims. He transformed the wild tract into a well-improved and valuable farm, and is still the owner of over three hundred acres in Marion township. He has raised principally corn and hay, reserving a portion of his land for pasture, as he always kept a large amount of stock. He is now vice-president and director of the First National Bank of Marion, and is a financier of recognized ability.

In 1858 Mr. Vaughn was united in marriage with Miss Lizzie Pierce, who was born in Chester county, Pennsylvania, in March, 1838. Her parents, Isaac and Hannah Pierce, both died in the '50s, the former at the age of fifty-three, the latter at the

age of forty-five. They were members of the Society of Friends and were highly respected by all who knew them. Mrs. Vaughn is the fourth in order of birth in their family of six children and the only survivor.

Unto our subject and his wife have been born five children, namely: (1) Lura I. is professor of English literature in Lenox College, at Hopkinton, Iowa, in which institution she has taught for thirteen years, and she is considered the best in her department in the state. She also taught in a Montana college for two years, and was a missionary at Ogden, Utah, for a time. She is a graduate of Lenox College and Lake Forest University, and occupies a position of no little prominence in literary circles. (2) Etta R. is the wife of Rev. E. J. Groeneveld, a Presbyterian minister of Butte, Montana, who is now traveling in Europe, and they have two children, Elizabeth and John. (3) William W. is successfully engaged in farming on the old homestead in Marion township, known as the Wild Wood farm, and is an extensive dealer in thoroughbred cattle, hogs and chickens, and also keeps a fine lot of horses. He married Lucy, daughter of J. B. Scott, and they have four children, Howard, Edward, Mary and Ruth. (4) Isaac Merton died at the age of seven years. (5) Arthur E. is a graduate of Lenox College and the Omaha Theological School, and has recently been ordained as a minister of the Presbyterian church, being now located at Hooper, Colorado.

Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn are active and prominent members of the Presbyterian church of Marion, in which he has served as an elder for some years. In politics he is a Republican. For sixty years he has been a resident of Linn county, and has

therefore witnessed almost its entire growth and development. In its progress he has manifested a deep interest and has ever taken his part in support of those measures calculated to prove of public good. His strict integrity and honorable dealing in business commend him to the confidence of all; his pleasant manner wins him friends; and he is one of the popular and honored citizens of Marion.

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#### JOSEPH KOUTNY.

The subject of this sketch, who is the owner of a well-improved and valuable farm of four hundred acres on section 5, College township, was born in Bavaria, Germany, on the 20th of January, 1851, a son of Frank and Catherine (Caloud) Koutny, also natives of the same province. The father, who was a farmer by occupation, died in that country, but the mother afterward came to America, and her death occurred in College township, this county. They were the parents of five children, namely: Mary, wife of Joseph Knorak, of Moravia, Austria; Frank, who lives with our subject; Annie, who died in infancy; Katie, wife of Joseph Shimaulk, of Cedar Rapids; and Joseph, of this sketch.

Joseph Koutny attended the schools of his native land until thirteen years of age, and then learned the cabinet maker's trade, which he followed for six years. On the expiration of that period he came to the new world, sailing from Bremen to Baltimore, and immediately after landing he came west, locating in Iowa City, where he worked at his trade for a short time. He next went to Solon, Iowa, and was in the

employ of the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad as a laborer at first, but later worked as a cabinet maker, remaining there two years. Subsequently he spent a short time in Cedar Rapids, and then went to Denver, Colorado, where he worked at his trade for a couple of months, and then returned to Cedar Rapids. Here he purchased five acres of land, and in connection with its operation he followed his trade for six years. He then sold his stock and bought eighty acres of his present farm in College township, for which he paid thirty-two hundred dollars. In his farming operations he steadily prospered and added to his landed possessions until he now has four hundred acres of rich and arable land, which he has placed under excellent cultivation. For sixteen years he also engaged in the dairy business, but sold out in 1897.

On the 24th of April, 1875, Mr. Koutny was united in marriage with Miss Kate Bures, a native of Bohemia, who is seventh in order of birth in a family of eight children who reached years of maturity. At the age of eight years she came to the United States with her father, George Bures, who settled in Linn county, Iowa, and followed farming in College township for some years. He died at the age of sixty-four, but his widow is still living at the ripe old age of eighty years. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Koutny were Joseph, who died at the age of three years; Frank and Emma, both at home; a daughter who died in infancy; Mary, at home; Josephine, who died at the age of two years and a half; and George, who is attending school. The family are connected with the Presbyterian church and are most estimable people. For the past four years Mr. Koutny has been president of the Farmers Mutual

Insurance Company of College township, and is recognized as one of the most progressive, enterprising and reliable business men of his community. He is not identified with any political party, but uses his right of franchise in support of the men and measures which he believes will best promote the public welfare.



#### L. S. HANNA.

For many years L. S. Hanna, of Coggon, was one of the active and progressive business men of this county, as well as one of its most reliable and honored citizens and he is now enjoying a well-earned rest, free from the cares and responsibilities of business life. A native of Pennsylvania, he was born in Fayette county, September 14, 1845, but his parents only resided there about two years when they moved back to Mahoning county, Ohio, where they had formerly resided. In 1854 he came to Iowa with his parents, Henry D. and Mary Hanna, who located in Jackson county. There the father worked at his trade, that of wagon making, until 1860, when he removed to Clayton county, Iowa, and turned his attention to farming. In 1863 he came to Linn county and purchased an unimproved tract of land in Bowlder township for four dollars per acre, and at once commenced to improve the farm. In 1864, during the dark days of the Rebellion, he enlisted in Company E, Twenty-seventh Iowa Volunteer Infantry. In the early part of his service he was injured by being thrown from a car. From the effects of that injury he was discharged in November, 1864. After his return from the army he located



at Hopkinton, Iowa, where the family had resided during his absence, but resided there only a short time, and then returned to this county and resumed the operation of his farm in Boulder township. He subsequently engaged in farming on another place in that township until 1873, when he sold out and removed to Jones county, Iowa, where he carried on the merchandising and creamery business and also bought and shipped grain. There he resided until his death, which occurred July 16, 1881. The mother of our subject had died in 1849, and the father subsequently wedded Miss Mary Dice, who departed this life October 26, 1890. By the first union there were two children: I. S., our subject; and Martha A., who died in infancy. The children born of the second marriage were Charles M., now a resident of Manchester, Iowa; Clara M., deceased; and Maggie J., a resident of West Liberty, Iowa. They were all educated in the public schools of this county.

Like his father, I. S. Hanna also decided to shoulder his gun and fight for his country in her hour of peril. Although only sixteen years of age, he enlisted on the 15th of August, 1862, in Company E, Twenty-seventh Iowa Volunteer Infantry, under Colonel James I. Gilbert and Captain Thomas G. Drips. He was then living in Clayton county, Iowa. This regiment participated in many important engagements and a large number of skirmishes, including the battles of Fort De Russy, Pleasant Hill, Kane River, Old Oaks and Tupelo, Louisiana; Old Town Creek, Mississippi; Nashville, Tennessee, under General Thomas; and Fort Blakely, Alabama, taking part in the last named engagement April 9, 1865,—the day of Lee's surrender. During the last ten months of his service Mr.

Hanna was leader of the regimental brass band and played an E flat instrument. He was never wounded nor injured during his entire service, and when hostilities ceased was honorably discharged at Clinton, Iowa, August 8, 1865.

Returning from the war Mr. Hanna rejoined the family in Linn county, they having located in Boulder township during his service. After assisting his father on the farm for a short time, he commenced work at the plasterer's and stone mason's trades, following those occupations all through the northeastern part of the county.

On the 12th of December, 1868, Mr. Hanna married Miss Maria Green, a native of Dubuque county, in 1845, and a daughter of Thomas P. and Mercy (Hancock) Green, who were among the first settlers to locate here. The father was born in 1805 and followed farming throughout his active business life. He lived in the house in Coggon now occupied by our subject, it being the old Green homestead. For a time he resided in Delaware county, but returned to this county and lived retired with his children on the old homestead until his death, which occurred May 9, 1887. His wife had departed this life on the 19th of November, 1882. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Hanna were Stella M., who died at the age of twenty years; Jessie L., wife of A. W. Savage, of Coggon; Cora, at home with her parents; and Elmer and Ethel, who both died in infancy.

After his marriage Mr. Hanna commenced farming in the western part of Boulder township, where he lived for twelve years, and then removed to Scotch Grove, Iowa, where he engaged in the creamery business with his brother for a year. In 1882 he came to Coggon and built a cream-

ery, which he operated for six years, and in the meantime entered into partnership with his brother-in-law, A. F. Green, in the general mercantile business and continued his connection with the store until June, 1899, when he sold his interest in the business and has since lived retired. Besides his property in Coggon he still owns the old farm in Boulder township, consisting of one hundred and twenty acres of rich and arable land.

Politically Mr. Hanna was formerly a Republican, but is now a supporter of the Prohibition party. He has never sought official honors, but has served as school director in Coggon for six years, and was secretary of the board for some time. Socially he is a member of John Kyle Post, No. 457, G. A. R., of Coggon, of which he is now quartermaster. Both he and his wife are earnest and consistent members of the Christian church of that place, which was organized in 1866, and he is now senior elder of the same. He has always taken quite an active part in church work, and has given his support to every enterprise calculated to advance the moral, social or material welfare of his town and county.

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#### HUGH G. RICK.

One of the busiest, most energetic and most enterprising men of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, is Hugh G. Rick, a prominent contractor and builder, who has met with excellent success during his long residence here, covering over a quarter of a century. He was born in Crawford county, Pennsylvania, September 4, 1845, and is a son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Gilliland) Rick, also natives

of the Keystone state, where they spent their entire lives. The former was of German, the latter of Scotch descent. The father was also born in Crawford county, and in early life learned the blacksmith's trade, which he followed for some years, but later turned his attention to agricultural pursuits. He died in 1878, when about seventy years of age. Of his seven children one son died in early childhood and a daughter died at the age of twelve years. Those living are James, a farmer of Ohio; Hugh G., the subject of this sketch; George B., who is engaged in farming on the old homestead in Pennsylvania; Uriah, a farmer of Ohio; and Ellen, wife of Henry Oates, a farmer of Pennsylvania. The children all attended the public schools of Pennsylvania, but in their younger days schools were far apart and teachers were scarce.

By the reading of good and instructive books since leaving school Hugh G. Rick has practically educated himself and has become a well-informed man. He grew to manhood on the old homestead and with his father learned the blacksmith's trade, at which he worked until the country became involved in civil war. In September, 1862, he enlisted in Company B, Eighteenth Pennsylvania Cavalry, when but eighteen years of age, and remained in the service until the cessation of hostilities, taking part in over eighty regular engagements and skirmishes. These included some very important battles, such as the engagements in the Shenandoah valley, the battles of Gettysburg and the Wilderness, and the siege of Petersburg. Mr. Rick had a horse shot from under him in the battle of Gettysburg, and in the Shenandoah valley had a second horse shot and was knocked over by the force of a shell passing him. After three

years of arduous and faithful service he was discharged in July, 1865, and returned to his home in Pennsylvania, where he remained for a year, his time and energies being devoted to learning the carpenter's trade.

Mr. Rick then followed that pursuit in Wisconsin and Michigan, and subsequently spent seven years in Davenport, Iowa. Having a natural tendency for the trade, he soon became a very proficient workman, and for five years engaged in contracting and building on his own account in Davenport, erecting many houses in that city. In 1875, seeing a good opening for his trade in Cedar Rapids, he located here, and worked for eighteen months for the T. M. Sinclair Packing Company. Since then he has engaged in contracting and building, and has been very busy, having all the work he can attend to. His specialty is residences, and he keeps a large force of carpenters, masons and painters all the time, building from fifteen to thirty houses each year and giving employment to about fifty men. He has confined his work to the city, and is one of the best known and most successful of its contractors. On coming to Cedar Rapids it had a population of only six thousand, and he has watched with pride and interest its growth until the city now contains twenty-seven thousand inhabitants.

While at Edgerton, Wisconsin, Mr. Rick was married in 1868 to Miss Ellen O. Place, who was born in Vermont, but was reared and educated near Chicago, and was then living in the Badger state. They have two sons: (1) Lillian, a graduate of the Cedar Rapids public schools, is now in partnership with his father and resides in Kenwood. He is married and has four

children, Hugh, John, Alfred and Ellen. (2) William E., a carpenter working with his father, is married and has two children, Ray and Glenn. Both learned their trade with their father and have since been with him. He has a pleasant home at 1211 Third avenue, which he built in 1900.

Since attaining his majority Mr. Rick has affiliated with the Republican party, and though he has been an active worker for its interests he has never cared for political preferment. Fraternally he is a member of the Commercial Club of Cedar Rapids and the Odd Fellows Lodge, No. 141; the Encampment, Patriarchs Militant, and Rebekahs (I. O. O. F.), and of the T. Z. Cook Post, G. A. R.; and religiously both he and his wife are members of the Third Presbyterian church. As a business man he is a true type of western progress and enterprise, and his success is due to his own well-directed and energetic efforts. His integrity stands as an unquestioned fact in his history—endowed by nature with a sound judgment and an accurate, discriminating mind, he has not feared that laborious attention to business so necessary to achieve success, and this essential quality has ever been guided by a sense of moral right which would tolerate the employment only of the means that would bear the most rigid examination, by a fairness of intention that has neither sought nor required disguise.

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#### JOHN CHRISTMAN.

For over a third of a century this gentleman was prominently identified with the commercial and industrial interests of Springville, and probably did more than any



JOHN CHRISTMAN.





other one man to advance the general welfare and secure the material development of the village. He was born near the town of Cleinon, Province of the Loire, France, on the 23d of January, 1826, and in 1831 came to the United States with his father, Peter Christman, who was also a native of that country. He married Margaret Deitz. They first located in New Jersey, and from there removed to Pennsylvania, where they spent five years. In January, 1837, they came to Dubuque, Iowa, and the father erected the first steam saw and grist mill at that place. Peter Christman, Sr., the father of our subject and Peter, his brother, built about five mills in eastern Iowa, but later in life he gave his attention to agricultural pursuits.

When a young man John Christman engaged in clerking in Dubuque for about four years, and while thus employed gained a good practical knowledge of mercantile pursuits. Subsequently he did a wholesale business on his own account for some years. Later he worked for one year on a farm and spent about a year in Colorado and the Rocky mountains. At the end of that time he returned to Dubuque and resumed clerking. In 1857 during the panic he was financially ruined and obliged to again start at the bottom of the ladder.

While a resident of that city Mr. Christman was married, August 8, 1852, to Miss Elizabeth Berg, who was born in Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, September 13, 1830, a daughter of John and Cecilia Berg. Her father was born in the same province in 1777, and was a great friend of Napoleon. In 1835 he emigrated to the new world and located near Pittsburg, in Butler county, Pennsylvania, where he engaged in farming for some years. He died there in

1849, and his wife, who survived him some years, passed away at the same place in 1865, and was laid to rest by his side.

Mrs. Christman went to Dubuque in 1850, and there gave her hand in marriage to our subject as previously stated. Unto them were born nine children, namely: Augustus John, born May 5, 1853, died July 21, 1856. Leonard B. is represented on another page of this work. Harry Augustus, born June 19, 1858, died Feb. 11, 1861. Mary Margaret, the wife of C. N. Peck, born December 2, 1860, died December 10, 1892. Elizabeth Cecilia, born November 6, 1862, is the wife of C. W. Daniels, of Springville. Frank M., born Aug. 12, 1865, and died June 15, 1899. Fanny L., born Oct. 28, 1869, is the wife of A. L. Flude, of Springville, who is a well-known newspaper man of eastern Iowa. Jacob H., born Oct. 2, 1873, now a resident of Pittsburg, Pa., but is now attending a course of lectures at a medical college in Cincinnati, Ohio. Anna B., born March 10, 1877, is the wife of F. M. Hamm, of Springville.

In March, 1862 Mr. Christman came to Linn county and took up his residence in Springville, when it was but a cross roads village containing only one store and a few shanties. In partnership with his brother Peter, he erected a store building and embarked in general merchandising, which they carried on together for some years, but later our subject purchased the interests of his brother Peter and continued to conduct the business until his death. He also served as depot agent for several years, and was interested in the grain trade, lumber and coal, owning and conducting an elevator at Springville for some years. He continued in active business up to the time of his death in 1890.

and bore a very active part in the growth and development of the village by the erection of numerous business houses and residences. He started out in life for himself with no capital, and through his own untiring labor and indomitable perseverance accumulated a large estate, owning several farms and much town property. In about 1871, with his son, L. B., he started a private bank, the first in Springville, which they conducted for about fifteen years.

Mr. Christman died on the 26th of October, 1889, honored and respected by all who knew him. He was a prominent member of the Odd Fellows Society, was a Knight Templar Mason, and an honored member of Springville Lodge, Marion Chapter and Patmos Commandery, and served both in an official capacity. Although his school privileges were limited in early life, he became a well-informed man, and by extensive travel throughout the United States, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, he gained a good practical knowledge of men and affairs. He was pre-eminently public-spirited, and took a deep and commendable interest in everything calculated to prove of public benefit. Pleasant and genial in manner he was popular both in business and social circles, and the poor and needy always found in him a friend. He also gave liberally to all public enterprises, and assisted in building several churches. The funeral services were conducted by Patmos Commandery, K. T., many Masons from a distance being present.

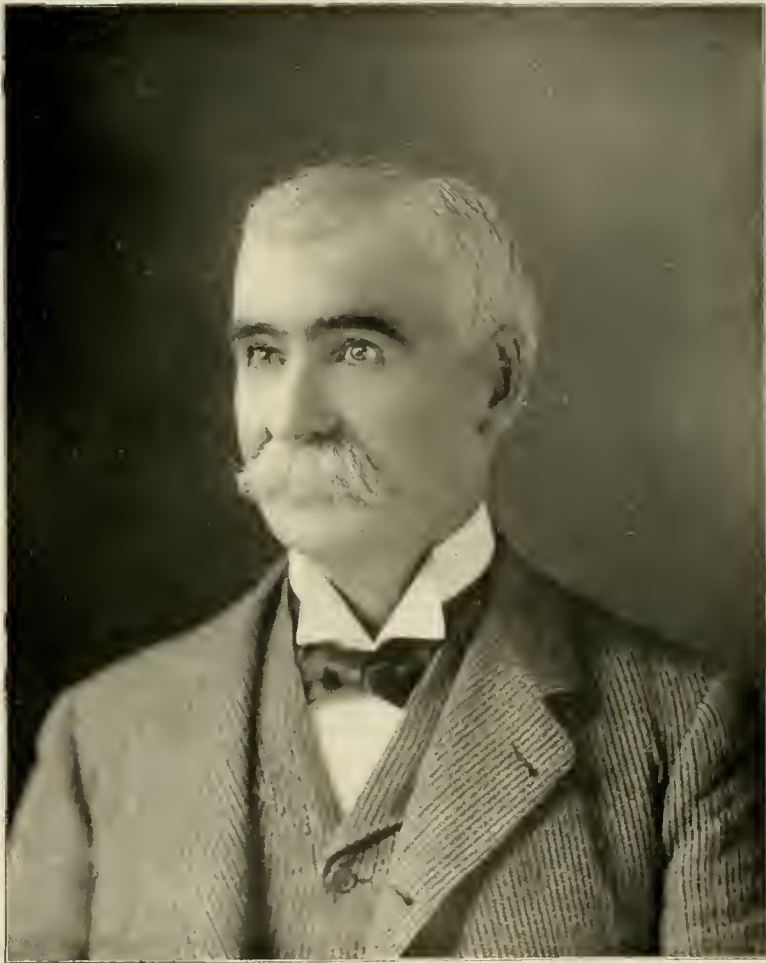
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#### JOHN E. MURRAY.

This well-known and successful railroad contractor, who is the senior member of the firm of Murray Brothers, was born on the

19th of May, 1841, in Montreal, Canada. His parents, Thomas and Ann (Keating) Murray, were natives of Ireland, and at an early day emigrated to Canada. For a short time the father was engaged in the brewing business in Montreal and then became foreman in quarries, from which was taken the stone for the "Queen's bridge" at that place. In 1845 he returned to Ireland, but nine months later we again find him a resident of Canada. He was foreman on the construction work on the Grand Trunk Railway, making his home at this time on a farm near the city of Montreal. In October, 1855, he came to the United States and located in Florence township, Benton county, Iowa, where he bought land and engaged in farming until his removal to Linn county in the spring of 1871. After following the same occupation in Clinton township for four years, he retired from active labor and removed to Cedar Rapids, where he made his home until called to his final rest on the 12th of March, 1886, at the age of seventy-eight years. His wife died November 17, 1892, at the age of seventy-three. They were the parents of ten children, of whom nine reached maturity, namely: William, who died in Benton county at the age of twenty-two years; John E., our subject; Elizabeth, wife of Frank Wear, of Omaha, Nebraska; Mary, wife of Michael Broderick, of Harrison county, Iowa; Thomas F., who died in Cedar Rapids in 1898; Maggie, widow of C. H. Usher and a resident of Cedar Rapids; Charles P., who is in partnership with our subject; Jennie, who lives with Mrs. Broderick; and Anna F., wife of Eugene Quinn, of Cedar Rapids.

The subject of this review began his education in the schools of Montreal, and



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after the removal of the family to this state he continued his studies in the common schools of Benton county. He remained on the home farm until twenty-nine years of age, when he began contracting alone, his first work being grading for the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Minnesota Railroad between Waterloo and Cedar Falls. He has since done a large amount of work for the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad; the Chicago & Northwestern; the Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley in Nebraska and Dakota, especially in the Black Hills; the Chicago, Burlington & Northern up the east bank of the Mississippi river, now a part of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy system; the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul; the Chicago & Alton on new construction in Missouri; and the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad. In 1880 Mr. Murray's brother, Charles P., became associated with him in business under the firm name of Murray Brothers, and they are now known as the leading railroad contractors in this section. At present they are engaged in the construction of a branch for the Wabash Railroad in Ohio. They frequently give employment to five or six hundred men, and have had as high as seven hundred and fifty people and four hundred and fifty teams at work for them. John E. Murray was one of the first stockholders and directors of the Security Savings Bank, and has been identified with various corporate companies. He has also done considerable building in Cedar Rapids, and has done much to advance the interests of his adopted city along various lines.

On the 16th of May, 1876, Mr. Murray was united in marriage with Miss Mary Culkin, a daughter of Michael Culkin, of Rockford, Illinois, and to them were born

eight children, as follows: Mary; William T., who is a graduate of St. Mary's College, Kansas, and is now with his father in business; Helen C.; Maude; John A.; Leo; Edward; and Donald. The family have a beautiful home at 727 Fifth avenue, and they are communicants of the Church of Immaculate Conception. Mr. Murray usually votes with the Democratic party but is not strictly partisan, though he always takes a deep and commendable interest in public affairs. As a business man and citizen he stands high in public esteem.

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#### E. J. HAWKINS.

For many years this gentleman was actively identified with the agricultural and commercial interests of Linn county, and having met with excellent success in business affairs he is now living a retired life. He was born in county Kent in the south of England, January 27, 1826, and is a son of Edward and Susanna (Bradley) Hawkins, natives of Yorkshire and county Kent, respectively. When about twenty years of age the father removed to the latter place, where he was married, and continued to make his home until his emigration to America. As a contractor he constructed many of the roads in that part of the country, and for some time had charge of the road between Roundsgate and Market, a distance of six miles. He brought his family to the United States when our subject was ten years old, and located in Geauga county, Ohio, where he purchased a farm, making his home thereon until called to his final rest at the age of sixty-

seven years. His widow survived him a number of years, and died at the same place at the age of seventy-eight. They were the parents of four children, namely: Jane, deceased; Mary, widow of Merritt Thayer and a resident of Ohio; E. J., our subject; and William, a resident of Lee county, Illinois.

Mr. Hawkins, of this review, attended school in his native land, but his educational advantages were limited, and the greater part of his education was obtained by reading and observation in later years. After coming to this country he and his brother assisted his father in clearing away the timber from his land and he worked hard from the age of ten years until his retirement a few years ago. For three months he attended school in Ohio, the school house being built of logs with slab benches and a puncheon floor.

Mr. Hawkins remained at home until he was married June 13, 1847, to Miss Eliza J. Brainard, a native of Cuyahoga county, Ohio, of which her parents were pioneers, having removed thither from New York at an early day. By this union were born nine children, namely: Adeline E., widow of John Bumgardner and a resident of Missouri; Mary Jane and Edward Bradley, both deceased; John B., who is engaged in the butcher business in Cedar Rapids; William Joseph, who died in infancy; Rachel, wife of William Diehl, of Tama county, Iowa; Josephine L., wife of Armstrong Miner, of Putnam township, this county; Worthy W., a resident of Cedar Rapids; and Minnie, wife of Solon Bicking, of the same place. The mother of these children died April 21, 1865, and her remains were interred in Oak Hill cemetery, Cedar Rapids.

On the 13th of June, 1860, Mr. Hawkins

married Mrs. Frances A. Peters, whose first husband was James Peters, a farmer of Clinton township, this county. She is a native of Bohemia and a daughter of Anthony Peteka, who was one of the early settlers of this county and was engaged in farming in Putnam township for many years. He died in 1893, at the age of eighty-two. He was twice married and was the father of eight children. Mrs. Hawkins is one of the two born of the first union. By his second marriage our subject had four children, namely: Frank, who died at the age of twenty years; Fred A., who operates a part of his father's farm; Lucy M., at home; and Roy Miles, who is assisting in the operation of the home place.

Mr. Hawkins came west in 1856, the trip being made by railroad, which had just been built. He located near Rochelle, in Lee county, Illinois, where he purchased land and engaged in farming until 1860, when he came to Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Here he carried on the wood and stone business for ten years, and then removed to College township, where he bought forty acres of land and again turned his attention to agricultural pursuits. As time passed and he prospered in business he added to his property until he had three hundred and fifty-one acres, one hundred and twenty of which he has since sold to his son, Fred A. While engaged in farming he gave the greater part of his attention to the raising and feeding of stock for market, selling the same to T. M. Sinclair & Company, of Cedar Rapids. For a time he was interested in the butcher business in that city, owning two shops, one of which, on the west side, his son and J. Brainard now have charge. As a business man he was energetic, prompt and notably reliable, and was able to carry

forward to successful completion whatever he undertook. After a long, busy and useful life he can well afford to lay aside all business cares, and spend the remainder of his life in ease and quiet. In politics he is independent, voting for the men whom he believes best qualified for office, regardless of party lines.

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### ALPHONSE FRANCHERE.

In this enlightened age when men of energy, industry and merit are rapidly pushing their way to the front, those who, by their own individual efforts, have won favor and fortune, may more properly claim recognition. To this class belongs Alphonse Franchere, who in connection with his Brother, O. J., is proprietor of the Fair,—a large department store of Cedar Rapids. He came to this place in 1885, and has since been prominently identified with its mercantile interests.

Mr. Franchere was born in Chicago, Illinois, on the 4th of February, 1861, and is a son of David and Matilda (Moffit) Franchere, both natives of Montreal, Canada. The mother died when our subject was a small boy, leaving nine children, of whom five are still living, namely: Mrs. P. U. Magnan and Mrs. N. F. Chiniqny, both residents of Chicago; Oscar J., who is with our subject in business; Gabriel a merchant of Chicago; Alphonse, of this review; and Napoleon F., a resident of Mason City, Iowa. Euclid died in Chicago in 1871, and two others died in early childhood. The mother's death occurred in 1863, when she was thirty-nine years of age. The ancestors of our subject were of French extraction. His paternal grandparents both died in Chi-

cago in 1864, when well advanced in years. All of their children lived to be over seventy-eight years of age, and one daughter is still living in Chicago. Our subject's father, who was the youngest of this family, engaged in merchandising in Canada in early life, and about 1859 removed to Chicago, where he conducted a crockery store until about ten years before his death, which occurred in 1898, when he was seventy-eight years of age. He was a self-educated man, and in business affairs was quite successful.

Like the other children of the family Alphonse Franchere was educated in the public schools of Chicago. The sons all obtained their business education in the large mercantile establishment of Marshall Field & Company of that city. On leaving that firm our subject sought a location with the view of embarking in business for himself, and finally decided on Cedar Rapids, where he settled in 1885. Having but small capital he opened a shoe store, and as he became familiar with the wants of his customers he gradually enlarged his stock as fast as his resources would permit. He began business at No. 212 First avenue, occupying only about one-third of the space he now has, and two years later opened a dry goods and fancy goods department at No. 214. In 1889 he again enlarged his store by an addition forty feet square and two stories high, and also increased his stock. In 1891 he secured the adjoining store room, No. 216, and converted his establishment into a regular department store, carrying everything found in a first-class general store with the exception of heavy hardware. In 1894 he was joined by his brother Oscar J., from Chicago, and two years later sold to him the crockery, groceries and household



goods departments, which now occupy No. 218-220-222, while our subject has the remainder of the stock in Nos. 212-214-216. He carries a fine line of dry goods, millinery, shoes, clothing, gents' furnishing goods, furs, carpets, etc. On the second floor he has five rooms devoted to bargain counters, while the six rooms on the third floor are devoted exclusively to the mail order department. Mr. Franchere has recently purchased sixty feet in the rear of Nos. 212, 214 and 216 First avenue, where he is building a warehouse for storage purposes. The Fair, by which name their store is known, is fitted up with all modern improvements in the way of heating, lighting, etc., and would be a credit to a city much larger than Cedar Rapids. It occupies the property from 212 to 226 First avenue. By advertising extensively, the firm have secured a large trade from several of the adjoining states, and also from New Mexico and Colorado. They have one hundred and fifty employes on their pay roll, and keep eight delivery wagons and fourteen horses. Their business has grown so rapidly that for the year 1901 it will undoubtedly amount to a quarter of a million dollars. The brothers own property at 216 and 218 First avenue occupied by their business.

Alphonse Franchere is not identified with any political party, but at local elections votes for the men whom he believes best qualified to fill the offices. Fraternally he is a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the Commercial Club of Cedar Rapids. He takes considerable interest in outdoor sports, such as baseball, bicycling and horse racing, and is what may be termed a baseball enthusiast. He built the Athletic Park, which has since been sold to the Carnival Association, with which he

is connected, and he is also a stockholder of the Auditorium Building. His first thoughts are always for the city of his adoption, and he has been a liberal contributor to all enterprises which he believed would prove of public benefit. He also gives freely to charity, putting his donations where they will do the most good. Pleasant and genial by nature, he makes hosts of friends wherever he goes, and has been a welcome addition to the business interests of Cedar Rapids.

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#### A. L. WILLIS.

No man is better known in the northern part of Linn county than Squire Albert Willis, who was one of the early settlers of Jackson township, having located there in 1855 before the village of Coggon was established. He was born in Franklin county, Massachusetts, September 17, 1831, a son of George W. and Esther (Smith) Willis, also natives of that county, where the father carried on business as a clothier in early days. He also engaged in farming and ran a small cloth factory. Coming west in 1854 he settled in Linn county, Iowa, on the southwest quarter of section 16, Jackson township, where he followed farming until his death, which occurred on the 14th of April, 1867. His wife died May 8, 1879. There were six children born to them, namely: Sarah, who died in infancy; A. L., our subject; Sarah, deceased wife of William Henderson, who was a prominent farmer of Jackson township; Frank, also deceased; Carrie L., wife of W. L. Brown, of Tustin, California; and Aurelia H., wife of E. J. Martin, a painter of Coggon. All were educated in the common schools, and the daughters all engaged in teaching in



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the public schools of Jackson township for a time.

On reaching manhood A. L. Willis was united in marriage with Miss Laura P. White, of Berkshire county, Massachusetts, a daughter of J. White and Alice Pease White, the former being a shoemaker by trade and spent his entire life in that state. By this union were born nine children, five of whom are now living, namely: Frank R., a prominent lawyer of Los Angeles, California, who is now serving as district attorney of Los Angeles county; Minnie E., wife of Thomas Henderson, a prosperous farmer of Jackson township, this county; Alice M., wife of John Dix, a farmer of Wright county, Iowa; Fred E., a farmer of Lake Park, Dickinson county, Iowa; and Jessie L., wife of F. E. Dutton, a harness maker of Coggon. Those deceased were Bertha, Victoria, Nellie and Carrie.

Mr. Willis came west in 1855, and on landing in Davenport, Iowa, found that he had but three dollars in his pocket with which to begin life in this state. Locating in Mt. Vernon and Marion he worked at the shoemaker's trade in those places for one year, and then removed to Springville, where he was similarly employed for about five years, and conducted a retail boot and shoe business. In the spring of 1861 he bought a farm on section 16, Jackson township, formerly owned by his father, and to the improvement and cultivation of that place he devoted his energies until 1863. This he disposed of and bought 160 acres of improved land in section 16, which he still owns, where he resided from 1875 to 1885, meeting with good success in his farming operation. He then removed to Coggon and embarked in the grocery business, which he carried on for four years, and since sell-

ing out has lived retired. He still owns his farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Jackson township, and also has one store building and two houses in Coggon, which he rents, besides his own pleasant residence. He has money out on interest, and is a stockholder and director of the Coggon State Bank, and also a stockholder of the Coggon creamery. All of this property has been acquired through his own well-directed efforts, and his life is a living illustration of what ability, energy and force of character can accomplish. It is to such men that the west owes its prosperity, its rapid progress and its advancement.

As a Republican Mr. Willis takes quite an active interest in political affairs, and has served his fellow citizens as justice of the peace for eight years and two years as mayor of the village, and has served as councilman, with the exception of one year, since the incorporation of the village, filling the last named office at the present time. He has also served in several minor positions. His estimable wife is a member of the Congregational church of Jackson township.

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WALTER GATER.

Among the veterans of the Civil war residing in Linn county probably none stand higher in public esteem than Walter Gater, who is now living a retired life in Coggon. He was born in London, England, on the 8th of April, 1841, a son of Lewis and Mary Ann (Aldred) Gater, also natives of that country, where the father resided until 1844, and then came to America. For five years he made his home in New York City and then returned to London, and remained there one year. In 1850 he brought his fam-



ily to the United States, and again took up his residence in New York City, where he worked as a painter and paper hanger for a short time. Later he was employed at the bookbinder's trade until 1857, when he came west and settled in Bowlder township, Linn county, Iowa, where he was engaged in farming until the spring of 1863. He next made his home in Anamosa, Iowa, for two years, while he followed the house painter's trade, and then removed to St. Louis, Missouri, where he was engaged in house and steamboat painting for three years. At the end of that time he returned to Linn county, Iowa, and made his home with our subject in Jackson township until his death in 1890. His wife had died in 1875, leaving three children: Walter, of this sketch; Louisa, deceased wife of Albert Grant, who is now living retired in Kansas City, Missouri, though their two children, Cora Bishop and Nellie Kincaid, reside in Cedar Rapids, Iowa; and George W., a farmer of Girard, Kansas, who died April 5, 1901.

Walter Gater received only a common-school education during his boyhood and learned the book binder's trade with his father in New York city, working at the same for two years. He then accompanied his parents on their removal to this county, and was engaged in farming in Bowlder township until after the Civil war broke out. Having a love for his adopted country, he enlisted in August, 1862, in Company G, Twenty-fourth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and was under the command of Colonel Byam, Captain Vinson and Captain Smith. His command was in a large number of battles and skirmishes, and during the fight at Champion Hills, Mississippi, May 16, 1863, he was severely wound-

ed by a musket ball in the right shoulder, and was in the hospitals at Memphis, Benton Barracks, St. Louis, and Jefferson Barracks. At the last named place he was honorably discharged April 28, 1864, his discharge papers reading as follows: "Was engaged in the battle of Champion Hill, Mississippi, and on May 16, 1863, was severely wounded. He was a true and brave soldier as per endorsement on descriptive roll, signed by William W. Smith, Captain of Company G, Twenty-fourth Iowa Infantry." Mr. Gater returned to his home in Bowlder township, this county, but in the fall of 1864 again went to Jefferson Barracks, St. Louis, where he was employed in the government hospital until the close of the war in 1865. He was then connected with the quartermaster's department until 1867, when he again returned home and resumed farming.

In 1872 Mr. Gater married Miss Susanna Reynolds, of Jackson township, this county, who was born January 27, 1845, a daughter of Jacob J. and Parnelia (Chenoweth) Reynolds, both now deceased. Her father was a farmer of Jackson township, where he located in 1853. Our subject and his wife have two children: Willie Lytton, born March 25, 1874; and Eva May, born October 6, 1879. Both are at home and the older is now teaching school in Ely, and Eva attending school at Cornell College, Mt. Vernon, Iowa.

Mr. Gater followed farming in Bowlder township until March, 1893, when he removed to Coggon and has since lived retired, although he does a little speculating in land. He still owns a fine farm of one hundred and seventy-five acres in Jackson township and has a nice residence in the southern part of Coggon. Politically he is identified with the Republican party. Fra-

ternally he is a member of the blue lodge of Masonry at Coggon. In manner he is pleasant and genial, and his many sterling qualities command the respect and confidence of all, and have secured for him the high regard of a large circle of friends.

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JAMES M. PENNINGTON.

This early settler and highly respected citizen of Otter Creek township, residing on section 14, was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, on the 9th of August, 1830, and is a son of Isaac and Sarah (Davis) Pennington, natives of New Jersey and Pennsylvania, respectively. When our subject was seven years of age the family removed to Cumberland county, Illinois, where the mother died at the age of thirty-six years, leaving two children, of whom James M. is the elder. His sister, Nancy Ann, is now the widow of Hezekiah Robey, who followed farming in Illinois throughout life, and she is a resident of Cumberland county, that state. There the father of our subject died at the ripe old age of eighty-five years. He also made farming his life occupation.

In 1846 James M. Pennington returned to Ohio, and remained there until coming to Linn county, Iowa, in 1853. Locating in Otter Creek township, he purchased forty acres of land where the village of Alburnett now stands, and another forty-acre tract where the depot of that village is located. On selling that place he removed to Lafayette, in the same township, where he was engaged in farming for twelve years and then went to Long Grove, where he made his home for nineteen years. He continued to follow farming at the latter place, and also conducted a grocery

store for four years and served as postmaster for eleven years. He was a trustee one term and school director for nine terms. In 1884 he removed to his present farm on section 14, Otter Creek township, where he owns and operates eighty acres of rich farming land. Here he has served as road supervisor for four terms and district director for nine years. His official duties have always been most capably and satisfactorily performed, and he takes quite an active and influential part in public affairs.

At Lafayette, this county, in 1854, Mr. Pennington married Miss Elizabeth Ann Pence, a daughter of Adam and Flora Ann (Hanna) Pence. Her early life was passed upon her father's farm in Fairfield county, Ohio, and she obtained her education in the district schools of that locality. After the death of her mother, which occurred in that state, she came with her father to Iowa in 1851. He died in Linn county three years later. By occupation he was a farmer. Mrs. Pennington is now the only one living in a family of four children. At an early age she became interested in church work and has always lived an earnest Christian life. She is a woman of intelligence and refinement, who has endeared herself to all her friends by her Christian character and her devotion to her family. Both Mr. and Mrs. Pennington are members of the Christian church, and while a resident of Lafayette he served as deacon for about five years.

Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Pennington, namely: (1) Eugenia died at the age of two years. (2) Eugene died at the age of fourteen. (3) Flora is now the wife of James van Aken, a farmer of Belleville, Kansas, and they have one child, Iva. (4) Frank, a painter of Central

City, this county, married Lottie Read, and they have three children, Frank R., Vivian and Wayne. (5) Maxon, born in Otter Creek township, July 5, 1866, has spent his entire life in this county, and is now operating his father's farm. On the 17th of February, 1897, he was married in Maine township, to Miss Margaret A. Noah, a daughter of Wiley and Harriet (Jones) Noah, farming people of that township. After a long and lingering illness she died of consumption, March 12, 1899, leaving one child, Ariel Garfield, who was born August 1, 1898. She was an active and faithful member of the Christian church, a devoted wife and loving mother, and was greatly loved by all who knew her. (6) James G. married Mertie Fleming, daughter of William Fleming, of Otter Creek township, and resides in Alburnett, where he follows the painter's trade. (7) Bertha E. died at the age of eight years.

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#### AMOS BRENEMAN.

This honored veteran of the Civil war and highly esteemed citizen of Marion, whose home is on the corner of Eighth avenue and Sixth street, was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, April 15, 1834, and is a son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Hershey) Breneman, also natives of the Keystone state, and representatives of two of its old families. The father, who was a farmer by occupation, came west in 1847, when Marion was quite small and Cedar Rapids had not yet sprung into existence. An uncle of our subject could then have purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land in what is now the center of the latter city for fifteen hundred dollars, but the soil was so sandy he abandoned the idea.

The family located between Mt. Vernon and Lisbon, not far from the former city, where the father died about the 1st of January, 1865, at the age of fifty-eight years. The mother who was born in 1812, passed away in 1873. Both were consistent members of the United Brethren church and most estimable people. Amos is the oldest of their ten children, four of whom are still living.

Amos Breneman accompanied his parents on their removal to this county and completed his education in the Mt. Vernon College, taking only a partial course however. While attending school in winter he devoted the summer months to learning the carpenter's trade, and also aided in the work of the farm, especially during harvest. He has built many houses throughout the county, and as a carpenter was employed on the college buildings at Mt. Vernon.

In 1862, during the dark days of the Rebellion, Mr. Breneman joined the boys in blue of Company F, Twenty-fourth Iowa Volunteer Infantry. The first engagement he witnessed was the battle of Grand Gulf, which was fought under General Grant, whom he then saw for the first time. He participated in the battles of Fort Gibson and Champion Hills, the siege of Vicksburg and Jackson; and then accompanied General Banks on the Red River expedition. He was taken prisoner at Saline Cross Roads with about eleven hundred men besides those detailed to care for the wounded, and was first sent to Camp Licksillet, but shortly afterward was transferred to Camp Ford, where he remained about four months, and then sent to Camp Gross. He was at Houston, Texas, for a time, but was at Camp Gross when paroled, having been held a prisoner from the 8th of April,



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1864, until the 15th of the following December. During that time he manufactured rings, canes, etc., which he sold to the rebels and thus did not suffer for food, such as it was. After being paroled the prisoners were taken to Galveston, and from there by boat to New Orleans, where they spent six weeks, before being sent to Governor's Island, New York. On finally reaching the parole camp at Annapolis, Mr. Breneman was granted a thirty days' furlough, which he spent at home. He then reported for duty at St. Louis, where he ended his soldier's career.

The following two years Mr. Breneman spent on a fruit farm near Iowa City, and at the end of that time purchased a saw-mill on Otto creek, which he operated for seven years. He then came to Marion, where he assisted in running an agricultural implement store for a time, and has since engaged in carpenter work, house moving, bridge building, and all kinds of mechanical work. He has built hundreds of bridges throughout the county, and is considered an excellent workman.

On the 16th of December, 1858, Mr. Breneman married Miss Susan Gauby, a native of Berks county, Pennsylvania, and a daughter of Benjamin and Esthe Gauby, who were also born in that state and came to Iowa in 1854, locating at Lisbon, of which place the father is still an honored resident and is to-day its oldest citizen, being eighty-eight years of age. He is a stone mason by trade, being a member of the United Brethren church, to which his wife belongs. They are the parents of four children, of whom Jonas S. and Mrs. Breneman are now the only survivors. Jonas enlisted as a private in Company F, Thirteenth

Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and when mustered out was serving as captain of his company. A wound received at Shiloh has caused him to lose the use of his left arm. He is still a resident of this county. He married Matilda Cook, and they have five children: Amy, wife of Charles Delo, of Cedar Rapids; Carrie, wife of John Jameson, principal of the schools at Green, Iowa; Bertha, wife of John Fouse, of Lisbon; and Mabel and Gaile, both at home.

Seven children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Breneman, namely: (1) Elizabeth A. married, first, Anson Freeman, and, second, John Nihill, of Marion, and has three children, Earl, Bennie by the first husband, and Annie E. (2) John, a resident of Marion, wedded Georgia Savoy, and they have four children, Lillian, Agnes, John and Clarence. (3) Emery, a railroad employe and a resident of Iowa, married Winifred Star and they have two children, Howard and Eveline. (4) Clarence B. married Catherine Devlin and is now a photographer of Marion. (5) Lawrence is also a resident of Marion. (6) Essie died at the age of two and a half years. (7) Ernest E. was graduated from the Marion high school in 1895, and for five years has successfully engaged in teaching in this county, making his residence with his parents.

Mrs. Breneman is a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church, while our subject has held membership in the Good Templars Society and the Sons of Temperance. Formerly he was a Republican in politics, but now votes with the Populist party. He is one of Marion's most worthy citizens, and is a man highly respected and esteemed by all who know him.

## OSCAR J. FRANCHERE.

The Fair, which is one of the leading business houses of Cedar Rapids, is owned by Oscar J. and Alphonse Franchere, two brothers, who are numbered among the most energetic, enterprising and successful business men of the city. The elder, Oscar J., was born in Montreal, Canada, April 30, 1853, but during his infancy was taken to Chicago by his parents, David and Matilda (Mot) Francere, who were also natives of Montreal and of French descent. The mother died in 1863, at the age of thirty-nine years, leaving six children who are still living, namely: Mrs. E. Magnan and Mrs. N. F. Chiniquy, both residents of Chicago; Oscar J., of this review; Gabriel, a merchant of Chicago; Alphonse, who is engaged in business with our subject; and Napoleon F., a resident of Mason City, Iowa. Euclid died in Chicago in 1871, and Adolphus died in 1898 in Chicago; one other died in early childhood. In early life the father was engaged in merchandising in Canada, and after his removal to Chicago conducted a crockery store in that city until the last ten years of his life, when he lived retired. He was a self-educated man, and in business affairs was quite successful. He died in 1898, at the age of seventy-eight years, and was the youngest in a family of six children, all of whom were older than that at the time of their deaths. One sister is still living in Chicago at the age of seventy-four years. His parents died in that city in 1864 when well advanced in years.

During his boyhood Oscar J. Franchere attended the public schools of Chicago, and began his business career in the store of

Field, Palmer & Leiter, as the firm was styled when Mr. Franchere was with them, of that city, where he remained seventeen years, being head cashier in the retail department nine years of that time. In 1894 he came to Cedar Rapids, and formed a partnership with his brother, taking the grocery, house furnishing, drug, hardware and crockery departments of the Fair, and occupying with these three stores of the building on First avenue, at Nos. 218-220-222, where his brother has carried on business since first coming to this place in 1885. (An extended account of the business is given in the sketch of Alphonse Franchere on another page of this volume). The brothers own the property at Nos. 216 and 218 First avenue, and our subject also has residence property on the west side of Chicago, valued at fifteen thousand dollars.

In 1874 Mr. Franchere was united in marriage with Miss Mary Le Beau, who died in Chicago in 1894, leaving two sons, Alfred O., who is now buyer for the Fair of Cedar Rapids; and Ernest C., who is attending school here. Mrs. Franchere was a native of Chicago and a daughter of Cyrille Le Beau, a prominent contractor of that city, where he built the old court house, the Sherman House, the Tremont House, and many other large buildings. He died there in 1889, his wife in 1892, and all of their six children are now deceased.

In 1889, in company with his brother Gabriel, Mr. Franchere attended the Paris Exposition and also visited the principal cities of Europe, spending three months abroad. In the business circles he stands deservedly high, and he and his brother, Alphonse, eminently deserve classification among those purely self-made men of Cedar

Rapids who have distinguished themselves for their ability to master the opposing forces of life and to wrest from fate a large measure of success and an honorable name.

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LESTER M. RICH.

Cedar Rapids has become a great commercial and industrial center, and has therefore attracted to it many energetic and enterprising business men, who have met with marked success in this chosen field of labor. Among this number is Lester M. Rich, who for over twenty years has been the efficient superintendent of the Cedar Rapids Pump Company, as well as one of its stockholders and directors, and not a little of its success is due to his capable management.

Mr. Rich was born in Franklin county, New York, April 5, 1852, a son of Thomas W. and Matilda (Berry) Rich, also natives of that county. In 1865 the family removed to Palatine, Illinois, and three years later came to Iowa, locating near Independence, where the father secured a tract of wild prairie land, and to its cultivation and improvement at once turned his attention. Throughout nearly his entire life he followed agricultural pursuits. Originally he was a Whig in politics and later supported the Republican party, though he never took any active part in political affairs aside from voting. In religious belief he was a Methodist, of which church his wife is also an earnest member. He at length sold his farm and spent his last days in retirement from active labor at Jesup, where he died in 1895, when about seventy years of age. His widow now makes her home in Cedar

Rapids, at the age of seventy-two years. His father, Samuel Rich, was of English descent, and was a soldier of the war of 1812, fighting against the mother country.

Of the ten children born to Thomas W. and Matilda (Berry) Rich, one died in early childhood, while nine grew to maturity, namely: Sarah, now deceased, married Marcellus Denio, of Harvard, Illinois; Almira married M. Staples, and after living in Palatine, Illinois, for a time removed to Iowa, where she died leaving one son, William; George is foreman of the Cedar Rapids Pump Factory; Lester M., our subject, is next in order of birth; De Forrest is manager of a branch house of the Cedar Rapids Pump Company at Columbus, Ohio, where he resides, and is also a traveling salesman for the company; Fred is a member of the firm of Parson, Rich & Company, of the Hawkeye Feeder Company, of Newton, Iowa; Charles is now a traveling salesman for Parson, Rich & Company, but was formerly an engineer on the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad for sixteen years; Estella was the wife of Charles Minot, a pressman, who was employed in Cedar Rapids for a number of years, but is now a resident of Springfield, Massachusetts; she died April 15, 1901, leaving three children; and Mary is the wife of Herbert Chambers, a Methodist Episcopal minister, who is now completing his education at Mt. Vernon, Iowa.

During his boyhood Lester M. Rich attended the public schools of Illinois and Iowa, and remained at home with his parents until twentythree years of age. After completing his education he engaged in teaching school for six terms during the winter season, while through the summer months he followed farming until twenty-



eight years of age. In 1880 he came to Cedar Rapids to take charge of the manufacturing department of the Cedar Rapids Pump Company, which was then in its infancy, the plant having just been erected. In 1884 they removed to their present location, and put in a full and complete set of machinery for manufacturing wooden pumps and a foundry for making soil pipe and fittings, as well as windmill and reservoir tanks. When Mr. Rich became connected with the company they had in their employ only three men, but they now have a force of one hundred men, including the traveling salesmen and the men in the factory, main and branch offices. Our subject was one of the first stockholders of the company, and is now a member of the board of directors and superintendent of the works, which important position he is creditably filling. He is also interested in real estate in Cedar Rapids, and is accounted one of the most reliable business men of the city.

In August, 1881, Mr. Rich married Miss Lucinda Rust, who was born in Illinois in 1856, and was educated in the common schools. Her parents are both deceased. Unto our subject and his wife were born four children, of whom one son, Clare, died in 1889, at the age of four years. Those living are Guy C., Earl A. and Blanche M.

The Republican party finds in Mr. Rich a staunch supporter of its principles. In 1898 he was elected alderman from the Eighth ward, and so acceptably did he fill the office that he was re-elected in 1900, and is now a member of the ordinance, fire and cemeteries committees, and is chairman of the street and walks committee. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias, Star of the West Lodge, No. 1, in which he has passed

through all the chairs, and belongs to Linden Camp, No. 145, M. W. A., of which he is now a trustee.

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#### FRANK J. BROWN.

This energetic and enterprising farmer, residing on section 27, Bertram township, was born on the 29th of October, 1868, in New York, and is a son of John and Phoebe (Brunk) Brown, both of whom were natives of New York, the former born October 30, 1826, in Schoharie county, and the latter October 11, 1835. They were married in the Empire state July 4, 1855, and when our subject was nine months old removed with their family to Iowa, locating in Cedar county. About 1872 they came to Mt. Vernon, Linn county, where Frank attended school until 1878, when they located on a farm north of that place, and he became a student in the district school known as Laurel Hill, remaining there eight years. The father died in September, 1881, and was laid to rest in the Mt. Vernon cemetery. Subsequently the mother removed to Saline county, Nebraska, and rented a farm, which she operated with the assistance of our subject for two years. For her second husband she married Joseph Harvey. She died in December, 1891, and was also buried in Mt. Vernon, Iowa. The children born of her first marriage were Irvin, a resident of Minnesota, who first married Addie Sawyer and after her death wedded Becky Harkness; Almyra, wife of John Howsel, of Spokane, Washington; Hettie, wife of James Kesell, of Denver, Colorado; Frank J., our subject; Minnie, a resident of Mt. Vernon, Iowa; and Malissa, of State Center, Iowa.

After two years spent in Nebraska Frank J. Brown returned to Iowa, and for two years worked in the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern railroad car shops at Cedar Rapids. He was next employed by the month on a farm near that city for the same length of time, and then worked as a farm hand in Bertram township for one year. He was married in Mt. Vernon October 7, 1891, the lady of his choice being Miss Mary E. Harrison, who was born in Linn Grove, this county, February 25, 1861, a daughter of Jacob and Ardelia (Look) Harrison, natives of New Jersey and New York respectively. They were married in Steuben county, New York, January 17, 185—, and in September of the same year started for Kansas, but on reaching Mt. Vernon, Iowa, they decided to stop on account of Mrs. Harrison being in poor health. For about a year the father engaged in cutting timber, and then purchased a small farm at Linn Grove, where he engaged in agricultural pursuits until 1863, when he went to Idaho during the gold excitement in that state. When he left for the mountains he sent his family to New York, and about the close of the Civil war rejoined them in that state, bringing them back to Linn county, Iowa. He purchased what is now known as the Caldwell farm, on which he lived for ten years, and in 1885 bought the James Berry farm of two hundred acres, which he sold, though he afterward removed to another farm, where he lived for nine years. His first wife died in the fall of 1890 and was buried in Mt. Vernon. He subsequently spent one year with a single daughter, then one year with Mrs. Brown and then went to California. He has since been back and forth a number of times, but has resided permanently in that state since his second marriage in the fall of

1899 with Mrs. Millie Kuppel, having sold his possessions in Iowa. The children by his first union were: Almeda, wife of Walter Berry, a farmer of Bertram township; William H., who is represented on another page of this volume; Mary E., wife of our subject; Jacob J., who married Hannah Berry and resides in California; Lucinda J., wife of Frank Thompson, of Marion township, this county; and one who died in infancy.

After his marriage Mr. Brown rented the farm which he now owns and occupies, it being the old Harrison homestead of two hundred acres on section 27, Bertram township. After renting it for eight years he purchased the place, and has since made many improvements thereon. He is engaged in raising and feeding stock for market, and being a good practical farmer of sound judgment and excellent business ability, he is meeting with well-merited success in his undertakings. He attends the Methodist Church and is a staunch supporter of the Democratic party.

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#### LEWIS A. QUAAS.

The subject of this sketch, who is one of the leading citizens and prosperous agriculturists of Otter Creek township, his home being on section 26, has spent his entire life in Linn county, his birth having occurring in Rapids township, November 9, 1851. His parents are Godfrey and Mary (Altman) Quaas, both natives of Germany, the former born in June, 1813, the latter in May, 1831. In 1851 they emigrated to the new world and took up their residence on a farm in Rapids township, this county,

where the father successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits for many years, although he was by trade a wagonmaker. He became the owner of two hundred and sixty-five acres of valuable and productive land. After a long, busy and useful life he is now living retired in Cedar Rapids and is enjoying a well-earned rest. Unto him and his wife were born nine children, namely: Selma, now deceased wife of James Fitzgerald; Lewis, who died in infancy; Lewis A., our subject; Matilda, wife of Frank Bofman; Annie, wife of James Fitzgerald; William, who married Caroline Vannote; Maria, now deceased wife of Newton Bleedner; Edward, who married Jane Coleman; and Sarah, wife of Charles Shultz.

Lewis A. Quaas remained at home, giving his father the benefit of his labors until his marriage, which was celebrated September 10, 1876, Miss Caroline Maier becoming his wife. She was born in Erie county, Pennsylvania, in 1855, and the following year was brought to Linn county, Iowa. By her parents Jacob and Margaret (Strain) Maier, who were natives of Germany. The father was a young man of twenty-six years when he came to the United States and settled in Erie county, Pennsylvania, where he engaged in farming until his removal to Iowa in 1856. He located on section 34 Otter Creek township, Linn county, where he passed the remainder of his life engaged in farming and stock raising. His first purchase of land consisted of forty acres, which he improved and to which he subsequently added until he owned about four hundred acres at the time of his death, it being now in the possession of his sons. He was one of the most prosperous farmers and extensive stock raisers of his community, as well as one of its most

prominent citizens. He died upon his farm in Otter Creek township, May 1, 1871, at the age of fifty-one years, and his wife departed this life at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Henry Etzzel, in the same township, in 1893. Both were members of the Evangelical church and he served as class leader for many years. In their family were the following children: (1) Henrietta is the wife of George Eidamiller, a prominent farmer of Otter Creek township, and they had four children, Charles, deceased, Sarah, Maggie and Lydia. (2) Jacob lives on the old homestead in Otter Creek township, married Carrie Switzer and they have six children. (3) John married Emma Belzer and is engaged in farming in Franklin county, Iowa; they have three children. (4) Andrew, a farmer of Otter Creek township, Linn county, married Sarah Willely, and they have one child, Edna. (5) Caroline, wife of our subject, is the next of the family. (6) Samuel, also a farmer of Otter Creek township, wedded Mary Schmickly, and they have two children. (7) Sarah is the wife of Henry Etzzel, a farmer of the same township, and they have three children, Clarence, Maggie and Ernest. Seven children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Quaas, namely: William A., Lydia, Lutfshey, Millie, Charles G., Walter and Mary M., all at home.

At the age of twenty-six years Mr. Quaas purchased the old homestead in Rapids township, consisting of two hundred and sixty-six acres of land, which he now operates in connection with the farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 26, Otter Creek township, where he now resides. Besides his property he owns another tract of one hundred and four acres on section 23, Otter Creek township, and

is justly regarded as one of the most skillful, energetic and successful farmers of his locality. He gives considerable attention to the raising of a high grade of cattle and horses, and keeps some imported stock. This branch of his business he has also found quite profitable. His farm is pleasantly situated, highly cultivated and well improved, in fact is one of the model farms of the county. In business affairs he is notably prompt, energetic and reliable, and is generally able to carry forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes. By his ballot he supports the men and measures of the Republican party, and has efficiently served as school director in his township for some years. Both he and his wife are members of the Evangelical church, in which he has served as steward and exhorter, and they are held in the highest esteem by all who know them.

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#### ALFRED F. GREEN.

There is no family better known in the northeastern part of Linn county or more deserving of prominent mention in its history than the Green family. The late Alfred F. Green, who for several years was one of the foremost business men of Coggon, was born in Venango county, Pennsylvania, July 3, 1841, a son of Thomas and Mercy (Hancock) Green. The father was also a native of the same state, born in 1805, and continued his residence there until 1844, when he removed with his family to Iowa, settling in Dubuque county, where he followed farming for some years. He then removed to a farm in Delaware county, where he resided about three years.

Subsequently he came to Linn county, and located in Jackson township, where the village of Coggon now stands, erecting there the house in which his son-in-law, I. S. Hanna, now resides, where his last days were spent with his children in retirement from active labor. He died May 9, 1887, and his wife passed away November 19, 1882.

Unto this worthy couple were born eight children, as follows: Sarah Ann, deceased, was the wife of John De Woody. Lydia, deceased, was the wife of Anthony English, of Dubuque county. Amos H. was one of the prominent citizens of Coggon, was a director of the Coggon State Bank, and was engaged in the milling business at that place for a number of years, after which he conducted a boarding house until his death, March 18, 1901. He married Sarah Spurgeon, and his widow and daughter now carry on the boarding house. Ruth is the wife of Milton Haggard, a resident of De Soto, Iowa. Alfred F., our subject, was next in order of birth. William died young. Maria is the wife of I. S. Hanna, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this work. Henry married Mary Coquillette and lives in Clark, South Dakota.

Alfred F. Green was educated in the common schools of Dubuque county and the college at Epworth, Iowa. He was only three years of age when the family came west and settled near Farley, Dubuque county. During his boyhood and youth he assisted in the work of the farm. In 1865 he accompanied his parents on their removal to Delaware county, where they lived but a short time, and then came to Coggon.

On the 12th of June, 1870, Mr. Green was united in marriage with Miss Lydia Castle, who was born in Canandaigua, New



York, April 2, 1853, and is a daughter of Lemuel and Mary (Case) Castle, also natives of the Empire state. It was in 1860 that her family came to Linn county, Iowa, and for several years her father was engaged in agricultural pursuits in Jackson township, but spent his last years in retirement with our subject. Mr. and Mrs. Green became the parents of seven children: Francis, who died in infancy; Milan J., who married Emma Mammoser and resides in Wesley, Iowa, where he is editor of the Wesley World; Mimmie, wife of G. W. Olinger, a teacher of vocal music residing in Coggon; Carl A. and Ray L. are engaged in the hardware business in Coggon; Leo Rex and Glen Castle are at home.

During his residence in Delaware county Mr. Green taught school and also taught vocal music, but after coming to Coggon embarked in general merchandising and the milling business, he and his brother Amos H. owning the mill at this place, known as the Green Brothers gristmill, which they conducted for about twenty-five years. Our subject was also land agent and served as postmaster at Coggon for several years. He successfully carried on the mercantile and milling business until his death, which occurred November 23, 1890. He was a wide-awake, energetic and reliable business man, whose word was as good as his bond, and his affairs were so managed as to win for him the confidence of the public and the prosperity which should always attend honorable effort. In politics he was a Democrat, and in his social relations was a charter member of both the Masonic and Odd Fellows Lodges of Coggon. After Mr. Green removed to Coggon he took up the study of law, in which he met with fair success, although he was never admitted to the

bar. He always took an active interest in church work, both he and his wife belonging to the Christian church of that place. Mr. Green was a man who was beloved by all, and at all times his hand and pocket were ready to assist any one in need of help. His family is one of prominence in both social and business circles, and own considerable property in Coggon and Jackson township. They have a pleasant home in the eastern part of the village, where hospitality reigns supreme.

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#### JOSEPH WHITNEY.

Joseph Whitney, who is the largest land owner in the northeastern part of Linn county and one of its honored early settlers, is now living a retired life on the old homestead farm on section 29, Boulder township. He has made good use of his opportunities in life, has prospered from year to year, and has conducted all business matters carefully and successfully, and in all his acts displays an aptitude for successful management.

Mr. Whitney was born in Warren county, Ohio, December 14, 1825, a son of Ephraim and Mary (Livingston) Whitney, natives of Maine and Ohio, respectively. From the Pine Tree state the father removed to Warren county, Ohio, at an early day, and there engaged in farming until 1844, when he went to Lee county, Illinois, and located near the village of Amboy, where he continued to follow the same pursuit until his death in 1882. His wife died at the same place in 1885. They were the parents of six children, of whom our subject is the eldest; David, the second in or-





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der of birth, is now deceased; Caroline is the wife of P. Bartlett, a resident of Bureau county, Illinois; Phoebe Ann is the wife of William Brown, a farmer of Tennessee; Silas is deceased; and Rebecca is the wife of Edwin Shaw, a resident of Colorado.

The early educational advantages of our subject were such as the common schools of his native county afforded during his boyhood. At the age of nineteen he accompanied his parents on their removal to Lee county, Illinois, where he began farming for himself. There he was married in 1852 to Miss Dorothea A. Peterson, a native of New York state and a daughter of Jonathan Peterson, who was one of the early settlers of Lee county, Illinois, where he engaged in farming until his death. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Whitney were born six children, namely: Warren, who married Effie Fields and resides on a farm near his father; George, who married Celestie Coquette, now deceased, and resides on a farm on section 19, Bowlder township; Lelia, wife of Adolphus Atkins, a farmer of Spring Grove township, this county; Inez, wife of Wesley Wagner, a farmer of Sioux county, Iowa; Carrie, wife of Daniel Coquette, a farmer of Spring Grove township, Linn county; and Elmo, who is at home with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Whitney began their domestic life on a farm in Lee county, Illinois, where they remained for a few years, and in 1855 came to Linn county, Iowa, settling on section 23, Bowlder township, where he entered a half section of land. He immediately turned his attention to the improvement of this property, but a year later removed to his present farm on section 29, the same township, which borders on Buf-

falo creek. He erected a gristmill, which he operated for some time in connection with farming, and then sold. Since then he has devoted his entire time and attention to farming and stock raising. He has also speculated quite extensively in land, buying and selling farms in Bowlder township, and is still the owner of over one thousand acres in the vicinity of his home farm, most of which is in Bowlder township. Although he still continues to reside on the old homestead, he is now practically living retired, having rented most of his land, but still continues to look after his farming interests.

On August 13, 1862, Mr. Whitney enlisted in the Twenty-fourth Regiment of Iowa Volunteer Infantry, for three years' service or during the war. This regiment saw considerable active service, being engaged in the famous charge of Champion Hill, conceded to be one of the hottest engagements of the war, in which during a twenty minutes engagement one-half of the regiment was either killed or wounded. They were also engaged in a number of important battles, such as the battle of Port Gibson and siege of Vicksburg. Mr. Whitney was taken ill after the battle of Champion Hill, and was transferred to Jefferson Barracks, Missouri. He was honorably discharged July 20, 1865, at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, and is now a member of G. A. R. post located at Monticello, Iowa. Was promoted sergeant at the battle of Port Gibson.

In religious faith Mr. and Mrs. Whitney are Baptists, and are active members of the church at Prairieburg, and in his social relations he is a member of Prairieburg Lodge, No. 421, A. F. & A. M. He cast his first presidential vote for General

Scott, the Whig candidate, and has been a staunch supporter of the Republican party since its organization. He has taken a very prominent and influential part in county and township affairs, and for several years most creditably and acceptably filled the office of county supervisor. He has also served in a number of township offices, such as trustee and school director, and as a citizen is ever ready to discharge any duty devolving upon him.

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#### F. W. WHITNEY.

Few if any of the residents of the state of Iowa can trace their ancestry back to as remote a date as can the subject of this sketch.

Eustis De Whitney, of Flemish descent, was the founder of the present family of Whitney. Thomas Whitney, having taken up his residence in England, was the first to omit the prefix "De" from the name. His son, John, born in London in the year 1592, was the first of the family to take up his abode in the wilds of America. Having reached its shores in the year 1635, he settled near Watertown, New York, with his wife, Eleanore, and their five children.

F. W. Whitney, the subject of this sketch, is a native of Wisconsin, being born in Walworth county, near the town of Troy, April 17, 1855. He is the son of William M. and Augusta H. (Marsh) Whitney. Mrs. Whitney traces her ancestry back to the time of the Revolutionary war, in which her grandfather fought under the standard of George Washington. This gentleman was Enos Marsh, who married a New England lady of high culture, and together they

passed many years of wedded life, both reaching the advanced age of ninety years. They died at Montague, Massachusetts.

Isaac Whitney, father of Mr. Whitney, was a well-known farmer in Wisconsin, where he died in 1850. He was born in Delaware county, New York, where upon reaching manhood he took up a tract of land, barren and wild, and cleared and successfully cultivated it for seven years. In the year 1818 he married Laura Montague, also a native of New York. The family of Montague dates back to the sixteenth century, when in the year 1645 Richard, the founder of the family, settled in Hadley, Massachusetts.

Our subject's mother was born April 24, 1826, being the daughter of Enos and Rebecca (Hawley) Marsh, her father being the son of the Revolutionary hero above mentioned. Enos Marsh, Jr., as he was known, was possessed of a very fine education and taught school for many years. He passed away at Granby, Oswego county, New York, in May, 1831, just as he was preparing himself to enter the ranks of the Baptist ministry. Mrs. Marsh was a resident of Port Huron, Michigan, at the time of her death, August 4, 1855. To the marriage of William M. and Augusta H. Whitney were born four children, only two of whom are now living: Harriet L. is the wife of Wilford H. De Berard and resides in Fairfax, Iowa; and the subject of this sketch.

Mr. Whitney received his early education in Fairfax township, and then attended the normal school located at Oshkosh, Wisconsin. December 31, 1877, having finished his education and returned home, he married Florence L. Cleveland, the sketch of whose father, E. D. Cleveland, appears

on another page of this work. They became the parents of five children: Isaac Raymond, born May 11, 1869, died August 27, 1881; Oscar P. F. was born January 2, 1881; Montague E. was born April 14, 1884; Carroll L., born October 30, 1890; and Ruth LaBelle, born August 2, 1892.

About the time of his marriage Mr. Whitney bought from his father a farm of about one hundred acres, and shortly afterward added to it sixty-seven acres, and now possesses one of the finest farms in the state of Iowa, it being in a high state of cultivation and containing all modern improvements.

At the age of seventeen years Mr. Whitney joined the Congregational church, since which time he has been a member of the highest standing. He is also a member of the Iowa Legion of Honor and Modern Brotherhood of America.

A staunch Republican in politics, our subject held the office of township clerk for three years, and was also township trustee for the same length of time. However, although Mr. Whitney is a firm supporter of the Republican party in national affairs, in township and county elections his vote is always cast for the man whom he deems best fitted to fill the office.

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#### PETER T. HENDERSON.

Peter T. Henderson, an extensive and prosperous farmer, whose homestead is pleasantly located on section 9, Jackson township, near the village of Coggon, has been a resident of Linn county since 1872. He is a native of Canada, born in the province of Quebec, on the 13th of February,

1840, and is a son of Peter and Jennette (Forrester) Henderson. The father was born in Glasgow, Scotland, and in early life emigrated to the new world, locating in the province of Quebec, where he followed farming until his death. His wife also died in that country. They were the parents of twelve children, and with the exception of our subject, who is the only one living in Iowa, the other nine now living are residents of Canada and Michigan. They are mostly engaged in farming.

The common schools of his birthplace afforded our subject his educational advantages. In early life he learned the machinist's trade at Dundas, Canada, where he continued to follow that occupation for about sixteen years, and then came to Linn county, Iowa, in 1872, as previously stated. He located on his present farm, consisting of two hundred and fifty-seven acres one-half mile west of Coggon, and has since devoted his time and energies to agricultural pursuits, in which he has met with marked success. Besides this property he now owns a tract of eighty acres in the northern part of Jackson township, and also eighty acres in Delaware county, Iowa. He has cleared most of his home farm and made all of the improvements thereon, including a large house and barn. He carries on general farming, but makes a specialty of stock raising, and is the owner of a fine herd of red polled cattle, and is a member of the Red Polled Cattle Association of America.

In 1874 Mr. Henderson married Miss Hannah J. Henderson, who was also born in Canada, June 24, 1850, and when five years old came to this county with her parents, William and Mey (Bursell) Henderson. The family located in Jackson township, where her father engaged in farming



throughout the remainder of his life. The mother also died there. Our subject and his wife have two children, namely: Aley, now the wife of Harry Kerr, a farmer of Jackson township; and Walter E., who aids his father in the work of the home farm.

Mr. Henderson has never sought or cared for official honors, but is a staunch supporter of the Republican party and its principles. On coming to this county he was in limited circumstances, and to his own untiring industry, perseverance and determination to succeed is due his prosperity. During his long residence here he has made a host of warm friends who esteem him highly for his genuine worth, and he has the respect and confidence of all who know him. His wife is an earnest and consistent member of the Chapel Hill Congregational church of Jackson township.

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#### CHARLES W. MEEK.

Charles W. Meek, the well-known manager of the Armstrong Grocery Company, located on North First street, and one of the most progressive young business men of Cedar Rapids, was born in Clinton county, Iowa, June 20, 1871, and is a son of James A. and Mary (Bissett) Meek, the former of German and the latter of English and French descent. They were married August 15, 1861, in Greene county, Pennsylvania. The father was born in Greene county, Pennsylvania, October 9, 1837, and was a well-educated man, who successfully followed the profession of teaching in the east. On the 15th of September, 1862, he enlisted in Company M, Sixth West Virginia Volunteer Infantry, a portion of which

was made up in Pennsylvania. He served with honor in this regiment until his discharge, June 10, 1865. In 1866 he came to Iowa with his family and first located in Clinton county, where he engaged in farming and made his home until September, 1871, when he removed to Benton county, where he owned and operated a farm until his death, which occurred November 21, 1878. Throughout life he was a supporter of the Democratic party, and always took an active and commendable interest in public affairs. His wife, who was born April 21, 1841, still survives him, and makes her home in Shellsburg, Iowa. They were the parents of eight children, namely: Andrew J., born August 23, 1862, and John T., born April 8, 1865, are both farmers of Benton county; Flora B., born October 23, 1866, is the wife of Joseph Moulds, of Benton county; Nora, born March 3, 1869, is the wife of O. B. Clay, a farmer of Jasper county, Iowa; Charles W., our subject, is next in order of birth; Dora A., born August 7, 1873, is the wife of Elmer E. Cue, a farmer of Benton county; and Hazel D., born March 23, 1875, and Mary E., born May 29, 1877, live with their mother in Shellsburg. The children were all educated in the public schools of Benton county, and some of the number attended the academy at Vinton.

After pursuing his studies in the common schools of Benton county for some years, Charles W. Meek entered the Northern Illinois Normal School at Dixon, Illinois, where he took both the normal and law courses, and was graduated from the law department in 1897. He then located in Cedar Rapids and at once commenced the practice of his profession, giving his entire time and attention to it until October, 1900,



MR. AND MRS. C. W. MEEK.



when he accepted the position of manager of the Armstrong Grocery Company. He is a man of good business and executive ability, and in the conduct of this business is meeting with excellent success.

On the 5th of May, 1897, Mr. Meek was united in marriage with Miss Mina A. Armstrong, the youngest daughter of Thomas G. Armstrong. She was born in Benton county, Iowa, and was educated in the public schools and academy at Vinton. They had two children, but one died in infancy, the other being Thomas A., who was born May 31, 1898. Mr. and Mrs. Meek are both members of Calvary Baptist church of Cedar Rapids, and he also belongs to the 44 Fellows Lodge, No. 141, and Linn Tent, No. 38, Knights of the Maccabees. He is a member of the St. Louis Bar Association, and is held in high esteem by his professional brethren, while socially he is quite popular.



#### JUDGE JAMES H. ROTHROCK, JR.

Judge Rothrock is one of the younger members of the Cedar Rapids bar, but his prominence is by no means measured by his years; on the contrary, he has won a reputation which many an older practitioner might well envy. In the fall of 1900 he was elected judge of the superior court and entered upon the duties of that office March 14, 1901.

A native of Iowa, he was born in Cedar county on the 4th of April, 1865, and is a son of Judge James H. Rothrock, Sr., who is represented elsewhere in this work. He attended the public schools of his native

county, and after the removal of the family to Cedar Rapids, in 1881, he entered Coe College, where he took an elective course. Subsequently he took a classical course at Racine College, and on leaving that institution, in 1888, he took up the study of law in his father's office, remaining there two years. He then entered the law department of the State University of Iowa, where he was graduated in 1890. Immediately after his graduation Judge Rothrock returned to Cedar Rapids and formed a partnership with John M. Grimm, being successfully engaged in the practice of law for several years. In January, 1897, his father, upon retiring from the supreme bench, became a member of the firm and continued in practice until his death, in 1899. The firm of Rothrock & Grimm was dissolved January 1, 1901, and Mr. Grimm took entire charge of their business, our subject having been elected judge of the superior court to succeed Judge Giberson, for a term of four years. The firm always had as much business as they could conveniently attend to, and stood deservedly high in professional circles.

Socially Judge Rothrock is a member of the Knights of Pythias, the Modern Woodmen of America, and the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, and has held office in the last named order. As a Republican he has always been an active worker in political circles, and has been a delegate to state and county conventions of his party. In 1897 he was elected as a member of the city council from the Fifth ward, and served one year, but the greater part of his time and attention has been devoted to his professional duties. As a citizen he at heart, and all his abilities are exerted has at all times the good of the community



to make the city and county of his adoption rank among the brightest and best of all composing this great commonwealth.

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### JOHN W. MOHN.

John W. Mohn, a reliable and intelligent young farmer residing on section 1, Franklin township, Linn county, was born in Jones county, Iowa, on the 7th of October, 1875, and is a son of Philip and Sarah (Fink) Mohn, natives of Germany and Iowa, respectively. They were married in this state, and when our subject was only three years old took up their residence on a farm in Franklin township, Linn county, where the father still continues to make his home. There the mother died July 21, 1887, and was laid to rest in the Lisbon cemetery. In their family were three children, namely: Ida, who died at the age of six years; George, who married Lena Muller and resides on the old homestead farm, and a sketch of whom will be found on another page of this work; and John W., our subject.

During his boyhood and youth John W. Mohn attended the district schools of Cedar county, and on completing his education, at the age of eighteen, he aided his father in the operation of the home farm for four years. He then took charge of a part of the place, and now has one hundred and forty acres on section 1, Franklin township, which he has put under excellent cultivation and improved by the erection of good buildings. He raises a high grade of cattle, hogs and poultry for the market, and is one of the most progressive young farmers of his neighborhood. He attends the Evangelical church of Lisbon, and is held in

high regard by all with whom he comes in contact either in business or social life.

At Lisbon, December 1, 1898, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Mohn and Miss Sally Frutchey, and they now have one child, Willis McKinley, born July 3, 1899. Mrs. Mohn was born in Monroe county, Pennsylvania, July 8, 1875, of which state her parents, Alfred and Eliza (Busch) Frutchey, were also natives. In June, 1876, her family came to Iowa, and first located in Linn township, Linn county, but subsequently settled northwest of Mt. Vernon, and still later removed to Jones county. There Mrs. Frutchey died May 3, 1892, and was buried in Lisbon. Her husband is still living and now makes his home with his daughter, Mrs. Albert Daubennier, at Lisbon. Their children were Albina, wife of Edward Henry, of New Hampton, Iowa; Lewis, who died at the age of twenty-four years; Henry, who married Lydia Kramer and resides on a farm northeast of Martelle, Iowa; Charles, who married Laura Binniger and lives on a farm in Franklin township, Linn county; Maggie, wife of Edward Hanley, of Solon, Iowa; Clyde, who married Emma McCall and makes his home in Savannah, Illinois; Oscar, who married Lizzie Clark and is engineer for a laundry company in Mt. Vernon; Anna, wife of Albert Daubennier, of Lisbon; Edwin, a resident of Leadville, Colorado; and Sally, wife of our subject.

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### JUDGE JAMES H. ROTHROCK.

It is an important public duty to honor and perpetuate, as far as possible, the memory of an eminent citizen,—one who by his blameless and honorable life and

distinguished career, reflected credit not only upon his city and state, but also upon the whole country. Through such memorials as this at hand the individual and the character of his services are kept in remembrance, and the importance of those services acknowledged. For many years Judge Rothrock was one of the most distinguished lawyers and jurists of Iowa, and was honored and respected wherever known.

The Judge was born in Milroy, Mifflin county, Pennsylvania, June 1, 1829, a son of Joseph and Sarah (McKinney) Rothrock. His ancestry were among the early Huguenots who were driven from France on account of their religious belief and sought shelter in Holland, whence they came to America in colonial days. They bore an important part in the Revolutionary war as soldiers of the Continental army, and our subject's maternal great-grandfather was also among those who fought for the independence of the colonies.

Judge Rothrock spent the first nine years of his life in the picturesque little village where he was born, it nestling in the heart of a rugged mountain district in the central part of Pennsylvania. In 1838 he accompanied his parents on their removal to Adams county, Ohio, where in the midst of the forest he grew to manhood. During his youth he worked on the farm and in a tannery, and attended school for about three months during the winter. On leaving home, in 1847, he entered Parker's Academy at New Richmond, Ohio, where he prepared for college, and later was a student at Franklin College, New Athens, that state, for over two years, but left that institution in the middle of his junior year to take up the study of law with Hon. E. P. Evans, of West Union, Ohio. He was ad-

mitted to the bar by the supreme court at Columbus, in 1854, and began practice at Greenfield, Highland county, Ohio, where he remained six years, during which time he served as prosecuting attorney of the county one term.

On the 18th of October, 1855, Judge Rothrock was married in Millsboro, to Miss Anstie L. Foote, and to them were born three sons: Edward E., James H., Jr., and George. In 1860 they removed to Iowa and settled in Tipton, the county seat of Cedar county, where the Judge practiced his profession until after the Civil war broke out, and also represented his district in the general assembly of the state, being elected to that position in 1861, and serving as speaker *pro tem*, a part of the time. During the summer of 1862 an extra session was held for the purpose of passing a law allowing soldiers to vote on the field, and at that time Judge Rothrock was appointed lieutenant-colonel of the Thirty-fifth Iowa Infantry, and went into camp at Muscatine without returning home. The regiment proceeded to the front the following October, and the winter was spent in Tennessee and Kentucky, and at Cairo, Illinois. In the spring they were attached to the Fifteenth Army Corps under General Sherman and took part in the Vicksburg campaign. Colonel Rothrock was much of the time in command of the rear guard of the army, and frequently was what was called officer of the day. He was in command of his regiment when the famous assault was made on the rebel fortifications, May 22, 1863, but soon afterward suffered from a severe attack of typhoid fever, and was forced to resign his commission in the fall of that year and return home. His sterling qualities as a soldier had been amply attested,

however, and no braver man ever drew sword or won greater affection from his men.

The Judge resumed practice in Tipton as soon as his health permitted, forming a partnership with the late Judge W. P. Wolf, which connection continued until 1866, when he was elected judge of the district court. So capably and satisfactorily did he fill the office that he was renominated by acclamation and endorsed by the opposing party. In 1876, when the legislature added a fifth judge, Governor Kirkwood appointed our subject to the supreme bench, and the following fall was elected by the vote of the people. His ten years' experience as district judge was an excellent preparation for the supreme bench, and he served as chief justice until the last day of December, 1896, when he voluntarily retired, having declined a renomination. As a jurist he was renowned for his common sense and practical judgment, and his judicial work was distinguished for a display of those characteristics. He possessed remarkable quickness and correctness of apprehension and always dealt directly with the point at issue, using great discrimination in the selection of his analogies. He was an indefatigable student.

In 1881 Judge Rothrock removed with his family to Cedar Rapids, and on his retirement from the bench associated himself with the firm of Rothrock & Grimm. Although he took little active part in courtroom work, he was of much assistance to the younger members of the firm, and was associated in business with them up to the time of his death, which occurred January 14, 1899. In his prime he was six feet in height and weighed two hundred and thirty pounds. He was a good talker, a better

listener, and withal of rare judicial bearing, indicating honesty, patience and all the attributes of a wise and just judge. His life was singularly simple, and he mingled with his fellow men in all the walks of life, as an equal, yet without loss of dignity. He was fond of the companionship of those younger than himself, and it will never be known how many young men have been encouraged by his kindly interest, his wise counsel, and his beneficent and indulgent friendship. His home life was very happy from the beginning until the end, though the death of his wife in 1893 was a bitter experience. As a husband and father he was indulgent, but not recklessly so. He served his country with distinction in the Civil war, and his professional career was an uninterrupted success from the beginning. His memory will be a sacred inheritance to his children, and will be cherished by a multitude of friends.

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#### MICHAEL WALKER.

Among the leading citizens and prosperous farmers of Bowlder township is the gentleman whose name introduces this review. Although of foreign birth, the country has no more patriotic or loyal citizen, his love for his adopted land being manifested during the Civil war by his service in the Union army. He was born in Bohemia on the 15th of December, 1845, and in 1859 came to the new world with his parents, William and Mary Walker. The family first located at Hopkinton, Iowa, but after residing there for three months they removed to a farm near Monticello, Jones county, where the following two years were



MICHAEL WALKER.





passed. At the end of that time they came to Linn county and settled in Boulder township, where the father followed farming until his death. The mother is now living in Buffalo township.

Michael Walker grew to manhood in this state, and in early life worked with his father upon the home farm. In October, 1864, he joined the boys in blue of Company I, Fifteenth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, under Colonel Parmoose and Captain Reed. He was with Sherman on the march to the sea, and participated in the battles at Savannah, Georgia, and Columbia, South Carolina, besides many engagements of lesser importance. He was also present at Johnston's surrender in Raleigh, North Carolina. When hostilities ceased and his services were no longer needed, he was discharged at Davenport, Iowa, in August, 1865, and returned home.

After the war Mr. Walker continued to aid his father in the operation of the home farm until the latter's death, which occurred in 1884. He then went to Anamosa, Iowa, in 1866, where he learned the harness maker's trade and worked about four and one-half years and two and one-half years in Epworth. On account of ill health he was obliged to discontinue that occupation, and returned to Boulder township, this county, where he owned a good farm pleasantly located on section 28, one mile south of the village of Prairieburg. He also owns property on sections 33 and 34, the same township, aggregating three hundred and seventy acres of rich and productive land, which he has placed under a high state of cultivation and improved with good buildings. Owing to ill health he is now practically living retired, being unable to do the hard work of the farm, but still oversees and

manages the place while his sons carry on the work.

On the 1st of December, 1873, Mr. Walker led to the marriage altar Miss Barbara Dupel, a native of Bohemia, and to them have been born six children, namely: John, Frank, Emma, Lizzie, Annie and West. He and his family are communicants of the Catholic church, which is located near their farm, and he also belongs to the Grand Army Post at Central City, this county. In politics he is a Republican. He is a man of exceptional business and executive ability, who has ever made the most of his opportunities in life, and through his own well-directed efforts has acquired a handsome competence, which now enables him to lay aside active labor and spend the remainder of his life in ease and quiet, surrounded by all the comforts and many of the luxuries of life. He is a man honored, respected and esteemed wherever known, and most of all where he is best known.

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#### FLOWER M. PHILLIPS.

Prominent among the successful agriculturists and highly esteemed citizens of Jackson township is numbered the gentleman whose name introduces this sketch. He is the owner of a valuable and well-improved farm on section 5, where he has made his home for forty-four years. He was born on the 13th of March, 1832, in Richland, Oswego county, New York, and is a son of Moses S. and Charlotte (Ransom) Phillips, both natives of the Green Mountain state. The father was born in Bennington county, Vermont, and was a son of Elisha Phillips, who spent the last

years of his life in that state, engaged in agricultural pursuits. Our subject's maternal grandfather was Samuel Ransom, who after the marriage of his daughter removed to Richland, New York, where his life was terminated.

About 1825 Moses S. Phillips removed from Vermont to New York, and took up his residence in Richland, Oswego county, where he purchased a tract of timber land and improved a farm. He erected a good log house and barn, planted an orchard and established a comfortable home, but at the end of ten years he sold that place and bought another tract of timber land about one mile from the village of Pulaski, on the margin of a stream called Spring Brook. This place was remarkably pleasant in its location and surroundings, and in the course of time he transformed it into a good farm. On disposing of this property in 1845 Mr. Phillips removed to Illinois and settled in Lake county, about five miles from Waukegan. Upon this land was the old New York House, a hotel located on the Milwaukee road, and he conducted the same until his death, which occurred in 1848. He was a very popular landlord, and met with success in this enterprise. Although his career as such was very brief, he made many friends and became widely known throughout northern Illinois and southern Wisconsin. His widow subsequently became the wife of Seeley Whitman, and after his death married E. Townsend, of Cook county, Illinois, where she made her home until her death.

The subject of this sketch is the third in order of birth in a family of seven children. The others who reached manhood and womanhood were Cyrus S., a resident of Tecumseh, Johnson county, Nebraska; Clar-

issa P., who first married Lora Tripp and after his death wedded John S. Carrington, and now lives in Johnson county, Nebraska; Elizabeth D., who became the wife of William Sanders, and died in Chicago, Illinois; Ransom, who was a member of an Illinois regiment in the Civil war and died in the service, his remains being interred in the cemetery at Bloomington, Illinois; and Martha D., wife of Spencer Trumbull, of Maine township, Linn county, Iowa.

Mr. Phillips, of this review, was thirteen years of age when he accompanied his parents on their removal to Illinois, and he remained at home with his mother until nineteen, after which he worked for a neighboring farmer. During the succeeding winter he lived with his mother in Walworth county, Wisconsin, and in the spring returned to Lake county, Illinois, remaining there until 1857. He had been reared to habits of industry and economy, and from his small earnings he had already saved quite a little sum of money. Believing he he could do better still farther west, he came to Linn county, Iowa, in 1857, and took possession of his farm of one hundred and sixty acres of land, eighty acres on section 5, Jackson township, and eighty acres adjoining, but across the line in Delaware county, which he had entered in 1854. To the improvement and cultivation of his land he at once turned his attention, first erecting a house on section 5, in Jackson township. From the beginning he met with success here, although the results were necessarily slow and difficult to accomplish. Acre after acre was placed under the plow until the entire amount was under a high state of cultivation, and as the years have passed he has added to his landed possessions until he now owns three hundred and

twenty acres in his home farm on section 5, Jackson township, Linn county, and one hundred acres of timber and pasture land on the Nopsu, three miles south. His first home here was long ago replaced by a more commodious and pretentious dwelling, and the barns and outbuildings are in perfect accord with his beautiful home, while everything about the place indicates the thrift and progressive spirit of the owner.

On the 23d of December, 1858, Mr. Phillips was united in marriage with Miss Mary E. Hutchinson, who was born in Tompkins county, New York, September 14, 1836, a daughter of Alvah and Margaret (Mitchell) Hutchinson. Her father was a native of Connecticut, from which state he removed to New York, residing first in Tompkins county and later in Steuben county. Subsequently he went to Illinois, and died in Lake county, that state, in September, 1857. After his death his widow made her home with Mr. and Mrs. Phillips in this county. Five children were born to our subject and his wife, namely: (1) Holmes died at the age of two years. (2) Margaret is the wife of William G. Andrews, of Smith county, Kansas, and they have seven children. (3) Mary is the wife of H. I. Patten, a hardware merchant of Fullerton, Nebraska, and they have one child, Alva P. (4) Carrie is the wife of M. F. Hollingsworth, who is teaching in the public schools of Palo, Iowa, and they have two children, Esther and Francis. (5) Flower S. married Annie J. King and resides on the old homestead with our subject.

In political affiliations Mr. Phillips has been a Republican since casting his first presidential vote for John C. Fremont in 1856, and has always taken a very active interest in politics. He is what

the world terms a self-made man,—one whose success is due entirely to his own unaided efforts. Thoroughness and persistency have characterized his entire business career, and have been supplemented by a careful attention to details and by honorable, straightforward efforts, that have gained for him a most excellent and enviable reputation, as well as a handsome competence. He and his wife receive and merit the high regard of the entire community, and no citizens in the township are more honored or respected.

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#### JAMES E. BROMWELL.

James E. Bromwell, deceased, was born in Talbot county, Maryland, April 30, 1818, and died at his home in Marion, May 3, 1901, being eighty-two years old, a son of Jacob Bromwell. His father by chance hearing Freeborn Garrison, was led to accept the faith and espouse the cause of the early Methodists, and his home became a preaching place on the "Eastern Shore" circuit, which Bishop Scott, Emery and Higgins, the eloquent John Henry, George Cookman and others, later noted in Methodist preaching, and in impoverishing his estate by freeing his slaves for conscience sake, together with the homestead he had inherited, his sons upon arriving at manhood were compelled to seek their fortunes in the west; and these sons, six in number, of which James E. was the last surviving, all lived and died stalwart men of God.

James E. Bromwell served five years apprenticeship as cabinet maker, and at the age of twenty came west, stopping at Quincy, Illinois, one year, and in the fall of



1839 came to Linn county, where he lived until his death. He helped lay out the present city of Marion, made the first coffin for the first interment in its cemetery, helped to build its first residence and store buildings, and procured the second marriage license issued in the county for his union with Catherine Gray, August 26, 1841, who died February 12, 1855, leaving four children, William H., now living in Milford, Nebraska; Mrs. Carrie Kepler, now living in Dorchester, Nebraska; Leonidas, now in Omaha, Nebraska; and Thomas G., now in Cedar Rapids. On October 10, 1856, he was married to Mary E. Bunnell, who survives him, and by whom he had two children, James E. and Mrs. Addie Shumack, both at Marion.

In 1841 he entered the tract of land one and a half miles east of Marion, upon which he lived until 1883, when he moved to Marion, spending his last days in peaceful retirement and in the enjoyment of the service of the church, in which he lived and labored for sixty-nine years and for more than forty years as class leader. He united with the Methodist church when a boy of thirteen years, and remained a faithful member until the time of his death. He was the last surviving member of the first Methodist class of eight, organized in 1840, consisting of O. S. Hall and wife, John Clark and wife, William and Thomas Downing, John and James E. Bromwell.

Although a Christian all the time and everywhere, his loving, tender, Christ-like nature seemed most to unfold itself in his home, where he was always its idol. His family almost worshiped him, for he was always the incarnation of all that was good and lovable. He was a father in the church, to everybody and everywhere. He was a

comforter to the discouraged and unfortunate, an inspiration to the church, its ministry and to the community,—an optimist of the most pronounced character, a man of sterling worth, generous disposition, noble purpose, unswerving loyalty, a true Christian, and his long pathway of life was radiant with the sunlight of kind words and good deeds.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. W. F. Pitner. The funeral sermon was preached by Rev. Dr. Crippin.

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#### JAMES E. BROMWELL.

Holding a prominent position among the attorneys of Marion is this gentleman, who is distinctively a man of affairs and who wields a wide influence. He is also one of Linn county's native sons, born in 1858, and is one of the two children of his father's second marriage, his parents being James E. and Mary E. (Bunnell) Bromwell, natives of Maryland and Pennsylvania, respectively. The father was one of the pioneer settlers of this county, having located here in 1839, at which time he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of wild prairie land in Marion township, which he placed under cultivation and improved with good buildings, making farming his life work. He took quite an active and prominent part in local affairs, and filled various minor offices in a most commendable and satisfactory manner. He assisted in laying out Marion proper, and always gave his support to those enterprises which he believed would prove of public benefit. He died in May, 1900, at the age of eighty-two years, honored and respected by all who knew him.

His wife is still living and makes her home with our subject in Marion. A more extended sketch of Mr. Bromwell will be found on another page of this volume.

The early boyhood days of our subject were spent on the home farm, and he attended the country schools and the schools of Marion. At the age of fourteen he entered Cornell College at Mt. Vernon, where he pursued his studies for about seven years, taking two courses and graduating in 1881. He then read law in the office of J. B. Young, of Marion, for two years, and for four years served as deputy auditor. In 1887 he was elected auditor, having always taken an active part in politics as a supporter of the Republican party. As early as 1884 he commenced making stump speeches, and has since devoted considerable attention to political matters. In 1894 he commenced the practice of law in Marion, and now enjoys quite a liberal patronage.

In 1892 Mr. Bromwell married Miss Theodora Stearns, a native of Cedar Falls, Iowa, and a daughter of George L. Stearns, who was prominently identified with the official life of Linn county, serving as clerk of the courts for eight years. Both Mr. and Mrs. Stearns are still living, as are also their four children.

Mr. Bromwell takes an active interest in civic societies, and is a prominent member of the Masonic fraternity, prelate of the Commandery of Knights Templar and senior warden of the blue lodge. He is also past chief patriarch of the Encampment of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; and past chancellor of the Knights of Pythias, and captain of the Uniform Rank of that order. For fourteen years he has been captain of the Mentzer Drill Corps, and since holding that office the company has

won more prizes and medals than any other company in the state, securing one every year for twelve years. The company is composed of forty-eight men. Mr. and Mrs. Bromwell attend the Methodist church and are quite prominent socially. He has won an enviable reputation as an orator, and is called upon to speak on many special occasions. He represented Marion at the reception given the Forty-ninth Iowa Regiment at the opera house in Cedar Rapids in 1899, in company with men of prominence, and his speech with others was favorably commented upon by the various newspapers.

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#### JACOB SNYDER.

The subject of this review is successfully engaged in farming on section 36, Otter Creek township, where he owns eighty acres of rich farming land under a high state of cultivation. He is a native of France, born in the province of Alsace, November 18, 1834, and is a son of George and Madeline (Schilein) Snyder, who spent their entire lives in that country. In their family were eight children, five of whom came to the United States and are now living in different parts of the country.

Jacob Snyder passed the days of his boyhood and youth in his native land. With the hope of bettering his financial condition in America, he crossed the Atlantic and landed in New York city at the age of nineteen years. For about three years he worked in the Empire state and then came to Iowa, locating in Scott county, where he was engaged in farming upon rented land for some time. In 1860 he came to Linn county, and purchased his present farm in Otter Creek township, to the im-

provement and cultivation of which he has devoted his energies ever since. In connection with general farming he is also engaged in stock raising to some extent.

At the age of twenty-nine, Mr. Snyder was married in Davenport, Iowa, to Miss Annie M. Schuff, by whom he had seven children, all still living, namely: George, a painter by trade residing in Marion, Iowa; Philip, a well driller and farmer of Ottumwa, Iowa; Henry, who married Lilly White and is working in an elevator in Alburnett; Lizzie, wife of August Wolff, a farmer of Murray, Iowa; Anna, wife of Oscar Smith, of the same place; Emma, wife of Jeff Williams, a farmer of Pomerou, Washington; and Jacob, who assists his father in the work of the home farm. Mrs. Snyder, who was a consistent Christian, a devoted wife and loving mother, died in December, 1894, and was buried in Otter Creek township. For his second wife our subject married Miss Julia Hunt, who died in 1897, and was also laid to rest in Otter Creek township. On the 13th of December, 1897, Mr. Snyder was again married, his third union being with Mrs. Sarah A. (Hewett) Humphrey, widow of Myron Humphrey. By her former marriage she had three children, namely: Carrie May, now the wife of Jacob Biber, a farmer of Maine township, this county; John, a farmer of Montana; and Eva, wife of Judson Benson, a farmer of Montana.

In his political affiliations Mr. Snyder is a Democrat, but has never taken an active part in public affairs. He advocates all measures that tend to advance or improve the district in which he lives, and has always taken an interest in educational affairs, serving as the first school director of district No. 7, Otter Creek township. He

is a supporter of the Evangelical church, and is a man highly respected and esteemed by all who know him.

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#### FREDERICK W. RESCH.

For almost a third of a century this gentleman was numbered among the representative and prominent citizens of College township and was actively identified with its agricultural interests up to the time of his death, which occurred June 4, 1894. A native of Germany, he was born in Baden, near the river Rhine, on the 9th of November, 1822, and was a son of Frederick and Christine (Roth) Resch, natives of the same province. On the maternal side his grandfather was a wagonmaker by trade, and most of his descendants in the male line were skilled mechanics, our subject being the only one, so far as known to adopt the occupation of farming.

Mr. Resch spent the first sixteen years of his life in his native land, and then accompanied his parents on their emigration to America, sailing from Bremen and landing in New York. The father, who was a tailor by trade and a skilled workman, successfully followed that pursuit in Germany, but after coming to this country he turned his attention to the grocery business, which he carried on in Morrow county, Ohio, for some years. He then purchased a farm of forty acres in Crawford county, the same state, where he died in the winter of 1842, and his widow's death occurred ten years later. Of the five children born to them Frederick W. was the eldest. Adolphus, a tinner by trade, wedded Mary Perkey and now resides in Gallion, Ohio. Al-

mira is the wife of William Bohl, a carpenter of Osceola, Ohio. Augustus married Hattie Wurtz and follows the carpenter's trade at Van Wert, Ohio. He was a soldier of the Civil war, taking part in the battles of Vicksburg and Gettysburg, and accompanying Sherman on his march to the sea. William was also one of the boys in blue during the war of the Rebellion. He married Elizabeth Davids, and follows the carpenter's trade in Charlotte, Michigan.

As soon as the family took up their residence in Crawford, Frederick W. Resch entered school, it being the first English school he ever attended, but after going for six months, he laid aside his books and took up the more arduous duties of business life. When a small boy he commenced earning his own livelihood, which helped to develop his character, making him more self-reliant and manly. After leaving school he worked in the sawmill of Jacob Reed, his future father-in-law, and remained with him three years. During the succeeding year he worked on a farm, and then returned to the employ of Mr. Reed.

On the 16th of March, 1854, Mr. Resch was married in Crawford county, Ohio, to Miss Nancy Reed, who was born near Galion, that county, September 23, 1835, a daughter of Jacob and Margaret (Stauffer) Reed, natives of Pennsylvania. The father was born about 1813 and became a mechanic. At an early day he removed to Crawford county, Ohio, where he conducted first a sawmill and later a gristmill for some years, but finally had to discontinue business on account of rheumatism contracted by being in the water so much. In 1861 he removed to Wheatland, Clinton county, Iowa, where he made his home with his son-in-

law until his death. His wife died at the same place. She was quite small when her mother died and her father subsequently married again. Her own brothers and sisters were Jacob, John, Joseph, Elizabeth, Maria, Lena and Sally, all now deceased. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Reed were born the following children: Nancy, widow of our subject; James, a carpenter residing in Truckey, California; Andrew, also a carpenter by trade and a resident of Iowa; John, who died in the service of his country during the Civil war, and was buried at Vicksburg; David, a conductor of Sandusky, Ohio; Jacob, who died in the Black Hills of South Dakota; Susan, who married William Miller and both are now deceased; and Elizabeth, wife of Christian Grouell, of Wheatland, Clinton county, Iowa.

Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Resch, namely: (1) Samuel, who lives on the old homestead in College township, married Albina, daughter of Thomas Phillipson, and they have five children, Grover Clifford, Frederick, Blanche, Marion and Pearl. (2) Albert, a resident of Oklahoma, married Julia Phillipson, and had six children, Marvin; Gertrude; Irena, deceased; Alfred; Walter and Florence. (3) Franklin went to Chicago, where he entered the missionary fields, and while devoting his energies to that work died in North Dakota, in August, 1893. (4) Mary is the wife of William Phillipson, a cousin of her brothers' wives, and they have one child, Alice May. They live on section 10, College township, and Mrs. Resch now makes her home with them.

Our subject and his wife began their married life in limited circumstances, but being industrious and economical they at



length saved enough to purchase a farm. Coming to Linn county, Iowa, in 1865, they bought eighty acres of land on section 15, College township, and subsequently purchased eighty acres on section 14, and a tract of similar size on section 10, making in all two hundred and forty acres, which was divided among the children when Mr. Resch died. He was a good practical farmer of exceptional business and executive ability, and met with excellent success. He converted his land into a highly cultivated tract, and made many improvements thereon, and in connection with its operation he successfully engaged in stock raising. His career was such as to commend him to the confidence and respect of all with whom he came in contact either in business or social life, and he well merited the high regard in which he was uniformly held by his fellow citizens. In politics he was a stanch Democrat, and in religious faith a Lutheran, while his wife holds membership in the Evangelical church. She is a most estimable lady and has a large circle of friends and acquaintances throughout the southern part of the county.

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#### I. M. STICKEL.

I. M. Stickel, classed among the most prominent agriculturists of Linn county, Iowa, was born in Tuscarawas county, Ohio, September 10, 1859, and is the oldest of two children born to Irwin J. and Barbara Ann (Newport) Stickel. Samuel M., his brother, resides in Rapids township, Linn county, with his parents, where he is engaged in farming.

The father of our subject, Irwin J. Stickel, born August 27, 1837, was a native

of Fayette county, Pennsylvania. When quite a young man, having taken up his residence in New Philadelphia, Ohio, he married Barbara Ann Newport, daughter of Israel and Susan Ann (Little) Newport, who were well known as being among the oldest settlers of that county.

The paternal grandfather of Mr. Stickel, William Stickel, was a native of Fayette county, Pennsylvania, at which place his entire life was passed, and where, upon reaching manhood, having married Phoebe Irwin, of the same place, he engaged in farming and became one of Fayette county's most prosperous and progressive citizens. The children of this couple were George; Irwin, the father of the subject of this sketch; Sarah Marie; Drusilla; William; and Edward, four of whom are now living.

The broad and fertile fields of the Mississippi valley was very tempting bait proffered by enterprising men of the west to the industrious, home-loving farmers of the east in their endeavor to persuade those hardy sons of toil to migrate to the west and begin life anew by taking up the cultivation of the almost untilled land of the beautiful state of Ohio. How successful they were in this venture is easily ascertained by glancing over the early history of that state, where one finds enrolled the names of many eastern agriculturists. Not the least prominent among those is the name of Israel Newport, the maternal grandfather of Mr. Stickel, who in the year 1836 left Maryland, the place of his birth, and moved to Ohio, where he purchased a broad tract of land and engaged in farming. Shortly after he took up his residence there he married Susan Ann Little, and together they passed many happy years. In 1863, together, they emigrated to Owen



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county, Indiana, where he resided to the time of his death. His widow is still residing there at the advanced age of ninety years and is well preserved and in good health.

When but a child six years of age I. M. Stickel was brought by his parents to Linn county, Iowa. Owing to the many financial reverses met with by his father, the two children, Samuel M. and the subject of our sketch, although very young, were obliged to help their father about the farm. Their assistance being constantly required, as time went on, their education was very much neglected; in fact, Mr. Stickel attended school but eight months during his entire life. However, short as was the time spent at school, much of the knowledge he acquired in after years was the result of the principles inculcated to the child by his first teacher, Miss Ida Jewett.

At the early age of nineteen years, with the consent of both his parents, Mr. Stickel started out in life for himself. For three winters he was occupied as a wood chopper, working during the summer months on a farm, at the end of which time, having taken up his residence in Cedar Rapids, he worked in a butcher shop there for George K. Wenig.

On the 6th day of October, 1884, Mr. Stickel was united in marriage with Missouri R. Rohrbacher, daughter of Christian Rhorbacher, of Johnson county, Iowa, and they became the parents of eight children, namely: George Elmer, Harvey Irwin, Portis Martin, Laura May, Barbara Elizabeth, Benjamin Harrison, Beulah and Calvin Marcus, all of whom are still living with the exception of George Elmer, who died July 12, 1892.

Mr. Stickel purchased the property upon which he now resides in the spring of 1884. At the time the farm contained but one hundred and twenty acres of land, but since that time, through concentrated effort and indefatigable energy, he has, unaided, added to his possession, until now he is the owner of four hundred and forty-seven acres of the finest farming land in the county. Mr. Stickel is extensively engaged in the feeding and shipping of stock, shipping from one hundred to one hundred and fifty head of cattle a year, the majority of which he breeds and raises himself.

A staunch Republican in national and state politics, in township and county affairs it is the man and not the party for whom he casts his vote.



#### SIMON P. BRUNER.

Simon P. Bruner, a retired farmer of Central City, has spent the most of his life in Linn county and bore a very active part in its early development and progress. Like many of our best citizens he comes from Ohio, his birth having occurred in Logan county, that state, May 23, 1836. His father, John L. Bruner, was born and reared in Wurtemberg, Germany, and was educated in the schools of that country. His knowledge of the English language was acquired after coming to this country by reading. When a young man he crossed the Atlantic and took up his residence in Green Beach Woods, Ohio. There he married Hannah Hall, a native of Pennsylvania. By trade he was a shoemaker and for some years divided his attention between that oc-



cupation and farming. Selling his property in Ohio, in 1851, he came with his family to Linn county, Iowa, making the trip overland in a wagon and arriving here in May of that year. They found this county but sparsely settled and wild game was abundant. Two brothers helped to move the family and on reaching Iowa sold their teams and returned to Ohio by water. The father bought two hundred acres of land in Buffalo township and entered one hundred and twenty acres from the government. This he placed under cultivation, and at the time of his death in 1858 had a nicely improved farm. In those early days he did his marketing either in Dubuque or Muscatine.

Ten children were born to John L. and Hannah (Hall) Bruner, two sons and eight daughters, all of whom reached man and womanhood and married. In order of birth they were as follows: Anna M. is the wife of Daniel Smith, of Central City; Christina married George W. Minehart and died in 1868; Simon P., our subject, is the next of the family; Hannah C. married W. R. Mittan and died in 1873; Laura A. married William Shoemaker and died in 1882; Lovina J. is the wife of J. R. Campbell, a truck farmer and harnessmaker of Viola, this county; Elizabeth M. married David Faler and died in 1887; Lewis A. was a soldier on the frontier during the Civil war and is now a resident of Idaho; Mary M. wedded Andrew E. Fuller and died in 1889; and Lydia A. married Thomas Bond and died in 1882. All of the daughters reared families of their own with the exception of the youngest. The mother remained a widow until her death, which occurred in 1886, and assisted her children in caring for their families. Both she and her husband were earnest and consistent members

of the Reformed church. After his death the farm was divided among the heirs, and she continued to remain on the old homestead.

The subject of this sketch spent the first fifteen years of his life in his native state and is indebted to its common schools for the greater part of his early education. After coming to Iowa he had little chance to attend school, being the oldest son, his father needed his assistance in the work of the farm. The school house nearest the farm at that time was four miles away. After his father's death he took charge of the place and conducted it for a number of years.

On the 10th of September, 1861, Mr. Bruner was united in marriage with Miss Catharine Walanta, who was born in Bohemia, May 16, 1841, and attended school in that country and also for a short time after coming to the new world. She was the only child of Mathias and Elenoria Walanta, and was twelve years of age when the family came to America. Her father worked at the shoemaker's trade, and also followed farming on a small scale. He was born in 1812 and died in 1885, while her mother was born in 1816 and died in 1880. Mr. and Mrs. Bruner have no children of their own, but have an adopted daughter, Mary C., now the wife of A. A. Richley, who operates our subject's farm.

Mr. Bruner purchased forty acres of his father's old homestead, and from time to time added to it different tracts which he improved. His wife inherited her parents' property, and together they now have one hundred and eighty-six acres of land in Buffalo township, where Mr. Bruner successfully engaged in general farming until 1891, when he laid aside active labor and

removed to Central City. Here he purchased a home and has since lived retired, though he still continues to look after his business interests. He is a self-made man, whose success is due solely to ability, steadfast purpose and indefatigable industry, and he well deserves the prosperity that has come to him. Although he has never been an aspirant for office, he was called upon to fill township offices for several years. Religiously he is a member of the Reformed church, and is a man who commands the respect and confidence of all with whom he comes in contact either in business or social life.

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#### EDWARD E. ROTHROCK.

The subject of this sketch, who is one of the representative business men of Cedar Rapids, was born in Fayette county, Ohio, December 6, 1859, and is a son of the late Judge James H. Rothrock, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this volume. During his infancy he was brought by his parents to Iowa, and was reared in Tipton, his early education being obtained in its public schools. Later he took a classical course at Mt. Vernon College, and subsequently pursued a regular business course at Bryant & Stratton Business College in Davenport.

Mr. Rothrock remained at home until he attained his majority and then found employment as station agent at Tipton, which position he held for three years. In 1881 he accompanied his parents on their removal to Cedar Rapids, and was connected with the freight department of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad at this place for over a year. For the following two years he was city ticket agent for the Chicago

& Northwestern Railroad, and at the end of that time went to Dows, Wright county, Iowa, where he conducted a hardware store for three years. On disposing of his business at that place he removed to Estherville, Iowa, where he engaged in buying and shipping grain and stock, and also had charge of six farms owned jointly by himself and father. This land was all wild prairie when it came into their possession, and our subject had personal supervision of its improvement. In 1892 he returned to Cedar Rapids and has since made this place his home. He is now engaged in the wholesale hay business and in loaning money. He is also a stockholder in the Cedar Rapids Electric Light & Power Company, and is a very energetic and progressive business man.

Mr. Rothrock was married in Estherville, December 11, 1889, to Miss Clara M. Gargett, who was born in Wisconsin in 1868. For many years her father was a dealer in live stock, but is now living retired at Paulina, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Rothrock attend the Episcopal church and live at the old home in Cedar Rapids. Fraternally he affiliates with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, and the Knights of the Maccabees, Tent No. 38, while politically he is identified with the Republican party, but has never cared for official honors.

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#### JAMES WILSON.

James Wilson, a popular and successful farmer of Fairfax township, Linn county, now deceased, was a native of Ireland. The exact date of his birth, however, is unknown, as all record of same was lost on board the steamer which brought him-

self and family to this country. His death occurred October 19, 1887.

He was one of six children born to James and Margaret (Cowen) Wilson, the others being John, who died in the home of Mrs. James Wilson; George; Susanne; Mary and Sarah.

Upon his arrival in the United States, he worked in an iron mine in Michigan, for a short time, and then moved northward to Canada, where he cleared and cultivated a very fine farm.

While in Canada, he was staying with some friends, who were desirous of migrating to the United States, and they persuaded our genial subject, "Jimmy" Wilson, as he was called, to accompany them, so rolling up his earthly possessions in a red handkerchief he tied a red scarf about his neck and was ready to start on his journey. Mr. Wilson was a great favorite with the people with whom he traveled and he was also a very brave man, so that his presence was very much in demand, in fact, "don't lose the man with the red scarf" was a remark often repeated among his fellow travelers. This red scarf, which he wore so conspicuously upon this journey, is still in the possession of his wife, stored away among her choicest treasures.

Reaching Linn county, Mr. Wilson was employed for five years with a William Ure, during which time, having saved his earnings, he purchased a very choice farm, containing eight acres, which he rented to Mr. James Baty. He then proceeded to work for Mr. McFarland, by whom he was employed by the month. While in this gentleman's employ he married Sarah E. Galbraith, daughter of John Galbraith. They are the parents of John, Mary, James and George, all of whom are living at home.

After Mr. Wilson's marriage he rented a farm of eighty acres, near Cedar Rapids, having leased his own farm for two years. At the end of that time he took up his residence on his own property and very shortly afterward added eighty acres more to his farm and from time to time kept adding to it until at the time of his death he owned about two hundred and twelve acres in the highest state of cultivation and classed with the finest farming land in the state of Iowa. At the time of his death Mr. Wilson had just completed a very beautiful home, which he had erected upon his property.

James Wilson was ever a liberal contributor to all public charities, churches, lodges among the rest. In politics he was a Republican. Mrs. Wilson is a member of the U. P. church of Scotch Grove, Fairfax township. The remains of Mr. Wilson are interred in Fairfax township. Upon his deathbed he called his oldest son to his side and asked the little fellow to promise him that his first thought would ever be the care of his mother. How well his son has kept his promise none knows better than she who was entrusted to his care, and one need but to look into her smiling face to know that she is perfectly happy. This son, now twenty-one years of age, has already made a name for himself in Linn county, where he is known as a shrewd trader and a business man of no little ability.

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#### LINCOLN F. HOFFMAN.

Among the most progressive, energetic and successful agriculturists of Franklin township is Lincoln F. Hoffman, who has spent his entire life here, his birth occurring on the old homestead near Lisbon, August 5, 1866. His father, John Hoff-



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man, was born in Pennsylvania, and at the age of five years went to live with an uncle, and while with him learned the shoemakers' trade. He subsequently made his home for twelve years with a Mr. Farmer, remaining with him until he attained his majority.

The day after celebrating the twenty-first anniversary of his birth, John Hoffman was married in Dayton, Ohio, to Miss Elizabeth Ensley, a native of that state, by whom he had three children. One of these died in infancy, and George W. was killed August 22, 1864, while fighting for his country in the war of the Rebellion. The only one now living is Susan, the widow of William Pisel, and makes her home with a daughter in Humboldt county, Iowa.

In 1844 John Hoffman was again married, his second union being with Miss Mary Coleman, also a native of Dayton, Ohio, their marriage being celebrated in Franklin township, this county. Unto them were born the following children: Martha J. is now the wife of Albert Williams, a farmer of Franklin township. Lizzie A. is living with her brother Lincoln on the old homestead. John Henry married Lizzie Burdge and follows farming in Franklin township. James Wesley married Dora Whitlatch, and is also engaged in farming in Franklin township. Joseph was killed October 20, 1876, at the age of twenty years, six months and ten days, by the accidental discharge of a gun while out hunting. He was attending college at that time, and was an exceptionally bright young man, who was generous almost to a fault, and was held in high regard by all who knew him. Calvin Milton married Jennie Makin, now deceased, and lives

in Franklin township. Mary Catherine is the wife of Charles Haskins, of Bonilla, Beadle county, South Dakota. Lincoln F., whose name introduces this sketch, completes the family.

In 1846, accompanied by his wife and two children, the father came to Iowa, the journey being made overland in what was known as a prairie schooner and consuming eight weeks. On reaching Linn county he took up a claim of one hundred and sixty acres in Franklin township, which at that time was all wild prairie and timber land, and to its cultivation and improvement he at once turned his attention. Being an industrious man of good business ability, he prospered in his new home, and as time advanced he added to his farm until he had three hundred and sixty-seven acres of valuable land under a high state of cultivation and improved with good and substantial buildings, including a most comfortable home. He continued to reside upon his farm until his death, which occurred April 21, 1896. He was a faithful and consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church, with which he united when ten years of age, and was one of the most highly esteemed citizens of his community. In his political affiliations he was a Republican. His estimable wife died June 3, 1883, and both were laid to rest in the Lisbon cemetery.

Lincoln F. Hoffman grew to manhood upon the home farm, and his early education, acquired in the district schools of the neighborhood, was supplemented by a course at Cornell College in 1885. When his school days were over he took up the work of the farm, and in his successful management of the place has proven himself to be one of the most skillful agriculturists of Franklin township. Like his father, he is a supporter

of the Republican party, and fraternally is a member of Mt. Vernon Lodge, No. 551, I. O. O. F., of Mt. Vernon; and Majestic Lodge, No. 111, K. P. He and his sister attend the Methodist church and are people of prominence in the community where they reside.

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### NELS NELSON.

Prominent among the self-made men of Maine township who are of foreign birth, is this well-known farmer, who has been a resident of Linn county since 1875. He was born in Christianstadt, Sweden, on the 20th of March, 1850, and is a son of N. Nelson, who died in that country. In the family were seven children who came to America, namely: Nelson, of this review; Nellie, who lives near De Kalb, Illinois; and Axel, Olof, Peter, Ellen and Carrie, all of whom settled in Chicago.

Mr. Nelson was reared and educated in the land of his birth and there learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed for a time. In 1873 he emigrated to the United States and first located in Chicago, where he followed his trade for two years. Subsequently he spent a short time in Buchanan county, Iowa, and in 1876 came to Linn county, where he worked as a farm hand for about four years. He then purchased eighty acres of land on section 9, Maine township, for which he paid from fifteen to twenty-five dollars per acre. Later he bought forty-five acres on section 16, and thirty acres on section 11, making in all one hundred and fifty-five acres. This was all wild and unimproved when it came into his possession, but he has placed it under a high state of cultivation and has erected thereon a comfortable residence and also

good barns and outbuildings for the accommodation of his stock. In connection with general farming he has engaged in the raising of stock for market, and has met with good success in both branches of his business.

In 1877 Mr. Nelson was united in marriage with Miss Emma E. Jayne, who was born in Illinois, in 1851, and they have become the parents of seven children: Worthy, Chastie, Waldo, Milton, Clifford and Otis, all at home; and one who died in infancy. They have been educated in the district schools of Maine township, and the daughter has also attended school in Marion.

David D. Jayne, the father of Mrs. Nelson, was born in Setuben county, New York, in 1820, of English ancestry, and in the east worked as a laborer, but after coming west followed farming. During his boyhood he removed to Ohio, where he was married, August 25, 1845, to Miss Fanny Himes, who was born in Wayne county, New York, in 1820. In 1847 they went to Winnebago county, Illinois, and made their home near Rockford until 1865, when they came to Central City, Iowa, where the mother died in 1894. Since then Mr. Jayne has made his home with his son, Albert M., in Maine township. He pre-empted land in Illinois, which he converted into a good farm of one hundred and sixty acres, and after coming to this state was also successfully engaged in farming for some years. Since the organization of the Republican party in 1856, he has been one of its staunch supporters, and for forty years has been a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church, to which his wife also belonged.

In his political affiliations Mr. Nelson

is also a Republican, and for one year he has served as school director. Both he and his wife hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church of Central City and are people of the highest respectability. On coming to Iowa he had but little capital, but has always made the most of his opportunities in life, and the success that he has achieved has been justly merited, being due entirely to his and his wife's energetic and well-directed efforts.

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### A. J. VINTON.

A. J. Vinton, better known as "Del" Vinton, is an attorney and farmer residing on section 8, Jackson township, Linn county, Iowa. His early home was in Wisconsin, his birth having occurred in Fond du Lac county, that state, on the 13th of April, 1860. He is a son of John C. and Harriet (Collar) Vinton, the former a native of Wales, the latter of Dutchess county, New York. The father was born in 1819, and came to America about 1840. On landing in New York City, he went direct to Pennsylvania, where he followed farming for a few years, and then removed to Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin, where he engaged in the same occupation until coming to Linn county, Iowa, in 1871. Here he located on the present farm of our subject, and to its cultivation and improvement he devoted his time and attention until called to his final rest in 1890. His widow now makes her home with her children in this state.

Adelbert J. our subject, is the third in order of birth in this family, the others being as follows: George, who married Georgia Lanning and resides in West Che-

halem, Oregon; Abbie, assistant principal of the school at Center Point, this county; Fred, who married Mary Bartholomew and also lives in West Chehalem, Oregon; Hattie, a teacher in the public schools of Palo, Iowa; Carrie, wife of Lawrence Gilchrist, of Center Point, Iowa; William, who married Minnie Woods and makes his home in McMinnville, where he is serving as city attorney; and Eva, wife of Dr. Byerly, a prominent physician of Coggon, this county. The children were mostly educated in the common schools of Iowa, though William is a graduate of Lenox College, and our subject attended the Iowa State Normal School and Cornell College at Mt. Vernon.

After completing his education A. J. Vinton began teaching in the schools of Jackson township, and taught there for seven terms. He then went west and located in Los Angeles, California, where he took up the study of law and was admitted the bar in 1887, after which he engaged in the practice of his profession in that city for four years. On the expiration of that time he returned to Linn county, Iowa, and settled on the old homestead in Jackson township, where he has since resided. He owns one hundred and twenty acres of rich and arable land, and is successfully engaged in general farming and stock raising. He is also engaged in the practice of law to a limited extent in the northern part of the county.

In 1900 Mr. Vinton led to the marriage altar Miss Nellie Richardson, of Hopkinton, Iowa. Her father, Aaron Richardson, was a passenger locomotive engineer in New Hampshire during his early years, and in 1855 or '56 came west and settled in Union township, seven miles from Hop-



kinton, Iowa, and later moved into that place, where he engaged in merchandising for a time. He subsequently followed farming in Delaware county, this state, but for the past few years has lived retired in Hopkinton.

Socially Mr. Vinton is an honored member of the Knights of Pythias and the Ancient Order of United Workmen at Coggon. The Republican party has always found in him a staunch supporter of its principles, and he has been called upon to fill the offices of school director and road supervisor in Jackson township for several years. He is one of the most popular and influential citizens of his community, and is a man highly respected and esteemed by all who know him.

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#### JOSEPH G. GRAVES.

Since 1867 Joseph G. Graves has been prominently identified with the business and social interests of Cedar Rapids, and is accounted one of its leading and representative citizens. He is a native of New York, born in Westford, Otsego county, March 27, 1832, and is a son of H. N. Graves, whose birth occurred in Cooperstown, that state, in 1807. The family is of Scotch origin and was founded in this country in the early part of the seventeenth century, becoming early settlers of both Vermont and Massachusetts. Our subject's paternal grandfather, Abner Graves, was born in 1765 and died in 1855. The father, who was a tanner by trade, went to California in 1849 by way of the water route from New York around Cape Horn to San Francisco, the voyage consuming nearly six months. He was accompanied by his

son Abner, who was only fifteen years of age at the time. He served as captain of infantry in the New York State Militia, and continued his residence in the Empire state until 1855, when he came to Linn county, Iowa, and engaged in farming for two years. He was a wide-awake, energetic man, and was always quite successful in his undertakings. His last days were spent in retirement from business at Dow City, Iowa, where he died in 1882. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Sabra Greene, was born in Massachusetts in 1809, and died in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, in 1865.

Of the eight children born to this worthy couple two died in infancy, while the others are Joseph G., the subject of this sketch; Abner, who lives in Dow City, and is interested in mining in Denver; Mary, deceased; Isabella, deceased wife of George M. Howlett, of Cedar Rapids; Henry, who died from exposure at Syracuse, Missouri, in 1862, while a soldier of the Civil war; and George, who died at his home while preparing for the ministry at Davenport, Iowa.

Joseph G. Graves began his education in the public schools of New York, and also attended the seminary at Cooperstown. On leaving home at the age of seventeen years he learned the carriage maker's trade, becoming thoroughly familiar with every detail connected with that industry from start to finish. He followed it continuously for six years, but later discontinued it on account of ill health and engaged in clerking for several years. In 1854 he came west and located at Warren, Illinois, where he worked at his trade for some time. In the fall of 1862 he first came to Cedar Rapids, where he remained six months, and then went to Waterloo, Iowa, where the follow-



J. G. GRAVES.



ing two years were passed, for eight months of which time he was clerk in the county recorder's office. He next made his home in Mechanicsville, Iowa, for two years, and fully regained his health while engaged as manager of a lumber yard there, in which he was interested financially. On his return to Cedar Rapids, in 1867, Mr. Graves purchased a book and stationery store, which he conducted until 1879, when he sold out, though he was connected with the business as an employe until 1884. Since then he has devoted his time and energies to the insurance business, and has met with marked success. He represents the following companies: The Traders of Chicago; Security of New Haven, Connecticut; and the Lumberman's of Philadelphia.

While a resident of Illinois Mr. Graves was married in December, 1854, to Miss Sarah Coltrin, who was born in Ohio, February 28, 1835, and died in Cedar Rapids December 22, 1898. She was a graduate of Berea College, and successfully engaged in teaching school for some time. On the 9th of August, 1900, Mr. Graves was again married, his second union being with Mrs. Belle F. Powers, who was born in Pennsylvania March 28, 1850, and is a well-educated lady, who takes an active part in social affairs. She is a member of Grace Episcopal church and the Woman's Guild, and is now a director of the Vestment Guild. She also belongs to a whist club, and is very popular in social circles.

Mr. Graves has ever taken a prominent and active part in fraternal matters, and has held some of the most important offices in the lodges to which he belongs. He was one of the organizers of the Legion of Honor and the second member of Cedar Lodge, No. 1, of Cedar Rapids. He was also a

charter member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen of Cedar Rapids. In 1863 he was made a Mason at Waterloo, Iowa, and became one of the charter members of Mt. Hermon Lodge, No. 263, F. & A. M., of which he was master four years. He is one of the leading members of the order in Iowa, having received the thirty-third degree in the jurisdiction of the United States of America, their territories and dependencies. He was a member of Trowel Chapter, No. 49, R. A. M., of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, in which he held several offices, serving as king two years, and also held office in Apollo Commandery of Cedar Rapids. He is master of finance in Star of the West Lodge, No. 1, K. P. Since 1877 he has been a member of the Knights of Honor Lodge, No. 271, of which he is now financial reporter and treasurer, and is also grand reporter for the state of Iowa, and representative to supreme lodge for 1901-2, and in August, 1901, will have completed his sixth biennial term (twelve years) as grand protector of the grand lodge of the Knights and Ladies of Honor for the state, — a fraternal insurance order, with which he has been connected since 1881. In the work of these various organizations he has taken a very active and influential part, and by his connection with the same has become widely and favorably known throughout the state. In early life Mr. Graves was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he held all the offices up to 1879, but in 1884 united with the Presbyterian church. In March, 1901, he was confirmed a member of Grace Episcopal church, of which he is now an active member. Since supporting Fremont for the presidency in 1856, he has been an ardent Republican in politics, though never a politician in the



sense of office seeking. He has been a delegate to numerous county conventions, and has been registrar for fourteen years. In 1866 he was elected justice of the peace in Cedar county, and since 1895 has filled the office of clerk of Rapids township. Of a very social and genial nature, Mr. Graves makes friends wherever he goes, and is very popular with all classes of people.

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#### HENRY HENDERSON.

Since 1854 this gentleman has been a resident of Linn county, and throughout his active business life has been prominently identified with its agricultural interests. He is a thrifty and progressive farmer, whose fine farm of two hundred and sixty-six acres is pleasantly situated on section 10, Jackson township, only a half-mile south of the village of Coggon.

Mr. Henderson was born in Hemingford, Canada, June 25, 1848, his parents being William and Aley (Bursell) Henderson, the former a native of Scotland, the latter of Yorkshire, England. William Henderson was a lad of eight years when he crossed the Atlantic with his father and took up his residence on a farm in Canada, where he was engaged in agricultural pursuits until coming to Linn county, Iowa, in the spring of 1854. He settled on the farm in Jackson township now owned and occupied by our subject, and with the assistance of his sons cleared away the timber and placed the land under cultivation. He continued to engage in farming here until the death of his wife, which occurred June 30, 1874. He then removed to another farm in the same township, where he made his home

until he, too, was called to his final rest on the 12th of January, 1892. After the death of the mother of our subject he was again married, his second union being with Sarah Willis, of Jackson township, who also died in 1892.

By the first union there were six children, namely: William, the oldest, died in the army during the Civil war. James is a merchant and stock buyer of Ehler, Delaware county, Iowa, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this volume. Peter G. is an extensive farmer of Jackson township, who is also represented in this work. Robert, a farmer of Cedar county, Iowa, first married Helen Brown, and after her death wedded Emma Phelps. Henry, of this review, is the next of the family. Hannah Jane is the wife of Peter T. Henderson, whose sketch will be found on another page of this work. The children were all educated in the common schools of this county.

As soon as old enough to be of any assistance Henry Henderson began work on the home farm, and has since devoted his attention to its cultivation and improvement. It is one of the finest and most desirable farms in the township, and its neat and thrifty appearance plainly indicates the careful supervision of the owner, who is accounted one of the most thorough and skillful farmers of the community. He also carries on stock raising, making a specialty of the Polled Durham cattle, and is quite extensively engaged in the manufacture of butter, having a small creamery upon his farm. In business affairs he has steadily prospered and is now quite well-to-do.

In 1876 Mr. Henderson was united in marriage with Miss Hannah Blodgett, of Jackson township, who was born December 17, 1857, and is a daughter of Simeon

Blodgett, of Central City, whose biography appears on another page of this volume. Our subject and his wife have no children of their own, but have two adopted sons, Charles and Lester. Mr. and Mrs. Henderson are members of the Jackson Congregational church, and he is also a member of the Brotherhood of America at Coggon. Politically he has always affiliated with the Republican party, and is an earnest advocate of all measures calculated to advance the moral, social or material welfare of the community in which he lives.

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ELIHU IVES.

The subject of this sketch is not only a representative of one of the prominent pioneer families of this county, but is also descended from good old Revolutionary stock. He was born on the 21st of December, 1831, in New Haven county, Connecticut, of which county his parents, Elihu and Rachel (Blakeslee) Ives, were also natives. The Ives family came originally from England and was founded in this country in early colonial days. Our subject's paternal grandfather, Charles Ives, who was a shoemaker and tanner by trade, enlisted in the Continental Army during the Revolutionary war, and made shoes for the soldiers. He had a brother who was also in the service, and being captured by the British, was taken to New York, where he contracted smallpox and died. The father of our subject did guard duty in the war of 1812. In 1837 he removed with his family to Illinois, the journey being made with a team and covered wagon. Our subject still has some of the offspring of this team. For nine

months the family made their home near Blomington, and then removed to Hendersonville, Illinois, where they spent nearly two years. In 1839 they came to Linn county, Iowa, and took up their residence in Marion township, the father entering a claim of one hundred and ninety-seven acres on sections 11 and 14, where our subject now resides. At that time there were many Indians in this locality, and deer and feathered game was found in abundance. The cities of Cedar Rapids and Marion had not been laid out, and the family went twice a year to Illinois for provisions, and to within twelve miles of Muscatine for their flour and feed, a distance of thirty miles. On their arrival here they took up their abode with a neighbor in a one-room log cabin, making a family of seventeen, remaining six weeks until the father could build a cabin of his own. The Baptist church of Marion was organized at his home, and he served as one of its deacons throughout life. He died on the old homestead September 15, 1864, and his wife passed away December 24, 1885, the remains of both being interred in the Marion cemetery.

Unto this worthy couple were born eight children, namely: Lucy, who married G. Andrews, of Marion township, and both are now deceased; Charles, deceased, who married Louisa Moss and resided in New Haven, Connecticut; Norman, deceased, who married Hannah Gray, who is now living with her daughter, Lucy, in Marion, Iowa; George, who married Hannah Jones and both died in Marion township, this county; John B., who married Jane Wallace and makes his home in Marion; Ruth, deceased wife of Dean Cheadle, of Marion; Elihu, our subject; and one who died in infancy.

Mr. Ives, of this review, was only six years old when the family removed to Illinois, and since the age of eight he has made his home in Linn county, Iowa. He pursued his studies in an old log school house on the Mt. Vernon road, which was later moved a half mile west of the home farm, and continued to attend school until about twenty years of age. At the same time he assisted his father in the work of the farm, and on the latter's death, in 1864, he took complete charge of the place, though he had practically had the management of the farm from the age of nineteen years, his father being an invalid.

In Marion township, Mr. Ives was married, January 4, 1865, to Miss Celia J. Oxley, who was born there November 15, 1842, and is a daughter of John S. and Jane (Hawley) Oxley, natives of Indiana. In 1841 her parents came to Iowa and settled on Big creek, in Marion township, Linn county, later removing to another farm in the same township. There the father died in 1879, and the mother, who long survived him, departed this life in 1893. Both were laid to rest in Martin's church burying ground in Marion township. They had a family of ten children: Everette married Susan Benham and died on his farm in Marion township; Emeline is the wife of John W. Gray, a farmer of the same township; John W. died at the age of two years; James, a resident of Marion township, married Delia Tryon, who died while he was in the army during the Civil war; Celia J. is the wife of our subject; Georgia Ann is the wife of A. M. Sechrist, who lives five miles north of the old homestead in Marion township; Henry married Alice Ives and makes his home in Marion; Taylor married Emma Cheadle and is also a resi-

dent of Marion; Marshall married Tillie Ellison and lives in Marion township; and Robert S. married Lizzie Hoover and is also living in Marion township.

Mr. and Mrs. Ives have three children: Julius E., a traveling salesman for the Cedar Rapids Supply Company, married Laura M. Harris and they make their home on a farm four miles east of Marion; Charles E. married Maud Beckley and carries on an orange ranch at Corona, California; and John R. married Lila Scott, and now operates the home farm five miles southeast of Marion, and also deals quite extensively in stock, buying and feeding for market. The mother of these children was called to her final rest March 28, 1891, her remains being interred in the cemetery at Marion. She was an earnest and consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church at Martin's Creek, Marion township. She took a very active part in church work and when called to her final reward her death was not only mourned by her immediate family, but by the entire community.

Mr. Ives has practically retired from active labor, leaving the work of the farm to his sons. He has a well improved place, on which is an elegant home, large barns and good outbuildings, and in fact here may be found all of the conveniences and accessories seen upon a model farm of the present day. By his ballot he supports the men and measures of the Republican party, and he has filled the offices of road supervisor and school director for a number of years. In religious belief he is a Baptist, and is a deacon and active member of the church of that denomination at Marion. For over sixty years he has been a resident of this county, and his upright, honorable

life justly entitles him to a prominent place on the roll of the country's honored pioneers and representative citizens.

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L. W. BURT.

This well-known farmer and stock raiser residing on section 4, Jackson township, is a native of New York, born in Oswego county, July 12, 1842, and is a son of William R. and Charlotte Burt, who made their home in that county throughout life, the former dying in 1850, the latter in 1875. By occupation the father was a tanner, currier and shoemaker.

L. W. Burt was reared and educated in the county of his nativity, and was still residing there when the Civil war broke out, enlisting August 8, 1862, in Company A, One Hundred and Tenth New York Volunteer Infantry, under Colonel D. C. Littlejohn and Captain Ira Pratt. His command took part in the Red river expedition, starting from New Orleans, and then went to Fort Jefferson. They participated in a number of engagements, including the siege of Port Hudson, and during the battle at that place Mr. Burt received a gunshot wound which disabled him, but he remained with his company until the close of the war. At Washington, D. C., he was discharged June 26, 1865, on account of a general order from the war department.

Mr. Burt was the only one of his family to come west. In 1868 he removed to Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and was engaged in farming near that city for a few years. He then located in the city, where he established a dray and transfer line, which he conducted about nine years. During this time he

was married in 1872 to Miss Alice Bressler, a native of Cedar Rapids and a daughter of Jacob C. Bressler, who was a house mover of Cedar Rapids. Her father is now deceased and her mother still resides in Cedar Rapids. Our subject and his wife have four children; Burl R., who resides on a farm in Jackson township; Bessie, Jacob C. and L. Neal, all at home.

After his marriage Mr. Burt continued to engage in the transfer business in Cedar Rapids for a short time, and then removed to his present farm in Jackson township, where he has made his home for sixteen years. It was known as the old Dan Castle farm and comprises one hundred and twenty acres on section 4. In connection with general farming Mr. Burt is successfully engaged in stock raising, making a specialty of the breeding of fine Chester White hogs and White Plymouth Rock chickens, which he has found quite profitable.

Mr. Burt uses his right of franchise in support of the Republican party and its principles, but has never been an office seeker. Fraternally he holds membership in the Masonic lodge and the Grand Army post at Coggon, while religiously his wife is a member of the Presbyterian church at that place. They are widely and favorably known throughout the county, and have many warm friends in the community where they reside.

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EDWARD A. WOODS.

Among the old and trusted employes of the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad this well-known resident of Cedar Rapids stands fifth in point of serv-



ice. He was born in Nashua, New Hampshire, on the 1st day of July, 1849, and is a son of Asa and Ellen (Searles) Woods, both natives of the same state, the former born near Hollis, the latter in Greenfield. Throughout life the father followed the occupation of farming and at times owned considerable property. In politics he was a Democrat, and in religious faith both he and his wife were Methodists. She died in Nashua, Iowa, and his death occurred in Nebraska. They were the parents of three children, namely: Edward A., of this sketch; Julia, deceased; and William, who died at the age of thirty-five years. By a former marriage the mother had one daughter, Angie, now the widow of Albert Greeley, and a resident of Nashua, New Hampshire. They were all educated in the common schools of that state.

Edward A. Woods was reared on the home farm and attended school until seventeen years of age. On starting out in life for himself he began work for the Boston, Lowell & Nashua Railroad, handling freight for that company until 1868, when he came to Iowa, locating first at Nashua. He soon afterward found employment on the Illinois Central Railroad as fireman, and in 1872 was given a switch engine in the yards of that road at Waterloo. In the fall of the same year he came to Cedar Rapids, and the following January accepted a position as engineer on the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad. After three years and a half in the freight service he was given a passenger run, and is to-day one of the most popular passenger engineers on the road.

In 1875 Mr. Woods was united in marriage with Miss Effie Bell, a native of Cedar Rapids, who died here in 1877, leaving one

son, Harry, who is now bookkeeper for a wholesale sporting goods house in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He is a graduate of the Cedar Rapids high school and Palmer's Business College. Mr. Woods was again married, in October, 1880, his second union being with Miss Susie Hoppers, of Cedar Falls, who was born in Postville, Iowa, in 1861. She is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and our subject contributes to its support. In political sentiment he is a Republican, but at local elections votes for the men whom he believes best qualified to fill the offices, regardless of party lines. He is a member of Division No. 159, Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, and was one its first officers. Upright and reliable in all things, he has gained the entire confidence of his fellow citizens and is held in high esteem by all with whom he has come in contact, either in business or social life.

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#### JOHN HENRY WILKIN.

John Henry Wilkin was born in College township, Linn county, Iowa, October 24, 1871, and is a son of John Charles and Anna Paul (Hartley) Wilkin. The father was born September 2, 1836, in Ohio, and at the age of fourteen came with his parents to Johnson county, Iowa, where his father and mother passed the remainder of their lives, the former dying at the age of forty-nine, while the latter lived to be sixty-three years of age. His early education was received in the schools of Iowa City, but upon the death of his father he was obliged to take up work upon the farm, and therefore had to give up all thought of further schooling. On the 28th of October, 1863, he married

Ruth Anna, daughter of George and Rebecca (Paul) Hartley. Her father was a native of Pennsylvania, born January 31, 1805. Coming west he settled first in Johnson county and about 1854 took up his residence in Cedar Rapids, where he died June 6, 1880. To John Charles and Ruth Wilkin were born seven children, who are as follows: Frances, now Mrs. Edward Herne; James, who married Miss Minnie Cargil and is living on the old homestead; Margaret, who is a milliner of Cedar Rapids; Henry, our subject; Louisa, who is the wife of Edgar Hartley and lives in Cedar Rapids; Ralph, who follows farming in College township; Robert, who lives in Cedar Rapids.

Our subject, John Henry Wilkin, was educated in the common schools of Iowa, and on March 3, 1897, married Miss Martha Jane Borghart, daughter of Henry Borghart, whose sketch appears on another page.

Mr. Wilkin now lives upon the farm of the late Henry Borghart, which contains about four hundred and seventy acres of land. He devotes the greater part of his time to the raising of cattle for the market and also to the raising of horses and hogs for which he finds a ready sale in the markets of Cedar Rapids. Mrs. Wilkin is a member of the Evangelical Church and he and his family enjoy the esteem of a large circle of family enjoy the esteem and confidence of a large circle of friends.

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#### HENRY B. SOUTTER.

The subject of this sketch was born at Astoria, Long Island, August 22, 1852, and is a son of Robert and Philadelphia (Camp-

bell) Soutter, natives of Scotland. The first of the family to make their home in America was Robert Soutter, the grandfather of H. B. Soutter, who settled in Norfolk, Virginia, where he became a lumber and shipping merchant, owning packets which ran to Boston. In this way he was brought into business and social relations with some of the leading men of that city. In the war of 1812 he showed his loyalty to his adopted country by serving as a volunteer. He was a man of large, but unostentatious charities, and his home was one of popular resort of the clergy and the naval officers who were stationed at Norfolk. His son, Robert, married Philadelphia Campbell, and to them were born twelve children, of whom Henry B. is eleventh in order of birth. He was a member of the firm of Maitland, Kennedy & Campbell, one of the old New York and Norfolk business firms. For many years he was connected with the Delaware & Hudson Canal Company, occupying the position of vice-president. He died in Fredericksburg, Virginia, when Henry B. was about sixteen years of age. His son, Charles B., is a resident of Cedar Rapids, and is vice-president of the Cedar Rapids Savings Bank.

Henry B. Soutter was educated in the schools of New York city, and began his business career as an office boy and clerk with the firm of J. J. & J. P. Lathrop, flour commission merchants of that place. He was next in the employ of John Sinclair & Company, of New York, and a year later came to Cedar Rapids to accept a clerical position with T. M. Sinclair & Company. He advanced from one position to another until he became vice-president of the company, in which capacity he was serving when he retired from active business in November,

1900. When he came to Cedar Rapids the business of the firm was carried on on a small scale, and he became an important factor in its success.

On the 13th of September, 1877, Mr. Soutter was united in marriage with Miss Lilly Dewey, who was born in Virginia, and was educated at Asbury University, Greencastle, Indiana, with which her cousin, Rev. Dr. Fiske, D. D., was connected. Her parents were George and Sarah (Elder) Dewey, the former being one of the pioneer merchants of Cedar Rapids. He was born in Brunswick, Maine, and while he was quite young his father moved to Coshocton, Ohio, where he spent his youth. Here the amiability of his disposition, the gravity and sober thoughtfulness of his mind, and the love and devotion of his heart, called forth the admiration of all who were brought in contact with him. In 1855 he came to Cedar Rapids, and was for some years actively engaged in mercantile pursuits. Here, by his modest, retiring manner, his zeal and unbending integrity in all the relations of life, won him universal respect and esteem. He married Miss Sarah Elder, of Coshocton, Ohio, a daughter of Thomas Elder, who came to Cedar Rapids in 1861, but spent the latter years of his life in Council Bluffs, Iowa. Miss Elder was a graduate of the Steubenville Female Seminary. She now makes her home with Mr. and Mrs. Soutter.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Soutter were born three children, namely: Caroline Campbell, who was graduated at Lake Forest University, Lake Forest, Illinois, and who is now taking a classical course at Wellesley; May Dewey, who died November 22, 1889; and Charles Henry, who is attending the public schools of Cedar Rapids.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Soutter are active

members of the First Presbyterian church, of which he is an elder. For many years he has been identified with the Young Men's Christian Association, and has held the office of president of the association at Cedar Rapids for seven years. As a citizen he has been the advocate of every movement designed to promote the general welfare of his adopted city, a supporter of every enterprise for the public good, and has materially aided in the advancement of all social, industrial, educational and moral interests.

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#### HAMILTON D. NEWLAND.

Since the fall of 1866 Hamilton D. Newland has been a resident of Linn county, and for many years he was actively identified with its agricultural interests, but is now practically living a retired life in Center Point, having by his industry and good management acquired a comfortable competence, which enables him to lay aside all business cares. He was born in Union county, Ohio, September 7, 1841, and belongs to a family of English extraction, which originally settled in North Carolina. His paternal great-grandfather, John Newland, was a soldier of the Revolutionary war. The grandfather, Isaac Newland, was a native of Virginia, to which state his father removed prior to the Revolutionary war.

A. A. Newland, the father of our subject, was born in Montgomery county, Virginia, in 1804, and was reared in that state. When a young man he removed to Washington county, Pennsylvania, where he was married, June 6, 1831, to Sarah A. Argo, a native of the Keystone state and a daughter of Smith Argo. Two years later he







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went to Ohio, and located in Union county, where he followed his trade of a brick and stone mason, and also engaged in agricultural pursuits upon a farm which he opened up and improved. In 1871 he joined his sons, Hamilton D. and George W., in Linn county, Iowa, and died here February 20, 1897, at the advanced age of ninety-two years. His wife departed this life June 27, 1888, at the age of seventy-seven years.

Hamilton D. Newland grew to manhood in the county of his nativity, and his early education, obtained in the common schools near his home, was supplemented by a two-years' course at the college in Hillsdale, Michigan. While there the Civil war broke out and he enlisted in the three months' service, but did not go to the front at that time. At his home in Union county, Ohio, he again enlisted, June 11, 1861, becoming a member of Company F, of the noted Twenty-third Ohio Volunteer Infantry, which regiment had among its officers Presidents Hayes and McKinley, and was a part of the Army of the Potomac. His first engagement was at Carnifax Ferry, West Virginia, in 1861, and later he participated in the battles of South Mountain and Antietam, the second battle of Bull Run, the Shenandoah campaign, and battle of Cedar Creek, Stanton and Floyd Mountain, in fact, all of the engagements in which his regiment took part, losing no time from illness or other causes. He was on detached duty for about a month, being connected with the recruiting service at home. On the expiration of his term of enlistment he was honorably discharged at Columbus, Ohio, in July, 1864.

On his return home Mr. Newland engaged in teaching school during the winter months, and was also interested in the gro-

cery business. In 1866 he came to Linn county, Iowa, and during that and the following years taught school at Center Point and vicinity. Here he was married December 12, 1867, to Miss Malinda Newman, who was born and reared in this county, her father, John N. Newman, having removed from Indiana to Iowa in the fall of 1852 and taken up his residence here. Six children have been born to them, namely: Mark A., who was educated at the Iowa State University, at Iowa City, and for the past nine years has engaged in the practice of medicine at Center Point; Zell, wife of C. C. Lewis, of Kenwood Park, this county; J. F., who is engaged in farming on the old homestead; and Eva B., George O. and Don H., all at home.

After his marriage Mr. Newland located on a farm of one hundred acres near Center Point, and in connection with the cultivation of his land he engaged in teaching school during the winter months for about twenty years. As his financial resources increased he added to his landed possessions from time to time until he now owns a valuable and well-improved farm of three hundred and seventy-seven acres, and his wife owns a part of the old Newman homestead. Mr. Newland continued to reside upon his farm until 1892, when he removed to Center Point and engaged in merchandising for a time, being in business here for several years at different times, but he is now practically living retired, enjoying the fruits of former toil. On coming to Iowa he was in limited circumstances, but has gradually worked his way upward, overcoming the obstacles in the path to success until he is to-day one of the prosperous and substantial citizens of his community. In all his undertakings he has been



ably assisted and encouraged by his estimable wife, who has indeed proved a true helpmate to him.

Politically Mr. Newland has been a lifelong Republican, and cast his first presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln in 1864. He has been a member of the county Republican central committee, and for some years was chairman of the township central committee, but he has never sought official honors. He has served as assessor of his township, and took the census of Washington township in 1870 and 1890. Fraternally he is a charter member of Dennison Post, No. 244, G. A. R., in which he has filled all the offices and is past commander. He has also been a delegate to numerous state encampments. His wife is a member of the Relief Corps. They are people of respectability, and have a large circle of friends and acquaintances throughout the county who appreciate their sterling worth.

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#### THOMAS HENDERSON.

Thomas Henderson, a successful and prosperous agriculturist who has made his home in Jackson township for about thirty years, was born on the 14th of March, 1852, in Canada, and is a son of Robert and Jennette (Douglas) Henderson, natives of Canada and Scotland, respectively. The father followed farming in the land of his birth until 1854, when he decided to try his fortune in the United States and removed to Fillmore county, Minnesota, where he engaged in the same occupation throughout the remainder of his life. He died there on the 25th of March, 1889, and his wife departed this life March 8, 1901. They

were the parents of nine children: William, now a farmer of Tennessee; James, a farmer of Fillmore county, Minnesota; Robert, a liveryman of Jackson, Minnesota; Thomas, our subject; John, a farmer, living near Pipestone, Minnesota; Henry, a teamster in Wyoming; Catherine, wife of W. A. Duxbury, a farmer of South Dakota; Jessie, wife of Ole Ystnes, who lives on the old homestead in Fillmore county, Minnesota; and Ella, wife of Edward Stone, a farmer of Jackson, Minnesota. The children received common school educations.

When his school days were over Thomas Henderson took up farming, with which pursuit he had become thoroughly familiar while aiding in the operation of the home farm, and has since followed that occupation with good success. He was married December 20, 1874, the lady of his choice being Miss Minnie Willis, a daughter of A. L. Willis, of Coggon, this county, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this work. Mrs. Henderson was born December 12, 1855, and by her marriage has become the mother of eight children, namely Frank; Leila, now the wife of Charles Mills, a farmer of Jackson township; Mark, Arthur; Carrie; Leslie; Ruth; and Marion, most of whom are still at home.

In January, 1878, Mr. Henderson removed to his present farm in Jackson township, known as the old Philbrick place. He now owns one hundred and sixty-six acres of excellent farming land on section 16, and is successfully engaged in its operation, but makes stock raising his principal business, having found that quite profitable. He is a man of keen discrimination and sound judgment, and generally carries forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes. In politics he is a Republican, and for two

years he served as assessor of Jackson township. Fraternally he is a member of the Modern Brotherhood of America at Coggon, and religiously both he and his wife are members of the Jackson Congregational Church of their township.

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### FRANK STUVIL BEEBE.

Mr. Beebe is a local minister of the Methodist Episcopal church, and also the owner of a very beautiful farm in Fairfax township, Linn county, where he is widely known and highly respected throughout the entire district. A native of the state of Wisconsin, he at an early age took up his residence in Iowa, where he has made an unlimited number of friends for himself.

His father, H. P. Beebe, is now engaged in farming in Richland county, Wisconsin, where he lives with his wife, Emma (Good) Beebe, whose father, Richard Good, born in England in 1796, came to this country in 1816, at the age of twenty years, and lived to the extreme old age of one hundred and one years, dying September 3, 1897 while his brother lived to the age of one hundred and six years. Mr. Good married Sarah Adams March 1, 1822, and to this marriage were born eleven children: Susan and Jane, twins; Charles, Mary, Benjamin, Betsey, Rebecca, Marguerite, Richard, Thomas and Emma. Mr. Beebe, our subject's father, was the third of nine children born to his parents that grew to maturity, the others being Benton, Wilder, Nathan, Harriet, Mary, Sarah Ann, Eliza and Maria. This worthy couple were among the early settlers of Vermont, the father, although born in England, having settled there at a very early day.

Mr. Beebe received a good education in Richland county, Wisconsin, where his childhood was spent. Our subject is the oldest of a family of nine children. His brother Pery, who is engaged in farming in Wisconsin, married Everetta Bigsby; Oscar, another brother, lives on a farm in Fairfax township with his wife, Myrtle (Cleveland) Beebe; Ada became the wife of Lewis Powers, and together they reside upon a farm in Wisconsin; another brother, Charles, married Dove Hubanks, and they are also engaged in farming in Wisconsin; Eva died April 1, 1856, when but seventeen years of age; Sarah married Charles Garner, who is a well-to-do farmer in Wisconsin; Charles Owens, one of Wisconsin's agriculturists, became the husband of Mary; Lizzie also married an agriculturist, Edward Dobbs, and is a resident of Wisconsin; and the youngest sister, Jane, married Prett Hubanks, another of Wisconsin's thrifty farmers.

When our subject finished school he engaged in farming with his father until he reached the age of nineteen years, when he moved westward to Linn county. Here he spent a short time in the employ of a railroad company, and then for five years was employed by the month on a farm. At the expiration of this time Mr. Beebe rented a farm of two hundred and forty acres, and one year afterward, July 3, 1877, married Clara McDowell, daughter of Godfrey and Keziah (Burkholder) McDowell, and the oldest of four children: Allen, her brother, died in infancy; Anna, a sister, became the wife of George McKimmon, a farmer of Hartford township; and Addie was married to George Rider, a farmer residing in Greene county, Iowa.

At the end of one year after his mar-

riage, having rented his farm until that time, he purchased one hundred and twenty acres of it, and having erected a beautiful residence upon it has ever since made it his home. During the winter months Mr. Beebe is engaged in evangelistic work, in which he has been very successful. Along the lines of temperance and church work Mr. Beebe is ever a liberal supporter, and the Prohibition ticket always receives his vote, but he has no desire for political offices, his private business requiring his constant attention.

Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Beebe: Adison Claire is now engaged with the Lefebure Ledger Company, of Cedar Rapids; Eva Bertha, Godfrey Hiram, Emma Keziah and James Leghorn being at home with their parents, Bertha graduating from the high school in June, 1899.

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#### ANDREW J. TAMBLYN.

One of the busiest, most energetic and most enterprising men in Linn county, is the subject of this sketch, who is successfully engaged in farming and stock raising on his highly cultivated farm, situated in Fairfax township. His father, Henry Tamblyn, was of English parentage and born on English soil, November 14, 1827. His early life was passed in England where he received his education. On reaching manhood he came to the United States and settled in Pennsylvania, working as a laborer. There he met and married Ann Thomas, who was a native of Wales, born December 7, 1837, and who with her parents had previously come to the United States and settled in Pennsylvania. After his marriage,

Henry Tamblyn continued his employment until he had accumulated enough money to purchase a farm. He operated this for a short time and then sold it and removed to Illinois. Here he again engaged in farming but soon after moved to Linn county, Iowa, where he purchased a farm upon which he resided for a number of years but was living retired in Fairfax, Iowa, at the time of his death June 1, 1891. Ten children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Tamblyn as follows: William Henry is a retired farmer living in Fairfax, Iowa. Daniel died in Mason City, Illinois. Jason died in Fairfax township and his remains, with those of his father, are interred in Fairfax cemetery. Amos and Mary live with their mother in Fairfax. Jane M. became the wife of E. C. Elliott and is now living in Sioux county. Edwin died in infancy. Irwin T. is a farmer in the state of Washington. Andrew J., our subject, completes the family.

Owing to his father's financial condition, Andrew J. Tamblyn was deprived of the advantages of an early education. He for a very short time attended school after which he was obliged to spend his time in working about the farm. At the age of seventeen years he left his home and took up his residence in Chicago, where he was employed by Albert Morse & Company, at that time doing a large grain commission business. Here he remained three years and then returned to his father's farm. His brother, Daniel, engaged his services and for three years he worked as flour packer in his mill. Cedar Rapids was the next place in which he took up his residence and arrived here with but two dollars and sixty cents in cash. Taking up what work he could find to be done, he in a short time had enough money saved to rent a farm in Johnson

county from Joseph Cloud who furnished the necessary implements with which to work it. One year was the length of time spent by our subject upon this farm. The next season he rented another one and to work this land he was compelled to buy a horse on credit and borrow one from his father. The following year his services were engaged by his father, after which he left home to learn the butcher business. Starting at this with a salary of sixteen dollars a month, through ability and industry, at the end of three years he had made such progress that the firm by whom he was employed paid him a salary of thirty-five dollars a month. During this time he saved his money and was enabled within a very short time to buy the shop in which he worked and with a partner started in business. At the end of a year he sold out to his partner and bought an interest in a business in Cedar Rapids, which at the end of eight months he sold and took up the buying and selling of cattle as a means of livelihood, at which he was very successful and at which business he remained for five years. On the 19th of April, 1882, he married, and the following fall bought a quarter section of land in Kossuth county, Iowa. Here he took up his residence and worked the farm for about a year when he sold it. After this he rented his brother Amos' place which he bought at the end of a year. He then moved to Iowa county where he bought eighty acres of land adjoining the farm of his father-in-law, at the death of whom his wife fell heir to the old homestead. They remained in Iowa county for ten years and then moved to Linn county where they now reside. The farm which they purchased here contains one hundred and sixty-three acre, all in the highest state of cultivation.

Besides this farm, Mr. Tablyn is also the owner of one hundred and sixty-seven acres of improved land in Iowa county and in connection with the operation of the farms carries on his immense live stock business, personally attending to the buying and shipping of the cattle.

Miss Anna Marie Schloeman became the wife of our subject. She was the daughter of E. H. and Anna (Saving) Schloeman, both natives of Germany who had settled in Iowa county and followed farming. They were the parents of the following seven children: William; Henry; John; August; Anna Marie, our subject's wife; Ernest and Milla. To the union of Andrew J. and Anna Marie Tamblyn were born three children: Henry F., born September 8, 1883; Nelie G., born January 2, 1886, and Waldo, born June 5, 1898, died August 9, 1900. Mr. Tamblyn is a liberal contributor to church and charitable work, ever willing to lend a helping hand to a worthy cause. In national and state politics he is a Republican, but votes for the man and not the party in township and county affairs.

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#### JOHN H. TAFT.

The subject of this sketch has won the proud American title of a self-made man. Several of the leading enterprises and business interests of Cedar Rapids bear the impress of his individuality and owe not a little of their success to his ability and capable powers of management. His great determination and energy have enabled him to overcome all the difficulties and obstacles in his path and work his way steadily upward to prosperity. He is known among his fel-



low townsmen for his reliability in all trade transactions and justly merits their confidence and regard.

Mr. Taft was born in Hartford county, Maryland, April 27, 1862, and is the second in order of birth in a family of nine children whose parents were Elias F. and Jane (Melhorn) Taft, natives of North Carolina and Maryland, respectively. Prior to the Civil war the father was engaged in mercantile business, but during that struggle he enlisted in 1862, and on his return home was incapacitated for further business on account of the wounds received and disease contracted in the army. In 1868 he removed with his family to Spencerville, Ohio, where he died in 1886, at the age of fifty-five years, but his wife is still living and continues to reside in Spencerville, that state.

Being one of the oldest of the family much of the responsibility of supporting the younger members devolved upon John H. Taft after his father's death and even before on account of his father's ill health, and he gave them all collegiate educations. In early boyhood he attended the common schools and also the Northwestern University of Ohio, and received his business training at Eastman's Business College, Poughkeepsie, New York. At the age of nineteen he began his business career as a dry goods merchant at Spencerville, Ohio, where he successfully conducted a store for eight years, and later was engaged in the same enterprise at Sidney, that state, with his usual success. He next conducted a similar store at London, Ohio, the county seat of Madison county, and later started another store at Delphos, Allen county, a town of six thousand inhabitants. His tastes have always inclined him to the gen-

eral dry goods business, although for a time he was also identified with the oil interests of the Lima district in Ohio, where he owned seven productive wells. This proved a very profitable venture, but he sold out in 1898 and came to Cedar Rapids, where he purchased the dry goods establishment of Barton, Wiltsee & Company. He also disposed of his interests at Delphos and Sidney, Ohio, but still owns the stores at London and Spencerville with his brother Robert. He has made many improvements in the store of Cedar Rapids since it came into his possession. He has to have additional store rooms, has added different departments and has largely increased the floor space of the store. This establishment is now successfully conducted under the firm name of John H. Taft & Company. Other enterprises also claim the attention of our subject, who now has under his control and management the Perfection Manufacturing Company, which manufactures ladies' belts and novelties and sells its products only at wholesale. The business of this concern has already reached enormous proportions, and is represented throughout the United States by fourteen traveling salesmen. It bids fair to become one of the most important industries of Cedar Rapids, giving work to twenty-five employes and operatives, while in his store Mr. Taft employs about forty persons all the year round. Tireless energy, keen perception, honesty of purpose, the genius for devising and executing the right thing at the right time, joined to every-day common sense and guided by resistless will power, are numbered among his chief characteristics, and to these may be attributed his wonderful success. Socially he is a member of the Knights of Pythias fraternity and has filled all the offices in his lodge

He is also president of the Cedar Rapids Commercial Club.

Mr. Taft has been twice married. In 1887, at Bucyrus, Ohio, he wedded Miss Molly Carr, a native of that state, and a daughter of Michael Carr. To them were born three children, namely: Ethel, Arthur and Mary. The wife and mother died in 1897, and in August, 1899, Mr. Taft was united in marriage with Miss Eva Ailes, also a native of the Buckeye state, and a daughter of H. S. Ailes. One child blesses this union, John Ailes Taft.

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G. R. SKINNER, M. D.

Among the prominent representatives of the medical profession engaged in practice at Cedar Rapids is the gentleman whose name introduces this review. He was born in Parma, Monroe county, New York, on the 19th of May, 1836, and there passed the days of his boyhood and youth, receiving a good common-school education. At the age of fourteen he commenced work on a farm, and for the following three years engaged in agricultural pursuits.

In 1853 Dr. Skinner went to Polo, Illinois, where for two years he was employed in the drug store of a Dr. Moore, with whom he commenced the study of medicine, and at the end of that time purchased an interest in the business, becoming the junior member of the firm of Moore & Skinner. In 1860 he entered the Buffalo Medical School, but while attending lectures at that place the Civil war broke out, and he joined the army as contract assistant surgeon, serving in that capacity for a short time. In the summer of 1862 he returned to Polo,

where he assisted in organizing the Ninety-second Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and was commissioned first lieutenant of Company D. Soon afterward he was appointed adjutant, and served as such for one year. During the Atlanta campaign he served as assistant inspector general on the staff of General Murray, while during General Sherman's famous march to the sea he was on General Atkins' staff in the same capacity, and continued through the Carolina campaigns until the close of the war. He participated in the battle of Chickamauga and the engagements at Chattanooga and Look-out Mountain, and was all through the Atlanta campaign. At the close of the war he was mustered out as major, June 21, 1865, and returned home with an army record of which he may be justly proud.

On again taking up civil pursuits Dr. Skinner resumed the study of medicine, and attended the Bellevue Hospital Medical College at New York city, from which he was graduated in 1866. He commenced the practice of his chosen profession at Polo, Illinois, where he remained until 1871, and then came to Cedar Rapids, where he has since prosecuted his profession and has met with marked success, enjoying a large and remunerative practice. He was alone in business until 1894, when his son became associated with him under the firm name of Drs. G. R. & G. C. Skinner.

The Doctor was married in Rochester, New York, in 1868, to Miss Anna Coleman, a native of that place and a daughter of Samuel Coleman, who was engaged in the grocery business there for many years. By this union were born six children, namely: G. C., who is now engaged in the practice of medicine with his father at Cedar Rapids; Alice, a resident of New York city;

Frank, a practicing physician of Marion, Iowa; Ralph, who died in infancy; Arthur C.; and a son who died in infancy. The mother of these children departed this life May 2, 1898, and was laid to rest in Oak Hill cemetery. Dr. Skinner was again married, in June, 1899, his second union being with Mrs. Minnie Sweet, of Waterloo, Iowa.

In politics the Doctor is a Republican, and socially is connected with the Loyal Legion, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and of the Masonic fraternity. He is now the oldest past master of Mt. Herman Lodge, No. 253, A. F. & A. M., is a member of Apollo Commandery, No. 26, K. T., and of El Kahir Temple of the Mystic Shrine. In his professional relations he is a member of the Cedar Rapids Medical Society, the Iowa Union Medical Society, the State Medical Society, and of the American Medical Association. He has been president of the State Medical Society, of which he has been treasurer for twenty-five years. He is also president of the pension board of Cedar Rapids, and ranks among the leading physicians of the state. His loyalty as a citizen and his devotion to his country's interests have ever been among his marked characteristics, and the community is fortunate that numbers him among its citizens.

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#### DAVID S. FAY.

David S. Fay, who is engaged in the furniture and undertaking business in Troy Mills, under the firm name of D. S. Fay & Son, has been prominently identified with the commercial interests of that village for thirty years, and is regarded as one of its

representative citizens. He was born in Champaign county, Ohio, on the 18th of June, 1828, and is a son of John P. and Eleanor (Faurot) Fay, natives of Vermont and New York, respectively. The father, who was one of the most prominent and influential men of his community, served as associate judge in Allen county, Ohio, for seven years, and also as township clerk. He was a minister of the Methodist Protestant church, and led a most exemplary Christian life.

Salmon Fay, our subject's paternal grandfather, was born in Hampshire county, Massachusetts, in 1764, of good old colonial stock, and in 1785 removed to Vermont, where he made his home for many years, his occupation being that of farming. He took a very active part in public affairs and served as representative to the Vermont legislature. At the opening of the war of 1812 he was engaged in rafting lumber and logs on the St. Lawrence river in partnership with another man. They were approached by British officers and asked to swear allegiance to the British crown. This Mr. Fay refused to do, and was obliged to surrender his interest in the raft, which was given to his partner, who accepted the British terms. In 1816 he removed to Ohio, where he died six years later. His wife only survived him about four weeks, and the remains of both were interred near Urbana, Ohio. They were the parents of twelve children, all sons. Our subject's maternal grandmother witnessed the surrender of Captain Andre, which took place in the road near her home.

David S. Fay, of this review, is the oldest in a family of eight children. He received his education in the schools of Ohio, and continued his residence in that state

until 1854, when he came to Iowa, and has since made his home in Linn county with the exception of three years spent in Buchanan county, Iowa, when employed as surveyor. On locating here he entered eighty acres of land, to which he later added from time to time until he had two hundred and ten acres, fifty of which was covered with timber. All was wild and unimproved, but he placed it under cultivation, and was successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits for some time. For the past thirty years, however, he has given his attention principally to mercantile business of various kinds, and at present is successfully carrying on a furniture and undertaking establishment at Troy Mills, as previously stated. He is a wide-awake, energetic and progressive business man, and in all his undertakings has been uniformly successful.

In 1855 Mr. Fay was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Ward, a daughter of William Ward, of Otter Creek township, who was one of the pioneer settlers of this county, having located here about 1842. By this union were born two children, namely: Nancy Eleanor, who married Elgin Benedict and lives in Clarion, Iowa; and Ida May, now the wife of John A. Dicks, a resident of the state of Washington. The wife and mother died June 16, 1869, and was buried in Otter Creek township. Mr. Fay was again married in 1872, his second union being with Mrs. Clara (Dicks) Willoughby, who is also a native of Champaign county, Ohio, and a daughter of Clark Dicks, of Pennsylvania. Unto them were born two children: Charles S., who married Sadie Crawford and lives in Woodstock, Illinois; and John H., who married May Rowland and is engaged in business

with his father in Troy Mills. They have one child, Gilbert Gilroy.

In early life Mr. Fay was identified with the Whig party, and cast his first presidential vote for Winfield Scott, but since the organization of the Republican party he has been one of its staunch supporters. He has been honored with a number of local offices. He has served as justice of the peace, and was assessor of Spring Grove township for about twenty-six years, while he is now serving as notary public. Both he and his wife are members of the Methodist Protestant church at Troy Mills, and he takes an active and influential part in church work, and is now a member of the various church committees. Since 1862 he has been connected with the Masonic Lodge at Walker, and is also a prominent member of Troy Mills Lodge, No. 299, I. O. O. F., in which he has passed all the chairs. He has a very interesting collection of relics, including a number of valuable and antique articles which were once the property of Indians who made their home around Troy Mills in years long gone by. For over a half century he has been identified with the interests of this county, and has always borne his part in promoting those enterprises calculated to prove of public benefit.

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OSCAR P. FORD.

This enterprising and progressive farmer residing on section 27, is one of the leading citizens of Jackson township, where he has spent his entire life, having been born here on the 19th of June, 1859. His parents were Enos P. and Mary Ann (Halsted) Ford,



the former a native of Vermont, the latter of New York state. About 1850 the father came to Linn county, Iowa, and was one of the first to locate in Jackson township. He purchased a tract of land on section 27, which he at once commenced to clear and improve, and to the development and cultivation of that place he devoted his time and energies throughout the remainder of his life, dying there August 30, 1900. The mother of our subject passed away April 9, 1870, and for his second wife the father married Catherine Bowser, of Jackson township, who is now deceased. By his first marriage he had five children: Oscar P., the subject of this sketch; Ransom M., who died April 18, 1901, was a farmer and resided near Spring Grove, Iowa; Cealer W., who married Ella Stout and lives on a farm in Aiken, Harrison county, Missouri; Ervin, who married Ida Sawyer and makes his home on a farm in Harrison county, Missouri; and George, who married Maud Reed, and resides on a farm on section 27, Jackson township, this county. There was one child by the second union, Orrin N., who lives with relatives in this county. The children have been well educated in the public schools of Jackson township, and Orrin finished his studies in Central City.

After laying aside his text books Oscar P. Ford learned the carpenter's trade, at which he worked in Jackson township until his marriage, which was celebrated in June, 1881, Miss Belle Oakley of that township becoming his wife. She is a daughter of George and Sarah (Dickinson) Oakley; her father is now living in South Dakota, where he follows his chosen occupation—that of farming. Her mother died in 1898 and the father married the second time. Mr. and Mrs. Ford have a family of five children,

namely: Sadie May, Leafie I., George E., Charles Mason and Iva Marie.

After his marriage Mr. Ford located upon his present farm on section 27, Jackson township, known as the old Beebe place, which he has mostly cleared, and has made all the improvements thereon. It is now a very desirable farm of one hundred and twenty-four acres, and in connection with its operation Mr. Ford is successfully engaged in stock raising. He is a wide-awake, energetic business man, of known reliability, and has steadily prospered in his undertakings. As one of the leading and influential citizens of the southern part of the township he has been elected to several minor offices, the duties of which he has ably discharged. In politics he is a Republican, and in religious belief both he and his wife are Baptists, belonging to the church of Central City.

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#### CLARENCE L. MILLER.

The subject of this sketch was born in Kenton, Ohio, March 30, 1849, and is the oldest in a family of five children, all of whom are still living, his parents being Nelson F. and Elizabeth K (Syter) Miller, the former a native of Maryland and the latter of Virginia.

In 1855 the family removed to a farm near Palo, Linn county, and in 1866 removed to Cedar Rapids, where the parents still make their home at the ripe old age of nearly eighty years. He attended the public schools of Cedar Rapids, and afterwards what is now Coe College, continuing his studies until he was twenty years of age. He has been interested in many different lines of business in all of which he was

successful, and in 1884, he and his brother-in-law, F. W. Faulkes, purchased *The Gazette* and have continued as owners ever since, Mr. Faulkes taking the editorship and Mr. Miller that of business manager. Under their management the paper has become a power in the community, and is recognized as one of the leading journals of the state.

In 1876 Mr. Miller was united in marriage with Miss Rachael Letson, daughter of Benper L. and Jane (Huston) Letson, of Nevada, Iowa, in whose family were six children all still living. To Mr. and Mrs. Miler were born two children, Mollie L. and John L.

Mr. Miller has at all times taken an active interest in the welfare of the city and has been entrusted with positions of importance in connection with matters of public concern. He has given to these interests the same care that has been bestowed upon his own business, with similarly gratifying results.

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#### GEORGE R. CHURCHILL.

George R. Churchill, a prosperous and substantial farmer residing on section 17, College township, was born February 17, 1835, in Stowe, Vermont, and is a son of A. M. and Anna (Lovejoy) Churchill. The father settled in Cedar Rapids in 1854 and later moved to Benton county where he lived on a farm until 1862, when he took up his residence in College township, this county, upon a section of land he had previously purchased. This land was in a wild, uncultivated state and in after years it was with great pride that Mr. Churchill compared the high state of cultivation it had attained

through his efforts to the barren land it was at the time of his purchase. The Republican party always received the vote of Mr. Churchill, and as a mark of its appreciation of his merit made him school director as well as justice of the peace. The family of Mr. and Mrs. Churchill consisted of nine children, five of whom are living. They are as follows: George R., the subject of this sketch; Caroline, deceased; Henry C., living in Nebraska; May, deceased; Peter, deceased; Frank M., deceased; Omer A., deceased; Nevada, the wife of Samuel Negley, living in Nebraska; and Harry E., living in Colorado. In 1868, A. M. Churchill passed away, leaving his wife to mourn his loss. She lived to the ripe old age of eighty-two years, passing away in 1894, and they are interred side by side in Davey cemetery, College township. Mr. Churchill was one of the pioneers of California, going there by water in 1850, and remaining over two years, meeting with moderate success.

The common schools of Vermont furnished the early education of our subject, and at the age of nineteen years he came west with his parents and lived with his father until the latter's death. He then took up his residence upon the eighty acres of land that was left to him by his father, and on the 29th day of September, 1869, married Miss Elizabeth A. Niles, a native of Pennsylvania. Six children bless this union, who are as follows: Edith M., who married J. C. Avenell, and lives at Stone Lake, Iowa; Myra J., now Mrs. John S. Milligan, who lives in College township; Howard R., who attends Cornell College at Mount Vernon, Iowa; Albert M., and Alice M., twins, and Earl A., who live at home. Mrs. Churchill by a previous marriage was the mother of

three children, as follows: Louisa, who died in infancy; Elizabeth M., deceased, and Addie, who married R. W. Avenell and lives in Sac City, Iowa.

On March 21, 1901, at the age of fifty-eight years, Mrs. Churchill, surrounded by loving relatives and numerous sincere friends, closed in peacefulness a long and useful life, leaving many to mourn her death. She was a member of the First United Presbyterian church at Cedar Rapids and together with her husband gave hearty support to the advancement of the good of the community in every possible manner.

Since casting his first vote at the presidential election at which Fremont was a candidate he has been a Republican, and although not taking any active part in politics is ever solicitous for the welfare of his country.

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#### ADAIR W. MINOT.

Adair W. Minot, one of the leading sign painters and decorators of Cedar Rapids, was born in Rock Island, Illinois, in 1862, his parents being Loomis A. and Julia E. (Rice) Minot, who were natives of New York state, and removed to Rock Island in 1859. The father was also a painter by trade, but eventually became interested in manufacturing and dealing in shoes, gloves and mittens, which business he carried on at Rock Island until called to his final rest in April, 1875, at about the age of forty-nine years. The mother died in Cedar Rapids in 1887. They had six children, three of whom died in infancy, while those living are Adair W. and Homer S. (twins), the later now a resident of Fort Scott, Kan-

sas; and Grace D., also at Fort Scott, Kansas.

During his boyhood Adair W. Minot attended the public schools of his native city until 1878, when at the age of fourteen years he came to Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and was variously employed for the following two years. In 1880 he commenced learning the art of decorating and sign painting, and has since devoted his time and energies exclusively to that occupation. Becoming an expert in his line he was not long in building up the excellent trade which he now enjoys. His place of business is at 320 Second avenue, while his home is at 124 North First street west, which residence he owns.

In 1887 Mr. Minot led to the marriage altar Miss Mary A. Bojanorsky, who is of Bohemian origin, though born about five miles south of Walford, Iowa. Her parents, John and Anna Bojanovsky, were both natives of Austria, and came to America in 1866 or 1867. In their family were thirteen children, and all but two are still living. Mr. and Mrs. Minot have two children, namely: Adair W., born November 1, 1887; and Lillian, born April 28, 1890. Fraternally Mr. Minot is a member of the Woodmen of the World and the Order of the Sphinx.

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#### JOHN H. ASHBY.

One of the most extensive and prominent farmers of Jackson township is the subject of this review, who owns and operates a fine farm on section 3, conveniently located near the village of Coggon. He dates his residence in this county from 1871, and has since been an important factor in promoting her

prosperity. He is a native of the Prairie state, born in Jo Daviess county, Illinois, January 16, 1853, and is a son of Joseph Ashby. The father was also born in Illinois, and at an early day removed to Grant county, Wisconsin, where he was engaged in farming for several years. The closing years of his life, however, were spent in Dubuque, Iowa, where he lived retired until his death in 1887. There were only two children in this family, the older being Mary M., now the widow of Andrew J. Bruce and a resident of Minneapolis, Minnesota.

In early life John H. Ashby received only a common school education, which has been greatly supplemented by reading and observation in later years. After the removal of the family to Grant county, Wisconsin, he commenced earning his own livelihood by working as a farm hand, and was thus employed until coming to Linn county, Iowa, in 1871. By hard work, strict attention to his duties and close economy, he met with success and was able to save enough to purchase a part of his present farm on section 3, Jackson township. Since then he has steadily prospered, and is to-day the owner of two hundred and eighty-seven acres of valuable land in the northern part of the township bordering on Delaware county and near Coggon. He is engaged in general farming, but devotes his attention principally to the feeding of stock, and is known as one of the leading stock feeders in his part of the county.

On the 2d of February, 1880, Mr. Ashby was united in marriage with Miss Cyrena Garrison, of Jones county, Iowa, who was born October 13, 1843, a daughter of Solomon and Harriet (Simpson) Garrison, both now deceased. Her father, who was a farmer by occupation, lived for a time in

Jones county, this state, and also in Nebraska. Our subject and his wife have one child, Henry E., who was born December 22, 1880, and is still at home. Religiously they are members of the Presbyterian church of Coggon, and politically Mr. Ashby has always been identified with the Republican party since attaining his majority. In all business transactions he has been found thoroughly reliable and trustworthy, and his career has ever been such as to command the respect and confidence of all with whom he has come in contact.

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#### WILLIAM COOK.

Among the agriculturists of Linn county who have attained success from a financial point of view and are now able to lay aside all business cares and enjoy the fruits of former toil is the gentleman whose name introduces this sketch. He was born near Chatham, Chester county, Pennsylvania, on the 23d of May, 1824, a son of John and Elizabeth (Pierce) Cook, also natives of that county, where the father engaged in farming throughout life. Our subject was the youngest of their three children, Isaac, the oldest, came to Linn county, Iowa, in 1848, and located in Cedar Rapids, yet the last years of his life were passed on the farm where our subject now resides and here he died in 1878. He was one of the first, as well as one of the leading attorneys of the county, and was very prominent and influential in early days. Jonathan P. grew to manhood in Chester county, and later became a carpenter and pump maker of Center county, Pennsylvania, where his death occurred. The mother of these children died



in 1837, and for his second wife the father married Hannah Jane Springer, of New Castle county, Delaware, who died in Pennsylvania in 1885. By the second union there were two children: Esther Elizabeth, who died in October, 1900; and George S., a resident of New Castle county, Delaware.

The common schools of his native county afforded William Cook his educational privileges, and after leaving school he engaged in farming there for three years. He followed the same occupation in New Castle county, Delaware, for a time and then went to Lancaster county, Pennsylvania. In the spring of 1851 he started for Iowa, traveling by rail to Blairstown, Pennsylvania, by canal to Pittsburg, and the Ohio and Mississippi rivers, by way of Cairo and St. Louis, to Muscatine. The remainder of the journey to Cedar Rapids was made by stage and wagon, and the trip occupied about two weeks. On his arrival here Mr. Cook found a town with a population of about five hundred, while the country round about was nearly all wild and unimproved. He was accompanied by a cousin, Cyrus Milner, of Lancaster county, Pennsylvania. Together they spent some time in looking up a location in Linn and Jasper counties and other parts of the state. In 1852 his brother Isaac took up one hundred and twenty acres of land in Marion township, where our subject now resides, this property being on section 7, township 83, north range 6 west. They held this property jointly for several years before it was divided, and after the death of Isaac our subject bought his share.

On the 2nd of January, 1853, Mr. Cook's family removed to Marion from Jasper county, Iowa, where they had resided for about a year. He at once commenced the improvement of his land, which was all

wild and unbroken when it came into his possession. He built a part of his present brick residence, into which the family moved in December, 1853. He now has three hundred and seven acres of well improved and valuable land in Marion township, on which he has successfully engaged in general farming and stock raising for many years, his principal products being corn and oats, while he has kept a fine grade of horses, cattle, sheep and hogs upon his place.

Mr. Cook was married in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, February 17, 1848, to Miss Mary C. Swayne, of New Castle county, Delaware, a daughter of Joel and Mary (King) Swayne, members of the Society of Friends. By this union were born the following children: Mary Elizabeth, a resident of Marion; Annabel, who died in infancy; Ella and Eva, twins, both of whom are now deceased, the latter having died July 4, 1900; Emma, wife of Marshall Swayne, who is engaged in farming on our subject's old homestead; and Charles H., who married Amy Belle Kerr, and is also farming upon his father's land.

In his political affiliations Mr. Cook was originally a Whig, and is now a stalwart supporter of the Republican party. He has served as school director and filled other minor offices in a most creditable and satisfactory manner. From the 1st of January, 1860, until 1864 he was treasurer and recorder of Linn county, and from 1870 until 1897 was connected with the Iowa Railroad Land Company, acting as tax paying agent for the company with office in Cedar Rapids. He has since lived retired and for the past seven years has rented his farm. He is an honored member of the Old Settlers Society of Marion,

and is a very popular and influential man in his community, his sterling integrity and honorable, upright manhood fully entitling him to the position he holds in the estimation of his fellow citizens.

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J. AKERS.

This well-known resident of Cedar Rapids, who is now serving as deputy sheriff of Linn county, Iowa, was born in Rockland county, New York, July 30, 1851, and is a son of W. J. and Eliza Akers. The father was born in the same county in 1822, and at an early age learned the blacksmith's trade, which he followed until his death. In 1876 he removed with his family to Cedar Rapids, Iowa, where he died in 1882, and his wife departed this life in 1899. Their family consisted of six children, namely Julia, wife of W. W. McDonald, of Cedar Rapids; Emma, wife of Horace Gates of the same place; Isabella, of Cedar Rapids; Charles W., also a resident of Cedar Rapids; Ly-sander, of New Mexico; and Jonathan, of this review.

Our subject was reared in the county of schools. When his school days were over his nativity and educated in its public he entered upon the duties of a clerk with the firm of Cooper & Hewitt, proprietors of the iron works at Hewitt, New Jersey. (Mr. Hewitt was the former Mayor of New York) and in 1873 entered the service of the National Bank Note Company, in the Cooper Institute Building, New York city. In 1876 he came to Cedar Rapids, where he has been variously employed. For a time he held a position in the paint department with the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern

Railroad, and later served as constable. In 1900 he was appointed by Sheriff Morton Evans as deputy for a term of two years, and is now capably and satisfactorily filling that office.

Mr. Aker was married in 1877 to Miss Carrie D. Justice, a daughter of Martin R. and Lou Justice, of Cedar Rapids. Her father is a cooper by trade and is still a resident of Cedar Rapids. Our subject and his wife have three children: Charles A., Gladys May and Hazel Ruth. They both hold membership in the Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church of Cedar Rapids, and Mr. Aker is also connected with the Knights of the Maccabees, having served as keeper of finance for his tent. By his ballot he supports the men and measures of the Republican party and he takes an active and commendable interest in public affairs.

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JULIUS BEITZ.

Julius Beitz is one of the worthy citizens of Otter Creek township, who is engaged in general farming and stock raising on section 23. He was born in Germany, January 18, 1835, and spent the first sixteen years of his life in his native land, coming to the United States in 1851. The following year his parents, Frederick and Augusta (Unverdros) Beitz, also crossed the ocean and located in Chicago, Illinois, where the father died two years later. The mother long survived him, passing away in 1879. Frederick Beitz conducted a young ladies school in Germany, but after coming to this country lived retired. He had a family of nine children, of whom four are still living.

On first coming to America our subject also made his home in Chicago until 1861, working at his trade of a carpenter. He then removed to Cedar Rapids, Iowa, where he was similarly employed for about a year, and at the end of that time entered the service of his adopted country by enlisting in Company H. Sixth Iowa Cavalry Volunteers. When the war was over he was honorably discharged at Davenport in 1865. Mr. Beitz then purchased a farm in Benton county, where he made his home for seven years, and on the expiration of that time removed to Linn county, and purchased his present farm on section 23, Otter Creek township. Here he has since resided and has successfully engaged in general farming and stock raising.

In March, 1868, Mr. Beitz married Miss Johanna Pflueger, a daughter of Frederick and Fredericka (Rinderknecht) Pflueger. She was born in the city of Erie, Pennsylvania, and was three years of age when she came to Linn county, Iowa, with her parents. After residing at Waubeek, Maine township, for some time, the family removed to Benton county, where Mrs. Beitz was living at the time of her marriage. Her mother died in 1898, but her father is still living and makes his home in Ida county, Iowa. During his active business life he followed farming, but is now living retired.

Mr. and Mrs. Beitz became the parents of nine children, of whom the four oldest were born in Benton county, and the others in Linn county. In order of birth they were as follows: (1) Ellen is the wife of Henry Hoeck, a farmer of Kossuth county, Iowa, and they have five children, Jennie, Mary, Emma and twin babies. (2) Louisa is the wife of Andrew Hoeck, also a farmer of Kossuth county, and they have five

and May. (3) Ida May died at the age of children, Julius, Frederick, Lewis, Charles eight months and a half. (4) William died at the age of fourteen months. (5) Mary wedded John G. Schmidt, a farmer of Merrill, Iowa, and died at the age of twenty-two years, leaving one child, Clara L. (6) Frederick married Augusta Voss and follows farming in Kossuth, Iowa. (7) Charles. (8) Nettie and (9) Clara are all at home. The family is one of prominence in the community where they reside.



#### WILLIAM FRANKLIN KILBORN.

In this age of extensive business enterprises and marked intellectual energy, the prominent and successful men are those whose abilities, persistence and courage lead them into new and important undertakings and assume the responsibilities and labors leaders in their respective avocations. Prominent among the men who have given their time and attention to the photographic art is William Franklin Kilborn, of Cedar Rapids, who is not only at the head of his profession in this section of the state, but through the manufacture of improved photographic supplies has become widely known throughout the country. Besides his studio he has a fine art store in Cedar Rapids, and commands a large share of the public patronage.

Mr. Kilborn was born in Washington, Ontario, Canada, July 19, 1854, and is a worthy representative of an old and prominent family, of whom mention is made in rolls of Scotland preserved in the tower of London and Westminster Abbey as early as 1336. Such noted English writers as



FRANK KILBORN.





Halsted and Brayley also speak of the Kilborns as being residents first of Yorkshire and later of Cambridge and Essex, where they had large estates. The occasion of the grant of arms to the family is unknown but history states this pedigree being authentically proved is entered in visitation of London, A. D. 1634. Hon. St. George Richmond. Their motto is "Vincit Veritas." The family name has been variously spelled by different generations and branches of the family.

The first to come to America was Thomas Kilbourne, of Cambridgeshire, England, who crossed the Atlantic with his family in 1636, and settled in Wethersfield, Connecticut, and from him are descended all bearing the name in this country. Representatives of the family are now quite numerous in Canada, Iowa, Wisconsin and Ohio. Among its prominent members is Paine Kenyon Kilborn, of Litchfield, Connecticut, who is the author of a history of the Kilborn family dedicated to Hon. Byron Kilburn, of Milwaukee, who is president of the Kilbourne Historical and Genealogical Society, and for whom Kilburn City, Wisconsin, was named.

The subject of our sketch is descended from Captain Whiting Kilborn, of Canada, who had a large family of sons and daughters. Among the number were Jared and David Kilborn, both noted pioneer preachers of the Methodist church. The latter, who was the father of Frank Kilborn, married Lavina Bowers, a daughter of Samuel Bowers, a land owner and manufacturer of Berlin, Ontario. When Frank was only two years old his parents removed to Plattsville, Ontario, where the father successfully engaged in mercantile and manufacturing busi-

ness until 1864, when he removed to a farm near Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Mr. Kilborn, of this review, accompanied his father on his various removals, and while living near Grand Rapids, Michigan, attended the local schools and assisted in the labors of the farm until 1873, when he came to Cedar Rapids, Iowa, to complete his education. He learned the art of photography in the studio of his uncle, Wilbur F. Kilborn, where his artistic ability, industry and perseverance, with constant study, enabled him to become most proficient. In 1878 he purchased a half interest in the business, and eight years later became sole proprietor of the Kilborn gallery, which is the oldest in Iowa. He has constantly enlarged his facilities and made numerous improvements until he has one of the best and finest studios in the west. Being very progressive and having that true love for his work without which there can be no success, he has constantly improved in his own and others' methods until he ranks among the ablest photographers of the state. He has studied under the most competent instructors, and has been unusually successful. In connection with his profession he has also taken up the study of chemistry, and his experiments have resulted in the manufacture of a photographic paper, known as the K. K. paper, which was placed upon the market by the Western Collodion Paper Company, in 1891, and soon became one of the leading brands. Knowing its value, the Eastman Kodak Company purchased the plant in 1894, and had it removed to Rochester, New York, taking with them Mr. Kilborn, who after putting the plant in operation remained in charge of it for one year. At the end of

that time he returned to Cedar Rapids, and in connection with his studio and art store he has since conducted a photographic supply house, which is one of the best of the kind in this region. He still devotes considerable attention to perfecting appliances in his profession, and has made many improvements in the paper manufactured by the Kilborn Company, the latest product of which is the Kraxo. He gives his personal supervision to every branch of his business, and thoroughly understands the work in all its details. Mr. Kilborn not only stands high in his profession, but is very popular both in business and social circles, and has many warm friends in Cedar Rapids, where he has made his home for over a quarter of a century.

On the 4th of September, 1884, in Lancaster, Ohio, Mr. Kilborn was united in marriage with Miss Mary Carty, a daughter of William J. and Ellen (Carpenter) Carty. They have two children, Mary Ellen, born July 28, 1885, and Paul Franklin, born June 17, 1897. Mrs. Kilborn presides with cordial hospitality and gracious dignity over her handsome home, which is one of the most beautiful residences in Cedar Rapids.

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#### MARSDEN KEYES.

This well-known and honored citizen of Mt. Vernon, was born in Saratoga county, New York, on the 15th of February, 1832, and comes of an old and prominent colonial family, his parents being William and Laura (Rice) Keyes. They had three children, of whom our subject is the second in order of birth and the only one now living. Charles E., the eldest, was born in New York state, and followed railroading throughout life.

He died at about the age of sixty-six years, leaving a family. Abigail married James Miller, a farmer of Wisconsin, and died at the age of sixty-four. The mother of these children died when our subject was only ten years old. The father was born in New York in 1797, and made carpentering his life occupation. In the fall of 1864 he went to Wisconsin to live with his daughter for a short time, and then went to Rockford, Illinois, to visit a son, and died there the same year. He was a son of Frederick and Rachel (Jacobs) Keyes. The former was born in Northumberland township, Saratoga county, New York, May 4, 1776, and was the third child of Captain William Keyes, who was born September 18, 1744, and was married in 1767 to Hannah, daughter of Stephen and Margaret (Stowell) Scarborough. In 1868, accompanied by his wife and one child, Huldah, Captain Keyes removed to Ackworth, New Hampshire, becoming the first settler of that place. He died April 21, 1813. He is supposed to have been the eldest son of Lieutenant Ephraim Keyes, who married Sarah Wadkins of Ashford, Connecticut. The Lieutenant was the oldest son of Elias and Mary Keyes. Elias Keyes was born in Chelmsford, Connecticut, and was one of the original proprietors of Londonderry, New Hampshire, which was settled in 1719. He was a son of Solomon Keyes, who was the eldest son of Solomon and Frances (Grant) Keyes, who was married in Newbury, Massachusetts, October 2, 1653.

Marsden Keyes, of this review, was reared in the county of his nativity, and obtained his early education in its common schools. At the age of nineteen he removed to western New York, where he worked at the carpenter's trade, and continued to follow

that occupation in various parts of the state for several years. In the fall of 1854 he went to New Brunswick, where the following two years were devoted to the same pursuit, and in the summer of 1856 came west, first locating at Lone Rock, Wisconsin, where he also lived for two years. At the end of that time he came to Linn county, Iowa, and after residing near Ely for one year, he took up his residence in Mt. Vernon, where he has since made his home. Here he worked at his trade, and for several years was engaged in building railroad depots for the construction companies, but is now living retired at his present home in Mt. Vernon surrounded by all the comforts and many of the luxuries of life which have been secured by former industry.

On the 2nd of July, 1856, Mr. Keyes was united in marriage with Miss Margaret Purves, a native of Kings county, New Brunswick, and a daughter of Thomas Purves, a Scotchman by birth, who came to America in early manhood, and died at the age of eighty years. By occupation he was a farmer. Mrs. Keyes departed this life at her home in Mt. Vernon, December 30, 1863, leaving two children, namely: Harlow, born July 9, 1857, was married in 1885 to Helen Chandler and is now a prominent lawyer of Indianola, Red Willow county, Nebraska. Laura, born June 27, 1860, married Lester Keyes, of Wisconsin, who is now engaged in farming near Stella, Nebraska.

For his second wife Mr. Keyes married Miss Martha M. Whittington of Iowa City, and to them were born seven children: (1) Carrie Ellen, born May 24, 1867, is the wife of Edgar R. Lahman, a farmer of Franklin Grove, Illinois, and they have five children, Clifford K., John Lewis, Arthur Harlow,

Clare Marsden and Martha. (2) Hattie Julia, born September 9, 1868, is the wife of Arthur J. Keyes, a traveling man of Marion, Iowa, and they have one child, Ralph J. (3) Charles Reuben, born May 5, 1871, was graduated from Cornell College in 1894, and then took a post-graduate course at Harvard University. He afterward traveled abroad for some time to perfect himself in the German language, and is now professor of modern languages in the University of California. (4) Margaret Bertie, born April 3, 1873, is the wife of William H. Hoover, a jeweler of Mt. Vernon, and they have one child, Harriet. (5) Geneva May, born February 10, 1876, is the wife of Roy Kurtz, who is clerking in a clothing store in Mt. Vernon, and they have two children, Maurice and Helen. (6) Florence A., born April 3, 1883, is now attending Cornell College. (7) Carl M., born March 13, 1885, is attending the public schools at Mt. Vernon.

For five years Mr. Keyes was a member of the city council, and has also served on the school board in a most creditable and satisfactory manner. Fraternally he is a Master Mason, and religiously he and his wife are faithful and consistent members of the Methodist Church. They have a wide circle of friends and acquaintances, and the family is one of prominence in the community where they reside.

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#### MARK S. JACKSON.

For over thirty years Mark S. Jackson has been a resident of Cedar Rapids, and is to-day numbered among its leading and enterprising business men, his home being



at 1413 B avenue. He was born in Orleans county, New York, on the 28th of January, 1859, and is a son of Spencer Jackson, whose sketch appears on another page of this volume. His paternal grandfather was James Jackson, who was born near Syracuse, New York, of English parentage.

The subject of this sketch was a lad of only ten years when he came with the family to Cedar Rapids, and here he grew to manhood, being educated in the city schools. After completing his studies he accepted a position in a clothing store, where he clerked for a few years, thus acquiring a good business training. So ably did he discharge his duties that he was made manager of the store before eighteen years of age. Later he went with a party of civil engineers engaged in the construction of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad through Mexico and New Mexico, and remained with them two years, returning home in 1882. He then began to take contracts for public works, and has since laid about thirty-five miles of sewer in Cedar Rapids, having charge of nearly all the sanitary sewerage of the city. He has also been connected with similar work in Brookfield Missouri; Atchison, Kansas; Winona, Minnesota; Anamosa and Marion, Iowa, and other cities; and he has been very successful in this enterprise.

Mr. Jackson was married in Cedar Rapids, August 26, 1884, to Miss Addie Cooley, a native of Colchester, Vermont, and a daughter of J. P. and Elizabeth (Cavanaugh) Cooley, who came to Iowa in 1876. Her father, who was a contractor and connected with the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad, died in Cedar Rapids in 1882, but her mother is still living, a hale and hearty old lady of sixty-seven

years. Mr. and Mrs. Jackson have two children: Inez M. and Laura C., both in school.

Politically our subject is a Jacksonian Democrat, and cast his first presidential vote for Grover Cleveland in 1884. He was elected and served as alderman for a short time, but soon resigned that office. Fraternally he is a prominent Knight Templar Mason and a member of the Mystic Shrine, in which he has held office. He also belongs to the Independent Order of Foresters and the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, and is now serving as exalted ruler in the latter fraternity. Base ball has been his chief recreation, and in past years he took a very active part in that sport, being identified with the Illinois and Iowa leagues and later with the Western Association. As a business man he is wide-awake, energetic and progressive, and his pleasant, genial manner makes him quite popular both in business and social circles.

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#### JAMES HENDERSON.

James Henderson, who is now successfully engaged in general merchandising at Ehler, Delaware county, Iowa, was born in Hemmingford, Canada, March 4, 1840, and is a representative of an old and prominent family of Linn county, being a son of William and Mey (Bursell) Henderson, natives of Scotland and Yorkshire, England, respectively. William Henderson was a lad of thirteen years when he crossed the Atlantic with his father and took up his residence on a farm in Canada, where he engaged in agricultural pursuits until coming to Linn county, Iowa, in the spring of 1854.

He purchased a tract of land in Jackson township, which he cleared and improved with the assistance of his sons, and continued to engage in farming there until the death of his wife, which occurred June 30, 1874. He then removed to another farm in the same township, where he made his home until he, too, was called to his final rest on the 12th of January, 1892. After the death of the mother of our subject, he was again married, his second union being with Sarah Willis, of Jackson township, who died in July, 1892.

By the first union there were six children, namely: William, who died in the army during the Civil war; James, our subject; Peter G., who is represented elsewhere in this work; Robert, a farmer of Cedar county, Iowa, who first married Helen Brown, and after her death wedded Emma Phelps; Henry, whose sketch appears on another page of this volume; and Hannah Jane, wife of Peter T. Henderson, who is also represented elsewhere in this work.

The subject of this sketch acquired his literary education in the common schools near his old Canadian home, and at the age of fourteen he accompanied his parents on their emigration to the United States, the family being among the early settlers of Linn county, Iowa. Here he was first engaged in farming, and later followed the milling business in Jackson township for some time.

Mr. Henderson was married in 1863 to Miss Mary Sheldon, a native of Ohio, and a daughter of William Sheldon, who were also pioneers of Jackson township, this county, and are now deceased. Unto our subject and his wife were born three children, as follows: William married Bessie Swindle, and died in 1897. Bert J. wedded

Mary Patton and resides in Ehler, where he is engaged in general merchandising with his father, and is also interested in farming and live stock business. Maime is at home with her parents.

After his marriage Mr. Henderson continued to engage in the milling business at Coggon for four years, and then sold out and removed to Ehler, Delaware county, which is only a few miles north of the former village. Upon locating at Ehler he started a creamery and also opened a general store, which he and his son are still conducting. They carry a fine stock of merchandise, and by fair and honorable dealing have built up an excellent trade, which is constantly increasing. Our subject is also engaged in farming to some extent.

Mr. Henderson gives his political support to the Republican party, but has never been an aspirant for office, preferring to give his undivided attention to his business interests. By untiring industry and sound business judgment he has won a merited success in all of his undertakings, and is in all respects worthy the high regard in which he is held by his fellow citizens. He and his wife are both members of the Methodist Episcopal church of Ehler, and their many friends in Linn county will be pleased to read this short sketch of their lives.

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#### JOHN LOCKHART.

John Lockhart is the owner of an excellent farm of three hundred and three acres on section 8, Washington township, just west of Center Point, on which he has spent his entire life, his birth occurring there March 6, 1851. His father, Thomas

G. Lockhart, was born in Adams county, Ohio, May 28, 1814, and was a son of Thomas and Mary (Brown) Lockhart, both natives of Pennsylvania, the former born in 1789, the latter in 1788. They were of Scotch descent. At an early day they removed to Adams county, Pennsylvania, where our subject's grandfather, Thomas Lockhart, Sr., successfully engaged in business as a farmer and distiller, and became one of the prominent men of his community. He was a soldier of the war of 1812.

Thomas Lockhart, Jr., father of our subject, grew to manhood upon a farm in his native county, and in 1837 went to Sangamon county, Illinois, where he lived for a few years. While there he was married, December 10, 1837, to Lettie Osborn, a native of Indiana, and a daughter of Jonathan and Susan Osborn. In 1838 they came to Iowa, and in 1840 took up their residence in Linn county, being among its first settlers. Mr. Lockhart entered the land on which our subject now resides, and at once commenced to clear and improve the place. His first home here was a log cabin, in which he lived while opening up his farm. He owned over three hundred acres of land, which he converted into one of the most productive and valuable farms of the locality, and made many excellent improvements upon the place, including the erection of three sets of farm buildings. He was one of the largest land owners and most substantial farmers of Washington township, as well as one of its most prominent and influential citizens. For about twelve consecutive years he filled the office of justice of the peace, and also served as township treasurer for some years. Politically he was a Democrat, and religiously

was an active and faithful member of the Church of Christ at Center Point, with which he was officially connected. He died on the home farm January 24, 1891, and his wife passed away July 5, 1899, both being laid to rest in the Davis cemetery in Grant township. Unto them were born eleven children, but only four are now living, these being Craton and Samuel, both residents of the state of Washington, the latter being a carpenter and joiner by trade; Mrs. Amanda Bunker, of Urbana, Iowa; and John, of this review.

In early life John Lockhart attended the home school and aided his father in carrying on the work of the farm. He soon became familiar with all the duties which fall to the lot of the agriculturist, and is to-day numbered among the most skillful farmers of his community. On the death of his father he succeeded to the old homestead, and there he is now successfully engaged in general farming and stock raising.

On the 12th of October, 1882, in Benton county, Iowa, Mr. Lockhart was united in marriage with Miss Belle Cross, a native of that county and a daughter of Solomon Cross, who was one of its early settlers, but is now residing near Moberly, Missouri. Mr. and Mrs. Lockhart have three children: Inez May; and Paul C. and Ross W., twins.

In politics Mr. Lockhart is a Jeffersonian Democrat, and cast his first presidential vote for Horace Greeley. He has frequently been a delegate to the county conventions of his party, and has served for five years as township treasurer. Both he and his wife are members of the Church of Christ, and he is also connected with the Masonic lodge at

Center Point, in which he has filled all the offices and is now past master. He has also represented the lodge in the grand lodge of the state. Throughout life he has been closely identified with the upbuilding and development of this county, and is acknowledged as one of the useful and valued citizens of his community.

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#### WILLIAM H. SHERMAN.

The subject of this sketch is a wealthy and influential citizen of Coggon, and one of the largest land owners in this section of the state. He was born in Brunswick, Medina county, Ohio, on the 15th of March, 1838, his parents being Cornelius and Samantha (Hire) Sherman, natives of Ohio and Vermont, respectively. For many years they made their home in Medina county, where the father followed farming throughout life. There the mother's death also occurred. They had nine children, namely: Emery, deceased; Sarah A.; William H., our subject; Hiram; Richard, deceased; Frank; Cornelius; Charles C.; and Ida. Those living all reside in Cleveland, Ohio, and vicinity with the exception of our subject.

William H. Sherman grew to manhood in his native county and was educated in its public schools. There he was married in 1860 to Miss Lutia Cleveland, who died April 15, 1890, leaving four children: Eva, now the wife of N. Chesmore, of Alburnett, this county; Anna, wife of Charles Fishmeyer, a resident of Wyoming; Ida, wife of George Powell, of Alburnett, Iowa; and Frank, who lives on the old homestead in Delaware county, Iowa, married Miss

Ida Ramsy. For his second wife Mr. Sherman married Mrs. Martha Flint, of Linn county, the widow of S. W. Flint, who resided in Jones county for some years and came to Linn county in 1866. Here he died in March, 1881. Of the seven children born to Mr. and Mrs. Flint, five are still living, namely: Charles, Edwin, Willard, Grace and Amy. Charles married Anna Ary, and they reside in La Crosse, Wisconsin. Edwin married Martha Bracelton, and they make their home in Buffalo Center, Iowa. Willard married Cora Lee, and they reside in Des Moines, Iowa. Grace is the wife of Wallace Dewody, of Coggon, Iowa. Amy is the wife of Elgin Lemon, of Lake Park, Iowa. Mrs. Sherman was one of the fourteen children born to Jonathan B. and Elizabeth (Kinney) Ross, who were both natives of New York and came to Iowa in 1855, locating near Monticello, Jones county, where the father purchased one hundred and twenty acres of improved land, being a farmer by occupation. He resided upon that place a number of years and remained in that immediate vicinity until his death, which occurred in 1886. Mrs. Ross departed this life in 1864, and the remains of both were interred in Jones county.

Mr. Sherman continued his residence in Medina county, Ohio, until 1862, when he came with his family to Iowa and settled in Delaware county, near the Linn county line, where he purchased land and successfully engaged in general farming and stock raising until 1892. In 1899 he came to Coggon and has since lived a retired life, enjoying the fruits of former toil. He has been remarkably successful in his business career, and has invested his capital principally in land, becoming one of the largest



land owners in this section. He not only has extensive landed interests in Linn, Delaware and Winnebago counties, Iowa, but also has property in northwestern Nebraska, which he now leases.

Politically Mr. Sherman is a Republican, but takes very little interest in politics aside from voting, and has never been an office-seeker, preferring to give his undivided attention to his business affairs. His wife is a member of the Christian church of Coggon. Besides the above mentioned property Mr. Sherman owns a nice home in the southeastern part of the village, and a residence in Hammond, Louisiana, where he and his wife go near every fall to spend the winter. His career has ever been such as to warrant the trust and confidence of the business world, for he has conducted all transactions on the strictest principles of honor and integrity, and he well merits the high regard in which he is held by his fellow citizens.

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#### AMOS WITTER, M. D.

In early days there was probably no one in Linn county more widely or favorably known than Dr. Witter, who was not only a successful physician of Mt. Vernon, but also took a very prominent and influential part in public affairs. He was born in Phelps, Ontario county, New York, March 24, 1807, a son of Alfred and Deborah (Dunwell) Witter, natives of Connecticut. The father was born at Preston, in 1779, and during his youth removed to Peru, Massachusetts, and later to Ontario county, New York, where he died in 1864. He became a Master Mason in 1801, and later

took the Royal Arch degrees at Painesville, Ohio.

Dr. Witter was the third in order of birth in a family of thirteen children, and was ten years of age when he accompanied his parents on their removal to Lake county, Ohio. Although he was taken from the advantages of a more settled community to the wilds of Ohio, this did not prove a misfortune, as it tended to develop the latent genius of a high-minded and noble boy. He lived with his parents at Kirtland until fifteen years of age, when he commenced the study of medicine with Dr. Chapman, of Middlebury, Ohio, having already obtained a good common-school education. Although his educational privileges were meager, he made the best use of the good books to which he obtained access, and became competent to teach, by which pursuit he secured the money with which to pay his way through college. He attended a course of lectures at the medical college in Cincinnati, and was considered the best scholar in the class. After graduating from that institution he also received a diploma from the medical board of Cleveland, Ohio, and began the practice of his profession at Attica, Seneca county, Ohio.

In the meantime Dr. Witter had married, and on account of the failing health of his wife he removed to Seville, Ohio, where he died, and he afterward located at Chagrin Falls, that state, where he made his home until going to Belvidere, Illinois. He built up quite a good practice at that place. In 1849 he started for California with his family in a wagon drawn by three yoke of oxen, and they carried their cooking utensils and provisions with them, but on their arrival in Clinton county, Iowa, he traded his team for a tract of land near





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the Wapsipinicon river, where he remained one year, and then sold his property and removed to Tipton, Cedar county, where he was engaged in the practice of his profession with good success for four years. In 1854 he became a resident of Dixon, Scott county, where he lived for three years, and then in order to give his children better educational advantages he came to Mt. Vernon, where he continued to make his home throughout the remainder of his life.

On the 24th of January, 1830, Dr. Witter was united in marriage with Miss Mary Anne Burr, who was born in Harrisville, Medina county, Ohio, May 18, 1814, and died October 31, 1843. The only child born of this union died in infancy. The Doctor was again married, August 28, 1844, his second union being with Miss Jerusha Nelson, who was born in Suffield, Hartford county, Connecticut, March 13, 1815, and was a daughter of Philip and Rowena (Stiles) Nelson, natives of Connecticut and Massachusetts, respectively. Five children were born to them. Mary A. B., born July 9, 1845, is principal of the high school at Denver, Colorado. Emma A., born November 10, 1846, was married on the 29th of December, 1871, to Thomas B. Hutson, who was born in Henry county, Indiana, February 6, 1846. For nine years after their marriage he was engaged in farming and well drilling at Union, after which they removed to Dexter, Iowa. On account of failing health, Mr. Hutson then started west, but died at Burr Oak, Kansas, March 13, 1882. He was in the one hundred days' service during the Civil war, enlisting May 18, 1864, in Company C, Forty-fourth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and being discharged September 15, 1864. Mr. and Mrs. Hutson had five children: Edna, born May 23,

1873, died July 29, 1874; Daisy M., born August 28, 1887, at home; Thomas E., born March 24, 1880, a soldier in the regular army, being a member of Company I, Tenth United States Infantry, is now with his command in the Philippines; and Josephine L., born January 29, 1882, at home. Franklin Eberle, born April 7, 1848, married Frances E. Foster, who owns and conducts a large cattle ranch at Roscoe, South Dakota. They are the parents of six children, as follows: Mary, born June 18, 1877; Marvin, born July 29, 1879, died November 14, 1900; Ruth, born May 30, 1881; Eva, born September 25, 1885; Clara, born June 20, 1887; and Florence, born January 5, 1894. Clara, born January 11, 1851, is the widow of William Hauser, and lives on the old home farm near Mt. Vernon. She became the mother of three children: Amos W., born November 12, 1874; Irvin, April 23, 1879; and Carl, November 4, 1880. Amos Nelson died at the age of five months.

When the Civil war broke out Dr. Witter offered his services to his country, and was at once commissioned surgeon of the famous Seventh Iowa Infantry. Through the campaign in Missouri he passed many trying ordeals, and especially distinguished himself at the battle of Belmont. He was brave and fearless on the field of battle and was always found at his post of duty, caring for the sick and wounded wherever they might be. Shortly after entering the army he was appointed post surgeon, and a little later was made brigade surgeon of Louman's brigade in General Wallace's division. His brigade was in the thickest of the fight during the battles of Forts Henry and Donelson, and nowhere was greater courage displayed than in the conduct of Dr. Witter, although he had arisen from a sick

bed to take part in the engagements. He was on duty day and night for a period of four days, during which time he had no rest, and becoming completely exhausted he was sent home on a furlough, where he died ten days later, on the 13th of March, 1862. After her husband's death Mrs. Witter took charge of and managed the farm of eighty acres, and paid off the mortgage thereon. In her efforts to provide for her family she displayed a heroism equaled by few. She was a well-read woman, who was not only familiar with the best literature, but was also well posted on agricultural topics, and met with success in the operation of her farm, to which she added seventy-two acres. She also sent her children to college, and was entirely devoted to her family. She died May 30, 1893, mourned by all who knew her as a lady of many noble traits of character who endeared herself to those with whom she came in contact.

During his residence in this state Dr. Witter became prominently identified with political affairs, and in 1851 was elected to the legislature while a resident of Tipton. Four years later he was chosen to represent Scott county in the general assembly, and during that term he presented a bill for the suppression of the liquor traffic, as he had also done in the previous session. In 1860 he was elected to represent Linn county, and served two extra sessions besides the three regular sessions. He was a natural orator and stumped the county, district and state on various causes which he represented. He was a strong abolitionist and a temperance man who labored earnestly for the principles which he believed would aid the cause of justice and right. He was also greatly interested in educational matters, and gave his support to any

enterprise calculated to advance the moral, intellectual or material welfare of his community. For a time he served as trustee of the State University at Iowa City. The character of Dr. Witter presented the happy combination of great refinement of mind and the practical adaptation of the qualities which enabled him to carry on his life pursuits with dignity and honor and at the same time made him financially successful and a favorite with the common people. He was a model man, who was ever willing to lend a helping hand to those in need or distress, and will be affectionately remembered in the community long after those who knew him most intimately have passed away. In religious belief he was a member of the Methodist church.

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#### MARTIN F. RIGBY.

Martin F. Rigby, a retired farmer and honored citizen of Mt. Vernon, Iowa, as well as one of the gallant defenders of the Union during the dark days of the Civil war, was born in Marion county, Ohio, December 3, 1835, and is descended from good old Puritan stock. His ancestors were of English extraction and were members of Cromwell's army prior to their emigration to America. His father, Caleb P. Rigby, was a native of Virginia, and in early life went to Licking county, Ohio, where he married Christiana Fate, a native of that state. In September, 1846, they came to Iowa, and in January, 1847, they settled on a farm near Mechanicsville, Cedar county, where the mother died in March, 1850. The father died in August, 1871, and the remains of both were interred in the Pio-

near Grove cemetery northwest of Mechanicsville.

Our subject is the third in order of birth in a family of eight children, the others being as follows: Elizabeth J. married Lucas Weeks, and died in March, 1858, in Pioneer township, Cedar county; Elmer C. married Hattie Johnson and resides in Seattle, Washington; Malissa D. is the wife of Samuel Todd and is living in Des Moines, Iowa; Washington H. wedded Mary Kalb, and died at Mechanicsville, Iowa, in 1894; Jesse W., who was graduated at Cornell College, and is a minister of the Methodist church, married Julia Case and is now living at Hood River, Oregon; Joshua C. died in Davenport, Iowa, in October, 1878; Thomas H. married Miss Irene Bridenstine and makes his home in Seattle, Washington.

Martin F. Rigby spent the first ten years of his life in his native county, and in September, 1846, started for Iowa, the journey being made with three teams and covered wagons, known as prairie schooners. He cared for and drove a team the entire distance, passing through Tipton, Iowa, on election day, while the people were voting for the adoption of the new constitution and the admission of the state to the Union. Locating on a farm near Mechanicsville, in Fremont township, Cedar county, he pursued his studies during the winter months in a log school house. He remained on the home farm until 1856, when he entered Cornell College at Mt. Vernon. He assisted in forming the Republican party, and enlisted twenty-seven men in the United States service.

In 1862 Mr. Rigby enlisted in Company B, Twenty-fourth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, under Captain Rathbone and Colonel Ever C. Byam. The regiment was first

ordered to Helena, Arkansas, where they remained in camp during the fall and winter, and participated in several expeditions at White river, St. Francis river, Moon lake and Coldwater, after which they returned to Helena. They were connected with one of General Grant's divisions, and were landed on the west shore of the Mississippi opposite Vicksburg. After their failure to take the fort by bombardment, they went to Grand Gulf at the mouth of the Big Black river, and after landing marched past Vicksburg to Hard Times Landing, where they crossed to the east side on a pontoon built of transports. On the 1st of May, 1863, they marched to Fort Gibson, and the following day Mr. Rigby participated in his first real battle at that place, his regiment being a part of Hovey's division. All their accoutrements were piled in the fence corners and left, and they went into action with the old Iowa yell. They never recovered their accoutrements. Mr. Rigby's company was then detached and did provost guard duty at the corps headquarters in the rear of Raymond under command of John A. McClerand, and received only four days' rations in twenty days. On the 16th of May, 1863, they took part in the battle of Champion Hills. Our subject was then serving as sergeant, and was detailed to guard twenty-three rebel prisoners at Bowl's house during the battle. That night he went to Edward's Station, now the town of Edward, where he was given a detachment to invoice the quartermaster's stores captured in battle, and after accomplishing this and turning over his prisoners he rejoined his command at Vicksburg on the evening of the 18th, and was on duty there with the Thirteenth Army Corps until the surrender of that



stronghold on the 4th of July. The following day his regiment started for Jackson, Mississippi, and was present at the second capture of that place. On their return march to Vicksburg, July 25, 1865, the heat was terrific, and many of the men, including the captain of our subject's company, were overcome. The night following, on their approach to Big Black river, Mr. Rigby witnessed the worst storm he has ever seen, the thunder and lightning being worse than any bombardment, and the soldiers stood knee deep in water all night. The next day they returned to Vicksburg, where they remained in camp two weeks. At the end of this period they took transports and went to Natchez, and from there to New Orleans. They were in camp between Carlton and Vicksburg for a time. That fall Mr. Rigby's command went to Oppolusas, Louisiana, but he was left in the marine hospital, being ill with malarial fever for two months. He rejoined his command at New Iberia in November, 1863, and was in camp at Algiers, near New Orleans, until January, when they were ordered to Madisonville, where they remained until about March 1, when they joined General Banks' Red River expedition. They were in a skirmish almost every day, and on the 8th of April took part in the fight at Sabine Cross Roads. They marched forty miles and participated in the battle of Alexander, and then retreated to Atchafoliah, on Morganza Bend, and in July, 1864, returned by boat to New Orleans, and by steamer to Washington, being the first Iowa regiment to enter the capital city during the war. They next went to Manassas Junction, and later to Harper's Ferry, where the Sixth, Eighth and Nineteenth Corps were organized into the Middle Di-

vision of the Army of the Potomac, under command of General Sheridan. They marched up the Shenandoah Valley, and took part in the battle of Winchester, after which the enemy retreated to Fisher's Hill, where another engagement was brought on. When they again retreated to Mt. Crawford, Mr. Rigby's command returned to Harper's Ferry, and later took part in the battle of Cedar Creek, which was one of the most remarkable battles of the war. There our subject was wounded in the right side by a piece of shell. His command followed the enemy, and after driving them out of the valley retreated to Fort Stephenson. On Christmas Day, 1864, Mr. Rigby was granted a furlough and returned home for a few days. He then went to New York and by boat proceeded to Savannah, Georgia, where he rejoined his regiment, and from there they went on transports to Morehead City, near Newburn, North Carolina. They were at Goldsboro when General Johnston surrendered to General Sherman. While there Mr. Rigby and others of his company were detailed to guard General Sherman on his way to Wilmington, North Carolina, and they then returned to Morehead City, finding on their arrival there the flags at half mast on account of the assassination of President Lincoln. Later they returned to Savannah, whence they marched to Augusta, Georgia, and were in camp at Hamburg, North Carolina, for a time. Subsequently they returned to Savannah, which was one of the worst marches our subject was forced to endure, as it rained continuously. There he was mustered out of service July 17, 1865, and then returned to Davenport and to his old home in Cedar county.

After the war Mr. Rigby was engaged

in the hardware and agricultural implement business at Stanwood, Iowa, and also taught school in winter, remaining there three years. He next followed farming in Fremont township, Cedar county, where he owned a well-improved place of three hundred and twenty acres, besides other farm property. He also engaged in speculating in lands and continued to follow agricultural pursuits for eighteen years. On the 12th of February, 1889, he removed to Mt. Vernon, where he purchased forty acres of land, which he has since laid off in town lots. He has built him a splendid residence with all modern improvements, and is now practically living a retired life, enjoying the competence acquired by his labor in former years.

Mr. Rigby was married June 10, 1869, in Cedar county, to Miss Harriet Alma Miles, a cousin of General Nelson A. Miles, and also of Russell A. Alger, formerly secretary of war under President McKinley. She was born near Wooster, Wayne county, Ohio, May 17, 1844, and was the youngest in a family of six children, the others being as follows: J. Willard, a banker of Manchester, Iowa, married Jane Heckard, and represented Jackson county in the state legislature; Orison N., who married Maria McLannan, and is now living on a farm near Stanwood, Iowa, spent twenty years in Australia, where he was engaged in gold mining and in banking, and was also in the United States mail service between New Zealand and Australia; Avery married Sophia Prussia, and lives in Miles, Iowa; Sarah married Alfred J. Scofield, who resided in Jackson county, Iowa, until the Civil war broke out, when he joined the army and was killed in the battle of Champion Hills. For her second husband she wedded John

Denning, who died in September, 1900, and he now resides in Rhodes, Marshall county, Iowa; Forrest, who was wounded in the battle of Cedar Creek during his service in the Civil war, married Nettie Graham, and is now a retired farmer of Miles, Jackson county, Iowa, which town was laid out on his father's farm. Mrs. Rigby's parents were Justin and Harriet (Rice) Miles, both natives of Vermont, though they were married in Wooster, Wayne county, Ohio. For his first wife Mr. Miles married Tabitha Hoskins, by whom he has three children, namely: James Nelson married Harriet Wood, of De Witt, Iowa, and is now a prominent attorney and real estate dealer of Burlingame, Kansas; Elizabeth T. married Dr. F. Thompson, of Lyons, Iowa, and died about 1860; and Mary wedded Hiram Hall, a farmer near Clarence, Iowa, where she died in February, 1877.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Rigby were born two children. Elsie Miles, born August 22, 1871, was graduated from Cornell College in 1892, and finished a post-graduate course in 1894, and has since taken a year's study of law at the Iowa State University, at Iowa City, preparing for admission to the bar. On Thanksgiving Day, 1898, she married E. A. Maxwell, an attorney of Waterloo, Iowa, and they have one child, Louis Rigby, who was born May 28, 1900. Justin Cromwell, son of our subject, was born September 10, 1878, and died when only nine days old.

Mr. Rigby is a prominent member of the Grand Army of the Republic, and is past commander of Colonel J. Q. Wilde Post, of Stanwood, and also past commander of W. C. Dimmick Post, of Mt. Vernon. He is a member of the blue lodge, chapter and council of the Masonic fraternity, and

has also taken the subordinate degrees of Odd Fellowship. He is a member of the official board of the Methodist Episcopal church, and takes an active and influential part in church work. Mr. Rigby also belongs to the Adelpian Society, and is one of the most popular and highly respected citizens of Mt. Vernon.

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#### FREDERICK BOKORNY.

This well-known contractor on public works, residing at 422 C avenue, dates his residence in Cedar Rapids from 1868. He was born in the city of Chicago on the 15th of December, 1862, and is a son of Frederick Bokorny, Sr., who came to the new world in early life and settled in Chicago, where he worked at his trade of stone cutter for some years. On leaving that city he made a permanent location in Cedar Rapids in 1868. At this place he was first in the employ of others and subsequently as a contractor and builder he followed his chosen occupation for some years, though his last days were spent in retirement from active labor. He died here in 1885. His wife still survives him, and is now seventy-eight years of age.

Our subject accompanied his parents on their removal to Cedar Rapids, and is indebted to the city schools for his educational advantages. He partially learned his trade with his father, and later commenced contracting on public works in his own interest, and has since been actively engaged in business in connection with the laying of sewers, the building of bridges and with other public enterprises in Cedar Rapids and Linn county for fifteen years. He is a

practical and skilled mechanic, who thoroughly understands the business, and is meeting with well-deserved success. He has bought lots and erected several houses in the city, and also owns some valuable farm property near Cedar Rapids.

Mr. Bokorny was married in Cedar Rapids in 1884 to Miss Katie Guinn, who was born, reared and educated in Germany, and was a young lady when she came to America and took up her residence in Cedar Rapids. They have two children living, namely: Katie, a graduate of the Cedar Rapids high school; and Trophy, still a student in the city schools. Their son Frederick died at the age of six months.

In his social relations Mr. Bokorny is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. As a business man he stands high in the esteem of his fellow citizens, who recognize his ability, and the success that has crowned his efforts has been worthily achieved, as it has come to him through his own industry and persistent effort. On national issues he votes with the Democracy, but at local elections he votes independent of party lines, supporting the men whom he believes best qualified to fill the offices. He has never cared for political honors for himself.

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#### JOHN ANDERSON.

Cedar Rapids has many successful business men who started out in life for themselves empty-handed and by their own well-directed and energetic efforts have prospered and are now recognized leaders in the business world. To this class belongs John

Anderson, who is at the head of the City Stone & Sidewalk Company.

He was born in Sweden in 1857, a son of Magnus Anderson and Anna (Nelson) Anderson, also natives of that country, where the father is still living, but the mother is now deceased. By occupation the father is a farmer. Our subject grew to manhood in the land of his birth, and was there married in October, 1879, to Miss Lotta Johnson, also a native of Sweden. Ten children blessed this union, namely: Ida, Emma, Jennie, Oscar, Edwin, Walter, Otto, Lena and Isaac, all of whom are still living, and John, who died in infancy.

On the 27th of May, 1881, Mr. and Mrs. Anderson sailed from Guttenburg to Hull, England, and from Liverpool came to New York. On landing in this country they proceeded at once to Chicago, and from that city came to Cedar Rapids. For a time Mr. Anderson worked on the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad, then being built between Clair and Emmetsburg, and later went to Illinois, where he found employment in a stone quarry across the river from Burlington. While working there he broke his leg, and then returned to Cedar Rapids and turned his attention to shoemaking, having learned that trade in his native land. To that occupation he devoted his energies for ten years, and then embarked in his present business, founding the company with which he is still connected. He is the leader of that line of business in Cedar Rapids, having put down more miles of sidewalk than any other firm in the city, and has also done considerable work in contracting and laying sewers, not only here but elsewhere. He has met with well-deserved success in his labors, and now owns real estate in the city. He is a Mas-

ter Mason and a stockholder in the Masonic Temple and Auditorium, and also belongs to the Knights and Ladies of Honor, a social and mutual insurance order. As a self-made man he deserves great credit for the success that he has achieved in life, and justly merits the high regard in which he is uniformly held by his fellow citizens.

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MARK E. BARTLETT.

Among the progressive and energetic business men of Cedar Rapids is numbered the gentleman whose name introduces this sketch. For over a quarter of a century he has made his home in this place, and has been actively identified with its commercial interests as a dealer in wall paper, paints, oils, varnishes, etc., in which line he has built up a good trade.

Mr. Bartlett is a native of Ohio, born in Lorain county, February 3, 1854, and is a son of William and Sarah A. (Sturdevant) Bartlett, who were natives of New Hampshire and Maine, respectively, and were married in the Buckeye state. The father, who was a farmer by occupation, came to Clayton county, Iowa, in 1855, and purchased a tract of wild land, to the improvement and cultivation of which he devoted his energies until life's labors were ended. He died January 18, 1899, at the ripe old age of seventy-three years. The mother of our subject had died in 1871, and for his second wife the father married Sarah Connor, who is still living in Clayton county, and by whom he had two children, William and Harriet, also residents of that county. Mark is one of the six chil-



dren born of the first marriage, of whom three are now deceased. His brother, Elmer E., is a farmer of Clayton county, and his sister, Julia, is the wife of Charles Beamis, a real estate dealer of that county. In politics the father was a Republican.

Mark E. Bartlett was reared amid rural scenes on the home farm, and is indebted to the district schools of the neighborhood for his educational advantages. On leaving home, in 1871, at the age of seventeen years, he found employment as clerk in a hotel at Strawberry Point, Iowa, known as the Blake House, with which he was connected for a year and a half. He was next with a surveying party, and on leaving their employ resumed clerking in a hotel at Center Point, remaining there about a year. On the expiration of that time he learned the painter's trade, to which he has since devoted the greater part of his time and attention. In the fall of 1875 he removed to Cedar Rapids, having the spring previous become interested in the painting business at this place, and in 1893 he removed to the site which he now occupies. Here he has established business as a retail dealer in wall paper, paints, oils, varnishes, etc., and is now enjoying a profitable trade.

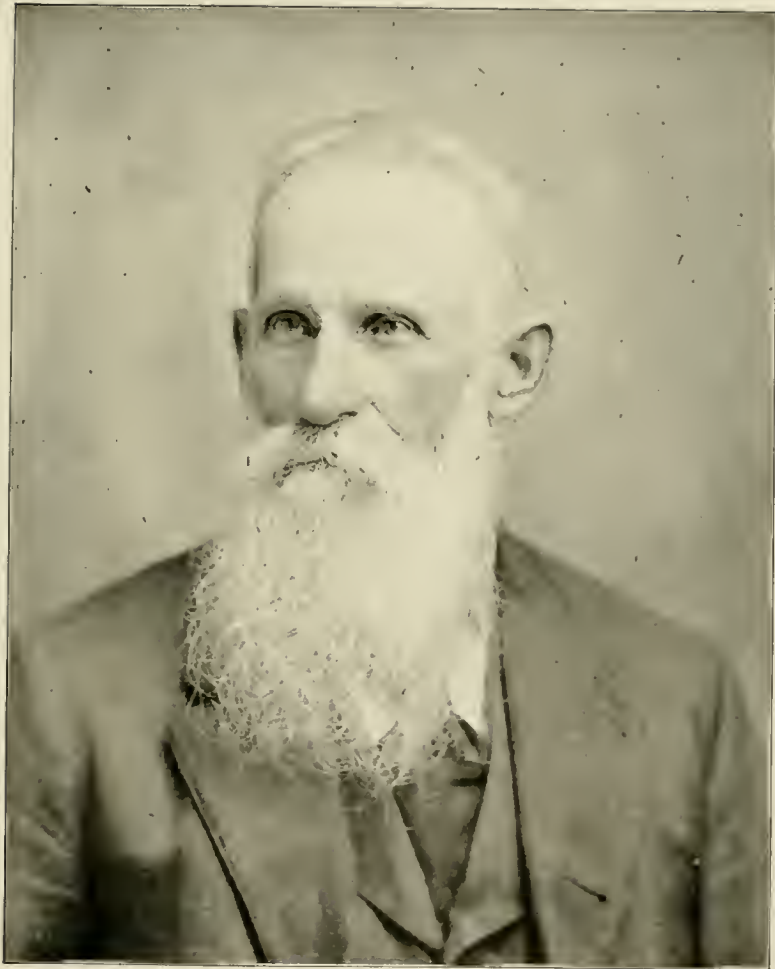
In 1878 Mr. Bartlett wedded Miss Mary Stebbins, who is one of the five children born to Joseph and Jane Stebbins, who came to this state from Indiana. Our subject and his wife have six children, nameiy: Mabel, Pearl, Jay, Charles, Josephine and Howard. The family residence is in Kenwood Park. Mr. Bartlett takes an active part in public affairs, and as one of the leading and popular citizens of his community he has been called upon to fill the offices of mayor and alderman. He has also been a member of the school board,

and his official duties have been discharged with a promptness and fidelity worthy of the highest commendation.

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#### ABRAHAM C. COQUILLETTE.

Abraham C. Coquillette, who is now so efficiently serving as justice of the peace, is one of the leading and influential citizens of Coggon. He was born February 13, 1829, in Rockland county, New York, where both parents, William and Maria (Garrison) Coquillette, spent the greater part of their lives as farming people and where the father died May 31, 1835, aged forty-two years. They had a family of nine children, but only two are now living, these being Francis, a retired farmer living in Marengo, Illinois; and Abraham C., our subject. Those deceased were Daniel W., James, William, John, Sarah, Eletta and Emily. The Coquillette family trace their ancestry back to the time of Louis XIV. It is the supposition that the great-grandfather of our subject was a twin brother of the heir of France (The Man in the Iron Mask). This is backed by title deeds and other official papers now in possession of the descendants. A family legend is to the effect that The Man in the Iron Mask was some unfortunate who represented the Dauphin of France, while the true one was permitted to leave the country, and came to America and hid behind the Hook mountains in Rockland county, taking the name of Coquillette instead of Capet. The first of the family to come to this country was Francis, the great-grandfather of our subject, who settled in Rockland county, New York, and where all the descendants of three genera-



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tions are buried. The grandfather of our subject, Daniel Coquillette, was born on the ocean. William Coquillette, the father, was born in Rockland county, New York.

During his boyhood and youth Abraham C. Coquillette received a rather limited education in the public schools of New York city, and at the age of fourteen commenced learning the cooper's trade, at which he there worked for about seven years. He then purchased a horse and dray, and engaged in the draying business in the metropolis until after his marriage. Soon after this he joined the New York fire department and served five years with Hose Company No. 12, and Engine Company No. 50, with headquarters on Horatio street, between Eighth and Ninth avenues. During this time he served one year as assistant and one year as foreman. At the end of this time he was engaged as a porter in a flour and grain store until 1856, when he came west.

In 1849 Mr. Coquillette wedded Miss Sarah M. Lascell, of New York city, who was born December 25, 1832, and died May 31, 1900. She was a daughter of John B. and Mary B. (West) Lascell, who made their home in New York until death, the father having charge of a pork packing business in that city during the most of his life. Unto our subject and his wife were born the following children: Mary B., Abram and John William, who all died in infancy; Sarah Jane, wife of Dr. Albert Welsh, a physician and druggist of Hagler, Nebraska; William Henry, who married Lilly E. Southworth, of McHenry county, Illinois, and they now reside in Coggon, where he is engaged in the meat business; Daniel L., who married Carrie

Whitney, of Boulder township, this county, and is now engaged in farming in Spring Grove township; and Andrew W., who married Carrie Alspaugh and resides in Marion, this county, where he is serving as deputy sheriff, and a sketch of whom will be found on another page of this work. The mother of these children passed away May 31, 1900. She was a faithful and consistent member of the M. E. church of Coggon.

After his marriage Mr. Coquillette came west and located at Franklinville, McHenry county, Illinois, where he followed farming for about nine years. On disposing of his property in that locality he came to Linn county, Iowa, in the fall of 1866, and settled on a farm in Boulder township, where he continued to successfully engage in agricultural pursuits for twenty-four years. Since then he has made his home in the village of Coggon and has lived retired from active labor. He has a pleasant residence and also two acres of land adjoining the village, and still owns the old home farm of one hundred and sixty acres on the southeast quarter of section 18, Boulder township.

Religiously Mr. Coquillette is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church of Coggon, and politically is identified with the Republican party, having always affiliated that great political organization since voting for its first presidential candidate—John C. Fremont—in 1856. In 1880 he was elected county supervisor, and filled that office with credit to himself and to the entire satisfaction of his constituents for six years. In 1900 he was made justice of the peace and is now serving in that capacity. He is one of the most prominent citizens of his part of the county and is held in high re-



gard wherever known. He has been very successful since coming to this county, and by his industry and economy has succeeded in accumulating a comfortable competence.

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#### LLOYD McCUTCHEON.

Lloyd McCutcheon, editor and proprietor of The Record, of Mt. Vernon, one of the best papers of the county, was born in Washington, Iowa, on the 30th of November, 1875, and is a son of James A. and Georgiana (Ward) McCutcheon, who were natives of Pennsylvania and Maryland, respectively, and were married in Washington, Iowa, in 1870. By occupation the father is a contractor and builder.

Our subject is the oldest living of a family of four children, the others being Alma E., who was born January 13, 1880, and is now attending Drake University, of Des Moines; Ward, who was born March 17, 1893, and is attending the home school; and Charles, who died in infancy, in 1875.

During his boyhood Lloyd McCutcheon attended the Washington public schools, and was graduated from the high school of that place in 1890. He then entered the office of the Washington Gazette to learn the printer's trade, and later worked for the Press of Washington, remaining with the latter paper until the fall of 1893, when he became connected with the Washington Journal, which was then known as the Hustler. He was employed on that paper until November, 1894, when he went to Waterloo, Iowa, and started the Evening Record. He soon sold out, and accepted the position of city editor on that paper. In the fall of the same year he went to

Hudson, Iowa, and purchased the Hudson Record, which he carried on until the 1st of January, 1900. In the meantime Mr. McCutcheon had attended the State Normal School during the summer season, and then entered the University of Chicago, where he took up the studies of political science, history and English literature. On the 1st of January, 1901, he came to Mt. Vernon and bought The Remarker, the name of which he has changed to The Record.

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#### JOSEPH E. TYLER.

For some years Joseph E. Tyler has been prominently identified with the business interests of Cedar Rapids, and is now proprietor of a first class market at No. 411 Second avenue, where he handles all kinds of meats, provisions, oysters, fish and game. He was born in Boston, Massachusetts, August 11, 1867, a son of Charles A. and Eunice (Horton) Tyler, also natives of the old Bay state. In 1868 they removed to Farmington, Illinois, where they made their home for some time. The father was a traveling salesman, first in the employ of the firm of McKinley & Gilchrist, of Chicago, and later with Franklin McVeigh, of that city. Both he and his wife are now deceased, and are interred at Farmington, Illinois. In the family of this worthy couple were seven children, all of whom are still living.

It was during his infancy that Joseph E. Tyler accompanied his parents on their removal to Peoria county, Illinois, and the public schools of that city afforded him his early educational privileges. He laid aside his text books at the age of thirteen, how-

ever, and started out to make his own way in the world by working as a farm hand, but as this occupation did not accord with his tastes his father persuaded him to return home at the end of a year. In the meantime the family had removed to Davenport, Iowa, where at the age of fifteen our subject embarked in the butcher business. Two years later he went to Spirit Lake, Iowa, where he spent about a year, and then came to Cedar Rapids, which has since been his home. He is meeting with excellent success in his present business, having, by fair and honorable dealing, built up a good trade.

On the 16th of November, 1892, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Tyler and Miss Theresa Weldon, of Cedar Rapids, a daughter of James Weldon, an early settler of this place and one of the first gardeners to come west. Her parents are still living, and six of their seven children also survive. Mr. and Mrs. Tyler have two children, namely: Bernice, born September 12, 1893; and Charles James, born April 10, 1895. They make their home at 614 South Eighth street. Mr. Tyler is a member of the Knights of Pythias fraternity, and stands deservedly high both in social and business circles.



### J. S. BUSER.

J. S. Buser, the well-known and popular photographer of Mt. Vernon, was born in Pennsylvania, of which state his parents, Jacob and Nancy (Rothrauff) Buser, were also natives. The family came west in 1859, and settled near Warren, Illinois, though just across the line in Wisconsin.

The father, who was a farmer by occupation, died there in 1881, when about seventy-three years of age. The mother survived him several years, dying May 13, 1900, when past the age of ninety-three. In their family were eleven children, namely: John married Sarah De Hasse, and both died in Williamsport, Pennsylvania; Mary is the widow of John Dersham and resides in Warren, Illinois; William married Sadie Deffenbacher and lives in California; Elizabeth is the widow of Henry Allen and resides in Bird City, Kansas; Samuel is also married and makes his home in Warren, Illinois; Levi married Jane Maheny, who is deceased, and he is again married and lives in Warren, Illinois; Lydia is the wife of Erastus Mellinger and resides in Pine Island, Minnesota; Henry R. married Elizabeth Gann and makes his home in Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Ellis married a Miss Thornton and lives in Dawson, Nebraska; J. S., our subject, is the next of the family; and Emma died at the age of eighteen years.

Mr. Buser, of this review, began his education in the district schools, his father having donated a part of the old homestead farm on which to erect a school house. When our subject was a small boy the family removed to Warren, Illinois, where he attended the public schools, and on completing his education was granted a teacher's certificate. After teaching for a few terms he took up photography and traveled over a greater part of the United States taking views. He finally located in Lansing, Iowa, where he spent one year, and then removed to Monroe, Wisconsin, where the following two years were passed. Subsequently he was a resident of Waterloo, Iowa, for five years, and at the end of that

time removed to Cedar Rapids. From there he traveled over the state in the interests of his profession and made many thousand stereoptican views. About 1885 he came to Mt. Vernon, and at this place he now has one of the best galleries in Iowa, it being built purposely for his business. He also has a branch studio in Mechanicsville and another at Lisbon. He is recognized as one of the best and most artistic photographers in this section of the state, and is a member of the National Photographers Association of America. He attends the Methodist church, and is a supporter of the Republican party.

On the 2d of May, 1893, Mr. Buser was married at Cedar Rapids to Mrs. Mary A. Bruch, a daughter of John and Mary M. (Metzgar) Mingle, both natives of Pennsylvania, while her paternal grandfather was a German by birth. Her father died in 1893, but her mother is still living and makes her home in Sailorsburg, Pennsylvania. The children of their family were John, who married Minnie Rantz and lives in Michigan; Frank, who married Alvesta Bachman and resides in Pennsylvania; Jacob, who married Flora Meson and died in Scranton, Pennsylvania, in 1893; Joseph, a resident of Oregon; Charles, who married Louise Fox and makes his home in Scranton, Pennsylvania; Mary M., wife of our subject; and Eugene, a railroad man of California.

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#### ANNE B. VAN ALBADA.

The subject of this sketch, who is now chief clerk in the general auditing department of the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad at Cedar Rapids, was

born in Workum, province of Friesland, Holland, May 16, 1831, and is a son of Bruno and Ytje Van Albada, who spent their entire lives in that country, the father being at the head of a government school for over forty years. In the family were nine children, but only three are now living, and but two of the number came to the United States, these being our subject and his sister, Aukje, who makes her home with him.

During his boyhood Anne B. Van Albada obtained a good practical education in the common schools of Holland, and at the early age of sixteen passed the required examination for a teacher. Two years later he received his second certificate, and the third and last at the age of twenty-two. During all this time he successfully engaged in teaching, and later received the appointment of principal upon examination, being number one in a list of competitors.

On the 4th of July, 1869, Mr. Van Albada came to America, sailing from Holland to England and thence to New York, where he spent four months. He then proceeded to Chicago, where he made his home for six years and a half, being employed as collector for one of the leading newspapers of that city. He came to Cedar Rapids September 13, 1875, and entered the service of the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad in the capacity of chief clerk in the general auditing department, and still retains that position, his work always giving the utmost satisfaction.

Mr. Van Albada was married June 16, 1859, in Holland, to Miss Dienwertje Kuiper, also a native of that country and a daughter of Jacob Kuiper. She is one of a family of three children, two of whom are now living. Unto our subject and his wife

were born nine children, but only three of the number now survive, namely: Catherine, wife of H. Denny, an engineer on the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad, residing in Iowa City; Ida, unmarried, residing in Colorado Springs, Colorado; and Cora, wife of O. W. Lyman, who is engaged in the wholesale millinery business in Cedar Rapids.

In politics Mr. Van Albada is somewhat independent, but on national issues usually supports the men and measures of the Democratic party. For fifteen years he efficiently served as secretary of the school board in Cedar Rapids, resigning that position in September, 1899. Socially he is an honored member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Blue Lodge and chapter of the Masonic fraternity, and the Legion of Honor, and has been officially connected with these orders. Both he and his wife are members of the Second Presbyterian Church, and are people of the highest respectability who make many friends. Their pleasant home is located at 309 Fifth avenue west.

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### JAMES NORRIS.

James Norris, deceased, was for many years one of the most substantial and prosperous agriculturists of Spring Grove township, as well as one of its most highly esteemed citizens. He was born in County Cork, Ireland, April 22, 1846, a son of Thomas and Mary (Nash) Norris, who were also natives of the Emerald Isle. About 1857 the father came to America, leaving his family in Ireland until he could secure a strat on this side of the Atlantic.

They then joined him, and made their home in Massachusetts for about three years. At the end of that time they came to Iowa, and after living in Jones county for a year, they removed to Delaware county, where the following two years were passed, and then came to Linn county.

On coming to this county our subject made his first purchase of land, consisting of forty acres. In connection with his brother he next bought one hundred and sixty acres of raw prairie land in Spring Grove township, which he placed under cultivation and improved with good buildings. He also became the owner of eighty acres of land in Grant township, and an additional eighty acres in Spring Grove township, having at the time of his death three hundred and twenty acres of very valuable and productive land, besides real estate in Mt. Vernon, all of which property is now owned and successfully managed by Mrs. Norris.

On the 19th of November, 1876, Mr. Norris was united in marriage with Miss Mary Thomas, a daughter of Isaac H. and Mary Ann (Miller) Thomas, both natives of Kentucky, where the father died at the comparatively early age of thirty-two years, but the mother is still living at the age of seventy-three and makes her home with Mrs. Norris. She brought her family to this state in 1864, and settled in Otter Creek township, Linn county. Of her five children four are yet living. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Norris were eight children: Walter, born in 1877; William, in 1879; James, in 1880; Eva Blanche, in 1882; Mark, in 1884; Ocea B., in 1886; John, in 1888; and Eddie, in 1890. Eva B. died in infancy, but the others are all living and are still at home with their mother, while the oldest son follows the occupations of a farmer and carpenter.



Mr. Norris died April 27, 1892, and was laid to rest in the Troy Mills cemetery. Politically he was an ardent Republican, and his fellow citizens recognizing his worth and ability called upon him to fill several local positions of honor and trust, such as road supervisor, school director and treasurer, the duties of which he ably and conscientiously discharged. He was a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church, to which his wife also belongs, while her mother is a Presbyterian in religious belief. He was a loving and devoted husband and father, a kind neighbor and a generous friend, and had the confidence and respect of all with whom he came in contact either in business or social life.



#### SAMUEL G. ARMSTRONG.

The subject of this review, who is the senior member of the firm of Armstrong & McClenahan, has through his own exertions attained an honorable position and marked prestige among the representative business men of Cedar Rapids, and with signal consistency it may be said that he is the architect of his own fortunes and one whose success amply justifies the application of the somewhat hackneyed but most expressive title, "a self-made man."

Mr. Armstrong was born near the present village of Clarence, Cedar county, Iowa, August 24, 1858, and is one of a family of seven children, all living at the present writing in 1901. His father, Charles Cornelius Armstrong, was born in Connecticut, and when young went to Ohio, where he married Miss Lucy Dawson, a native of Virginia. About 1845 they came to Iowa

and were among the early settlers of Cedar county. The father first located on a farm near what is now Clarence in Cedar county, where he lived till 1866, when he moved to Mt. Vernon, where he lived one year, and then to a farm near Marion, afterward living at Marion and Mt. Vernon again. The father died in 1885, and the mother passed away in 1893.

The primary education of our subject was received in the public schools of Marion, and later he attended Cornell College at Mt. Vernon for a few terms. At the age of seventeen he commenced teaching school and followed that profession quite successfully from 1876 to 1879, attending school in the meantime. He began his mercantile career as a clerk in a country store at Bertram, Iowa, where he was employed for one year, and in the fall of 1880 came to Cedar Rapids, and commenced work for the dry-goods firm of Foote & Whitney, remaining with them about two months, but not liking the business, he entered the employ of I. N. Isham, a pioneer merchant of Cedar Rapids, then conducting a clothing business, being with him and his successors until the fall of 1890.

On the 3d of September, that year, Mr. Armstrong embarked in business for himself as a member of the firm of Armstrong, Fletcher & Company, opening a clothing store in a room 40x70 feet, the site being a part of their present location. Two years later the firm was changed to Armstrong, McClenahan & Company, the company being H. W. Fagley, of St. Paul, Minnesota, whose interest Mr. Armstrong purchased in 1897, when the firm name was changed to Armstrong & McClenahan, as it now stands. They carry a fine line of clothing and gents' furnishing goods and have

met with remarkable success from the start. Their rapidly increasing trade has compelled them to enlarge their stock from time to time, and to make many improvements in their store. At first they occupied only one floor, but now use all of the three stories with a basement at numbers 120-122-124 South Second street, having sixteen thousand square feet of floor space. They have on an average of fifteen in their employ, and their extensive trade is not only in the city and county, but extends throughout this section of the state. The following is an extract from the Evening Gazette:

"Largest in Iowa—Armstrong & McClenahan's Remodeled Clothing Store—Now equipped with an electric passenger elevator and every modern convenience—Children's Department on Second Floor. The people of Cedar Rapids ought to take civic pride in the remodeled clothing store of Messrs. Armstrong & McClenahan, for that popular institution is now the very largest of its kind in the entire state of Iowa. The immense stock covers four floors, including the basement, with sixteen thousand eight hundred square feet of floor space, giving the store front rank among all the great mercantile establishments of Iowa."

Mr. Armstrong was in his 'teens when his mother was left a widow and he was called upon to contribute to the support of the family. For nine years he was employed as a clerk, during which time, by economy and judicious investments, he managed to save a nucleus, with which to embark in business for himself. A man of good business ability, sound judgment and keen discrimination, he has met with well deserved success in his undertakings, and is now interested in a number of different enterprises. He is connected with the store of the Arm-

strong Clothing Company at Lincoln, Nebraska; is a stockholder in the Clark MacDaniels Company, manufacturers of overalls and shirts, and the Cedar Rapids National Bank; and a stockholder and director of the Cedar Rapids Loan & Trust Company, the latter of which he helped to organize.

On the 5th of September, 1896, Mr. Armstrong married Miss Anna Cooper, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Cooper, old residents of Cedar Rapids, who were born in Ireland and are now well advanced in life. Our subject and his wife have one child, Robert Cooper, born July 4, 1897. They have a pleasant home at 1015 Fourth avenue, and are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. In his political affiliations Mr. Armstrong is a Republican, and he is deeply interested in public affairs and the good of the community in which he lives. He is genial, courteous, enterprising and progressive, of commendable public-spirit and the highest integrity, and well deserves the success that has come to him.

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PHILIP H. KAUFER.

This progressive and enterprising agriculturist residing on section 20, Brown township, within two miles of Springville, is one of Linn county's native sons, born near Marion, on the 17th of January, 1861. His father, Jacob Kafer, was born in Germany about 1830, and was seventeen years of age when he came to the United States. After spending about a year in Pennsylvania, he came to Iowa in 1845, and took up his residence in Linn county. Here he married Catherine Fink, who was born in Ohio of German parentage. As early as

1840, her father, Louis Fink, brought his family to this county, and pre-empted land in Linn township, near Mt. Vernon, where he opened up and improved a farm. On the death of Mr. Kafer, Sr., the father of our subject succeeded to the old homestead two miles from Mt. Vernon, and to its further improvement and cultivation he devoted his energies for many years, making it one of the best improved farms in Linn township. After the death of his wife, which occurred in 1890, he removed to Mt. Vernon, and has since lived retired with a daughter, although he still looks after his farming interests. He has two sons and four daughters living.

Philip H. Kafer passed the days of his boyhood and youth on the old home farm, and after attending the public schools of that locality for some years, he was a student at Cornell College in Mt. Vernon, for a time. He remained under the parental roof until his marriage, which was celebrated in Linn township, January 18, 1886, Miss Ida Catherine Deck becoming his wife. She was born in Northampton county, Pennsylvania, and is a daughter of Thomas Deck, a well-known farmer of Linn township, this county. Here she was reared and was educated in the common and high schools of Libon. Mr. and Mrs. Kafer have one child, Edith May.

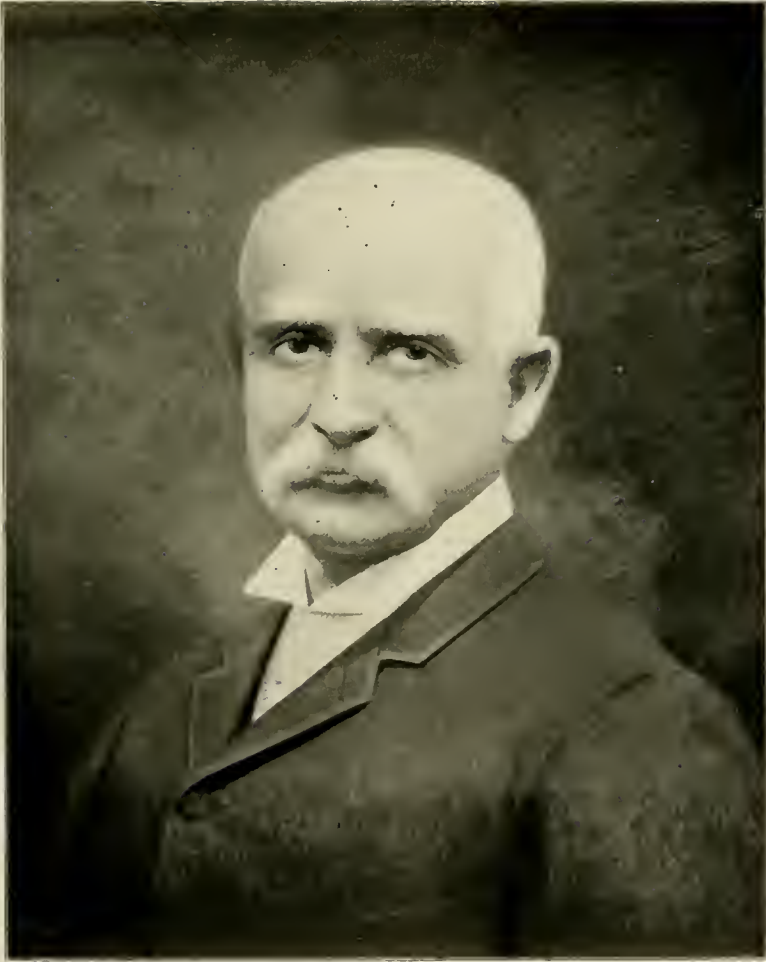
After his marriage our subject continued on his father's farm until 1888, when he purchased the farm of eighty acres on section 20, Brown township, where he now resides, and has since engaged in its cultivation. He has erected thereon a good modern residence, heated by a furnace and supplied with hot and cold water, and has a bath room and cellar, and in fact all of the conveniences found in a city home, it being one of the best farm houses in the township. There is also a good barn and other out-

buildings upon the place and it is adorned with beautiful shade and fruit trees. Well-kept fences divide sixty acres of the land into ten-acre fields, and there is one field of twenty-five acres. Mr. Kafer raises a good grade of cattle and hogs, and in all his undertakings is meeting with marked success, being a good practical farmer of sound common sense. His political support is given the Democratic party, but he cares nothing for official honors. Socially he is a member of the Knights of Pythias Lodge of Springville, and is a man whose pleasant, genial manner has made him many friends. On starting out in life for himself he received no financial aid, but is now the owner of a valuable farm, and is entirely free from debt.

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#### JOHNSTON ELLIOTT, JR.

For over a third of a century this gentleman was prominently identified with the commercial interests of Marion, Iowa, and was numbered among its foremost citizens. He was born in Mt. Vernon, Ohio, on the 21st of February, 1842, and came with his parents to Marion, Iowa, April 6, 1856, when fourteen years of age. When a mere boy he engaged in teaming between here and Muscatine, carrying grain and produce to that city and returning with merchandise for the stores in Marion, and later he was employed as clerk in the general store of A. Daniels & Company, acquiring a good knowledge of mercantile business during the few years spent with them. In August, 1865, he embarked in the grocery business at Marion in partnership with his brother Milton, and continued to engage in that line of trade until 1884 when he retired from



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business until June, 1889. He then turned his attention to the lumber business, which he carried on in connection with his son-in-law for several years under the firm name of the Elliott-Davis Lumber Company. He was also interested in the Farmers & Merchants State Bank of Marion, but during the last six years of his life lived retired from active business.

On the 21st of March, 186, Mr. Elliott was united in marriage with Miss Esther Prinrose, of West Dryden, New York, who still survives him. Unto them were born three children, but Nellie, now Mrs. T. J. Davis, is the only one now living. Lavernie and George died of scarlet fever in 1878 within a few days of each other, the former at the age of eight, the latter at the age of three years.

Mr. Elliott died in Marion, April 17, 1899, and his death came as a loss to each individual of the community, as well as to his immediate family. He was one of the leading and representative citizens of Marion, as well as one of its most active and enterprising business men, ranking among its strongest men financially. He always took a prominent part in advancing any enterprise for the good of the city, and was preeminently public spirited and progressive.

One who knows him well said of Mr. Elliott that he did not lack in many of the virtues and excellencies which go to make up what is popularly termed a good man. He did not lack in any good business qualification. He was strictly and exclusively a business man, and his ambition was to make a success of business, which he did. He prospered in every undertaking and his labors were crowned with success. He disdained mean competition, low tricks in trade, which have ruined many another. He was

always fair and upright; was genial, warm and cordial in his greetings in business relations, and it was a pleasure to do business with him. Mr. Elliott did not lack in those qualities which command the respect, confidence and admiration of the people. He drew these as a merchant, citizen and man, from all classes in a marked degree. While he never held any office, he could have had any position in the gift of the people had he consented to their oft-repeated solicitations. He felt that one thing well done, one business well established and successfully built up, was far better for himself and his town than many things partially accomplished and nothing a complete success. He liberally patronized every laudable enterprise for the improvement of the town and help of its needy. He was large and open hearted and was especially fond of children. In turn they loved him for he always had a smile, a word of cheer and a drive for all. No man was more companionable and entertaining, or thoughtful for the comfort and happiness of those about him, and he lacked in none of those qualities which constitute a good husband and father.

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#### JOHN BARGER.

The subject of this biography is a member of the well-known firm of Foy & Barger, who are now doing a successful real estate, loan and abstract business in Cedar Rapids, their office being at 116 Second street. Mr. Barger was born in that city, his parents being William G. and Mary A. Barger, honored pioneers of Cedar Rapids. The father, who is a native of New York, came west in 1850, and located in Cedar Rapids.

where he has since made his home. He has followed the occupation of a stationary engineer and a locomotive engineer for the Northwestern Railroad Company for a number of years, but during the latter part of his active life he devoted his attention to the dairy business, which he sold to our subject in 1890, and has since lived retired. His home is at 616 South Tenth street, Cedar Rapids. The mother of our subject died in 1890, and was buried in Cedar Rapids. In the family were four children, namely: George, who died at the age of nine years; one who died in infancy unnamed; John, our subject; and Mary, wife of Arthur J. Hickey, who is engaged in the dry-goods business in New York city, and by whom she has two children, Bertha and an infant.

John Barger has always been a resident of Cedar Rapids, and is indebted to the city schools for his early educational advantages. After leaving the public schools he attended the night sessions of the Cedar Rapids Business College, while during the day he devoted his time to farming and to the dairy business. When his father wished to retire from active labor, he purchased the business and continued to carry it on for eight years. He then became interested in the real estate, loan and abstract business at his present location, associating himself with Charles H. Foy, his present partner. They do a general business in their line, and deal largely in city property. Wide-awake, energetic and progressive, they are meeting with well-deserved success.

On the 30th of October, 1890, Mr. Barger was married in Cedar Rapids, to Miss Anna Sampson. She was born in Ireland and was five years of age when she came to the United States. Her father, William

Sampson, was a native of England, and served eighteen years in the English navy. He came to America in 1873, and died in Cedar Rapids at the age of eighty-four years. His widow is of Scotch descent, and is now residing with our subject at the age of seventy-four years. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Barger, namely: David Gordon; one who died in infancy unnamed; Ralph Everett; and Harris Clough.

Mr. Barger is an active member of the Ancient Order of the Red Cross, which he organized in January, 1899. It is a fraternal and insurance order, both life and accident insurance, and already takes rank among the old and reliable societies of that character. Socially he is quite popular, and those who knew him best are numbered among his warmest friends.

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#### ROBERT BERRY.

For over half a century Bertram township had no more influential or prosperous citizen than the gentleman whose name introduces this review. He was born in Ohio, July 4, 1828, and is a son of Samuel and Mary (Emmons) Berry, the former born in New York, May 1, 1784, of Irish descent, the latter in New Jersey November 15, 1782, of English extraction. After their marriage they removed to Ohio, where the father followed farming until his death. In 1851 the mother came to Iowa, and died at the home of our subject, August 5, 1860. They were the parents of eleven children, whose names and dates of birth were as follows: Davis, August 26, 1807; William, March 10, 1810; Johanna, July 12, 1812; John, June 14, 1814; James, June

18. 1817; Sarah, August 15, 1819; Mary and Amy, twins, November 9, 1822; Samuel, September 24, 1825; Robert, July 4, 1828; and Nellie.

Mr. Berry's early educational advantages were meager, but the knowledge he acquired in the district schools has been supplemented by a practical information acquired in later years. He grew to manhood upon his father's farm and obtained an excellent knowledge of all the duties which fall to the lot of the agriculturist. On leaving the old homestead he commenced farming upon rented land in Ohio, and later engaged in railroad contracting.

Coming to Linn county, Iowa, in 1851, Mr. Berry purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land on section 27, Bertram township, where he continued to make his home till the spring of 1901, when he rented his place and removed to Cedar Rapids. In his farming operations he has steadily prospered, and has added to his landed possessions until he now owns nearly one thousand acres of valuable land. He has placed his land under excellent cultivation and erected thereon good and substantial buildings, until he now has one of the best improved and most desirable farms in the county. He has always given considerable attention to the raising of stock for the market and has also met with success in this undertaking.

On the 25th of April, 1854, in this county, Mr. Berry was united in marriage with Miss Nancy Thorington, who was born near Crawfordsville, Montgomery county, Indiana, July 4, 1834, and is a daughter of Alexander and Martha (Webb) Thorington, natives of Maryland. Her parents removed from that state to Ohio, and from there to Montgomery county, Indiana, and

in 1853 came to Linn county, Iowa, spending the remainder of their lives in Bertram township.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Berry were born the following children: Walter H., born April 29, 1856, and Charles E., born February 27, 1859, are both represented elsewhere in this work; Jennie E., born April 11, 1861, of the wife of William H. Harrison, whose sketch also appears on another page of this volume; Addison A., born June 22, 1863, married Ella Hunter and makes his home in Mt. Vernon (a sketch of him will be found on another page of this work); Robert O., born May 14, 1865, married Rachel Cory, and lives on a farm in Marion township; William Jasper, born January 28, 1868, married Bertie H. Hutchinson and lives on a farm in Bertram township; John Frederick, born June 26, 1872, married Ida McCloud, and resides in Cedar Rapids; and one died in infancy.

In politics Mr. Berry is independent, supporting the men whom he believes best qualified for office, regardless of party affiliations. He has served as township trustee and school treasurer, and has always been found true to every trust reposed in him whether public or private. He and his wife are active and consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and are held in the highest regard by all who know them.

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#### THOMAS E. MUNHOLLAND.

The world instinctively pays deference to the man whose success in life has been worthily achieved and who has won for himself a high position in the business world. This is a progressive age and he who does not advance is soon left far behind. Mr.



Munholland, by the improvement of opportunities by which all are surrounded, has steadily and honorably worked his way upward, and is now at the head of an important and paying industry as proprietor of the Boston Dye Works of Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

A native of New York, he was born in Dutchess county, October 29, 1860. His father, Robert Munholland, was born on the Rock of Gibraltar, the only child of Robert and Mary (Powers) Munholland. Robert Munholland, Sr., was a native of Manchester, England, while his wife was born in Dublin, Ireland, of English parentage. While sergeant in the Queen's service at Gibraltar, he was killed while trying to capture a band of smugglers, who were smuggling liquor into the camp of the soldiers. His wife died while returning to England, leaving the father of our subject an orphan at the age of nine years. From that time on he worked in Duffy & Company's print (calico) works at Manchester, England, until twenty-two years of age, becoming manager of the same. When the works were destroyed by fire he came to the United States, landing at Boston, where he established the Boston Dye Works. He was so successful there that he established another plant at New York city. He was married February 5, 1859, to Miss Kate Gibbon, a daughter of John Gibbon, who was born in Manchester, England, and was manager of the Dutchess Print Company at Wappinger's Falls, New York. By this union were born four children, namely: John, a retired business man of Los Angeles, California; Josephine, a teacher in the public schools of Cedar Rapids; May, wife of Charles Stevenson, an operator on the Chicago & Alton Railroad at Sedalia, Missouri; and Thomas, our subject. After his marriage the father

sold his business in Boston and New York city and removed to ——— county, Illinois, where he secured a section of land, making it his home for two years prior to the Civil war. He joined the Fifth Illinois Cavalry, being the first of his company to enlist, and with his regiment went to Missouri, where they were engaged in fighting guerrillas. He was badly injured by being thrown from his horse, and was sent to the hospital at Camp Butler, Springfield, Illinois. While there the smallpox broke out in the hospital, and he was appointed as a physician to care for the patients, having studied chemistry in his early days. He was so successful in his treatment of the disease that he was appointed by Governor Yates, of Illinois, as hospital steward at Camp Butler, and was given charge of all supplies. He then sent for his wife and two sons and remained there three years. At the close of the war he was honorably discharged and returned to New York, but after spending a short time there he located in Bloomington, Illinois, where he started a steam dye works. He made his home there until his death, which occurred July 22, 1887.

Thomas Munholland was educated at Poughkeepsie, New York, and Bloomington, Illinois, attending school in the latter place until fifteen years of age, when he returned to New York and commenced learning calico printing in the dye department of the Dutchess Print works. He spent two years in that factory and then returned to Bloomington, where he was engaged in business with his father, remaining there until his marriage. At the age of twenty-two he wedded Miss Lillian Preble, of Lexington, Illinois, a daughter of Charles Preble, who was a large stockman and a member of the Chicago Board of Trade.

On the 17th of March, 1886, Mr. Munholland removed to Cedar Rapids and established the Boston Dye Works, his first location being where the postoffice now stands. Later he bought the place where he is now located. On coming to Cedar Rapids he had only thirty-three dollars in cash, but he has prospered in business here through his perseverance, capable management and determination to succeed. At the age of sixteen he went to Michigan, where he had charge of a system of pumps in the iron mines for a year, and during that time saved enough money to buy a piece of land, which he sold for three hundred dollars on leaving there. The same land afterward proved to be fine mineral property and was sold for one hundred thousand dollars. Mr. Munholland is the breeder of some of the finest spaniels in this country, and is a lover of sport with the rod or gun. For seventeen years he has been a member of the Iowa National Guards, and has held office from first corporal to first lieutenant. He has received three honorable discharges, and has served three years in Company C, of Cedar Rapids. In his political views he is a staunch Republican. Fraternally he is a member of Crescent Lodge, No. 25, A. F. & A. M., Trowel Chapter, No. 49, R. A. M., the Knights of Pythias, the Sons of Veterans, and the Modern Woodmen of America, and is a liberal contributor to church and kindred work.

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ADDISON A. BERRY.

Throughout his active business life this gentleman has been identified with the farming and stock raising interests of Bertram

township, and is accounted one of its most thorough and skillful agriculturists. He was born in that township on the 22nd of June, 1863, and is a son of Robert Berry, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this work. His early education was obtained in the district schools near his boyhood home, and later he attended the business college at Cedar Rapids completing his education at the age of twenty years. During the following year he assisted his father in the work of the home farm, and on attaining his majority started out in life for himself with an excellent knowledge of the occupation which he has chosen as a life work.

On the 30th of October, 1884, Mr. Berry was married in Bertram township, to Miss Ella M. Hunter, who was born in that township, December 12, 1862, a daughter of James and Ellen (Flaherty), both natives of Ireland. The father was born September 16, 1818, and was sixteen years of age when he came to the new world. His life has been devoted chiefly to agriculture, but for ten years he was engaged in milling. From Philadelphia he went to Galena, Illinois, and in March, 1838, came to Linn county, Iowa, squatting on government land in Bertram township. When the land came into market he purchased one hundred and sixty acres, and as he prospered in his farming operations here he added to his property until he owned six hundred and sixty acres. He erected a steam mill in Putnam township and operated it for ten years in connection with farming. He has been three times married, his first wife being Mary Rodgers, by whom he had six children: William G., Sarah A., Mary E., James, Minerva J. and Emma R., all of whom are now deceased with exception of Sarah A. and Emma R. The mother of these children died in Novem-

ber, 1855, and he subsequently married Caroline Hollis, who died eighteen months later. His third wife was Ellen Flaherty, the mother of Mrs. Berry, and to them were born eleven children: John W., Ella M., Mary, Charles, James, Johanna, Jesse Franklin, John, Thomas G., Moritmer M. and Julia E. Of these John and Charles are deceased. The father is a supporter of the Democratic party, and is a man highly respected and esteemed by all who know him. Mr. and Mrs. Berry had three children: Alfred R., born August 14, 1885 is taking a philosophical course at Cornell College, Mt. Vernon, and will graduate in 1905; Grace E., born May 30, 1889, is attending the grammar school of Mt. Vernon; and one died in infancy.

After his marriage Mr. Berry rented his father-in-law's farm for a year, and then removed to the farm which he now occupies. Here he has three hundred and fifty acres on section 11, Bertram township, which is under a high state of cultivation and improved with excellent buildings, including one of the best farm residences in this part of the state, it being an elegant two-story brick structure with all modern improvements. Upon the place are also large barns, cattle sheds and other buildings. Besides this valuable property he owns a handsome residence in Mt. Vernon, where he lives during the school year that his children might have the best educational advantages that the state affords. He spends the summer upon his farm, and is successfully engaged in both farming and stock raising. Politically he is an ardent Republican, but has always refused to become a candidate for office, preferring to devote his undivided attention to his business interests. Socially he is a member of the Odd Fellows Lodge, No.

534, of Bertram, and he attends the Presbyterian church of Mt. Vernon, of which he is one of the trustees. He is a man of prominence in his community and is highly respected wherever known.

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#### HENRY KADGIHN.

This well-known and popular photographer of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, was born in Bloomington, Illinois, on the 8th of January, 1865, a son of Otto and Harriet (Luttenburg) Kadgihn, who were born in Germany, and on coming to America settled in McLean county, Illinois, at an early day. The father, who was engaged in business in Bloomington, Illinois, died there at the age of seventy-three years, but the mother is still living and continues to reside in that city. Of their eight children five also survive the father, our subject being the youngest.

During his boyhood and youth Henry Kadgihn attended the public schools of Bloomington, and also the Normal School at Normal, Illinois. After finishing his education he entered the studio of J. J. Mayes, of Bloomington, and during the three years spent there he thoroughly mastered the photographic art. Since then he has engaged in business for himself. For four years he conducted a studio in Bloomington, and then came to Cedar Rapids, but after a short time spent here he removed to Decatur, Illinois. In 1892 he returned to Cedar Rapids, and has since carried on business at this place. He possesses considerable artistic talent, and always keeps abreast of the latest improvements known to his profession. He is therefore one of the best

photographers of the city, and receives a liberal share of the public patronage. In his political views he is a Democrat. Mr. Kadgihn is recognized as the leader of his profession in the state of Iowa. Many of the photographs from which the engravings illustrating this Record were made being his work.

On the 25th of June, 1891, Mr. Kadgihn was united in marriage with Miss Otilda M. Stautz, a native of Bloomington, McLean county, Illinois, and a daughter of Jacob P. Stautz, of that place. One child blesses this union: Leo, born March 6, 1892. Religiously Mrs. Kadgihn is a member of the Universalist church.

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#### WILLIAM W. HAMILTON.

Prominent among the enterprising and progressive business men of Cedar Rapids is William W. Hamilton, of the well-known firm of Hamilton Brothers, wholesale dealers in farm machinery, seeds and coal. A native of Illinois, he was born in Cornwall township, Henry county, March 14, 1848, is a son of James Steele and Mary E. (Taylor) Hamilton. The father was born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, June 12, 1812, a son of Alexander and Elizabeth (Steele) Hamilton, the former a native of Ireland. When a young man the father removed to Henry county, Illinois, and for several years engaged in farming in Cornwall township. Subsequently he spent nine years in Benton county, Iowa, and then returned to Henry county, and located in Geneseo, where he lived retired until his death, which occurred March 15, 1889. There his widow still resides. They were

married March 5, 1840, and were the parents of seven children, namely: Priscilla, who died when about five years of age; John T., who is a partner of our subject in the implement business at Cedar Rapids; Alexander, who died at the age of one year; William W., of this sketch; Porter, who is also a member of the firm of Hamilton Brothers; and Sarah, wife of William Orr, a retired farmer of Geneseo, Illinois.

Reared on the home farm, William W. Hamilton attended the district schools of Cornwall township, and later a private school at Geneseo. On leaving the parental roof at the age of twenty-two he came to Cedar Rapids, in March, 1870, and commenced work for his brother, John T. Hamilton and A. T. Averill, who were carrying on business as dealers in farm machinery under the firm name of Averill & Hamilton. He represented them as a traveling salesman in Iowa for four years, and on the expiration of that period accepted the position of general agent for the McCormick Harvesting Machine Company, with headquarters at Bloomington, Illinois, remaining with them in that capacity for four years. He next went to Mapleton, Iowa, where his brother, Porter, had established an implement and lumber business with our subject as partner under the firm name of Hamilton Brothers, but a few months later, in the fall of 1877, he again entered the service of the McCormick Company as general agent at Council Bluffs, Iowa, though he retained his interest in the business at Mapleton. Six months later he took the general agency for the same company at Peoria, Illinois, where he remained five years and then returned to Mapleton. He continued in business at that place until November, 1890, when he sold out and came to Cedar Rapids, purchasing



the interest of J. R. Amidon, of the firm of Hamilton & Amidon. The firm is now composed of John T., William W. and Porter Hamilton, and business is carried on under the name of Hamilton Brothers, wholesale and retail dealers in farm machinery, seeds, coal, buggies, wagons, etc., confining their operations almost wholly to the state of Iowa.

William W. Hamilton was married, December 15, 1881, to Miss Josie L. Alsop, of Bloomington, Illinois, a daughter of William and Mary L. Alsop, old settlers of McLean county. By this union were born three children, namely: Mary Louise and Jane Steele, both of whom are attending the high school of Cedar Rapids; and Josephine, who is in the public schools.

Mr. Hamilton has done much to promote the commercial activity of Cedar Rapids, and is to-day one of its most prominent business men. He is methodical, sagacious and far-sighted, and generally carries forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes. He is a director of the Merchants National Bank. In his political affiliations he is a Democrat. He takes a great interest in civic societies, and is a Scottish Rite Mason, an honored member of Crescent Lodge, No. 25, A. F. & A. M.; Trowel Chapter, No. 49, R. A. M.; Apollo Commandery, No. 26, K. T., El Kahir Temple of the Mystic Shrine, and Peoria Consistory. He also belongs to the Knights of Pythias and was captain of the Uniformed Rank at Mapleton.

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#### EDWARD H. KNICKERBOCKER.

One of the most energetic and enterprising citizens of Fairfax township is Edward H. Knickerbocker, whose home is on section

9. He is a native of this county, born in Monroe township November 18, 1855, and is a son of William B. Knickerbocker, whose sketch appears on another page of this volume. Our subject attended the district schools of Monroe and Fairfax townships until nineteen years of age and then entered Western College at Western, Iowa, where he pursued his studies for three terms, taking a literary course.

On leaving school Mr. Knickerbocker began his business career as a piano salesman for E. C. Draper, of Cedar Rapids, and remained in his employ for about three years. He was next with H. C. Waite, of Cedar Rapids, for two years, selling pianos and organs throughout Iowa. Mr. Knickerbocker was then married, March 22, 1882, to Miss Hanna M. Johnson, a native of Haverford, Delaware county, Pennsylvania, and a daughter of Charles and Sarah (Hood) Johnson, who were also born in that state, the Johnson family being one of the oldest of Delaware county. There the father followed farming throughout life and died in 1889, while the wife passed away in 1877. They were the parents of six children who reached years of maturity, of whom Mrs. Knickerbocker is fifth in order of birth, and of this family four are still living. The parents were members of the Society of Friends and most estimable people. Our subject and his wife have three children namely: Charles J., who is now taking a course in electrical engineering at the State Agricultural College at Ames; Sarah H., a student in the Fairfax high school; and Ruth, who is attending the primary school in Fairfax.

Mr. and Mrs. Knickerbocker began their married life upon a farm of one hundred and twenty-seven acres in Fairfax township



E. H. KNICKERBOCKER.



which he had previously purchased, and after residing there nine years he rented that place and removed to his present farm adjoining the village of Fairfax. He gives a great deal of attention to the breeding of roadsters and Norman horses, generally keeping from twenty-five to thirty head of standard breeds upon his place, and he also handles short horn cattle, which he buys and ships mostly to his ranch in Montana, though he sells some to the western markets. In 1898 he and John C. Cronk became interested in a stock ranch in Montana with twenty-five hundred acres of grazing land. This place is located at Coburg on the Great Northern Railroad. Mr. Knickerbocker and his brother Burton are also interested in the manufacture of a patent bath brush, called the myriad stream, which is made in Chicago and sold all over the United States.

Religiously Mr. and Mrs. Knickerbocker and their two oldest children are members of the Congregational church of Fairfax and fraternally he is also a member of the Iowa Legion of Honor and the Modern Woodmen of America. He has ever affiliated with the Republican party since casting his first presidential vote for Rutherford B. Hayes, but has never cared for political office, preferring to devote his entire time and attention to his extensive business interests. He is a very wide-awake and progressive man of good business and executive ability, and generally carries forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes.

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#### JOHN B. LEIGH.

Among Linn county's most prominent and substantial early settlers is numbered John B. Leigh, of Linn township, who was

born on the 3d of September, 1834, in Butler county, Ohio, and is a son of Foster W. and Sarah (Busenbark) Leigh, natives of New Jersey and Ohio, respectively. He is descended from a very distinguished English family on the paternal side, his ancestors being related to King Charles. They were justly entitled to a portion of his majesty's property, consisting of twenty thousand, nine hundred and sixty-five acres of land, but never came into possession of the same through technicalities and the avariciousness of others. At an early day our subject's grandfather emigrated from England to America and located in New Jersey, where he spent the remainder of his life.

Foster W. Leigh, the father of our subject, was married in Ohio, and in the fall of 1851 came to this county and settled in Linn township, where he became quite an extensive landowner, being at one time the proprietor of one thousand acres. His wife died in that township in June, 1862, and he passed away in 1878. They were the parents of nine children, five sons and four daughters.

The days of his boyhood and youth John B. Leigh spent upon his farm and early acquired an excellent knowledge of agricultural pursuits, which he has made his life work. He also received such educational advantages as the common schools afforded at that time. Before he attained his majority his father gave him one hundred and forty acres of land in Linn township, for which he had paid eighty-seven cents per acre. On reaching man's estate our subject located upon this property, and at once turned his attention to its improvement and cultivation! In his farming operations he has met with most excellent success, and



has added to his landed possessions until he now has eight hundred acres of valuable and productive land, being one of the largest land owners in Linn township. His farm is well improved with good buildings, and in fact is one of the most desirable places in the locality. He has given considerable attention to the raising of thoroughbred Short-horn cattle and has a herd upon his place which ranks among the best in the county. At present he rents most of his land and is practically living retired in Mt. Vernon, enjoying the fruits of his early labors.

In October, 1855, Mr. Leigh was married in Linn township to Miss Elizabeth Busenbark, who was born in Montgomery county, Ohio, in 1834, her parents, Reding and Delilah (Paulin) Busenbark, being also natives of that state. They are now deceased. Mr. Leigh has traveled quite extensively and has gathered a fine collection of valuable curios from other lands. In this collection, which is one of the best in the west, are rare coins valued at two hundred and fifty dollars each; one dated two hundred and fifty years B. C. and one thirty-seven years A. D., idols and other articles seldom found in private collections in the United States. These he takes great pleasure in showing to his many friends, or in fact to any one who manifests an interest in them. He also has one of the finest libraries to be found in the county. He is a constant student and a man of excellent judgment whose opinions are often sought and whose decisions are usually correct.

Politically Mr. Leigh is identified with the Republican party, and has filled the offices of township trustee and school treasurer for some years. He has always been strictly temperate in his habits, never using

tobacco or liquor in any form, and to this may be attributed his good health and sound constitution. He is a man of fine physique. Socially he is a member of Marion Lodge, No. 18, I. O. O. F., and is also one of the leading members of the Old Settlers' Association, in fact was one of the organizers of that body, which organized in 1872 on January 13, and at the first two meetings furnished a bountiful repast to those present free of charge. He also hired the brass band to furnish music for their entertainment. He has carefully preserved a copy of the Cedar Rapids Republican, published Thursday, December 14, 1876, which gives an account of the fourth annual reunion of this association, from which we quote the following:

"The meeting was one of great interest, not only to those present, who, by reason of their strength, have reached the verge of that period of life allotted to all mankind, but to those present of lesser years who have helped to make history for our noble state and country. Four years ago an organization was effected by John Leigh, Sr., of Linn Grove; Michael Hoover, of Lisbon; Harlow Post, of Mt. Vernon; and many others of the old people of the county, the first and second annual dinners taking place at Mr. Leigh's residence. The third annual reunion took place at Mt. Vernon and was largely attended. The reunion on yesterday—the fourth—surpassed all previous gatherings in attendance and interest, and will long be remembered by all who participated.

"The association convened in Hazlett's Hall at ten o'clock A. M., and organized, with Harlow Post, president, in the chair, after which S. H. Bauman was elected secretary. The meeting was opened with

prayer by Rev. Mr. Hanna, of Mt. Vernon. The roll was then called, and it was found that eleven of those who had enrolled their names only four short years ago had passed away from earth. W. Wilson, of Springville, made some very appropriate and feeling remarks in memory of the departed ones who had gone over the river.

"Dinner being announced, the convention adjourned to Guilds Hotel, where an elegant repast awaited them. During the dinner, and in fact all day, many personal reminiscences were brought up, and like old soldiers the battles were fought over again. After dinner had been discussed, about one hundred and fifty persons taking part, upward of fifty of whom were over seventy years of age, an adjournment was again had to the hall, and Dr. Rathbun, of Marion, spoke particularly to the mothers, to whom great praise is due for the sacrifices made in the early days of Linn county. Harvey Gillett, of Mt. Vernon, attempted to address the convention, but, overcome by emotion, his voice could not be heard. He was followed by Michael Hoover, of Lisbon, who spoke of the many changes that have taken place since he came to Iowa, about thirty years ago. Then Iowa was a wilderness, an almost unbroken prairie, to-day she stands among her sister states, in intelligence, in enterprise, in energy, second to none. Harlow Post spoke of the pleasant associations connected with the meetings of the society. Hon. S. L. Dows, of Cedar Rapids, was present, and, being called upon, made some very happy remarks to the old settlers, one of whom he could justly claim to be, if not as advanced in years as many of those present. The following were among those present: William Littlefield, Mrs. A. Littlefield, William Wilson, Har-

vey Gillett, William Craven, Harlow Post, Mrs. C. Post, Niles Strong, Thomas Livinggood, Cornelius Goodrich, Jeremiah Burge, Mrs. Margaret M. Burge, Adam Neasley, John Ringer, Sr., Mrs. Mary Ringer, Andrew Hazlett, Mrs. Elizabeth B. Hazlett, D. O. Chubbuck, Samuel Willhoite, Simon Archer, Hubbard Shedd, Mrs. Ann Shedd, William M. Sample, Mrs. Ann G. Sample, Preston Scott, Thomas Safely, John Safely, Isabell Safely, John Elliott, Mrs. Eliza Elliott, John Miller, John Elrod, Michael Hoover, Mrs. Mary Hoover, James S. Varner, H. Randall, Mrs. Cliota Clark, Richard Harbert, Mrs. Mary Ann Harbert, Chauncy Davis, Richard Thomas, Mrs. Julia E. Thomas, Jason C. Bartholomew, Edwin Woodbridge, Elias Ford, Mrs. Sarah Wilson, David Herman, Mrs. Esther Mussey, Elsie Strong, John McShane, David Stentz, and Margaret Torrance."

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#### SAMUEL McLAIN HALL.

Among the successful attorneys and representative citizens of Cedar Rapids is the gentleman whose name introduces this sketch. He is a native of Linn county, born in Fairfax township April 16, 1864, and is a son of J. J. and Martha G. (McLain) Hall, both of whom were born in Pennsylvania, the former in 1833 and the latter in 1829. In 1852 the father came to this county, where he engaged in farming for some years, but spent his last days in ease and retirement from active labor in Cedar Rapids, where he died in 1894. He was a consistent and earnest member of the United Prasebyterian church, to which his wife also belongs. Of their five children

two died in early childhood, the others being Sarah, wife of G. F. Wentch, of Cedar Rapids; S. McLain, the subject of this sketch; and Alice M., who lives with her mother in Cedar Rapids.

The early education of our subject was acquired in the common schools of this county, and at the age of eighteen years he entered Coe College, where he took a scientific course, and was graduated in 1888. He then taught school in Central City, Iowa, for a year, and later was employed in a store for the same length of time. We next find him a student in the law office of Henry Rickel, where he remained two years, and for the following five years he was engaged in the practice of his chosen profession in Cedar Rapids. At the end of that time he entered the Iowa University, where he completed a two years' course in one year, and at the same time attended to his professional duties. On leaving school he formed a partnership with a Mr. Watkins, which connection continued for two years, since which time he has been alone and has successfully engaged in general practice. He represents some of the leading firms of Cedar Rapids as counsel, and is recognized as one of the ablest lawyers of the city. He has met with success financially as well as professionally, and is the owner of considerable real estate in the city and county.

The Republican party has always found in Mr. Hall a staunch supporter of its principles, and although he takes an active part in local politics, he has never been an aspirant for office. During the presidential campaign of 1900 he stumped the county for McKinley and Roosevelt. He is a member of the United Presbyterian church and formerly took an active part in church work. He is a close and thorough student, and his

tastes and inclinations are toward literary pursuits. Various products of high merit have come from his pen, and he is quite prominent in literary circles.

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#### JAMES N. BARRY.

James N. Barry, deceased, was for several years an honored resident of Linn county, where he located in 1875, having formerly made his home in Jackson county, Iowa, for a number of years. He was born in Rochester, New York, and was a son of John Garrett Barry. When a young man the Civil war broke out, and he enlisted in 1862, in Company K, Thirty-first Iowa Volunteer Infantry, for three years' service, but being wounded in battle in the early part of his service, he was honorably discharged in 1863 on account of disability, and returned home.

On the 8th of September, 1864, Mr. Barry was united in marriage with Miss Mary S. French, a native of Pennsylvania, and a daughter of Otis and Catherine (Irwin) French. By this union were born seven children, as follows: Ella and Effie were twins, the former of whom is now the wife of H. N. Booth, a business man of Walker, Iowa, while the latter married Benjamin Hyde, of Grant township, and died in 1899. Charles O. married Ella Edwards, daughter of Byron Edwards, and resides in Walker, of which place he is now postmaster, and is also part owner of the Walker News, which was founded in 1883 by David Brant. George is deceased. Justin, born in 1873, is editor and part owner of the Walker News and resides in Walker, Linn county, Iowa. Wallace died in childhood.

Arthur J. is engaged in general mercantile business in Hamerville, Iowa.

Mr. Barry made his home in Walker and was appointed postmaster of that place during President Harrison's administration, which he was acceptably filling at the time of his death, which occurred April 22, 1890. His wife succeeded him in office and served until the expiration of his term of appointment. He also served as constable and local deputy sheriff of Grant township. In politics he was a stalwart Republican. Religiously both he and his wife were earnest and consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and he was also an honored member of the blue lodge of Masonry, and C. G. Francis Post, No. 181, G. A. R. He was widely and favorably known, and was held in the highest esteem by his many friends throughout the county.

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### JOHN A. McCULLOCH.

John A. McCulloch, a well-known general contractor and one of the reliable business men of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, was born in Glasgow, Scotland, October 16, 1869, his parents being Neil and Janet (Andrew) McCulloch, who brought their family to the new world in 1884 and settled in Cedar Rapids. In his native land the father was a grain merchant, but since coming to this country has principally engaged in farming, and is now conducting what is known as Green's Stock Farm, in Rapids township, Linn county, north of Cedar Rapids. He is now about fifty-six years of age, and is still quite active and energetic. He is a self-educated, as well as a self-made man, and deserves great credit for the success that he has achieved in life.

John A. McCulloch is the oldest in a family of nine children, the others being Donald, who was formerly with Donaldson Brothers' "Glass Block," of Minneapolis; Mary, at home with her parents; Margaret, who is teaching in the schools of Cedar Rapids; Jessie, a stenographer of this city; and Elizabeth, Robert, William and George, all at home.

The subject of this sketch acquired his education in an academy of his native city, and was a lad of fifteen years when he came to America. He grew to manhood under the parental roof and remained at home until 1889, when he secured employment in Cedar Rapids with C. G. Green, in the real estate and insurance business, working for him two years. During that time he acquired an excellent knowledge of the business, which he subsequently followed on his own account with fair success. In 1896 he became connected with J. B. McGorrick, the contractor, who put in the street paving at Cedar Rapids, and as assistant superintendent our subject had charge of the same. In 1897 and 1898 he was in the employ of the Likes Improvement Company as assistant superintendent of paving, and continued in that capacity until the contract was finished. Since then he has engaged in general contracting on his own account, and is now well and favorably known throughout the city among its business and professional men.

On the 20th of January, 1898, Mr. McCulloch married Miss Lilla A. Sisam, a native of Linn county, who was educated at Coe College and successfully engaged in teaching for a time. The year of his marriage he purchased property in Central Park, and erected thereon a modern and pleasant residence. He is a staunch supporter of the



Republican party, and has done all in his power to insure its success as an active party worker, but has never been an aspirant for office. Religiously he is a member of the Presbyterian church, and socially is a member of Cedar Rapids Lodge, No. 278, A. O. U. W., of which he is past master, and a member of Linn Tent, No. 38, K. O. T. M., in which he has served as chairman of the board of trustees. He is a genial, pleasant man, who well merits the prosperity that has come to him, being of industrious habits, enterprising and energetic, and thoroughly reliable in all things.



#### SAMUEL P. CAMERON.

Samuel P. Cameron is one of the leading and representative railroad men of Cedar Rapids, where he has made his home since 1882, and during this time has been in the employ of the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad. He was born in Juniata county, Pennsylvania, March 20, 1851, and is a son of Samuel P. and Elizabeth (Coulter) Cameron, natives of the same county and of German descent, the former born in 1817, the latter in 1821. The father followed farming in Pennsylvania until 1856, when he removed with his family to Bureau county, Illinois, locating near Princeton, where he owned and operated a farm of two hundred and twenty acres. On disposing of that place in 1885, he went to Kansas and invested his money in land in that state. There his wife died in 1891, and he subsequently came to Cedar Rapids, where he made his home with his children until his death, which occurred February 14, 1897. Originally he was a

Whig in politics and later supported the Republican party, but took no active part in political affairs aside from voting. In religious faith both he and his wife were Lutherans. They had a family of seven children, of whom two died in Illinois in early childhood, and William died in Minneapolis, Minnesota, in 1898. The others are Samuel P., our subject, who is the oldest of the family; Mary E., wife of Henry Gelwicks, of Minneapolis; Margaret M., wife of George Steinbrook, of Columbus, Kansas; and Jennie, wife of Luther Henry, of Red Oak, Iowa. By a former marriage four children were born to Mr. Cameron. One of these, Hannah, is the wife of Daniel Ernest, of Princeton, Illinois.

The subject of this sketch passed the days of his boyhood and youth in Bureau county, Illinois, and attended its public schools until fifteen years of age. During the following three years he worked on the home farm, and at the end of that time he secured a position as brakeman on the Burlington & Missouri Railroad at Burlington, remaining there until 1874, when he went to Galesburg, Illinois, and commenced firing for the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad. In 1879 he was given an engine in the freight service and remained with that road until coming to Cedar Rapids in 1882. He ran a freight train for the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad until 1896, when he was promoted to passenger engineer, in which capacity he is still serving. He has worked on all of the divisions of the road and is one of its most reliable and trusted employes.

At Kewanee, Illinois, in 1875, Mr. Cameron was united in marriage with Miss Christie Cowan, who was born in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, in 1856, a daughter of Andrew

and Bridget (Kehoe) Cowan. The father is now deceased, but the mother is still living and makes her home in Cedar Rapids. Their children were Elizabeth, wife of John Anderson, of Denison, Texas; Christie, wife of our subject; Mary, wife of John Webster, of Cedar Rapids; and John W., also a resident of this city. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Cameron were born two children, but Harry died in 1889, at the age of eight years. Edna B., born in 1879, is a graduate of the Cedar Rapids high school and is at home with her parents.

In 1884 Mr. Cameron purchased a home in Cedar Rapids, but later sold it, and in 1899 bought a lot, on which he erected a good modern residence with all of the conveniences of the present day. Politically he is identified with the Democratic party, and fraternally affiliates with Mt. Herman Lodge, No. 263, A. F. & A. M.; Lodge No. 278, A. O. U. W.; and Division No. 159, B. of L. E., of which he has been chief two years. Religiously he is a member of the United Evangelical church, and is a man highly respected and esteemed by all who know him.

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GEORGE T. MUNN.

Among the self-made men who have successfully followed railroading throughout the greater part of their active business life is George T. Munn, of Cedar Rapids, who has been in the employ of the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad since March, 1873. He was born in Cliff, county Kent, England, February 16, 1852, and is a son of Frederick and Sarah (George) Munn. The father, who was a

shepherd by occupation, died in that country in August, 1854. In 1870, the mother, accompanied by some of her children, crossed the broad Atlantic and came direct to Cedar Rapids, where she died in 1880, at the age of sixty-four years. She was a member of the Episcopal church and a most estimable lady. She had eight children, of whom one died in childhood, and Eliza died in England, and Walter in Joliet, Illinois, in 1893. Those living are Benjamin B., a resident of Cedar Rapids; Mrs. Sarah Munn, whose husband is a stationary engineer in California; Ann, widow of Daniel Street and a resident of England; Frederick, a farmer of England; and George T., our subject.

During his boyhood George T. Munn attended the public schools of his native land until eleven years of age, and then started out to make his own way in the world, working as a farm hand to assist in the support of the family. He was eighteen years of age when he came to this country with his mother and took up his residence in Cedar Rapids, where he was employed as a section hand for a short time. For two years he engaged in farming for Hon. George Greene, and in March, 1873, entered the employ of the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad as a car repairer, and also followed various occupations in the shops until 1883, when he went upon the road as fireman for four years. In 1887 he was given an engine and has since had a train, running over nearly the whole system. For nine years he ran between Burlington and Cedar Rapids and made his home in the former city for eight years of that time. He then returned to Cedar Rapids, and since January, 1901, has had a fast freight, making daily runs be-

tween Cedar Rapids and Iowa Falls. During his entire railroad career he has been very successful and fortunately has met with no personal injuries, though in 1885 his train ran into a snow plow at Grundy Center, but no one out of the two crews was hurt.

In 1879 Mr. Munn married Miss Elizabeth Ott, who was born in Quincy, Illinois, May 13, 1856, and was living in Cedar Rapids at the time of their marriage. Her parents are both deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Munn have three children, Otto W., Sadie and Eva B., all at home. The parents are members of the Episcopal church, and Mr. Munn also belongs to the Odd Fellows Lodge, No. 141, of Cedar Rapids. Although he started out in life for himself with no capital and has been dependent upon his own resources from an early age, he has met with success in life, and now has property interests in Cedar Rapids. His course has also been such as to commend him to the confidence and esteem of all who know him.

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#### PETER G. HENDERSON.

While "the race is not always to the swift nor the battle to the strong," the invariable law of destiny accords to tireless energy, industry and ability a successful career. The truth of this assertion is abundantly verified in the life of Mr. Henderson, who is one of the most successful as well as one of the most prominent citizens of Jackson township.

A native of Canada, he was born in St. Reime, January 2, 1842, and is a son of William and Aley (Bursell) Henderson, the former a native of Scotland, the latter of Yorkshire, England. William Hender-

son was a lad of eight years when he crossed the Atlantic with his father and took up his residence on a farm in Canada, where he engaged in agricultural pursuits until coming to Linn county, Iowa, in the spring of 1854. He purchased a tract of land in Jackson township, which he cleared and improved with the assistance of his sons, and continued to engage in farming there until the death of his wife, which occurred June 30, 1874. He then removed to another farm in the same township, where he made his home until he, too, was called to his final rest on the 12th of January, 1892. After the death of the mother of our subject, he was again married, his second union being with Sarah Willis, of Jackson township, who died in June, 1892.

By the first union there were six children, namely: William, the eldest, died in the army during the Civil war. James is a merchant and stock buyer of Ehler, Delaware county, Iowa, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this volume. Peter G. is the next of the family. Robert, a farmer of Cedar county, Iowa, first married Helen Brown and after her death wedded Emma Phelps. Henry, a farmer of Jackson township, Linn county, is represented on another page of this volume. Hannah Jane is the wife of Peter T. Henderson, whose sketch will be found elsewhere in this work. The children were all educated in the common schools of this county.

The subject of this sketch accompanied his parents on their removal to this county, and on leaving home located on his present farm on section 28, Jackson township. He was married in 1867 to Miss Jane A. Mills, of that township, who was born December 7, 1844, a daughter of Albin D. and Dötha (Ford) Mills, both of whom are now de-







P. G. HENDERSON.



MRS. P. G. HENDERSON.



ceased. Her father was a farmer of Jackson township. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Henderson, namely: William, who married Lottie Freeman and is engaged in farming near his father; Elsie, who died in infancy; Ernest, who married Irene Richardson and resides on a farm in Jackson township; Henry, who married Pearl Ford and is also living near his father; Mary, wife of William D. McTavish, a sketch of whom will be found on another page of this volume; and Earl, who is at home with his parents.

In his farming operations Mr. Henderson has been eminently successful. He has over two hundred acres of land in his home farm, and owns other farms in the county and also property in Central City. At present he gives very little attention to farm work, as his son Earl now has the supervision of the home farm, while he gives his attention to his other business interests. He is the owner of one of the oldest and largest creameries in this part of the county, and receives milk from all the farmers in the southern portion of Jackson township. He is a stockholder in the Bank of Central City, and is also interested in the Bishop Telephone Company, of which he was president for a number of years. At one time he was also part owner in the printing office at Central City, and in all his undertakings has been wonderfully successful, until he is now one of the most prosperous and substantial men of his community. He is industrious, energetic, far-sighted and progressive, and to these characteristics may be attributed his success.

In November, 1892, Mr. Henderson was elected president of the Red Polled Cattle Club of America, which is composed of the leading cattle men from all parts of the

United States and Canada, having a membership of about four hundred. In his locality are about three hundred head of cattle owned by different parties, known as the Consolidated Herds of Red Polled Cattle. Mr. Henderson made a trip to England in the interest of this breed of cattle in the spring of 1901 and made a large importation. Since the organization of the Iowa Dairy Association in 1876, he has been actively identified with it, serving six years as vice-president and later as president for three years, being elected to the latter office twice in succession. In politics Mr. Henderson is a Democrat, and in his social relations is a member of the Masonic Lodge at Central City. Both he and his wife are members of the Jackson Congregational church of Jackson township and are people of prominence in the community where they reside.

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#### WILLIAM H. JOHNSON.

William H. Johnson, the well-known and popular proprietor of the only general store on the west side of Cedar Rapids, is one of Iowa's native sons, his birth having occurred in Jackson county, July 23, 1861. His father, John Johnson, was born in County Clare, Ireland, in 1810, and at the age of eighteen years came to America on a sailing vessel. Landing in New York city, he remained there for a time working as a laborer, but during the gold excitement in California, in 1849, he went to the Pacific slope and successfully engaged in mining for about three years, clearing twenty thousand dollars in gold. He then removed to Jackson county, Iowa, where he purchased a homestead of one hundred and forty acres,



his being the first house erected on the present site of Maquoketa. At that time he owned all the land on which is now a flourishing city of five thousand inhabitants. In 18— he married Ellen O'Meara, who was born in the province of Grand Ottawa, Canada, in 1842, and was nine years of age when she removed with her parents to Clinton county, Iowa. She is now a resident of Cedar Rapids. Her father, Thomas O'Meara, was a native of Ireland, and at an early age came to this country, landing in New York. On his removal to Clinton county, Iowa, he purchased two hundred and forty acres of land, which he operated during the remainder of his life, being engaged in the raising of both grain and stock. He died in 1856, at about the age of seventy years. His wife was of Scottish descent and died in 1876, at the age of forty. The remains of both were interred in the Catholic cemetery at Deep Creek, Clinton county.

The subject of this sketch is one of a family of four children. He was educated in the district schools near his boyhood home in Jackson county, and assisted his father in the labors of the farm until the latter's death in 1876. During the following two years he had charge of the old homestead, but it was sold at the end of that time, and he went to Maquoketa, where he attended school six months. He then spent a short time in Clinton county, Iowa, and in 1879, when the gold excitement was at its height in Leadville, Colorado, he went to that place and took up claims. He also engaged in speculating and ran a hotel for a time, while later he was with a government surveying party in Arizona and New Mexico. Mr. Johnson spent about two years at Camp Cummings, Wyoming, and

while there held the office of sheriff for one year and conducted a general store at that place. He located the Mary Jane mine in the ten mile district of Leadville, which he and his partner afterward sold to Governor Tabor, of Colorado, for thirty thousand dollars, and which is to-day a successful mine. He also entered a claim on Spanish Peak and sold the ten-foot hole for eight thousand dollars to Colonel Davis, of Placerville county, and located a number of other successful mines.

In 1886 Mr. Johnson came to Cedar Rapids to visit his mother, intending to return to the gold fields, but being well pleased with the city he decided to remain here and opened a meat market on South First street west, which he conducted for four years. On selling out, he engaged in breeding fast horses for a time and also owned a race track, but in November, 1895, he again embarked in the meat business at No. 118 Third avenue west, in the west end of the building which he now occupies. A year later he put in a stock of groceries, being the first man in Cedar Rapids to have a grocery and meat market together. Since then he has enlarged his business, and now has the only department store on the west side, handling all kinds of merchandise in connection with his former business. He is a wide-awake, energetic man of progressive ideas and has been eminently successful in his business ventures.

Mr. Johnson was married in 1895 to Miss Sophia Heins, who was born July 8, 1862, a daughter of John and Sophia Heins. She has three brothers and one sister, namely: Frank, a lawyer of Cedar Rapids; Emma, wife of Arthur Ferguson, of Clay county, Iowa; John, who is married and lives four miles west of Cedar Rapids; and

Louis, also an attorney of this city. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have one child, Hazel. Politically our subject is identified with the Democratic party, but has never been an aspirant for office. For fifteen years he has now been a resident of Cedar Rapids, and to-day occupies quite a prominent position in business circles.

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CHARLES JOHN IVES.

Railroads have been termed the "highways" of civilization, and their construction is ever followed by progress, upbuilding and advancement. The light that flashes along its rails is an indication of the dawn of prosperity. Practically annihilating time and space, it has largely been the railroads that have produced the marvelous growth of the west, placing this section of the country on a par with the older east, and the promoters of the work justly deserve to be termed benefactors of their race. For many years our subject has been connected with railroad building in the Mississippi valley and to-day stands at the head of the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad Company, as its president. The position of prominence to which he has attained is a tribute to his skill, his executive ability, his perseverance and sound judgment—qualities which have been instrumental in securing him success.

The life record of such a man cannot fail to prove of interest, and the history of Iowa would be incomplete without his sketch. He was born in Wallingford, Rutland county, Vermont, October 4, 1831, and is descended from honored New England ancestors, connected with the history

of that section of the country almost from the beginning. The founder of the family in America sailed from England on the Truelove, and landed at Boston, Massachusetts, on the 19th of September, 1635. Our subject is numbered among his direct lineal descendants. They had a son, Joseph Ives, who married Esther Benedict, and became the father of Nathaniel Ives, whose wife bore the maiden name of Mehitable Andrews. Their son, Lent Ives, was a grandfather of our subject, and married Mary Mighell. The father of our subject, John Ives, was born in Wallingford, Vermont, and by occupation was a farmer and merchant. In 1847 he came west, locating in Lee county, Iowa, where he died at the age of sixty-three years. His wife, who descended from New England ancestors, bore the maiden name of Lucretia Johnson. The Ives family have always been noted for loyalty and patriotism. There were thirty-one representatives of the name in the Revolutionary war, including the grandfather of our subject. Three members served in the war of 1812, and twenty-four were numbered among the defenders of the stars and stripes during the Civil war. These included three brothers of C. J. Ives, namely: William J., who was in the Fourth Iowa Cavalry; and Nat L. and George E., who were members of the First Iowa Cavalry.

Mr. Ives, whose name introduces this sketch, may well be called a self-educated man, for his school privileges were somewhat limited, and in the school of experience he has learned more valuable lessons than the common institutions of learning ever afforded him. He attended the public schools of his native county, and for a short time was a student in the academy at Poultney, Vermont. This ended his school

life, but an observing eye and retentive memory and sound judgment have made him a well informed man. He worked upon his father's farm in the Green Mountain state until 1847, and then aided in subduing a portion of the prairie in Lee county, Iowa, on which his father settled when emigrating to the west. Thus through his minority he continually followed agricultural pursuits. With a desire to see more of the country and a hope that he might gain one of the fortunes which was said to be so plentiful in that region, he went to Pikes Peak, Colorado, and passed through the experiences of mining and lumbering in that then wild frontier settlement. He found that wealth, however, was not so easily procured as report stated, and, after a year and a half, returned to his Iowa home, which he reached in the autumn of 1861. Through the year that followed he was engaged in various pursuits, and on the 1st of October, 1862, he became connected with railroading as a clerk for the Burlington & Missouri River Railroad, at Mt. Pleasant, Iowa. His duties were various. It was a little western station, where he sold tickets, loaded freight cars, drove hogs into the cars for shipment and performed such other tasks as were connected with railroad service in the western district.

Possessing a laudable ambition, Mr. Ives determined to work his way upward, if this could be done through energy, fidelity to duty and perseverance. There is no company or corporation that demands of its employes more faithful service than a railroad company, but it is always sure to appreciate and reward conscientious discharge of duty, and the case of Mr. Ives was no exception to the rule. On the 15th of January, 1864, he was appointed clerk in the local office in

Burlington, Iowa, and from January, 1867, until July, 1870, he was clerk in the general freight office in that city. Since the latter date he has been continuously connected with what is now the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad; at the time when he allied his interests with it it was called the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Minnesota Road. During the first year he was general freight agent of the first division, and from 1871 until October 15, 1874, served as general passenger and ticket agent. On the 15th of October his duties were further increased by an appointment as general freight agent, and he served in that capacity as well as the others until October 28, 1875, when he was made acting superintendent and general freight, passenger and ticket agent. From November 26, 1875, until November 28, 1879, he was superintendent and general freight, passenger and ticket agent, and from the latter date until June 14, 1884, he was general superintendent. He was then president and general superintendent until June 1, 1893, and since that time has been president of the road. His advancement has been steady and continuous. The growth of the road with which he has been connected so long has been largely accomplished through his efforts.

When he became connected with the Burlington & Missouri River Railroad its western terminus was at Ottumwa, Iowa; now the state is crossed and re-crossed by a perfect network of railroads, facilitating commerce, introducing all the improvements known to the east and advancing the state with a rapidity that is known only to western districts. The road of which Mr. Ives is now president was only forty miles in length when he first became identified with it. Now its aggregate length is

one thousand three hundred and fifty miles, and it justly ranks among the most important business institutions of Iowa. He rode upon the first train of steam cars that made a trip in this state. His own progress has been proportionate to that of the road, and the farm boy of forty years ago is to-day at the head of a concern whose importance in a world of commerce cannot be estimated.

While promoting in all possible ways the interest of the railroad companies, Mr. Ives has also aided materially in the prosperity of Cedar Rapids by his connection with various enterprises there. He was for some time president of the Cedar Rapids Electric Light Company, but resigned that position in 1893, owing to the press of other duties, but was again elected president in 1899. His capital has been judiciously invested and he has become the possessor of a handsome property. He is purely a business man, practical, energetic and capable, with a mind to plan and a will to execute.

In 1854 Mr. Ives was united in marriage with Miss Ellen M. Dale, of Wallingford, Vermont, and six children were born to them. A son and daughter are still living. The mother died April 16, 1895. Personally Mr. Ives is courteous and affable, a gentleman in the truest and best sense of that term; and while his career excites the admiration, it also commands the respect of all.

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W. W. GRAY.

W. W. Gray, an honored pioneer of Linn county, and a highly estimable citizen of Marion, claims Pennsylvania as his native state, his birth having occurred in Brad-

ford county on the 23rd of December, 1830. His parents were George and Sarah (Hume) Gray, the former a native of New York. By occupation the father was a farmer. When a young man he removed to Pennsylvania, where he followed his chosen calling until he started for the west with his family. They spent one winter in Ohio and the next in Illinois, and then came to Iowa, stopping in Muscatine county. In the fall of 1839 the father came to Linn county and took up a claim of one hundred and sixty acres in Marion township, on which he erected a log cabin. He brought his family to the home which he had prepared for them in the spring of 1840, and to the improvement and cultivation of his land he devoted his time and attention until called to his final rest in 1874. His first wife died and he was again married, his second union being with Olive Wilsey, who died in 1847. His third wife was Carrie Sloan, who departed this life in 1879. By his first marriage he had five children, namely: W. W., our subject; Parthania Emma, deceased; Angeline, wife of A. Hagerman, a farmer of Otter Creek township; G. A., a retired attorney of Marion, who served as captain in the Civil war; and Ida C., deceased. By his second union the father had one son, Addison D., a retired farmer of Walker, Iowa. There were no children by his last marriage.

During his boyhood W. W. Gray attended the common and subscription schools near his home, and remained under the parental roof until after he attained his majority. For four years he and his father engaged in the manufacture of brick and in farming together. He then purchased eighty acres of land in Marion township, about four and a half miles northeast of the city, which



was wild prairie land, and later added to it, making a good farm of one hundred and twenty acres, which he placed under a high state of cultivation and improved with good buildings. He successfully engaged in general farming until his removal to Marion in 1893. The following year he and T. G. White started the Marion Creamery, which they conducted under the firm name of Gray & White for three years, when he bought out his partner's interest and has since owned the place. His son, George B. Gray, now has charge of the business and is successfully managing it, while our subject lives retired in the enjoyment of a competence which he has truly earned and richly deserves.

Mr. Gray was married in 1860, to Miss Saphrona Hardin, who was born near Jefferson, Madison county, Ohio, and is a daughter of Benjamin and Mary (Imlay) Hardin, natives of Virginia and New Jersey, respectively. Her parents came to Iowa in 1855, and located in Marion township. Her father, who devoted his life to agricultural pursuits, died in 1871, and the mother passed away in 1888. Of the children born to Mr. and Mrs. Gray Mary and Elizabeth are both deceased. George B. married Jennie Keenan, of Linn county, and they have three children, Grace, Opal and Hazel. Angeline L. is the wife of James R. Van Fosen, a farmer of Marion township. Emma is deceased. Sophronia Jane is at home with her parents. W. W., Jr., is engaged in mining in Placer county, California.

In 1870 Mr. Gray united with the Methodist Episcopal church and has since taken an active part in its work. He is also a member of the United Workmen Lodge, No. 19, of Marion. Through the sixty years of

his residence here he has become widely known and his many excellent traits of character have gained him the high regard of his many friends.

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#### EDWIN BURD, M. D.

Prominent among the successful physicians and surgeons of this county is Dr. Edwin Burd, of Lisbon, who is a practitioner of far more than local reputation. He was born in Warren county, New Jersey, September 9, 1846, and is a son of John and Susanna (Albertson) Burd, also natives of that state, the former born February 5, 1817, the latter September 28, 1822. Throughout his active business life the father followed farming, but for fifteen years prior to his death lived retired. He was a very public-spirited man and a supporter of the Republican party, but always refused to accept public office. An earnest and consistent Christian gentleman, he was a very active member and a ruling elder in the Presbyterian church. The last twenty-five years of his life were passed in Delaware, New Jersey, where he died October 1, 1891, at the age of seventy-nine years, and was buried there. His wife is still a resident of that city. She is one of a large family of children, and of her brothers Agnew was a soldier of the Civil war and died in Andersonville prison. She comes of a family which has long been connected with the Episcopal church. The Doctor is the oldest of their three children. Sarah J. is the wife of M. C. Allen, who is extensively engaged in the lumber business at Delaware, New Jersey, and makes a specialty of taking large railroad contracts. Mary, born December

16, 1856, died at the age of eighteen years and was buried in Delaware, New Jersey.

Dr. Burd attended the public schools until thirteen years of age, and then entered the academy at Belvidere, New Jersey, where the following year was passed. He next attended Oxford Seminary at Oxford, New Jersey, and after leaving that institution received a teacher's certificate. For fifteen months he engaged in teaching in Mt. Pleasant, Harmony and Oxford, and then turned his attention to the study of telegraphy at the last named place. His first appointment as an operator was at Delaware, New Jersey, where he spent two years, and was next on the United States telegraph lines at Binghamton, New York, and White Haven, Pennsylvania. He was next appointed manager for the company at Trenton, New Jersey, and was later transferred in that capacity to Allentown, Pennsylvania.

While at Allentown Dr. Burd took up the study of medicine under Professor T. C. Yeager, M. D., of Muhlenburg College at that place, and later attended medical lectures at the University of Pennsylvania, where he was graduated March 14, 1871. While there he received the appointment as interne of the Philadelphia Lying-in Charity Hospital, which position he held one year, and was also one of the practicing physicians and surgeons of the Philadelphia and Pennsylvania Hospitals. On the 24th of April, 1871, he came to Lisbon, Iowa, and here he has since remained, having built up one of the most extensive and lucrative practices of any physician in the county. In the winter of 1881-82 he attended lectures and was graduated at the Hahnemann Homeopathic Medical College, of Chicago, and at the same time he also attended lec-

tures at the Chicago Medical College and clinics at Mercy Hospital. The Doctor is a member of the Iowa Union Medical Society, of which he is ex-president, and was for many years its secretary. He is also a member of the Iowa State Medical Society; the American Medical Association; the Iowa State Association of Railway Surgeons; the National Association of Railway Surgeons; and was a member of the Ninth International Medical Congress. He has attended many national and state medical associations, and takes a most active interest in the advancement of his profession, and in any new discoveries made along that line. He spent several weeks in the various hospitals of Philadelphia and did some special work there during the semi-centennial jubilee of the American Medical Association.

On the 20th of April, 1871, at Anamosa, Iowa, Dr. Burd was united in marriage with Miss Mary H. Bocher, who was born in Allentown, Pennsylvania, September 1, 1848, a daughter of Amos and Isabella (Horn) Bocher, also natives of that state. Her father was one of the leading business men of Allentown. He was a man of strong mental capacity and of literary tastes. His ancestors were among the early settlers of this country, being direct descendants of the French Huguenots who left France after the revocation of the edict of Nantes, and landed in South Carolina. He was a man of intense patriotism and helped to organize the Republican party in his county. His early death, September 15, 1862, cut short his plans for upholding his principles in the Rebellion. However, his eldest son, William Henri, at the age of sixteen years, joined the ranks and served three years.

The mother descended from an old Hol-

land Dutch family who were also among the early pioneers of this country. Her grandfather, Captain Rinker, served in the war of 1812. Eight children blessed this union, as follows: William Henri, Mary Henrietta, Francis Christiania, John Herbert, George Rousseau, Annie Helfenstein, Charles Judkins, and Ella Isabella. Mary Henrietta received her education in the public schools of her native town. After leaving the high school she entered the Allentown Academy, remaining there until the principal, Professor I. N. Gregory, with some of his pupils, enlisted in the army in defense of Gettysburg, and the school was permanently closed. Afterwards she held a position as teacher in the public schools for seven years—1863 to 1870. About this time the mother and family moved to Iowa and purchased a farm near Anamosa. Here they resided for several years until, after the marriage of most of the children, the farm was sold and the mother went to Monticello to live with her son John, who had married Miss Millie Gibson, of Monticello. Mrs. Boeher is still living at the advanced age of seventy-six years. John Herbert married Miss Millie Gibson, and they have two children, Charles and Margaret. Frances Christiania married Edward Thompson, and they have three children living, Edna, Edith, and Frank—husband dead. George Rousseau married Miss Lillie Cashman, of Chicago, who died, leaving a daughter Lillian. He then married Miss Luella Main, of Boone, by whom he has one son, Main. Anna Helfenstein married George R. Willsee, of Parker, South Dakota. She died April 16, 1898, leaving three children, Belle, Helen and Lois. Charles Judkins married a young lady of Fort Smith, Arkansas, and has one living son, Lawrence. Ella Isabella died in in-

fancy. William Henri is now living in Paris, France. He married Miss Mary Jenkins, of Philadelphia, and is the father of four living children, Belle, May, Agnes and Frank.

To the Doctor and his wife were born six children, namely: John Edward, born April 20, 1872, died in infancy. Edith M., born March 29, 1873, died December 1, 1899. She seemed to have inherited her parents' musical talent, her father having been church organist for many years, and she possessed remarkable ability in that line. She was a graduate of the Conservatory connected with Cornell College, and also attended the Chicago Conservatory of Music three years. George R., born August 10, 1874, died of diphtheria September 25, 1879. Arthur H., born January 18, 1876, died February 17, 1877. Laura D., born April 30, 1881, was graduated at the Lisbon high school and is now attending Cornell College, and Charles Leroy, born June 29, 1884, is also a graduate of the Lisbon high school.

Dr. Burd has been a Mason since the age of twenty-one, and is now an honored member of Benjamin Franklin Lodge, No. 574, A. F. & A. M., and is a dimitted member of Trowel Chapter, R. A. M., of Cedar Rapids. He also belongs to Camp No. 907, M. W. A., of Lisbon, and was formerly connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the Iowa Legion of Honor. Politically he is a staunch supporter of the Republican party, and was a member of the first town council of Lisbon. He was a member of the school board for a quarter of a century, serving as its president a great many years; and for over fifteen years was health officer. He has been local surgeon for the Chicago & Northwestern Railway for thirteen years, and medical examiner for twenty-five life insurance companies for over thirty

years, during which time not one of those examined by him and passed has died of consumption or heart disease. There has been only one to die of Bright's disease, and that was twenty years after the examination. Dr. Burd is also president of the Lisbon Telephone Company. On the 8th of August, 1878, he was appointed by Governor Gear as assistant surgeon of the First Regiment of Iowa National Guards. His popularity among the members of his own profession is shown by his large consultation practice, and his practice among the families of physicians. He is a man of deep research and careful investigation, who keeps abreast of any discoveries made in the science of medicine and surgery, and to-day occupies a foremost place in the ranks of his profession.

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CHARLES L. BESLER.

The subject of this sketch is a prominent and successful young business man of Cedar Rapids, who was born here February 14, 1874. His father, Henry Besler, was born in Germany, in 1848, and when young came to the United States, locating in this county about 1868. (See father's biography.) He had previously learned the carpenter's trade, and was engaged in business as a general contractor, first, in Marion, and, later, in Cedar Rapids, where he continued to follow that pursuit until 1894. One of his largest contracts was the paving of the streets of Peoria, Illinois, and he also did much paving in Cedar Rapids and Waterloo, Iowa, but is now living a retired life in Cedar Rapids, enjoying a well-earned rest. He was educated in the common

schools and is a well read man, who gives to the support of church work, and never withholds his aid from any enterprise which he believes will prove of public benefit. He was married in Cedar Rapids to Miss Anna Kuen, who was born in Alsace Loraine, Germany, in 1845, and they have become the parents of five children, namely: Charles L., our subject; Elizabeth, wife of C. F. Clarke, an attorney of Cedar Rapids; and Frances A., Rosa H. and Henry J., all three at home. They were all educated in the public schools and the daughters are graduates of the same.

Charles L. Besler completed the grammar school course, but instead of entering the high school, he commenced work with his father at the age of fourteen, and was with him continuously until he embarked in business on his own account. He was manager in charge of the paving in Peoria and other places, and thoroughly mastered the business. In 1895 he embarked in the manufacture of brick at Cedar Rapids, buying property, on which he erected kilns and the necessary buildings for his business, and now in the busy seasons employs on an average seventeen men, and produces about one million, five hundred thousand annually. He has met with good success in this enterprise. Although his trade is principally local, he ships considerable brick, and is now at the head of a profitable and successful industry.

On the 25th of August, 1896, Mr. Besler married Miss Margaret Nyere, who was also born in Cedar Rapids in 1871, and after graduating from the schools of this place served as assistant principal of the Madison school for some time. Her parents were Stephen and Katherine Nyere. The father, who was a tailor by trade, and an early



settler of Cedar Rapids, died, but the mother still survives him and makes her home with her children. Her family numbers eleven children, of whom nine are residents of Cedar Rapids.

Mr. Besler is a prominent Knight Templar Mason, belonging to Mt. Herman Lodge, No. 263, F. & A. M., of which he is worthy master; Trowel Chapter, No. 49, R. A. M.; and Apollo Commandery, No. 26, K. T. He takes an active part in the work of the order, and has represented his lodge in the grand lodge of Iowa at Davenport.

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#### BARNETT LUTZ.

Years of quiet usefulness and a life in which the old-fashioned virtues of sincerity, industry and integrity are exemplified have a simple beauty that no words can portray. Youth has its charms, but an honorable and honored old age, to which the lengthening years have added dignity and sweetness, has a brighter radiance, as if some ray from the life beyond already rested upon it. Among the old and prominent citizens of Linn county is Barnett Lutz, of Kenwood Park, who has been a resident of the county since 1839, and has been an important factor in advancing its moral, social and material welfare.

Mr. Lutz was born in Fayette county, Pennsylvania, September 12, 1816, a son of Martin and Catherine (Cline) Lutz, who were born, reared and married in the eastern part of that state and were of German descent. A few years after their marriage they crossed the Alleghany mountains and made a permanent home in Fayette county. The father was a carpenter by trade and fol-

lowed that occupation to some extent, but the greater part of his life was devoted to agricultural pursuits. Being energetic and industrious he prospered in business, and became a well-to-do man. In early life both he and the mother of our subject were earnest and faithful members of the Lutheran church, but after the latter's death he united with the Presbyterian church, and died in that faith in March, 1855, at the age of eighty-five years. His first wife died in 1832, at the age of fifty years, and he subsequently married Mrs. Christina (Kramer) Scott, who was also a native of Pennsylvania, and died at the age of eighty-four years. By her first marriage she had five children, of whom Oliver Scott, Mrs. Martha Fields and Mrs. Margaret Core are still living.

The subject of this sketch is the third in order of birth in a family of eleven children, seven sons and four daughters, the others being as follows: David, a prominent farmer of Knox county, Illinois, died there at the age of eighty-seven years, leaving a large family; Catharine married Hugh McKee, of Washington county, Pennsylvania, where he died in January, 1886, and she died in Michigan in 1900, at the advanced age of ninety-three years; George, deceased, was a farmer and carpenter of Fayette county, Pennsylvania; Susan, deceased, was the wife of Christian Best, of Ohio; Sarah married John Patterson and both are now deceased; Henry, Adam and William are all deceased; Barbara died when a young woman; and Martin, a stone mason of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, died at the age of eighty-two years.

During his boyhood and youth Barnett Lutz assisted his father on the home farm and attended the common schools of the

neighborhood. On the 1st of March, 1835, he was united in marriage with Miss Anna M. Kramer, a daughter of Andrew and Rachel (Knotts) Kramer, who were natives of Fayette and Greene counties, Pennsylvania, respectively, and of German ancestry. In early life the father followed the occupation of a glass blower and later engaged in farming. His last years, however, were spent in retirement from active labor, and he died in 1872, at the age of eighty-two years. Mrs. Kramer died when young, leaving four sons and three daughters. The wife of our subject was reared on her father's farm and educated in the schools of her native county.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Lutz were born eleven children, namely: (1) Rachel married Henry Ross, who was killed in the battle of Pea Ridge, Arkansas, during the Civil war, and for her second husband wedded Alonzo Smith. She is now deceased. (2) Andrew died at the age of one year and nine days. (3) Christina is the wife of Henry G. Strong, a retired farmer of Kenwood Park, and now a member of the village council. They have four children, Charles, Alice, Caroline and George. (4) Caroline E. is the wife of John J. Wayt, an optician of Kenwood Park, and they have five children, William, Mary, Nora, Clara and Anna. (5) Sarah J. is the wife of Charles Cooper, a retired farmer of Woodbury county, Iowa, and they have six children, Frank, William, Anna, Calvin, Maude and Stanwell, all born in Linn county. (6) Mary is the wife of John H. Smith, who is a marble cutter by trade, but is now engaged in mercantile business in Belle Plaine, Iowa, and they have four children, Frederick, Terry, Ada and Emma. (7) Joseph, deceased, was a Free Method-

ist minister of Essex, Iowa, and had four children, Claude, Bessie, Earl and Leah. (8) John, a marble cutter of Blair, Nebraska, married Georgia Miller, who died leaving two children, Daisy and Howard, and he again married, and by his second wife had three children, Georgia, Frank and Margaret. (9) George W., a marble cutter of Kenwood Park, married Mayme Gammon, and has four children, Alta, Zoe, Rachel and Benjamin. (10) William Henry died at the age of one year and nine months. (11) Josephine died at the age of seven months.

In 1839 Mr. Lutz came to Linn county, Iowa, and located at Linn Grove in Linn township, where he engaged in farming for about a year, and then removed to Kenwood Park, where he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of government land at one dollar and a quarter per acre. It was all wild land, which he broke and improved, his first home being a log cabin, in which he lived for three or four years. At the end of that time he built a story and a half frame residence upon his farm, which was later replaced by a more commodious and substantial residence. He also erected good barns and other outbuildings and continued to engage in general farming and stock raising for some years with good success. In 1884 he sold his farm, and has since made his home in Kenwood Park, having erected his present comfortable residence on Maple avenue in 1885. Here, surrounded by all of the comforts and many of the luxuries of life, he is now living retired, enjoying a well-earned rest.

On coming to Linn county, Mr. Lutz found this section of the state almost an unbroken wilderness, the land being still in its primitive condition, while few settlements

had been made. He was forced to endure many of the hardships and privations incident to pioneer life. The first flour which furnished food for his family was ground in a kettle with an iron wedge, and his first grist was taken to mill at Maquoketa. At that time he drove his hogs to market in Dubuque, and for his mail went overland to the Muscatine postoffice, where he would pay twenty-five cents for each letter received. He has watched with interest the wonderful changes which have taken place in this county, the wild land has been transformed into rich and productive farms, cities and villages have sprung up as if by magic, and all of the comforts of an advanced civilization have been introduced. In the work of development and progression Mr. Lutz has ever borne his part and assisted in making the county one of the best in the state. While living on his farm he served as school director in Rapids township for a great many years, and was also supervisor for some years. He was the first mayor elected in Kenwood Park, and so acceptably did he fill that office that he was called upon to serve his fellow citizens in that capacity for the long period of eighteen years. Under his administration many permanent improvements were made, their success being mainly due to his untiring efforts. In politics he is a Republican.

Mr. Lutz has been called upon to mourn the loss of his estimable wife, who was born in Cumberland, Maryland, September 28, 1818, and died in Kenwood Park July 10, 1898, after a protracted illness. She was a devout member of the Free Methodist church, and a constant attendant upon its services. She was also a devoted wife and loving mother, and was honored by all for her Christian character and lovely dis-

position. Her remains were interred in the Marion cemetery. Mr. Lutz has also been a faithful member of the Free Methodist church for many years, has taken an active and prominent part in its work, and served as class leader. His life has been exemplary in all respects, and he has ever supported those interests which are calculated to uplift and benefit humanity, while his own high moral worth is deserving of the highest commendation.

Since the foregoing was written Mr. Lutz passed to his reward, dying on the 13th of April, 1901.

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#### HENRY BESLER.

No better illustration of the characteristic energy and enterprise of the typical German-American citizen can be found than that afforded by the career of this gentleman, who was successfully engaged in business as a general contractor for several years, but is now practically living a retired life in Cedar Rapids.

Mr. Besler was born in Posen, Germany, March 4, 1848, and is a son of Michael and Caroline (Schilka) Besler, who were farming people of that country, and came to America in 1868. Soon after his arrival here the father purchased a farm north of Marion, in Linn county, Iowa, and successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits until his death, which occurred in 1881. His wife survives him and continues to reside with her daughter. Their children were Henry, the subject of this sketch; Annie, widow of Theodore Beardsley and a resident of Whiteside county, Illinois; Ida, wife of William Paul, who is engaged in

farming north of Marion; and Mary, wife of Christ Betenbender, also of Marion township.

Henry Besler received his education in the schools of his native land, and also devoted a few years to learning the carpenter's trade before his emigration to America. It was in 1866 that he crossed the Atlantic and took up his residence in Cedar Rapids. Here he worked at his trade, and for seven years was foreman for P. Mullally, one of the leading contractors of the city. Subsequently he worked for the municipal government on public improvements in Cedar Rapids, such as laying sewers and street pavements. As a general contractor he did the first paving in the city, and also had large contracts in Waterloo, Iowa, and Peoria, Illinois, having from fifty to seventy-five men in his employ. He commenced taking contracts on his own account in 1880, and was successfully engaged in business for a number of years, during which time he invested largely in real estate, which he is now improving.

In 1873 Mr. Besler married Miss Anna Kuen, who was born in Alsace-Lorraine, Germany, but was quite small when she came to this country in 1852. Here she grew to womanhood and was educated in the common schools. Mr. and Mrs. Besler have five children, namely: Charles L., a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this volume; Elizabeth, wife of C. F. Clark, an attorney of Cedar Rapids; Fanny, Rosa and Henry, all three at home. They have all attended the public schools of Cedar Rapids, while the daughters are graduates of the high school, and the eldest was a student at Coe College for a time. The family attend the Presbyterian church and are quite prominent socially.

In politics Mr. Besler is independent, supporting the men whom he considers best qualified to fill the offices regardless of party lines, and he has never been an aspirant for office. Fraternally he is a Knight Templar Mason and a member of the Mystic Shrine. On coming to this country he was not only a stranger in a strange land, but was unable to speak a word of English, and had no capital except his abilities, but he has made his way to success through wisely directed effort, and he can now look back with satisfaction upon past struggles. In manner he is pleasant and sociable, and he has made a host of warm friends in Cedar Rapids.

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#### SAMUEL HARMAN.

Samuel Harman, who is now connected with the agricultural interests of Bertram township, his home being on section 2, was born in that township on the 13th of July, 1860. His father, P. D. Harman, was born in Adams county, Pennsylvania, December 16, 1816, and in 1832 removed to Clark county, Ohio, where he followed building and brick laying. In 1839 he went to Oregon, Illinois, and on the 7th of May, 1840, was married in Rockford, that state, to Miss Mary Eames, who was born in Maine, November 29, 1823. The year of their marriage they removed to Iowa City, and two years later came to Linn county, where the father became the owner of three hundred and thirty-six acres of land. He had previously followed contracting and building for a number of years, and assisted in building the state house at Iowa City and the first court house at that place, besides the court house in Oregon, Illinois, and Marion, Iowa, and many other large



public buildings. In politics he was a Republican, and both he and his wife were faithful members of the United Brethren church. He died March 7, 1896, and she passed away in October, 1886, both being laid to rest at Mt. Vernon, Iowa. They were the parents of nine children, namely: Spear T., Tilsey, Howard T., Warren, Mary, Elzy, Peter, Jerome, Amanda and Samuel. Of these Peter died at the age of sixteen years. Spear T. enlisted October 18, 1861, in Company A, Thirteenth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, during the Civil war, and at the battle of Shiloh was wounded in the leg and hand, on account of which he was discharged August 6, 1862, but he re-enlisted in March, 1863, in Company H, Sixth Iowa Cavalry, participating in all of the engagements in which that command took part.

During his boyhood Samuel Harman attended school in the house where he now lives, and on laying aside his books at the age of eighteen he commenced learning telegraphy at Bertram. During the succeeding eight months he thoroughly mastered that art, and was appointed night operator at that place, remaining there one year. After a few months rest he next accepted a position as day operator at Grand Mound, Iowa, where he spent a few months, and next went to New Jefferson as night operator, remaining there two months. On discontinuing that occupation he engaged in mercantile business at Bertram for two years, and then went into the train service as fireman on the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad, with which he was connected for five years. He was next in the employ of the Minnesota & Northwestern Railroad, running out of St. Paul, for three months, and was then with

the Northern Pacific Railroad Company, running from Glendive to Billings, Montana, as fireman, one summer. At the end of that time he returned to Cedar Rapids for a short time, and then went to Pocatello, Idaho, where he was employed as baggageman for the Utah & Northern Railroad during the succeeding winter and spring. On his return to Cedar Rapids he located on a part of the old homestead farm, and on the death of his father succeeded to forty-four acres, which, together with the thirty acres which he purchased, makes a good farm of seventy-four acres on section 2, Bertram township, where he now resides. He has a good set of farm buildings upon the place, and is successfully engaged in general farming and stock raising, feeding all of his grain to his stock.

At Vinton, Iowa, August 6, 1889, Mr. Harman married Miss Jessie Travis, who was born in Buda, Bureau county, Illinois, November 14, 1868. Her parents, Jasper and Mary Ann (Miller) Travis, were both natives of Luzerne county, Pennsylvania, the former born in Providence, Pennsylvania, in 1836, the latter in Blakely Center, February 26, 1840. They were married in Kewanee, Henry county, Illinois, November 6, 1857, but subsequently returned to their native county, locating in Peckville, where Mr. Travis worked at his trade of blacksmith for two years. At the end of that time they again took up their residence in Kewanee, Illinois, and four years later removed to Buda, Bureau county, that state, remaining there twelve years. At the end of that time they came to Cedar Rapids, and Mr. Travis purchased a farm in College township, where he made his home two years, but since that time has lived a retired life in Cedar Rapids, enjoying the

fruits of former toil. He attends the Methodist church, and supports the Democratic party. In his family were nine children, namely: Carrie is the wife of Frank Taylor, a printer of Des Moines, Iowa; Harry died at the age of twenty years; Edward J. married Etta Atchley, and is a carpenter and contractor of Cedar Rapids; Jessie is the wife of our subject; George H. married Lizzie Farley and is an expert electrician of Joliet, Illinois; Gertrude is the wife of Lawson Dawley, a printer of Tucson, Arizona; Myra is the wife of Harry Clark, a railroad man of Cedar Rapids; Ira is a farmer residing near Cedar Rapids; and Amie is a stenographer for the Highland Nobles, of Des Moines. Mr. and Mrs. Harman have two children: Hazel J., born November 19, 1892; and Doris M., born October 2, 1896.

Mr. Harman possesses considerable mechanical genius, and has built out of wood a small engine and tender with all component parts complete. As a farmer he is progressive and up-to-date, and is meeting with well-deserved success. He has full charge of all the machinery connected with the Palisade Stone Company, which manufactures all kinds of ballast used in the construction of railroads. In politics he is a Republican, and has never cared for official preferment. He attends the Presbyterian and Methodist churches, and is a member of the Modern Woodmen Camp, No. 9457, of Bertram, of which he is venerable consul.

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#### HENRY MOTT.

The subject of this review is not only the oldest man in point of service with the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Rail-

road, but is also one of its most trusted employes, as well as one of the highly respected citizens of Cedar Rapids. He was born in Commerce, Grand Isle county, Vermont, September 5, 1845, his parents being John and Elsie (McNeal) Mott, both natives of Alburg, that county, the former born in 1813, the latter a year later. On the maternal side he is of Scotch ancestry, while his paternal grandfather was born in Ireland. His great-grandmother lived to the advanced age of ninety-four years. The father of our subject was also a railroad man, and was employed in various capacities, being with the Vermont Central Railroad for over forty years. He continued in active service until a few months before his death, which occurred in 1896 on the homestead where he was born. His wife is still living and now resides at Windmill Point, Vermont. Both were communicants of the Catholic church, and he was a staunch Republican in politics. Their family numbered thirteen children, of whom Timothy was killed while engaged in railroad work in 1867; and one who died at the age of sixteen years. The others were Henry, of this sketch; John, roadmaster on the Canadian Pacific Railroad, and a resident of Waterloo, Canada; Thomas, George, Edward, James and William, all railroad men residing in Vermont; Jane; Mary; Elizabeth; Sarah; and Almira, deceased. The children were educated in the public schools of the Green Mountain state.

On leaving school at the age of eighteen years Henry Mott began his railroad career in the employ of the Central of Vermont. The following year he commenced firing on an engine, and after serving as such for two years and a half was promoted to engineer in 1869, at the same time be-

ing admitted to membership in the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, becoming the youngest member of the order in Division No. 85, of St. Albans, Vermont. He ran a train on that road for three years and a half, and then in 1869 came to Burlington, Iowa. For a short time he was connected with the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, and later with the Burlington & Missouri Valley Railroad until the spring of 1870, when he came to Cedar Rapids and entered the employ of the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Minnesota Railroad. For six months he was engineer on construction and freight trains, and in the fall of 1870 was given a passenger run. In 1874 he was injured in a collision, which disabled him for five years, but returned to work in 1880. In the meantime the name of the road had been changed to the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad. He has served under the management of the following master mechanics: Messrs. Potter and Swanson, J. P. Messer and R. W. Bushnell, the last named having been in charge since 1872. After his return to the road Mr. Mott was a freight engineer until 1883, when he was given a passenger train. He has been over the whole system, and is one of the most competent engineers on the road. For thirty years he ran in and out of Burlington, but for the past year has run between Cedar Rapids and Estherville, it being a one-day run of two hundred and seven miles.

Mr. Mott was married April 18, 1872, to Miss Catherine Parsons, a native of Ireland, who came to the new world and settled in Iowa at the age of fifteen years. She lost her father during her infancy, and her mother also died in Ireland, in May, 1869, at the age of seventy-three years.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Mott were born seven children, of whom three died in early childhood, and Mary died at the age of six years and four months. The others are as follows: Agnes B. was graduated in music and the normal course at the Sisters of Mercy School in Cedar Rapids, taking the honors of her class, and is now teaching in the musical department of the Sisters Academy at Decorah, Iowa. Henry E. attended the high school of Cedar Rapids, and is now taking a course in stenography at Palmer's Business College; Walter L. is at home.

In his political affiliations Mr. Mott is a Republican. He is a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, Division No. 159, with which he has been officially connected, and also belongs to the Woodmen of the World. Religiously he and his family are members of the Catholic church, and are people of the highest respectability.

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#### C. H. KURTZ.

Prominent among the business men of Marion is C. H. Kurtz, who is cashier of both the First National Bank and the Marion Savings Bank of Marion, Iowa. He is a man of keen perception and sound judgment, and his executive ability and excellent management have brought a high degree of success to the business enterprises with which he has been connected.

Mr. Kurtz was born in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, March 29, 1840, and traces his ancestry back to an old and honored family which was founded in that state nearly two centuries ago. His paternal grandfather, Conrad Kurtz, who was born January 8,







C. H. KURTZ.



JOHN E. KURTZ.



1779, spent his entire life in Pennsylvania. The father, John E. Kurtz, was born in Lancaster county, September 5, 1817, and in early life followed the cabinet maker's trade in the Keystone state, and also engaged in the manufacture of lumber in Marietta. In the spring of 1847 he came to Iowa, and located in the southeast portion of Linn county, becoming the founder of Lisbon. There he followed farming for several years, and later engaged in the mercantile and milling business, our subject being connected with him in those enterprises for twenty years, before and after the Civil war. The father retired from business in 1887, and spent the remainder of his life in ease and quiet, enjoying his accumulations of former years.

Religiously he was a member of the United Brethren church, and politically was first a Whig, and later a Republican, being one of the organizers of that party in Iowa, and was very influential in its councils for many years. He was one of the two first Republicans elected to the legislature from Linn county, and was a member of the last session held in Iowa City.

He held a number of local offices, including that of mayor, and in every way was a most worthy and influential citizen in state as well as local affairs. In early life he married Miss Esther Hershey, also a representative of an old Pennsylvania family, her parents being Rev. Christian and Elizabeth (Leichty) Hershey. Her father was a pioneer of the United Brethren church, and was very influential, wielding a powerful and salutary influence in its councils. He was also prominent in civic affairs. In the spring of 1847, he came to Iowa with nine different branches of the Hershey family, together with other colonists, and located

in Franklin township, Linn county. He died in 1860, at the age of eighty-three years, and his wife passed away a number of years later at almost ninety years of age.

In the family of John E. and Esther (Hershey) Kurtz were nine children, namely: Christian H., our subject; John H., who died in 1860, at the age of nineteen years; Barbara A., wife of Joel C. Ringer, of Lisbon; Henry Clay, also a resident of Lisbon; Abraham E., of Chicago; David H., of Cedar Rapids; Lizzie, wife of J. F. Hahn, of Cedar Rapids; Samuel A., of Lisbon; and Mary, who died at the age of five years.

During his boyhood C. H. Kurtz attended the common schools near his home, and later his name was on the first roster of what was then known as the Iowa Conference Seminary, now Cornell College, of Mt. Vernon, Iowa, completing his education there in June, 1861. Feeling that his country needed his services, he enlisted, July 11, 1862, as sergeant in Company F, Twenty-fourth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, but was soon promoted to second lieutenant and a month later to first lieutenant, taking command of his company, the captain being on detached service as judge advocate for many months. Mr. Kurtz took part in all of the engagements in which his regiment participated, including the battles of Fort Gibson and Champion Hill; the siege of Vicksburg, and was with General Banks all through the disastrous Red River campaign. In July, 1864, the regiment was transferred to the Virginia department, and by way of the Gulf proceeded to Fortress Monroe. From there they went to Washington, D. C., and one day later to Frederick, Maryland, and to Harper's Ferry, becoming a part of Sheridan's army, operat-



ing in the Shenandoah Valley. As such they took part in the battles of Winchester, Fishers Hill, Newmarket and Cedar Creek. During the last named engagement, October 19, 1864, when Sheridan was "twenty miles away," Mr. Kurtz was wounded and taken prisoner and held until the following night, when he and others were recaptured by a detachment of General Custer's cavalry. As he had been wounded, he was then sent to the hospital in Winchester, and later to Martinsburg, Virginia, from which place he was subsequently transferred to Sandy Hook, Maryland. Later he came home on a leave of absence, and in January, 1865, was discharged by order of Secretary Stanton, of the war department, that all commissioned officers absent from command by reason of wounds and unable for service within ninety days should be discharged. Mr. Kurtz's wound was in the left foot, and for a year and a half after his return home he was obliged to use crutches.

After the war he resumed mercantile business with his father at Lisbon, and also engaged in milling, having purchased a second mill, known as the Young mill. He devoted his energies to those pursuits until 1875, when he became connected with a commission house in Chicago, and was engaged in that business until elected recorder of Linn county in 1880. He proved a most capable and trustworthy official, and was retained in that position for four consecutive terms. The following year he and his wife spent in travel, and on his return to Marion Mr. Kurtz engaged in the real estate and loan business until December 1, 1895, when he purchased an interest in the First National Bank and became its cashier, and has held that position ever since. Mr.

Kurtz was one of the incorporators, and is also the present cashier of the Marion Savings Bank.

Mr. Kurtz was married December 5, 1866, to Miss Sarah A. Armstrong, a native of Columbiana county, Ohio, and a daughter of Dr. James M. and Nancy (Westlake) Armstrong. In his day her father was one of the most prominent physicians as well as one of the leading men of Linn county. Her mother died in the early '60s. Mr. and Mrs. Kurtz have two children: Roy, who was engaged in the clothing business in Mt. Vernon until January 1, 1900, married Geneva Keyes, and they have two children, Maurice and Helen. Gertrude is the wife of W. R. Colvin, of Rockport, Missouri. Mrs. Kurtz is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church of Marion, and a most estimable lady.

In his social relations Mr. Kurtz is a member of the blue lodge, chapter and commandery of the Masonic fraternity, in which he has filled all of the offices, serving as eminent commander one year, and now as treasurer of the commandery, which office he has filled many years. He also belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic and the military order of the Loyal Legion of the United States. Politically he is an ardent Republican, having always voted that ticket, and is a firm believer in its principles and policies. Our subject was present at the national convention held in the wigwam at the corner of Market and South Water streets, Chicago, when Abraham Lincoln was first nominated for the presidency, in 1860, and that night after the convention was over carried a rail (or rather a piece of scantling) in the rail splitting parade celebrating the nomination of Lincoln.

He has occupied a position of no little

prominence in connection with the political affairs of the county, and in business circles stands deservedly high. Whether in public or private life, his integrity is above question and his honor above reproach, and Linn county may well number him among her valued citizens.

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### FREDERICK E. AVERILL.

Frederick E. Averill, one of the leading railroad men of Cedar Rapids, was born on the 18th of September, 1843, in Northfield, Washington county, Vermont, and is a worthy representative of an old and honored New England family, his parents being Roland and Susan (Brown) Averill, natives of the same state, the former born in 1814, the latter in 1817. His paternal great-grandfather came to this country from England at an early day, but the maternal great-grandfather was of Scotch ancestry. The grandfather, Colonel Oliver Averill, was an officer in the war of 1812, and was in a skirmish with the English at Plattsburg. He was appointed postmaster of Northfield, Vermont, in 1842, and filled the office of town treasurer many years. Our subject's maternal grandfather, Joel Brown, was born in 1779, and in 1800 cut the first tree and built the first log cabin in Center Village, Vermont, where he afterward lived.

During his boyhood Rolan Averill received a fair education for those early days, and with his father learned the blacksmith's trade, afterward working as a blacksmith in railroad shops for twenty-eight years. He died in 1894, and his wife passed away in 1897. She was a well-educated woman,

as her father was quite wealthy and could afford to give his children the best school privileges. Five children were born to Rolan and Susan (Brown) Averill, and of these Oliver died in infancy, and William, a railroad engineer, died in Beardstown, Illinois. Those living are Ellen, widow of Langdon Davis, of Bellows Falls, Vermont, who was also an engineer and was killed while on duty; Frederick E., the subject of this sketch; and Elizabeth, wife of Frank Thompson, an engineer on the Boston & Maine Railroad.

Frederick E. Averill began his education in the public schools of his native town, which he attended during the winter months, while he worked through the summer. He pursued his studies at an academy for one year, and completed his education at the age of sixteen. Three years before this he began earning his own livelihood, and has since been dependent upon his own resources. He learned the blacksmith's trade with his father, and worked in railroad shops until he attained his majority, when he left the Green Mountain state and came to Iowa. After a short time spent in Clinton, he came to Cedar Rapids, but soon returned to the former place, where he found employment as fireman on the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad, running between that place and Cedar Rapids. On the 31st of December, 1866, after firing for over two years, he was given an engine, which he ran until July, 1868, when he entered the service of the Union Pacific Railroad. Subsequently he was engaged in engineering in Wyoming for three months, and then traveled eight hundred miles overland to Skull Ranch, now Igenta, on the Central Pacific Railroad. For one year he ran an engine between Wordsworth and Wintermucke,

and at the end of that time went to Illinois, running an engine out of Beardstown on the Rockford, Rock Island & St. Louis Railroad for three years. In the fall of 1872 he came to Cedar Rapids, and for six years was in the employ of the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad as engineer, but on the expiration of that time he returned to Illinois, and was engaged in the draying business in Monmouth for two years. Mr. Averill next went to Minneapolis, Minnesota, and for eighteen months was an engineer on the Minneapolis & St. Louis Railroad. In the fall of 1881 he returned to Cedar Rapids and has since been an engineer on the Burlington, Cedar Rapids, & Northern Railroad, having had both freight and passenger runs. Since 1893 he has been engineer on a freight running between Cedar Rapids and Decorah, Iowa. He is the fourth oldest freight man on the road, and the thirtieth in point of service as engineer.

Mr. Averill was married May 27, 1871, to Miss Mary Belle Hood, who was born at Rock Run, Illinois, May 5, 1853, a daughter of Samuel and Mary Hood. The mother died in June, 1881, but the father is still living at the age of eighty-four years, and makes his home in Los Angeles, California. Of their ten children Mrs. Averill is the only one living in Linn county, Iowa. She was educated in the schools of Monmouth, Illinois. Unto our subject and his wife were born five children, of whom Lizzie E. died in 1881, at the age of nine years. Susie B., born July 9, 1874, is now the wife of Charles E. Claussen, an employe of the Farmers Insurance Company at Cedar Rapids. Mina L., born February 6, 1877, is at home. Fred R., born June 17, 1881, is employed in a steam laundry at Albert Lea,

Minnesota. Charles S., born January 26, 1886, is at home. All have been educated in the public schools of Cedar Rapids, from which the daughters both graduated, and they also attended the high school for a year and a half. Susie has engaged in clerking, while Mina has engaged in book-keeping.

The family have a pleasant home in Cedar Rapids, which Mr. Averill purchased in 1893. He is a supporter of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which his wife is an earnest member, and he is connected with Division No. 159, Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, in which he has held office. He can relate many interesting experiences in his railroad career, especially in the west. He used wood as fuel on the engines while with the Central Pacific Railroad, and as it was often green, he has had the fires go out when there was not a house within one hundred miles of where he stopped.

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#### W. J. SIMPSON.

W. J. Simpson, who is successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits in Clinton township, Linn county, Iowa, was born in the state of Indiana, near Goshen, Elkhart county, January 24, 1855. His parents were Henry B. and Elizabeth (Garmant) Simpson. In 1861 his father came to Linn county and purchased a farm close to Weston, which was then known as Hoosier Grove. This farm contained about one hundred and sixty acres, and for six years he lived and worked upon it. He then bought a farm from Sampson Bever, which contained one hundred and eighty acres. Mrs. Simpson, our subject's mother, was a native of Ohio, and to her and Mr. Simp-

son were born the following six children: Alice lives with her husband, William Krebs, who is engaged in the monument business on Rockford avenue, Cedar Rapids; John Krebs became the husband of Rosa, now a widow living at Fourth avenue and Second street, Cedar Rapids; Charles, a carpenter with Loomis Brothers in Cedar Rapids; Arvilla, the wife of George Mentzer, a clerk in the dry-goods department of the Fair store; Cora married Harry Jacobs, but is now deceased, passing away April 11, 1893.

The schools of Cedar Rapids were the places of the early education of W. J. Simpson. Farm life always having been a very attractive one for Mr. Simpson, upon leaving school he went to live upon his father's beautiful place. At the age of twenty-three years he married Miss Della Foster, daughter of Jonathan and Clarissa (Self) Foster. The father of Mrs. Foster was born in Pennsylvania, January 18, 1800. Her mother was a native of Ohio, born March 21, 1820. Mrs. Simpson was one of five children: Robert is a farmer by occupation and lives with his wife, who was Miss May Blough, near Leeburg, Indiana; Clara, now deceased, wife of Melvin Rowan, died July 7, 1888, in Ligonier, Indiana; Tazewell died in infancy, at the age of four years; Osie lives in Ligonier, Indiana, with her husband, Haman Nelson, who is a teamster.

Married December 5, 1878, Mr. and Mrs. Simpson have become the parents of three children: Harry, now deceased, born September 13, 1879, died May 9, 1892; Iva, born October 7, 1885, and May, born March 10, 1890, are attending school in Clinton township.

At the age of twenty-eight years, up to

which time Mr. Simpson had charge of his father's farm, he moved to La Porte City, Benton county, Iowa, where he bought ninety-three acres of improved land. He spent four years here, and then bought a farm of two hundred acres near Watkins, Benton county, upon which he resided for twelve years. Selling this property, he moved on his father's farm on Rockford avenue, and lived there about a year. On the 28th of February, 1900, he purchased the farm upon which he now lives. This farm contains eighty acres of land, all in the highest state of cultivation.

Starting in life with a team of horses and a couple of head of cows as his only possessions, Mr. Simpson's determination to succeed soon enabled him to accumulate property, so that to-day he is one of the prosperous as well as one of the highly respected citizens of the township. A Republican in national and state politics, in township and county affairs his vote is cast for the man he considers best suited to fill the office. As a member of the Presbyterian church, to which he and his wife have belonged for the past eight years, he takes an active interest in its work, and by the community in general he is held in the highest esteem.

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#### WILLIAM B. KNICKERBOCKER.

William B. Knickerbocker, who is now living a retired life in Kenwood Park, was born in Ontario county, New York, December 12, 1822, and is a son of John Knickerbocker, who was also a native of the Empire state and of celebrated old Knickerbocker stock, well known for their



sterling worth and enterprising industry. The father was reared in Ontario county from a small boy, and there married Miss Theodosia Bodman, who was born in that county and belonged to a very wealthy and prominent family. After a happy married life of thirty years the mother passed away, but the father survived her many years, and died February 12, 1883, at the age of eighty-six years and six months. They were deeply religious, and in their later days became adherents of the Advent doctrine. William B. is the only surviving member of their family of three children, his two sisters having died at the ages of five and twelve years, respectively.

When a small boy our subject removed with his parents to Sandusky county, Ohio, and later to Norwalk, that state, where the family made their home for several years, it being there that the mother died. Subsequently they came to Linn county, Iowa, and settled on section 14, Fairfax township, where the father's death occurred. William B. Knickerbocker first located in Monroe township, where he purchased one hundred and thirty acres of wild land, and to its improvement and cultivation devoted his energies for some time. On selling that place he removed to Fairfax township, and was successfully engaged in farming on section 14 for many years, but is now living a retired life in Kenwood Park, enjoying a well-earned rest.

Mr. Knickerbocker was first married in Seneca county, Ohio, February 9, 1849, to Miss Sarah Hanford, who was of New England parentage and of English descent. She was born in that county, June 9, 1832, and was reared and educated in her native state, remaining with her parents until her marriage. She died August 26, 1867, leav-

ing three children: Laura, now Mrs. Gibson, who lives with her father; Edward, whose sketch appears on another page of this volume; and Ida, wife of Benton Brown, a farmer and stock raiser of South Dakota.

On the 22nd of January, 1868, Mr. Knickerbocker was again married, his second union being with Miss Augusta Gibson, a native of Pennsylvania, who died September 1, 1876. By this marriage he had four children: Etta, now the wife of Walter Ure, who is engaged in mining at Cripple Creek; Bertha, wife of H. Porter, who owns a large fruit ranch in California; Buton, an employe in the office of the Air Motor Company of Chicago; and Mark, a commercial traveler living in Elkhart, Indiana.

In his political views Mr. Knickerbocker is a Republican, and he has been called upon to fill the offices of assessor and justice of the peace. He is a consistent and faithful member of the Congregational church, and is a man highly respected and esteemed by all who know him.

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#### TAYLOR CARPENTER.

The subject of this biography was born in Cedar Rapids, February 27, 1859, and is a worthy representative of one of its old and honored families, being a son of Gabriel Carpenter, who located here in 1852, and bore an important part in the early development and prosperity of the city. The Carpenter family is of Swiss origin, and was founded in America in 1690, by Heinrich Zimmerman, who located in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and afterward changed his name to the English name of Carpenter.

The early ancestors of our subject were soldiers and officers in the Revolutionary war, and the family has always been a patriotic and loyal one.

Gabriel Carpenter, our subject's father, was born in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, in 1801, and was but a small child when he removed to Lancaster, Ohio, where his parents died. There he was reared to agricultural pursuits and educated in the country schools. As previously stated he came to Cedar Rapids in 1852, and purchased five hundred acres of land. He erected his residence on the corner of Twelfth avenue and Eighth street, and his farm lay between that and the city proper. The material for this building was hauled by team from Muscatine, there being no railroad at that time, and the trip from Ohio was made overland. Mr. Carpenter found the country but sparsely settled, while there were no small towns in this locality, and Cedar Rapids was a mere village. As the city grew he laid out several additions on his farm at different times, now known as Carpenter's additions from one to seven. He finally gave up farming and devoted his entire attention to his real estate interests, while during his last years he lived retired from active business. He was one of the original stockholders of the City Water Company and of the old First National Bank of Cedar Rapids, and one of the owners and first president of the Marshalltown Gas Company. In later years he was an extensive dealer in real estate. At one time he owned what was known as the Pullman House, which was burned in 1876, and which he later replaced by a two-story brick structure. His first home here was also destroyed by fire in 1865, and was rebuilt on the same foundation, it being afterward used for several years as the Old

Ladies' Home. He acquired considerable property, but always gave liberally of his means to all worthy objects and assisted in advancing all public enterprises which he believed would prove of benefit to the city. By his ballot he supported the Republican party, but never cared for political prominence. Fraternally he was a member of the Masonic order, and at his death, which occurred March 10, 1881, he was laid to rest with Masonic honors by Crescent Lodge, No. 25. He also held membership in the Episcopal Church, and was one of its officers for about a quarter of a century, serving as junior warden for several years. To churches and all charitable institutions of the city he was a liberal contributor, and was in every way deserving of the high regard in which he was uniformly held.

Gabriel Carpenter was twice married, his first wife being Catheryn Pierce, who died in Ohio. Of the seven children born to them two died in infancy, while the others reached years of maturity, namely: Seymour D., born in 1826, was a physician by profession, but after coming to this state at an early day he became identified with railroad building as a contractor, and now lives in Ottumwa, Iowa; Rebecca died in Sioux City, Iowa; Emanuel B. is a farmer of Republic county, Kansas; Mary is the wife of George Weare, of Sioux City, Iowa; and Susana is the widow of H. B. Stibbs and a resident of Chicago. Mr. Carpenter was again married in Ohio, his second union being with Maria Clifton, who was born in that state in April, 1820, and still survives her husband, making her home in Cedar Rapids. She too is an earnest member of the Episcopal church and takes an active part in its work. Five children were born of the second marriage of whom one died in

infancy; Delia died in Cedar Rapids, June 16, 1900; John died in the same city, in 1897, at the age of forty-two years; Taylor, the subject of this sketch, is the next of the family; and George, who lives in Nashville, Tennessee, is now forty years of age.

Taylor Carpenter acquired his early education in the public schools of Cedar Rapids, and later took an elective course at Shattuck Hall of Faribault, Minnesota. He began his business career as an employe of C. W. Eaton in the hardware business, and continued with him for ten years or until 1888. He was next in the employ of William King until 1897, and for the following two years was a clerk in the office of the American Cereal Company. In 1899 he entered the office of A. H. Connors, contractor and builder, where he holds the position of head bookkeeper.

In 1885 Mr. Carpenter was united in marriage with Miss Maude Woodman, who was born in Marengo, Iowa, in 1863, a daughter of Frank B. and Rebecca L. Woodman. Her father, who is now deceased, served as deputy marshal and was connected with the police department of Cedar Rapids for ten years. His wife still survives him. Their children were Maud, wife of our subject; Charles L., a resident of Cedar Rapids; and Frank R.

In politics Mr. Carpenter is a Republican, but has never taken an active part in political affairs. Socially he is a prominent member of Crescent Lodge, No. 25, F. & A. M., of which he was made master January 1, 1901; is a charter member of Lodge No. 278, A. O. U. W., of which he was treasurer three terms; and also belongs to the Woodmen of the World. Both he and his wife are members of the Episcopal Church,

and she is now president of St. Mary's Guild and takes an active part in the work of the ladies' societies.

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#### SAMUEL S. RIDDLE.

Among the leading and influential citizens of Franklin township is numbered the gentleman whose name introduces this sketch, his home being on section 14. A native of Pennsylvania, he was born in Bedford county, on the 9th of November, 1831, and is a son of George F. Riddle, who was born near Harper's Ferry, Virginia. His paternal grandfather, Joseph Riddle, was a Scotchman by birth, and was reared in his native land. On his emigration to the new world in an early day he located in Virginia, but afterward removed to Bedford county, Pennsylvania, where he bought a large farm, making it his home throughout the remainder of his life. Like his father, George F. Riddle, was also an agriculturist. Desiring to try his fortune in the west he removed to La Salle county, Illinois, in 1858, and for four years made his home on a farm one mile from Mendota. He then came to Iowa, and for a year resided near Marengo. At the end of that time he became a resident of Linn county, purchasing a farm near Lisbon, and to its cultivation and improvement he devoted the remainder of his life, his death occurring there in April, 1867. In early manhood he married Miss Sophia Sill, a native of Bedford county, Pennsylvania, and a daughter of Daniel and Catherine Sill, who were of English descent. She survived her husband about twelve years, and died on the home farm in 1879. They had a family of eight children,

seven sons and one daughter, of whom our subject was fourth in order of birth.

Samuel S. Riddle passed the days of his boyhood and youth in the county of his nativity, and is indebted to its common schools for his educational privileges. On leaving home in 1854 he went to New York city, where he spent one year with an elder brother, and then returned to his father's farm. In 1856 he was united in marriage with Harriet Spang, who was born in Lebanon county, Pennsylvania, a daughter of Rudolph and Mary (Dunarbarger) Spang. A year later they left their native state and removed to Mendota, Illinois, where Mr. Riddle conducted a store for one year, and then turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, operating a rented farm near that place until 1861. He then came to Iowa, and after living on his father's farm for a year, he purchased land on section 1, Franklin township, this county, where he made his home for four years. On disposing of that property he located on his brother's farm, where the following three years were spent, and at the end of that time he bought a farm on section 15, Franklin township, which he occupied until 1884, when he rented it and removed to his present farm on section 14, the same township. This place is conveniently located on the main road from Mt. Vernon to Lisbon, and is one of the most desirable farms in that locality. Its neat and thrifty appearance evidences the skill and ability of the owner in his chosen calling, as well as his sound judgment in business affairs. Good and substantial buildings are surrounded by well tilled fields, and all of the conveniences and accessories of a model farm are there found.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Riddle were born six children, namely: Calvin, War Bell, Hattie,

Laura Cecelia, Eva S., and Lloyd Edwin. They are people of the highest respectability and are quite prominent socially in the communities where they reside. In religious faith they are Lutherans, and in political sentiment Mr. Riddle is an ardent Republican.



#### JOHN S. ELY.

John S. Ely is one of the public-spirited citizens of Cedar Rapids to whose energy and enterprise the city is indebted for many improvements. While Mr. Ely, as a prosperous business man, has given close attention to his private affairs, he has never forgotten or ignored that bond of common interest which should unite the people of every community and is a liberal supporter of all philanthropic work.

Mr. Ely was born in Cedar Rapids on the 18th of November, 1853, and is a son of John F. and Mary A. (Weare) Ely, who are represented on another page of this volume. His elementary education was obtained in the one school house afforded during his boyhood. Later he entered Princeton College, where he pursued a classical course and was graduated in 1877, with the degree of A. B. During the following two years he was engaged in mining in Utah, and at the end of that time returned to Cedar Rapids, where he has since made his home. For a time he held a position in the office of the Williams Harvester Works, and has since engaged in various lines of business, in which he has been quite successful. At present he is devoting his time and energies to the real estate business, and is also serving as vice-president, secretary and treasurer of the Cedar Rapids & Marion



City Railway Company, with which he has been connected since its organization, and has always held some office in the company.

In 1881 Mr. Ely was married in Cedar Rapids to Miss Bessie E. Shaver, a native of Vinton, Iowa, and a daughter of I. H. Shaver, of Cedar Rapids, and to them have been born four children, namely: John M., Mary Esther, Frederick S. and Martha W., three of whom are either attending the public schools or Coe College, of Cedar Rapids.

Politically Mr. Ely is identified with the Republican party, and takes an active interest in its welfare, while fraternally he affiliates with the Sons of Veterans and the Loyal Legion. He and his wife are both connected with the First Presbyterian Church, and she is a very active worker in church societies, and also in the Ladies' Literary Societies of the city. Mr. Ely is truly benevolent, and the poor and needy count him among their friends for no worthy one ever sought his aid in vain. He has always been especially active in philanthropical work, and was instrumental in organizing the home for aged women, of which he is now trustee. He is also a trustee of the Young Men's Christian Association and of Coe College, giving the latter institution his special care. His private interests must always give way to the public good, and thus he has become honored and esteemed by all who have the pleasure of his acquaintance of who have met him in a business way.

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#### ANDREW ELSON.

For thirty-six years the subject of this sketch was one of the honored and highly respected citizens of Fairfax township, as

well as one of its well-to-do agriculturists. He was born near the city of London, England, on the 29th of April, 1829, and was a son of John and Sarah Elson, also natives of that country. The father followed the wheelwright's trade up to the time he came to America in 1831, when he settled in Buffalo and commenced work at the cabinetmaker's and carpenter's trades. Subsequently he lived for a number of years in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and in 1860 came to Linn county, Iowa, where he made his home with his sons, dying here in 1874. His wife survived him about nine years and passed away in 1883. They were the parents of four children who reached maturity, but the only one now living is James Elson, a resident of Fairfax township.

Andrew Elson, the youngest of this family, acquired his education in the schools of Buffalo, New York, and in early life learned the stove molder's trade. When the family came west he followed that occupation in Chicago for a number of years, but on their removal to Linn county he purchased land and turned his attention to agricultural pursuits. He owned the farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 4, Fairfax township, where his family still live, and placed it under a high state of cultivation. To the further improvement and cultivation of this place he gave his entire time until called to his final rest March 22, 1896. His remains were interred in the Fairfax cemetery.

On the 23d of December, 1869, Mr. Elson was united in marriage with Miss N. A. Pitt, a native of Burlington, Des Moines county, Iowa, and a daughter of Philip Pitt, who was one of the pioneers of this state, having located here in 1837 when it was still a territory. Burlington at that time was

a mere village of log cabins. Mr. Pitt was a native of Ohio, as was also his wife, who bore the maiden name of Sarah J. Winterstein, but they were married in Burlington. Mrs. Elson is the oldest of the four children born to this worthy couple. She has a sister living in this county, the wife of L. W. Richards, who is represented elsewhere in this volume.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Elson were born three children as follows: Philip, who married May Stone and is now engaged in the blacksmith business in Belle Plaine, Iowa; James, who is now operating the home farm; and Frederick A., who is in the employ of the United States government in California.

In his political views Mr. Elson was a Democrat, and he was called upon to fill a number of minor official positions. He was widely and favorably known throughout the community where he so long made his home, and commanded the respect and confidence of all with whom he came in contact either in business or social life.

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#### RUSSELL H. FISHER.

Since 1891 this gentleman has been prominently identified with the business interests of Cedar Rapids as a contractor and builder, and has met with most excellent success. He was born near Bedford, Bedford county, Pennsylvania, on the 16th of February, 1860, his parents being Jacob and Sarah (Hammond) Fisher, also natives of Pennsylvania, the former born in 1820, the latter in 1833. In early life the father worked at the blacksmith's trade, but after his removal to Illinois followed farming.

On first going to the Prairie state in 1865, he located in Stephenson county, and later removed to a farm near Shannon, Carroll county, where he died in 1893. His wife is still living and continues to reside on the old homestead in Carroll county. They were the parents of ten children, all of whom are still living, namely: Scott, a contractor of Moline, Illinois; Emma, wife of William Fennel, of Stephenson county, Illinois; Ellen, wife of John Keltner, a farmer of Carroll county, Illinois; Margaret, wife of Daniel Studebaker, of Richland county, Wisconsin; Russell H., our subject; Shannon, a ranchman of Colorado; Simon, a farmer of Carroll county, Illinois; William, a carpenter of Shannon, Illinois; Edward, a bookkeeper of Chicago; and Myrtle, wife of William Coon, a farmer of Carroll county. The children were all educated in the public schools of Illinois.

Russell H. Fisher grew to manhood on the farm and at the age of eighteen years commenced work at the carpenter's trade, which he has followed ever since with good success. He engaged in contracting and building in Carroll county, Illinois, until 1891, when, deiring a wider field for his labors, he came to Cedar Rapids. His skill and ability soon won for him a liberal patronage, and is now kept very busy, employing about nine men all the year round. He builds mostly residences, but also does general contracting, and ranks among the best in his line in the city.

In 1884 Mr. Fisher was married in Carroll county, Illinois, to Miss Margaret Cowley, a native of Ridott, Stephenson county, that state, and a daughter of Joseph and Jane Cowley, who are now residing in Shannon, Illinois. Our subject and his wife have one daughter, Bernice M., born in 1893.

Mrs. Fisher is a member of the Catholic church, and while not connected with any religious organization our subject is a supporter of all church and charitable work. Socially he affiliates with Camp Linden, No. 45, M. W. A., and politically is identified with the Republican party, though he has never been an aspirant for office. In manner he is rather quiet and unassuming, yet is a successful contractor, and is highly respected and esteemed by all who know him.

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#### F. A. H. GREULICH.

Since the fall of 1883 this gentleman has been a resident of Marion, Iowa, and his name is inseparably connected with its business interests. He has built up an excellent trade as a dealer in grain, coal, stock, brick, rock salt and tiling, and now occupies an enviable position in business circles. He is a native of the Buckeye state, being born in Tiffin, Ohio, April 21, 1850, and is a son of F. J. and Lena (Yunker) Greulich, natives of Germany and France, respectively. As a boy the father came to America in 1832, and grew to manhood in Cleveland, Ohio, where he followed the occupation of a teamster for some time. In 1840 he removed to Wooster, Ohio, and in 1854 came to Iowa City, Iowa, where he conducted a hotel and also engaged in farming. Subsequently he was engaged in the coal business in Chicago, Illinois, for six years, and on leaving that city removed to Independence, Iowa, where he carried on merchandising until his death, which occurred in 1885. His wife died in 1890. Of the thirteen children born to them the following reached years of maturity: John,

a resident of Iowa City; Frank A. H., our subject; Helen; Philip, of Denver, Colorado; Tressa, of Beloit, Wisconsin; Mary, of Independence, Iowa; and Julia and Ida, both of Iowa City.

Frank A. H. Greulich received only a limited education in the common schools, his time being principally devoted to work during his boyhood and youth. At the age of twenty-one he entered a butter and egg commission house of Iowa City, where he was employed for three years, and then started in business for himself as a grain and produce dealer in Luzerne, Iowa, carrying on operations there for thirteen years. Disposing of his business in Luzerne, he removed to Marion in the fall of 1883, and has since made this latter city his home. In 1881 he built a grain elevator at Keystone, and three years later bought three more elevators in the following places: Van Horne, Vining and Elberon, Iowa, all of which he still conducts in connection with his business at Marion. His elevators have a capacity of fifty thousand bushels, and as a grain dealer he makes his headquarters at Keystone.

On the 4th of September, 1876, in Iowa City, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Greulich and Miss Philomena L. O'Donnell, of that place, a daughter of John O'Donnell. In 1893 Mr. Greulich built his present beautiful home at 970 Twelfth street, Marion, at a cost of fifty-five hundred dollars. It is supplied with all modern improvements, being lighted by electricity and heated with hot water, and is one of the most attractive residences of the city. Fraternally Mr. Greulich is a member of Cedar Rapids Lodge, No. 251, B. P. O. E., and religiously is a member of the Catholic church, of which his mother

was always a devout member. His career affords an excellent example to the young, in that he commenced life without money or influential friends to aid him, but having a determination to succeed he industriously applied himself until he has acquired a handsome property, and is now at the head of a large and prosperous business. He is well known for his sterling character and worth, and has numerous friends in this section of the state.

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#### E. H. CROCKER.

E. H. Crocker, one of the firm of Rickel, Crocker & Tourtellot, leading attorneys of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, was born in Battle Creek, Michigan, December 7, 1862, and is a son of Erastus B. and Harriet M. (Hoffman) Crocker, the former a native of Lockport, New York, the latter of Pennsylvania. At an early day his paternal grandfather removed from Maine to Lockport, New York, and when the father was six months old went to Michigan by way of the Great Lakes, becoming one of the pioneer settlers of Calhoun county, where he took up a tract of government land. He was engaged in farming there for many years, but died in La Crosse, Wisconsin.

Erastus B. Crocker grew to manhood in the Wolverine state, and when the Civil war broke out he joined the Seventh Michigan Cavalry. He participated in the battle of Gettysburg, where he was wounded, and also took part in Kilpatrick's raid and in all of the engagements in which his command participated up to the battle of Appomattox, when he was present at Lee's surrender. He was mustered out of serv-

ice with the rank of first lieutenant. After his return to civil life he went to Kansas in 1866 and took up a claim in Chase county, where he was following farming at the time of his death, in 1876. He was twice married, the children of his first union being Ada C., now the wife of Andrew J. Dunlap, of Topeka, Kansas, who is in the employ of the Santa Fe Railroad; E. H., our subject; and Walter E., who died in infancy. The mother of these children died in 1870. By his second marriage the father also had two children, being Edward G. and Arthur T., who occupy the old home farm in Chase county, Kansas.

The subject of this review was only four years old when the family removed to Chase county, Kansas, and there he was reared amid pioneer scenes, his early education being obtained in a log school house with slab benches and puncheon floor. At that time the nearest railroad station was at Lawrence, a distance of one hundred miles. After attending the district schools for some time Mr. Crocker entered the high school at Emporia, and at the age of seventeen went to Chicago, where he spent a few months as a student in Bryant & Stratton Business College.

On the 17th of January, 1881, he arrived in Cedar Rapids, and until the spring of 1885 was in the employ of the Cedar Rapids & Farmers Insurance Company in a clerical capacity. He then went to Sioux City, Iowa, where he was employed by the Western Home Insurance Company as clerk, but in the fall of 1885 returned to Cedar Rapids and entered the office of Rickel & Bull, attorneys, with whom he studied law. He was admitted to the bar by the supreme court December 7, 1887, when twenty-five years of age. The fol-



lowing January he formed a partnership with Henry Rickel, and under the firm name of Rickel & Crocker, which continued without change for thirteen years, being the oldest firm without change in Cedar Rapids. On April 1, 1901, P. W. Tourtellot became a member of the firm. They do a general law business, though they make a specialty of railroad cases, and practice before the federal and supreme courts not only in Iowa but in surrounding states, their fame as successful lawyers being widespread.

Mr. Crocker was married November 27, 1890, to Miss Ada H. Farmer, a native of Wisconsin and a daughter of Thomas Farmer, who is mentioned more fully in the sketch of John G. Farmer on another page of this volume. By this union were born five children: Thomas F., Edward B., Ruth Kathryn, Margaret S. and Ada Belle. The three oldest are now attending school.

Mrs. Crocker holds membership in the Episcopal church, and he is a member of the Woodmen of the World, the Knights of Pythias, and the Uniform Rank of the latter order. In his political views he is a Democrat. He is now vice-president and a stockholder of the Cedar Rapids Candy Company, but the greater part of his time and attention is devoted to his professional duties. He has won for himself an eminent position at the bar. As a trial lawyer he has shown unusual force and has developed great strength as well in the systematic and careful preparation of his cases and the shrewd and thorough examination of witnesses, as in the eloquent, logical and convincing manner of their presentation before court and jury. Prominence at the bar comes through merit alone, and the high position which Mr. Crocker has attained attests his superiority.

#### SYDNEY E. SINCLAIR.

Gifts of money, if judiciously expended, may add to the beauty and attractive appearance of a place, but the real benefactors of a city are the men who add to its progress and prosperity through the establishment of enterprises which furnish employment to others and thus promote commercial activity. Cedar Rapids has no more important industry or one that has done more to advance the interests of the city along this line than the packing establishment of T. M. Sinclair & Company, of which the subject of this sketch is now at the head.

He was born in Belfast, Ireland, March 16, 1858, and is a son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Edgar) Sinclair, also natives of that place. His maternal grandfather was Dr. John Edgar, known throughout Ireland, was the Apostle of Temperance, being very prominent as a temperance and social reformer. He was one of the best known men of his day in that country. His death occurred in 1865. In his family were five children. Our subject's paternal grandfather was William Sinclair, of Belfast. The father, Thomas Sinclair, was for many years engaged in the pork packing business in the north of Ireland in partnership with his brother, John Sinclair, who was the father of T. M. Sinclair, of Cedar Rapids. They were the pioneers in that business on the Emerald Isle and met with remarkable success in the enterprise. Thomas Sinclair spent his entire life in Ireland and died in 1867. He took a very active part in religious and charitable work and founded the Church of Duncairn at Belfast, which is now one of the most flourishing of that city, while his brother John founded what is known as the Sinclair Seaman's Church.

Both were Pre-byterians in religious belief. The subject of this sketch is the third in order of birth in a family of five children and the only one of the number to come to America. His mother is still a resident of Belfast. By a former marriage the father also had five children.

During his boyhood Sydney E. Sinclair attended a private school in Clifton, England, where he acquired a knowledge of the primary branches of learning, and later was a student at the Academical Institution in Belfast. Subsequently he entered Queen's College, of Belfast, now a part of the Royal University of Ireland, taking a course in engineering with the view of making that his profession, but abandoned that project a year later. He next entered a chemical laboratory at Dresden, Germany, where he carried on the philosophical studies begun at Queen's College.

Mr. Sinclair began his business career soon after his return to Belfast, by entering the office of an agent of the Sinclair Company at Leeds, England, to familiarize himself with that part of the business, after which he thoroughly mastered the manufacturing part at Belfast. In 1881 he came to America locating at Indianapolis, where a branch establishment had been started by the Belfast house. There he spent three months, during which time T. M. Sinclair, who conducted the business at Cedar Rapids, met death by accident. Our subject next went to New York city that he might gain a better knowledge of the financial and shipping department of the business, and remained with the house there until the fall of 1883, when he came to Cedar Rapids as assistant manager. He was connected with the business at this place until the fall of 1892, when he returned to England

on account of his wife's health, and was with the Liverpool house for five years. At the end of that period he returned to Cedar Rapids to take charge of the business here, as both John Sinclair and Charles Soutter were in poor health. In March, 1899, when the business was reorganized, our subject was elected president of the company, and under his efficient management many improvements have been made in the plant, which had become somewhat out of date owing to the ill health of those in charge. It has since been thoroughly overhauled and remodeled, a complete transformation having taken place. The capacity is now eight hundred hogs an hour, and usually six hundred thousand hogs are killed and dressed here annually. As a side issue the company also dresses some beef, handling about twelve thousand head annually. During the twelve months ending with the 1st of November, 1900, their business amounted to about six million dollars, this involving the shipping of about one hundred million pounds of meat. The company employs over eight hundred men at Cedar Rapids, and have built up one of the most important industries in this section of the state. They have branch houses in various European cities, including Liverpool, Glasgow, Hamburg, Berlin, Antwerp, Rotterdam and Bordeaux, besides the houses at New York; Chicago, Aurora and Peoria, Illinois; Des Moines, Davenport, Clinton and Dubuque, Iowa; and Portland, Oregon. At Cedar Rapids they have their own fire company and have sixty stations through the plant where four watchmen make reports to the Western Union telegraph office in the city every few minutes, so that everything is under complete control. Besides his interest in this extensive concern, Syd-

ney S. Sinclair is also a stockholder and director of the Merchants National and the Citizens National Banks of Cedar Rapids.

On the 10th of April, 1883, Mr. Sinclair was united in marriage with Miss Marie L. Matier, also a native of Belfast, Ireland, and to them have been born two children: S. Mervyn, who is now attending the Hill School at Pottstown, Pennsylvania, preparing to enter a university; and G. Marguerite, at home. Religiously both Mr. and Mrs. Sinclair are active and prominent members of the First Presbyterian church of Cedar Rapids, and he is now serving as superintendent of the Third Presbyterian church Sunday-school. He is also chairman of the board of trustees of the Young Men's Christian Association, and for several years was president of the same. Politically he is a gold Democrat, and takes a commendable interest in public affairs. As a business man he has been enterprising, energetic and always abreast of the times. He possesses superior executive ability and sound judgment, and has become an important factor in the business circles of Cedar Rapids.



#### WILLIAM D. McTAVISH.

The subject of this sketch is well known throughout the state as one of the largest and most successful breeders of fine hogs in Iowa. He makes his home on section 9, Jackson township, Linn county, where he owns a valuable and well-improved farm of two hundred acres, known as the Chapel Hill Farm, and although he is engaged in general farming, he gives the greater part of his time to his stock raising interests.

Mr. McTavish was born in New London, Canada, September 21, 1867, a son of Dr. Duncan and Elizabeth (Beatty) McTavish, who were natives of Canada, of Scotch descent. The father was reared near Acton, Ontario, and after acquiring a good common-school education, supplemented by a course in the University of Toronto, took up the study of medicine. Going east, he attended a medical college in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where he was graduated. He then returned to Acton, Canada, where he followed his chosen profession for several years, and later was engaged in practice at New London until 1865, when he removed to Kankakee, Illinois, but remained there only a short time. We next find him a resident of Colo, Story county, Iowa, where he engaged in practice for several years. He subsequently spent a short time in Eagle Grove and on the Wapsie, at Paris and Central City, Linn county, where he continued in active practice up to the time of his death, which occurred June 5, 1889. While at Eagle Grove, owing to failing health, which made it impossible for him to practice, he improved his time by attending a course of lectures at the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Des Moines, Iowa, from which institution he was graduated. The mother of our subject also died in Central City, October 24, 1886. They were the parents of four children: William D., of this review; Effie, who died young; Cassie, a resident of Central City; and Dugald, who died in infancy.

The boyhood and youth of William D. McTavish were mainly passed in this state, and he attended the high school at Nevada, Story county. In early life he learned the printer's trade at Sheldahl, Iowa, and later was employed as train master's clerk in the

office of the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad Company at Eagle Grove, Iowa. Succeeding this he entered Coe College at Cedar Rapids, where he was pursuing his studies when his father died. Being thrown upon his own resources, he worked for a time as a farm hand in this county. Being industrious and economical, he had, when in the employ of the railroad company, saved a small sum of money, which, in addition to an amount inherited from his father, enabled him to purchase a small farm near Waubeek, where he lived for a short time, and then bought eighty acres of his present farm on section 9, Jackson township. To this has been added by purchase and inheritance one hundred and twenty acres until he now has a valuable tract of two hundred acres, as previously stated, and also owns some timber land elsewhere in the same township.

During his entire business career Mr. McTavish has made stock raising his principal occupation, being a breeder of Red Polled cattle and Berkshire swine. He won more prizes in 1900 at the Iowa State Fair than any other breeder of Berkshire swine in the state. At the great International Stock Show at Chicago in December of the same year, the boar winning first prize in his class and also the sow winning first in the class for sows and championship over all ages were the "get" of one of Mr. McTavish's brood sows, thus placing his herd as one of the best breeding herds in America. He is a member of both the American Berkshire Association and the Red Polled Cattle Club of America.

Mr. McTavish was married in 1891 to Miss Mary Henderson, of Jackson township, who was born January 12, 1876, a daughter of P. G. and Arabella (Mills)

Henderson, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this work. Three children bless this union, namely: Hugh, Ruby and Harold G. Mr. McTavish and his wife are both members of the Jackson Congregational church, which is located on his farm, and he also belongs to the Masonic Lodge of Coggon, and Coggon Camp, No. 4591, M. W. A. He takes a deep and commendable interest in public affairs.

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FRANK J. WOITISHEK, M. D.

This well-known and successful physician of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, is one of Linn county's native sons, his birth having occurred near the village of Ely in 1864. His father, Joseph Woitishke, was born in Bohemia and came to the United States in 1854. On coming to this county he purchased eighty acres of land, which had previously been broken and placed under cultivation, and to it he has since added until he now has several hundred acres in the vicinity of Ely, having become one of the most prosperous and substantial citizens of his community. He now makes his home in Ely, and is successfully engaged in general merchandising and dealing in grain in connection with his farming operations, owning a store and elevator at that place. After coming to America he married Miss Anna Riegl, also a native of Bohemia, who had crossed the Atlantic in 1850. Unto them were born four children, of whom the Doctor is the oldest; Mary died at the age of four years; Mary A. is now engaged in teaching school in Cedar Rapids; and Anna is with her parents in Ely.

Dr. Woitishke obtained his literary edu-



cation in the common schools of this county and the old Western College, which he attended for two terms. He remained upon the home farm and in his father's store until twenty years of age, and in 1884 commenced the study of medicine, graduating from the Chicago Medical College in 1890. Immediately after his graduation he located at Schuyler, Nebraska, where he engaged in practice for two years. While there he was united in marriage with Miss Josephine Smatlan, a native of that state and a daughter of Joseph and Anna Smatlan, in whose family are six children, all still living. Her father was one of the pioneer settlers of Nebraska, where he is still engaged in farming and stock raising, and is also interested in the banking and lumber business in Schuyler.

Soon after their marriage, in 1892, the Doctor and his wife sailed for Europe, where they spent one year, during which time he attended different medical schools of note. On their return to this country they located in Sofon, Iowa, where he engaged in practice for one year, and on the expiration of that time came to Cedar Rapids. His skill and ability were soon widely recognized, and he now enjoys a good practice.

Three children were born to Dr. and Mrs. Woitishek, namely: Louis A., born in 1892; Frank E., born in 1894, died at the age of four years; and Alfred J., born in 1896. The family have a pleasant home at 514 Third avenue. By his ballot the Doctor is a staunch supporter of the Democracy, and served as postmaster of Ely, Iowa, during President Cleveland's administration. He is a member of the Iowa Union Medical Society and the Bohemian Brotherhood League, in the latter of which the

Doctor is now serving as president, and has taken a deep interest in the investigations which have been made showing that the infidelity of the Bohemians is the cause for the excessive list of suicides which occur in that race. In the work of investigation Dr. Woitishek has been the pioneer, and to him the credit is due for the statistics showing this state of affairs. These investigations have been recognized as authority by the leading religious bodies of the United States, and have created universal attention. He is a constant contributor to the leading religious journals of the United States along this special line. Mrs. Woitishek is a member of the Presbyterian church.

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#### GEORGE H. MERRIDITH.

One of the wide-awake and energetic men of Cedar Rapids is George H. Merridith, who is now so efficiently serving as city engineer. He is a native of Linn county, born in Marion, December 23, 1861, and is a son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Haldeman) Merridith, the former a native of Butler county, Ohio, the latter of Marion county, that state. Our subject is the oldest of their six children.

Mr. Meredith acquired his early education in the public schools of West Liberty, Hull and Iowa City, and also attended the University at the last named place. When his school days were over he became interested in railroad surveying, and for about ten years was connected with the city engineering department of Sioux City, Iowa. In 1892 he was appointed principal assistant to the city engineer, and had under his direct charge the supervision of the construction of the large Fourth-street viaduct,

on the part of the city of Sioux City. For two years he was engaged in business for himself at Sioux City as a civil engineer, during which time he constructed what is known as the Garretson ditch at a cost of twenty-two thousand dollars, thus redeeming about five thousand acres of swamp land. He also had charge of the construction of the Hawkinson street railway, and after its completion came to Cedar Rapids, in 1896. Two years later he was appointed city engineer, which position he filled with credit to himself and to the advantage of the city. He was re-appointed for a second term by the unanimous vote of the council, being the present incumbent.

On the 30th of October, 1891, Mr. Merri-dith was united in marriage with Miss Cora Belle McDaniels, of Sioux City, who is one of a family of five children, three still living. Her parents were George and Sarah (Skelton) McDaniels, natives of New York and Canada, respectively. Our subject and his wife have three children, namely: Ethel, Myrtle Marie and William K. The family reside at 1404 E avenue, and attend the Presbyterian church. In politics Mr. Merri-dith is independent. Socially he is quite popular, and is an active member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias, and the United Order of Foresters. In his present office he is brought in contact with a large number of business men, and he has the respect and confidence of all who know him.

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#### FERD C. FISKE.

There are no rules for building characters; there is no rule for achieving success. The man who can rise from the ranks to

a position of eminence is he who can see and utilize opportunities that surround his path. The essential conditions of human life are ever the same, the sufferings of individuals differ but slightly; and, when one man passes another on the highway to reach the goal of prosperity before others who perhaps started out before him, it is because he has the power to use advantages which probably encompass the whole human race. To-day among the most prominent business men of Cedar Rapids is Mr. Fiske, the well-known architect, a member of the firm of Dieman & Fiske.

He was born in Ellisburg, Jefferson county, New York, December 1, 1856, and is a son of Wilbur H. and Myra A. (Shaw) Fiske, natives of Massachusetts and New York, respectively. He is of English lineage on the paternal side and his ancestors were among those who came to America on the Mayflower. On coming west in 1859 the father located at Maquoketa, Iowa, where he was engaged in the dry goods business for a short time, and then purchased a farm seven miles from that city and turned his attention to agricultural pursuits. On this farm Delmar Junction is now located. As a fifer Mr. Fiske entered the service of his country in 1862, during the dark days of the Civil war, and died at Memphis, Tennessee, about two years after his enlistment, leaving a widow and two children: Ferd C., our subject; and Charles W., an attorney of Eau Claire, Wisconsin, who married Theklason Schra-der, and they have one child, Dorothy. The mother afterward became the wife of C. M. Dunbar, a lawyer of Maquoketa, Iowa, where they still reside, and by that union has one son, Louis S., who is engaged in business in Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

Ferd C. Fiske began his education in the schools of Maquoketa, and later attended the Northern Illinois College at Fulton, Illinois, and Cornell University, New York, taking a two-years' course in architecture at the latter institution. After his graduation he returned home, where he remained one year, and then went to Chicago and entered the office of W. L. B. Jenney, a prominent architect, who is now a member of the firm of Jenney & Mundie, and remained with him two years, after which he went to Minneapolis, Minnesota, and was in the employ of George M. Goodwin two years. At the end of that time he entered into partnership with his employer, and they continued in business together for two years. The following eight years Mr. Fiske was engaged in business at Lincoln, Nebraska, being alone most of the time. In 1895 he went to St. Louis, where he remained three years, and then came to Cedar Rapids, where he was alone in business until January, 1900, when he formed a partnership with Mr. Dieman. They are regarded as among the leading architects of this section of the state, and are now at the head of a large and thriving business. Some of the principal buildings they have designed either singly or as a firm are the Brace Block, costing over sixty-five thousand dollars, and the Brownell Block, forty thousand dollars, both of Lincoln, Nebraska; Chute building, thirty thousand dollars, White block, twenty-five thousand dollars, Windom & Loring building, forty-five thousand dollars, Weaver storage house, forty-five thousand dollars, all of Minneapolis, Minnesota; the Young Men's Christian Association building, sixty-five thousand dollars, of Lincoln; the Universalist church, nineteen thousand dollars, Trinity Method-

ist Episcopal church, twenty-five thousand dollars, and many other churches in that city, besides the Lincoln high school, ninety thousand dollars, Baldwin Terrace, forty-five thousand dollars, Lyman Terrace, twenty-eight thousand dollars, and the Sanitarium, sixty thousand dollars, all of Lincoln, Nebraska; Samuel D. Roser's flats, twenty-five thousand dollars, of St. Louis; the Lyon block, fourteen thousand dollars, and the Shaw & Galligar building, ten thousand dollars, both of Maquoketa, Iowa. The buildings of Cedar Rapids designed by them are the Bohemian Gymnasium, costing thirty-five thousand dollars; Hamilton Brothers' warehouse, twenty-five thousand dollars; and the National Hotel, ten thousand dollars, besides many houses, including those of Mrs. Martha Weare, costing five thousand dollars; J. C. Brocksmith, forty-five hundred dollars; J. H. Miller, eleven thousand dollars; C. W. Perkins, ten thousand dollars; and J. H. Shindel, sixty-five hundred dollars. Mr. Fiske also designed the governor's mansion at Lincoln, Nebraska, costing twenty-seven thousand dollars, and the house of M. L. Brown, at Emmetsburg, Iowa, costing nine thousand dollars.

On June 24, 1886, Mr. Fiske was united in marriage with Miss Kate Burgess, a native of Virginia and a daughter of William Burgess, who was also born in that state, and died a number of years ago. She is the fourth in order of birth in a family of seven children, and by her marriage to our subject has become the mother of one child, Helen, who is now attending school in Cedar Rapids. The family are members of the First Congregational church, and Mr. Fiske is a Republican in politics. He is an upright, reliable and progressive busi-

ness man, and stands deservedly high in the esteem of his fellow citizens. In manner he is pleasant and genial, and makes friends easily wherever he goes.

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W. J. DONNAN.

This esteemed gentleman, residing in Clinton township, Linn county, Iowa, is a son of Samuel and Helen (Dougall) Donnan, being the oldest of five children born to them. The other children: Marguerete A. is living in Cedar Rapids with her husband, James Monilaw, who is a contractor and builder; Edwin, with his wife Nora, settled near Milville, Iowa; Rensselaer died when but two years of age; Nettie, now Mrs. J. D. Kennedy, is a resident of Cedar Rapids, her husband being engaged in business with the Bicycle Stepladder Company. Samuel Donnan was born in New York state February 28, 1824, while his wife, Helen (Dougall) Donnan, was a native of Milnathort Village, Scotland. She died July 31, 1884.

The paternal grandfather of our subject, David Donnan, was one of the most highly respected of the early settlers of the United States. Reaching the shores of America in the year 1800, he took up his residence in Schenectady county, New York, where he died. His wife, Mary (McKerlie) Donnan, although born in the United States, was of Scottish origin. This couple became the parents of eight children: John, James, Andrew, Alexander, William, David, Samuel, and one daughter who died at the age of sixteen years. The wife of Mr. Donnan, Allie Gorden, whom he married April 24, 1873, was the daughter of the Rev. Andrew and Rebecca (Smith) Gorden.

Born in Putnam, New York, Andrew Gorden was destined to become one of America's famous missionaries. In the year 1853 he entered the ministry of the then Associate church, and in 1854 made his first voyage to India as a missionary, where he remained for ten years, at the end of which time, his health failing, he was compelled to return home. After a short residence in this country he regained his health and traveled throughout the land giving lectures, accompanied by his family. After touring the United States he again sailed for India, taking with him four children, Euphemia, Silas, Marguerite and David, Ephraim and Joseph, who died in India, being born there. Allie, our subject's wife, remained in this country. He again spent ten years in India, at the end of which time he retired to America and devoted his attention to his now famous book, "Our India Mission," which he published after his return to his native land. While in India the last time he buried two of his children, Silas and Joseph, who died during the Sepoy mutiny. Euphemia lives in Cedar Rapids, Iowa; David is a missionary, following in the footsteps of his father, who, with his wife, Grace (Williamson) Gorden, has been for the past five years in India.

Mr. and Mrs. Donnan are the parents of five children: Harrison G., Helen R., Walter A., Paul S., William E. and Margaret S., two of whom are away from home at the present time attending school, Helen being at college at Monmouth, Illinois, and Walter is attending Coe College. The rest of the children are at home with their parents.

The early education of Mr. Donnan was obtained in the district schools of New York



state, after which he attended the business college of Bryant & Stratton, where he remained for five months preparing himself to enter upon a business career. Finishing his college course with honor, he took up school teaching, which he followed for two years, and for the same length of time was engaged in the grocery business as clerk. He then moved west to Linn county, Iowa, where he taught school again for two years, after which time he purchased and settled upon the farm where he is now located, which contains eighty acres of highly cultivated land, with all modern improvements upon the farm.

Having settled in Iowa in 1876, he became interested in politics, and in 1893 was elected supervisor of Linn county, his associates being Garry Treat and Mr. Cocollette the first year, and Mr. Fairchild and J. J. Ives succeeded these gentlemen the second year, Mr. Donnan being elected a second term, by the Republican party.

On his arrival in Linn county, Mr. Donnan was practically a very poor man, but through energy and industry has attained the position he now holds. In religion Mr. Donnan and family are members of the United Presbyterian church, of which organization our subject is an elder and one of its most liberal contributors. Mr. Donnan is a staunch friend of the temperance cause, ever ready to lend a helping hand when possible.

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#### EUGENE ALLEN.

This well-known contractor and builder of Cedar Rapids was one of the boys in blue who fought so valiantly for the cause of freedom and the preservation of the

Union during the dark days of the Rebellion, being one of a family of five brothers who responded to their country's call for aid when the south attempted to secede.

Mr. Allen was born in Gouverneur, St. Lawrence county, New York, in June, 1848, a son of Gilbert and Martha (Dunton) Allen. His father was born in the same county in 1801, the paternal grandfather, Edmond Allen, being one of the pioneer settlers of that locality. Gilbert Allen was reared upon a farm, but at an early age learned the cabinet maker's trade, at which he worked in his native county until 1853, when he removed with his family to Portage county, Wisconsin, and purchased what was then considered a large farm, devoting the remainder of his life to agricultural pursuits. His death occurred in 1868. The mother of our subject was born at Sanford Corners, Jefferson county, New York, in 1815, and after the death of her first husband married Thomas Brittingham, of Rock Island, Illinois, where he died in 1888. Later she made her home with our subject in Cedar Rapids until she, too, was called to her final rest, in 1891.

The subject of this sketch is one of a family of six children. His only sister, Clarinda, is the wife of Jay Burt Winslow, of Stevens Point, Wisconsin. As previously stated, his brothers were all soldiers of the Civil war. (1) Ebenezer served three years in the Third Wisconsin Infantry, and the principal engagements in which he took part were the battles of Fredericksburg and Antietam, and he was with General Banks in his retreat across the Rappahannock river. He wedded Mary Gordon and lives in Maryville, Missouri. (2) Thomas enlisted in Company I, Third Iowa Cavalry, and served through the war, taking part in

many engagements, including the Wilson raid. At one time he and a few comrades were cut off from the main body of troops, but tried to escape through the woods with the enemy in pursuit, but Mr. Allen's horse fell, falling on his leg. A comrade sprang to his assistance, placing him in the saddle just vacated by himself. Mr. Allen managed to escape, but the comrade who had been so kind to him was captured and sent to Andersonville prison, where he was held for three months before being exchanged. Thomas Allen married Emma Ritchie and is now living in Iowa. (3) Edwin Adkins was a member of the Eighth Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, known as the Old Eagle Regiment, and after serving about two years was discharged on account of disability. Later he was drafted, but his papers kept him from having to serve on a draft. On regaining his health he again enlisted, in 1864, this time in the Fifth Wisconsin Infantry, in company with his brother-in-law, J. Burt Wilson, and in front of Petersburg received a scalp wound caused by a shell. He was then sent to Washington, where he was honorably discharged at the close of the war. He married Mary Hoffman, and both are now deceased. Their son, Frank H., who was born in 1879, has made his home with our subject since 1883, and is a graduate of the high school of Cedar Rapids, and is now taking a course at the Cedar Rapids Business College. (4) Charles enlisted with his brother Edwin in the famous Eagle Regiment, but two years later was transferred to the Eighth Wisconsin Battery, with which he served until the close of the war, taking part in a number of engagements, including the battle of Lookout Mountain. He is a gold mining expert in Wyoming, where he is interested

in a number of large mines. Altogether the five brothers served about fifteen years in the army, averaging three years each,—a record equaled by but few families, and showing their loyalty to their country and their love for the stars and stripes.

Eugene Allen was about five years of age when he removed with his parents to Portage county, Wisconsin, where he was reared and educated. He was only sixteen when he enlisted in 1864 as a recruit in the Twelfth Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, and joined his regiment at Marietta, Georgia, in time to take part with General Sherman in the famous march to the sea. Becoming ill at Savannah, he was placed on board the old boat, General Barnes, and was taken to New York, where he remained in a hospital until he received his discharge at the close of the war. He then returned to his father's home in Wisconsin, and after the latter's death, in 1868, managed the farm until his mother married again, in 1873.

Mr. Allen then went to Rock Island, Illinois, where he took a commercial course at a business college, and on his graduation accepted a position with a wholesale and jobbing grocery house, but on account of ill health was forced to resign a few months later. He next learned the carpenter's trade under the instruction of his brother Charles, and worked at the same in Rock Island for six years. In April, 1882, he came to Cedar Rapids and entered the employ of Lorenzo Cooper as foreman, which position he filled for four years. On the expiration of that period he started in business for himself as a contractor and builder, and has met with well-deserved success, commanding a liberal share of the public patronage.

At Rock Island, Illinois, Mr. Allen was married in 1881 to Miss Kate M. Baker,

who was born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, in 1848, and is a daughter of William and Hannah Baker, early settlers of the Prairie state. By this union was born a son, Robert Kenneth, now a student in the high school of Cedar Rapids. Mr. Allen has a niece, Louise Tenney, who possesses considerable talent as a musician. She first studied music at Ida Grove, Iowa, and later spent two years at the Chicago Conservatory of Music, after which she taught for a time. In August, 1900, in company with one of her pupils, she sailed for Germany to pursue her studies in the Conservatory of Music at Leipsic, where she will remain about two years.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Allen are active and prominent members of the Christian church of Cedar Rapids, and he is now holding the office of deacon in the same. He is also connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and while a resident of Rock Island passed all the chairs in the subordinate lodge, and served as worthy deputy grand master of the grand lodge. He is an honored member of T. C. Cook Post No. 235, G. A. R., and has filled all the offices in that lodge up to senior vice-commander. In politics he is a Republican, but has never cared for political honors, preferring to devote his undivided attention to his extensive business interests. He is a quiet, unassuming man, but makes many friends, and has the confidence and respect of all who know him.

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#### LEVI G. BOOTH.

Levi G. Booth was one of the foremost citizens of College township from early manhood until his death, and throughout the

greater portion of his life continued to reside on the old homestead on section 10, where he was born April 12, 1853. He was not only a representative of an old and honored family of this country, but traced his ancestry back to good old Revolutionary stock. In early colonial days his paternal great-great-grandfather, John Booth, emigrated from England in company with his brother, and they became the founders of the family in the new world. He located in Connecticut, where he engaged in agricultural pursuits in early life, and when the colonies took up arms against the mother country during the Revolutionary war, he was commissioned captain of a company in the Continental army. He made a brilliant military record and survived the vicissitudes of war, but received fatal injuries by being thrown from a horse while fighting on Long Island. It is supposed that he was married in Connecticut, where his son, Isaiah Booth, the great-grandfather of our subject, was born, reared and married. In 1800 the latter removed to Madison county, New York, where he became a successful farmer and lived to the good old age of eighty years.

Ezra Booth, the only child of Isaiah of whom the family have any account, and the grandfather of our subject, was a native of Connecticut, and was a young man of twenty-one years when the family removed to New York, where he was also engaged in farming throughout life. There he married Miss Clarissa Madison, a native of Madison county, New York, and to them were born eight children, six sons and two daughters. They continued their residence in that county throughout life and died when well advanced in years.

Rev. Isaiah Booth, our subject's father, was born in Madison county, New York,

October 19, 1816, and was the third son and child of his parents. He was most carefully trained in those moral and religious principles which combine to make the upright man and good citizen, and remained under the parental roof until eighteen years of age. Two years later, in 1836, he went to Illinois, where he spent one winter in traveling over the country, devoting much time to hunting and trapping. He also crossed the Mississippi, and being delighted with the appearance of this state, he decided to make his future home here. Although so young he had already been married, his wife being Miss Wealthy Taylor, who lived near his old home in New York, but she died of consumption a few months after their marriage, before he started west.

On his first trip to Iowa Mr. Booth remained only a short time. Feeling the need of a better education than had been afforded him during his boyhood and youth, he returned to Hillsboro, Illinois, and entered the academy at that place, where he fitted himself for teaching. He then went to Springfield, that state, where he taught school for two terms. That city was then a mere village and the disease known as milk sickness was prevalent. Of so little value was the land at that time that he was once offered the whole block on which the state house now stands for his watch, which was worth about eleven dollars. Still intent upon obtaining a better education, Mr. Booth next entered the college at Granville, Ohio, where he paid for his tuition and supported himself by doing such odd jobs as he could obtain. He completed the regular collegiate course with the view of entering the ministry of the Baptist church, of which his parents were earnest and active members, and also took a course in theology.

For ten or twelve years he engaged in preaching.

While at Granville, Ohio, Mr. Booth was married, June 23, 1843, to Miss Phoebe H. Jones, who was born in Oneida county, New York, July 23, 1820. Her parents, David R. and Susan (Thomas) Jones, were married in that county, having previously emigrated from Wales, both being natives of that country and of pure Welsh descent. For several generations back their ancestors followed the honorable and peaceful occupation of farming. In 1836 Mr. Jones removed with his family to Licking county, Ohio, where he died at the age of fifty-six years, his wife at the age of seventy-four. Unto Isaiah Booth and wife were born seven children, namely: Addison J. married Anne Coulson, now deceased, and is now living in northern Minnesota. Hiram J. married Rhoda Nelson, and follows farming in Fayette township, this county. William H. wedded Mary Munger, of Flint, Michigan, and makes his home in Michigan. Levi G., our subject, is the next in order of birth. Richard H. married Alma Fales, and is a mechanic of Marion, Iowa. David E. married Catherine Shurtleff, and is a farmer and stock raiser of northern Minnesota. Johanna died in infancy.

It was seventeen years after Isaiah Booth first visited this state that he came to Linn county to live, taking up his residence in College township in 1851. Here he purchased three hundred and twenty acres of land from the government. He was a very industrious and ambitious man, and had followed various occupations in order to obtain a comfortable living for his family, being principally engaged in teaching and preaching, and finally opening a private academy in Lancaster, Ohio, which he con-



ducted with good success, thus securing the means with which to come west and purchase land. He was a natural mechanic and erected several school buildings, but owing to failing health was obliged to abandon active labor. His removal to Iowa was occasioned by the necessity of a change of climate, and it proved a fortunate proceeding, for he not only regained his health, but also prospered in business affairs. In 1862 he removed to Lyons county, Kansas, where he engaged in merchandising for three years, and then returned to Iowa, and resumed agricultural pursuits on the farm in this county, which he had retained possession of. He was thus occupied for five years, but in 1870 his health again failed and he went overland to California, where he spent some time in visiting relatives and friends. While stopping with F. M. Brown, at Woodland, he became interested in the reports from the Pitt river country, and in November, 1870, left Mr. Brown's with the intention of visiting that section, but was never seen nor heard from after that. His wife died at the home of our subject, December 22, 1881, when nearly sixty years of age.

During his early life Levi G. Booth obtained an excellent education in the public schools and at Western College, and also acquired an excellent knowledge of farming while aiding in the operation of the home farm. He became a practical and systematic farmer, and in all his undertakings met with marked success. He gave considerable attention to stock raising, owning some of the best high grade animals in his section of the state, and was also engaged in the dairy business, for which purpose he kept a large number of cows.

On the 1st of January, 1874, at Cedar

Rapids, Mr. Booth was united in marriage with Miss Julia E. Smith, who was born in Brown county, Ohio, December 16, 1852, a daughter of John and Martha J. (Pick-erel) Smith. In 1855 she was brought by her parents to Linn county, Iowa, the family locating in College township, where her mother died six years later, but the father, who was a farmer by occupation, still survives her. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Booth were Phoebe Inez, who is now successfully engaged in teaching in the schools of Cedar Rapids and resides with her mother in that city. Martha Estella, wife of Fred Suits, who is now operating the old homestead in College township; John Earl, Gershom Beryl and Richard Beryl, twins, and Ruth E., all at home.

Throughout life Mr. Booth continued to follow farming and died on the old homestead in College township, April 28, 1899, his remains being interred in Baker cemetery. His death was deeply mourned, as the community realized that it had lost one of its most valued and useful citizens. He was a man of the times, broad-minded, public-spirited and progressive, and he championed every measure which he believed would prove of public benefit. In early life he was a supporter of the National Green-back party, and later was a strong advocate of the "single tax." He filled the office of road supervisor in College township, and faithfully discharged any duty devolving upon him, whether public or private. He enjoyed a wide acquaintance and marked popularity in the community where he had so long made his home. His family are members of the First Christian church of Cedar Rapids, and are held in high esteem by all who know them.

## ALBERT C. BURNETT.

There is no more prominent or influential citizen in Otter Creek township than the subject of this review, who is the founder of the village of Alburnett, and has taken a very active part in promoting its welfare. He was born in Staffordshire, England, on the 13th of May, 1842, and is a son of William and Ann (Clarke) Burnett, also natives of that country, though the father was of Scotch descent. When our subject was sixteen years of age the family came to the United States and took up their residence in Marion, Linn county, Iowa. When the Civil war broke out the father announced the fact that he would now have a chance to fight for the principles he had long advocated, and he enlisted as a private in the Thirty-first Iowa Volunteer Infantry, known as the Graybeard Regiment. He remained in the service for three years, but fortunately was never wounded. His son, John R., also served for two and a half years in the Ninth Iowa Infantry and was never wounded, although he participated in all the battles of his regiment, but died of disease in the hospital at Paducah, Kentucky, at the age of twenty-five years. He was a man of high moral worth and a strong Republican in politics. The father of our subject was born in July, 1815, and died in this county in 1879, while the mother was born in July, 1817, and died in 1881. They were the parents of twenty children, among whom was one pair of twins, but of this number only six are now living.

On coming to this country, Albert C. Burnett first worked in a brickyard at Marion, and later turned his attention to agricultural pursuits. In 1869 he removed to the farm in Otter Creek township, which

he now occupies, and has resided there ever since. His first purchase of land consisted of eighty acres on section 25, nearly all of which was unimproved, only five acres having been broken. He soon placed the land under cultivation and erected all the buildings found thereon, including a commodious and substantial residence and a good barn. He has prospered in his farming operations, and as his financial resources increased he added to his property from time to time until he owned two hundred and sixty acres of land on sections 24 and 25, Otter Creek township, and one hundred and sixty acres in Maine township, besides some timber land. His property is divided into three farms, and is now under a high state of cultivation and well improved. Throughout his business career Mr. Burnett has engaged largely in buying and feeding stock, and is also engaged in raising stock to some extent, at the present time having a fine herd of over sixty head of short horn cattle upon his place. In 1878 he laid out the present village of Alburnett upon twenty-five acres of his farm. The railroad company gave it the name of Burnett, but when application was made for a postoffice the name was so similar to Bennett that it was thought that mistakes would frequently occur in mail matter from the similarity of the two names when written, and the name was changed to Alburnett. The village now has a population of three hundred, and contains three churches, a good graded school and a number of business houses. Mr. Burnett has taken a very active part in promoting its interests and has been instrumental in providing a good school for the children of the village. He is now one of the directors and was president of the school board for some time. For several years he

also served as county supervisor from his district with credit to himself and to the entire satisfaction of his fellow citizens. The Republican party has always found in him a staunch supporter of its principles and as a public-spirited and progressive citizen he is an advocate of all measures calculated to advance the interests of his town or county. As a business man he is noted for his reliability in all transactions, and he commands the respect and confidence of all with whom he comes in contact.

On the 10th of February, 1868, Mr. Burnett was united in marriage with Miss Anne E. Burns, who was born in Pennsylvania, September 14, 1848, and they have become the parents of five children, namely: (1) Mary Alma, born February 11, 1869, died February 16, 1871. (2) Albert Burns, born March 3, 1872, is now engaged in farming on his father's place on section 26, Otter Creek township, and is also associated with his father in the stock business. He married Jessie Haynes, of Zanesville, Ohio, and they have one child, Ruth. (3) Catherine Emma, born June 19, 1874, is the wife of Howard Moothart, who is engaged in farming on a quarter section of land in Otter Creek township. (4) Florence E., born July 11, 1877, is the wife of John J. Rogers, who is now operating a farm of one hundred and eighty acres in Maine township belonging to Mr. Burnett. They have two children, Cecil and Lera. (5) Ida Iowa, born September 1, 1881, is the wife of Frank B. Frick, who is engaged in farming on one hundred and sixty acres in Otter Creek township, and they have one child, Mildred.

Richard E. Burns, the father of Mrs. Burnett, was born in Bedford county, Pennsylvania, December 25, 1822, and was a

representative of an old and honored family of that county, his paternal great-grandparents having located there on their emigration from Scotland in colonial days. There his grandfather, James Burns, spent his entire life, making his home in Napier township, where he entered a tract of land and improved a farm. During the Revolutionary war he entered the Continental army and distinguished himself for bravery and patriotism. When the turnpike was laid out between Pittsburg and Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, it passed his home, and he not only sold grain to the teamsters on the road, but also opened his house to travelers, and he became a great favorite with all who enjoyed his genial hospitality. He died in 1872, at the extreme old age of one hundred and four years. In early life he married Hester Graham and to them were born five children.

John Burns, the father of Richard E., was also born in Bedford county, Pennsylvania, May 4, 1794, and was the second in order of birth in the above family. He was reared on his father's farm and educated in the common schools, and remained with his parents until his marriage, when his father presented him with a tract of land near the old homestead, upon which he lived and labored until his death in 1850. He married Eliza Ewalt, who was born in the same county, April 15, 1801, and was a daughter of Richard and Hannah (Todd) Ewalt, of English ancestry. She departed this life September 14, 1855, leaving three children: Richard E., the father of Mrs. Burnett; George, a resident of Benton county, Iowa; and John, of Bedford county, Pennsylvania.

Richard E. Burns was an ambitious and enterprising young man and was reared to

habits of industry and economy. At the age of twenty years he left home and started out to make his own way in the world, being engaged in teaming and milling in his native county until 1858. Receiving favorable reports of the great west, he believed he might better his financial condition on the other side of the Mississippi, and in that year came to Iowa, entering a tract of government land near Anamosa, Jones county. He did not locate upon this land however, but after working at the miller's trade for three years he purchased a farm in Jackson township, Linn county, which he at once began to improve and cultivate. Three years later he traded one-half of this place for a half interest in a flouring mill in Boulder township, but as this trade did not prove either profitable or desirable, he succeeded in having it annulled and came into possession of his own land again. In 1861 Mr. Burns purchased a half interest in the Central City flouring mill, and removed there three years later. Subsequently he became sole proprietor of that mill and continued its operation for many years. He died December 11, 1889. On the 5th of November, 1846, he married Miss Catharine Riffle, a native of Pennsylvania, who was born in 1828, and died in 1855. Mrs. Burnett was the only child born of this union. Mr. Burns was again married, in August, 1860, his second union being with Miss Abigail Williams, and to them were born the following children: William N., a resident of Nebraska; Mary, wife of Eli Bruner, of Boulder township, this county; George G.; Emily; Richard E.; Charles; Elsetta, who died in infancy; and Edith and Ethel, twins. Politically Mr. Burns always affiliated with the Democracy, and re-

ligiously was a member of the Free Will Baptist church. He was a man highly respected and esteemed by all who knew him.

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JAMES B. FORD.

James B. Ford, residing at No. 221 First avenue west, is a well-known contractor and builder of Cedar Rapids, where he has successfully carried on business along that line for the past ten years. He was born in Greensburg, Decatur county, Indiana, December 6, 1861, a son of Charles M. and Mary Jane (McCoy) Ford, also natives of that state. The father followed farming in Decatur county for some years, and there seven of his children were born. About 1854 he came to Iowa and took up a homestead in Buchanan county, which he commenced to improve, but later sold the place and returned to Indiana. In 1864 he again came to this state and this time located in Benton county, where he followed farming until his removal to Cedar Rapids in 1879. He spent his last days in this city, where he died in February, 1890. His wife still survives him and now makes her home with our subject, a hale and hearty old lady of seventy-six years.

James B. Ford grew to manhood in Iowa, and in Cedar Rapids commenced to learn the mason's trade, at which he worked for two or three years. He then went to Nebraska, and was employed at his trade in several places in that state, and later in Kansas, where his brother took up land. After placing it under cultivation they planted wheat, but the drouth destroyed their crop. Leaving his brother the farm, our subject



returned to Cedar Rapids, and from here went to Newton, Illinois, where he worked at his trade for a year and a half, at the end of which time he again came to Cedar Rapids. Subsequently he learned the printer's trade in Tama county, where he spent over a year, and then returned home on a visit, and while here his printing office burned down, so that he did not return to Tama county. The following year was devoted to agricultural pursuits, and at the end of that time he again turned his attention to the mason's trade.

On the 6th of August, 1882, in Benton county, Iowa, Mr. Ford led to the marriage altar Miss Hester Ann Hall, a native of that county, of which her father, Eli Hall, was a prominent farmer. He was born and reared in Cattaraugus county, New York, and when a young man came to Rock Island, Illinois, where he married Miss Malinda Miller. Mr. and Mrs. Ford are the parents of four children, namely: Goldie M., who is attending the Cedar Rapids high school; Carl, who died in the spring of 1890, at the age of eleven years; Ray R.; and an infant son.

After his marriage Mr. Ford made his home in Benton county for some years, working at his trade and also farming to some extent. In April, 1891, he became a permanent resident of Cedar Rapids, and has since engaged in contracting and building with good success. He has had charge of the masonry on many of the best residences in the city, and during the busy season furnishes employment to from ten to twenty-five men. He purchased a lot on First avenue west, and erected thereon a nice residence, where he now resides.

At national elections Mr. Ford always supports the Republican party, and cast his first presidential vote for James G. Blaine.

He takes a commendable interest in public affairs, but has never been a politician in the sense of office seeking. He is widely known in Cedar Rapids as an upright, reliable business man, and is very popular among his friends and acquaintances.

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#### MARTIN EVANS.

Linn county has no more public-spirited or enterprising citizen than Martin Evans, who is now so efficiently serving as county sheriff. He was born in Dellefield township, Waukesha county, Wisconsin, March 10, 1859, a son of Nels and Ellen M. Evans, well-known farming people of that county. In early life the father engaged in blacksmithing, but later turned his attention to agricultural pursuits. He died on the 12th of October, 1887, having survived his wife two years, her death occurring June 28, 1885. Of their nine children three died in infancy, while Even died at the age of twenty-three years; Peter at the age of twenty-seven; and Lewis at the age of twenty-three. Those living are Elizabeth, wife of Gus Hanson, of Ludington, Michigan; Ingay, wife of Nels Tufte, of Nashotah, Wisconsin, he being now deceased; and Martin, our subject.

Martin Evans acquired a good practical education in the common schools of his native state. Remaining on the home farm, he devoted his entire time to agricultural pursuits until he entered the employ of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad, and was connected with their police department at Milwaukee for four years, at the end of which time he was transferred to Cedar Rapids, where he held a similar position for about five years. During the following nine

years he was a conductor on the Cedar Rapids & Marion Street Railroad, holding that position until after his election as sheriff of Linn county, November 7, 1899. He has since devoted his time and attention to the duties of that office and in their capable discharge has won the commendation and support of the general public, who appreciate his fidelity to the trust reposed in him. While at the present Mr. Evans makes his home in the county seat, he still retains his property in Cedar Rapids and will remove there at the expiration of his term of office.

On the 5th of March, 1889, Mr. Evans led to the marriage altar Miss Maggie Ganshorn, of Caledonia, Ohio, a daughter of George Ganshorn, who was born in Germany. Her mother was a native of Pennsylvania. They now have three children, namely: Martin Rudolph, Gerald Lewis and Marguerite Lee. Socially Mr. Evans is an honored member of Crescent Lodge, No. 25, F. & A. M., of Cedar Rapids, of which he was master for four years; and he also belongs to Cedar Rapids Lodge, No. 278, A. O. U. W., while religiously he is connected with the Episcopal church. He is one of the best known men in Linn county, having made a host of friends during his residence here, and he enjoys an enviable reputation as a straightforward, reliable man, and too much cannot be said of his good qualities.

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#### WILLIAM L. CHAMPLIN.

This well-known and popular engineer in the employ of the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad, has made his home in Cedar Rapids since 1880. He is a native of Iowa, born near Shell Rock, in

Butler county, on the 6th of December, 1858, and is a son of William and Almira (Couch) Champlin. The father was born in Onondaga county, New York, and about 1852 came to Butler county, Iowa, where he followed his chosen occupation—that of farming—until the Civil war broke out. In 1861 he enlisted, and was wounded at the battle of Pleasant Hill, in April, 1862. He was also captured by the rebels and died in Libby prison. His wife, who was also a native of the Empire state, died in Waterloo, Iowa, at the age of sixty-eight years. They were the parents of four children, two of whom died in infancy. Those living are William L., our subject; and Charles W., freight agent for the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad at Cedar Falls, Iowa.

The first sixteen years of his life William L. Champlin passed on the home farm, and to the public schools of that locality he is indebted for his educational privileges, never having been able to take a college course. On leaving home he went to Waterloo, Iowa, where he served a three years' apprenticeship to the carriage maker's and blacksmith's trade, and later followed the same for two years. In 1879 he commenced firing on the Illinois Central Railroad, but later abandoned that pursuit and resumed work at his trade. He came to Cedar Rapids in 1880, and after serving as fireman for a short time on the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad, he was given an engine in 1881, serving as regular freight and extra passenger engineer ever since. He has spent some time on all the divisions of the road, but his run has been mostly between Cedar Rapids and Albert Lee, Minnesota. He now has a through fast freight.

On the 4th of March, 1891, Mr. Champ-  
lin was united in marriage with Miss Mary  
E. Wilson, who was born on Prince Edward  
Island, October 4, 1865, and came to this  
county with an aunt, being reared and ed-  
ucated in Marion. Her parents died in  
Canada in 1872. Her grandfather came to  
the United States as a Methodist Episcopal  
minister in 1820, but she was brought up  
in the Presbyterian church. After his mar-  
riage Mr. Champlin purchased a lot and  
erected a good modern residence at 1302  
First avenue, where he now make his home.  
For a number of years he has been identified  
with the Masonic fraternity, being a  
member of the blue lodge, chapter, com-  
mandery, consistory and temple of the  
Mystic Shrine. He is also a member of  
the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engi-  
neers, and has served as secretary of his  
division for two terms. In politics he is  
an ardent Republican. He is a a pleasant,  
genial gentleman, who makes friends easily,  
and is held in the highest regard by all who  
know him.

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#### ROBERT I. SAFELY.

Among Cedar Rapids' energetic and en-  
terprising citizens is this well-known in-  
surance and real estate dealer, who was born  
in Cohoes, Albany county, New York, Au-  
gust 19, 1863. His father is Robert Safely,  
of Cedar Rapids, who was for many years  
division master mechanic of the Burlington,  
Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad at Bur-  
lington, and is still connected with that road.  
The elder Safely is of Scottish birth, and  
was a lad of fifteen years when he came  
to the United States. In early life he learned  
the trade of a machinist, and for some time

was proprietor of a large foundry in Cohoes,  
New York. Subsequently he removed to  
Waterford, Saratoga county, that state,  
where he erected knitting mills, and contin-  
ued to carry on business there for several  
years. In 1877 he came to Cedar Rapids,  
since which time he has been identified with  
the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern  
Railroad. In early life he wedded Miss  
Mary A. Holroyd, a native of England, and  
to them were born five children, of whom  
two died in childhood, and Thomas was  
drowned at Albert Lea, Minnesota, at the  
age of thirty years. Those living are Robert  
I., our subject; and Ellen Belle, wife of W.  
K. Greene, of Cedar Rapids.

During his boyhood Robert I. Safely at-  
tended the public schools of Cohoes and  
Waterford, New York, and completed his  
education in the schools of Cedar Rapids  
after the removal of the family to this city.  
In 1879 he entered the employ of the Bur-  
lington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad  
as messenger boy for the master mechanic,  
and later was messenger boy for the super-  
intendent and clerk for the purchasing agent.  
Subsequently he was appointed private sec-  
retary to the president of the road when  
Judge Tracy, of Burlington, was elected  
president. Shortly after this he left the ex-  
ecutive department of the road and entered  
the operating department under Superin-  
tendent Robert Williams, continuing as his  
private secretary until 1890. Since then he  
has been engaged in the loan, fire insurance  
and real estate business, conducting one of  
the largest fire insurance agencies in the state.  
A man of sound judgment, keen perception  
and good business ability, he has met with  
well deserved success in his undertakings,  
and has attained a leading place among the  
representative men of Cedar Rapids. In

1894 Mr. Safely was instrumental in procuring the real estate needed for the site for the present union station, handling the deal with much credit to himself and great satisfaction to the railroads employing him.

On the 29th of September, 1892, Mr. Safely was united in marriage with Miss Laura A. Clark, a daughter of Colonel Charles A. Clark, whose sketch appears on another page of this volume. To them have been born four children, as follows: Charles Holroyd, Helen Elizabeth, Robert Clark and Frederick Atherton. The parents are members of Grace Episcopal church, and Mr. Safely is also connected with Mt. Hermon Lodge, No. 263, F. & A. M. In his political views he is a Republican, and he manifests a commendable interest in those enterprises which he believes will prove of public benefit.

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#### LEWIS W. RICHARDS.

Among Linn county's native sons who have become prominently identified with her business interests is this well-known contractor and builder of Cedar Rapids, whose home is at 1201 Second street west. He was born in this county, June 1, 1852, and is a representative of one of its prominent pioneer families, being a son of Daniel Richards. The father was born in Muskingum county, Ohio, in 1817, and in 1833 removed to Grant county, Indiana, where he grew to manhood. He was married in Blackford, that state, in 1839, to Miss Sarah Jane Lewis, whose birth occurred near Wheeling, West Virginia. The year following their marriage they came to Iowa and took up their residence in Fayette

township, Linn county, where the father erected a steam sawmill upon his farm, having brought the machinery with him from Mt. Vernon, Ohio, with twenty-eight or thirty yoke of oxen, as it made several heavy loads. For many years he successfully engaged in the manufacture of lumber in connection with the operation of his farm, and continued to make his home here throughout life. He died in February, 1896, at the age of seventy-nine years, and his wife passed away May 26, 1895.

Lewis W. Richards acquired his primary education in an old log school house near his childhood home, and was reared amid pioneer scenes. In early life he spent about four years in learning photography at Cedar Rapids, and then opened a studio of his own at Jessup, Buchanan county, Iowa, where he engaged in business for about a year. On selling out there he removed to Shellsburg, where he carried on business for two years, when his gallery and all that he possessed was burned in the fire that almost destroyed that town.

Mr. Richards then returned to Cedar Rapids, where he commenced learning the carpenter's trade with Null & Smith. A year later he went to Sycamore, Illinois, where he completed his apprenticeship, remaining there two years. On his return to Linn county, Iowa, he worked at his trade in Fayette township for a time, and later followed the same occupation in Ohio and Florida. In 1880 he located permanently in Cedar Rapids, and has since been actively engaged in business here as a contractor and builder, having erected many business houses and private residences. During the busy season he employs a large force of men, and secures a liberal share of the public patronage. He also bought



lots and erected several residences for himself, having just completed his own home, which is one of the neatest and best on South Second street west.

On the 31st of July, 1884, Mr. Richards was united in marriage with Miss Mary Isabel Pitt, who was also born, reared and educated in this county, her father, Philip Pitt, being one of its early settlers and substantial farmers. He died at Sisley Grove in November, 1889, and his wife, whose maiden name was Sarah Jane Winterstine, died about 1873. She was a daughter of Nicholas Winterstine, one of the first settlers of Linn county.

On national issues Mr. Richards is identified with the Republican party, as is also his brothers, but at local elections he supports the men whom he believes best qualified for office, regardless of party affiliations. He was a member of the city council from 1892 to 1894, but has declined to accept further honors along that line, preferring to give his undivided attention to his business interests. He is a prominent member of the subordinate lodge and encampment lodges of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; has filled all the chairs in the lower branch, and is now past grand and past patriarch. Both he and his wife have also taken the Rebekah degrees, she having united with the order in 1884. She has filled all the chairs; was treasurer of the state assembly two years; and has missed but two meetings of that body in fourteen years. Mr. Richards represented his lodge in the grand lodge two years. He is also a member of the Knights of Pythias, the Uniformed Rank of that order, and D. O. K. K. Temple, while his wife holds membership with the Rathbone Sisters, which is an auxiliary to the Knights of Pythias, and

she has held official positions in that lodge. They are quite prominent socially, and are highly respected and esteemed by all who know them.

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#### CHARLES F. LE CLERE.

The expression "the dignity of labor" is exemplified in the life record of this gentleman, whose success is attributable to his own industry, perseverance and good management. He is now one of the largest land owners of Boulder township, as well as one of the most prominent citizens of the northern part of the county, where he has made his home since 1874.

Mr. Le Clere was born in Mexico, Oswego county, New York, on the 19th of May, 1842, and is a son of George F. and Louisa (Laude) Le Clere, both of whom were natives of France. The father emigrated to America in 1829 and settled in Oswego county, New York, where he cleared a farm and engaged in agricultural pursuits until coming west in 1846. Locating in Dubuque county, Iowa, he engaged in farming there until 1881, when he removed to Monticello, this state, and has since lived retired, enjoying a well-earned rest. The mother of our subject died May 31, 1897. Of the eight children born to them Charles F. is the eldest; Eliza C. is the wife of Morris Bebb, a resident of Monticello, Iowa; George T. is a farmer and minister of the Presbyterian church now residing near Chillicothe, Texas; Emily died in Boulder township, this county, in 1885; Albert D. is a farmer living near Hopkinton, Iowa; Susan died in 1861; Henry resides on the old homestead farm in Dubuque county; and

Lulu is the widow of Dwight Smith and makes her home with her father in Monticello. Most of the children received a high-school education with the exception of our subject, who attended only the common schools.

During his boyhood and youth Charles F. Le Clere gave his father the benefit of his services in the operation of the old home farm in Dubuque county. There he was married, May 2, 1865, to Miss Terissa Kimling, a native of Germany, who in 1854 emigrated to the new world with her parents, Lawrence and Terissa Kimling, also natives of the Fatherland. On coming to America Mr. Kimling settled on a farm in Dubuque county, Iowa, and there followed farming until his death. His widow is still living on the old homestead in that county. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Le Clere were born thirteen children, namely; Henry and George, both farmers of Boulder township, Linn county, who are represented elsewhere in this volume; William, a farmer of Jones county, Iowa; Frank and Alexander, both at home; Edward, now teller in the Coggon Savings Bank of Coggon, this county; and Fred, Lena, Mary, Annie, Nettie, Elmer and Cleary, all at home.

For a few years after his marriage Mr. Le Clere was engaged in farming on rented land in Dubuque county, and then purchased his father's farm of eighty acres at twenty dollars per acre, having his own time to pay the amount. Land was then rapidly increasing in value, and two years later he sold the farm back to his father for forty dollars per acre, thus realizing enough to give him a good start in life. He then came to Linn county in 1874 and located on his present farm on section 10, Boulder township. This place now comprises three

hundred and eighty acres, which he has placed under a high state of cultivation and improved with good buildings, including a commodious and elegant residence. Mr. Le Clere also owns two other farms in Boulder township, one of one hundred and twenty acres, the other of two hundred and forty acres. He has been an extensive stock raiser, making a specialty of cattle, which he raises and feeds in large numbers for the market. He is now practically living retired, leaving the work of the farm to be carried on by his children and hired help, while he oversees and manages the same. Mr. Le Clere is a man of strong force of character, purposeful and energetic, and his keen discrimination and sound judgment are shown in the capable management of his business affairs. During his residence in Linn county he has been remarkably successful, and is now the second largest land owner in Boulder township.

Mr. and Mrs. Le Clere are members of the Presbyterian church of Coggon, which he helped to build, and both take an active part in church work. In his political affiliations he is a Republican, and is now serving as school director in his township, which office he has filled for over twenty years.

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GEORGE W. STANSBURY, M. D.

The subject of this sketch, now a prominent physician of Western, Linn county, Iowa, ranks high in his profession and is esteemed by all who know him. He was born in Rutland, Meigs county, Ohio, July 27, 1848, the son of William and Adeline (Alexander) Stansbury. His mother was the cousin of that famous old war governor,

Samuel Kirkwood. She was a native of Maryland, and lived to the year 1878, when she passed away at the age of sixty-seven years. The father of our subject was also a native of Maryland, and when a young man migrated to Ohio, where he followed farming. Of the five children born to this couple George W. was the youngest. The others were as follows: Sarah Jane married Charles Nobles, and they reside in Plattsmouth, Nebraska. John E. studied surgery and became assistant surgeon of the Twenty-second Volunteer Infantry of Iowa, to which position he was appointed April 3, 1865. At the beginning of the Civil war he held the position of hospital steward. At its close he returned to Western and followed his profession until his death, which occurred when he was thirty-nine years of age. Wallace J. now lives at the Old Soldiers' Home at Marshalltown, Iowa, having been one of the "boys in blue" during the Civil war. Carrie married A. J. Crossley, now deceased, and she lives in Cedar Rapids.

Our subject attended the country schools, where he received his early education. In 1868 he entered Western College, where he studied for three years, and then for two years engaged in teaching school, after which he attended the medical department of the Iowa State University, where he remained two courses, and then returned to Western, where he engaged in practice, but did not graduate until March 7, 1883. He took up his residence in Western, where he practiced with his brother, John E., and then went to Ely, Putnam township, where he remained until his brother's death. Returning to Western, he took up the latter's practice, which has grown to be a very lucrative one for our subject, in fact, it has

become so large that Dr. Stansbury has found it necessary to share his work with another, and has taken Dr. W. J. Netolicky as his assistant.

In 1880 Miss Dillie A. Worden, daughter of Joseph Worden, a native of Linn county, became our subject's wife, and to them were born four children, three of whom are now living, as follows: Alta L., who carried off first honors of her class upon graduating from the high school of Cedar Rapids, is now attending the university at Champaign, Illinois; Georgia A. and John E., who are attending school in Cedar Rapids.

Our subject is a member of the Iowa Union Medical Society, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Ely, and also the Modern Brotherhood of America, of which he is camp physician, at Cherryville. In politics he is a Republican. In this community he has made innumerable friends and acquaintances, who hold the friendship and advice of this eminent gentleman above that of all others.

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#### HENRY LE CLERE.

Bowlder township probably has no more progressive or energetic farmer than Henry Le Clere, who is the owner of a quarter section of well-improved land, and in its cultivation is meeting with good success. A native of Iowa, he was born in Dubuque county, on the 9th of October, 1866, and is a son of Charles F. and Terissa (Kimling) Le Clere, a sketch of whom appears on another page of this volume.

During his boyhood and youth our subject pursued his studies in the common

schools of Dubuque and Linn counties, and by assisting his father in the operation of the home farm he became thoroughly familiar with all the duties which fall to the lot of the agriculturist. As previously stated, he is now the owner of a fine farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 9, Bowlder township, and is successfully engaged in general farming and stock raising, making a specialty of the latter branch of his business, which he has found quite profitable.

Mr. Le Clere was married June 7, 1893, to Miss Maggie Drexler, of Bowlder township, who was born in Linn county and is a daughter of Jacob and Ann (Keyes) Drexler. The mother died when Mrs. Le Clere was quite young, but the father is still living and makes his home on section 31, Bowlder township, where he is engaged in farming and is also serving as assessor of the township. Our subject and his wife have an interesting family of four children, namely: Charles, Thomas, Ray and Margurita. Religiously Mr. Le Clere is a member of the Presbyterian church of Coggon, and politically is identified with the Republican party. He is an up-to-date farmer and progressive citizen, who takes a deep interest in all enterprises calculated to prove of public benefit.

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#### GEORGE LE CLERE.

The subject of this sketch is one of the representative farmers of Bowlder township and a young man of superior executive ability and sound judgment, who has already met with excellent success in his business career. His home is on section 6. He was born in Dubuque county, Iowa, December 20, 1867, a son of Charles F. and

Terissa (Kinling) Le Clere, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this work. He received only the benefits of a common-school education, but early acquired an excellent knowledge of farm work.

Mr. Le Clere gave his father the benefit of his labors until he was married, April 7, 1892, the lady of his choice being Miss Emma Pillard, who was also born in Dubuque county, May 4, 1868, a daughter of Peter and Adell (Lennoir) Pillard, both natives of France. On his emigration to America he first settled in New York state, but later removed to Michigan, and from there to Dubuque county, Iowa, where he engaged in farming until coming to this county at an early date. He has now laid aside all business cares and is living retired in the village of Coggon. Before coming to the new world he served in the French army. Mr. and Mrs. Le Clere have become the parents of five children, namely: Leona Blanche, Teressa Adell, Lloyd S., George Frederick and Ernest Dwight.

Our subject now owns and operates over two hundred acres of land on sections 6 and 7, Bowlder township, and is carrying on general farming and stock raising with marked success. Since attaining his majority he has always affiliated with the Republican party, but has never sought or cared for political honors. He and his wife hold membership in the Presbyterian church of Coggon, and are highly respected and esteemed by all who know them.

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#### L. L. DAVIS.

This worthy citizen of College township was born in Zanesville, Ohio, November 4, 1831, the son of Thomas and Margaret Davis, who were both natives of South



Wales, and who, after they were married, came to this country about the year 1820. To them were born six children, the subject of our sketch being the only one living. Thomas Davis was a wheelwright by trade, and this he followed until the time of his death, which occurred in 1842, and his remains are interred in Cleveland, Ohio. His wife survived him until the year 1875, passing away at the age of seventy-five years, and her remains are interred in Granville.

Mr. Davis received his education at Newark, Ohio. He continued to live with his mother, after the death of his father, until he was twenty-three years old, when, in the fall of 1854, he went to Iowa, but returned to Ohio the following spring, only to go back to Iowa in September, 1855, when he purchased forty acres of wild, uncultivated land in College township, and later added another forty acres to it, and from this, through skill and industry, Mr. Davis has made one of the very finest farms in the township. Many times during the early part of his residence on this land has he been obliged to drive wild cattle off his fields in order to preserve his crops.

On September 18, 1855, L. L. Davis was united in marriage with Anna Jones, a native of South Wales and the daughter of John G. Jones, a cooper by trade, who with his family came to this country and settled in Ohio, where he passed the remainder of his days. To Mr. and Mrs. Davis nine children were born, eight of whom are now living: Margaret Anna married A. M. Dice, a farmer living in Fairfax township; Estella A. lives at home; William died at an early age; Perry M. married Miss Millie Stephenik and lives in College township; Katherine Alice teaches school; Effie married Shirley Minor, a

farmer living in College township; Maud S. is a school teacher; Minnie May lives at home; Lew married Ella Butler and lives in College township.

Being a staunch Republican in politics and a very able man, Mr. Davis has been elected road supervisor for twenty years, also a school director and justice of the peace, but he declined to fill the last named office. In religious faith he and his family are Baptists, and are held in the highest respect and esteem by all who know them.

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#### WILLIAM L. HILL.

William L. Hill, the well-known proprietor of Hill's flour and feed mills on Buffalo creek, section 29, Bowlder township, is one of the citizens that England has furnished to Linn county. He was born in Bradford, Yorkshire, England, on the 25th of April, 1836, and is a son of Abraham and Mary (Leach) Hill, who spent their entire lives in that country. The father was one of the first photographers of England, which business he followed for some time, but the greater part of his life was spent as cashier and bookkeeper for the Bowling Iron Company of Bradford, which built the first of the James Watt steam condensing engines in England. He remained in the employ of that concern for many years, and died near Manchester about 1869. His wife also passed away in Manchester in 1888. They were the parents of five children, namely: William Leach, our subject; Roland, a civil engineer, who died in India; Mary Annie, also deceased; Thomas, who died in America in 1869; and Vincent, who is now engaged in the oil business in Manchester, England.

Mr. Hill, of this review, received a good practical education in early life, attending the high schools and colleges of Bradford, England. At the age of fifteen he commenced learning the milling business at Skipton, England, where he worked for worked for about five years. In 1857 he crossed the broad Atlantic to America and first located in York, Canada, but after a short time spent at that place he removed to Embra, Canada, where he began the manufacture of oatmeal and was engaged in the milling business for some time. Wishing to secure a better business education, he next went to Buffalo, New York, where he took a commercial course at Bryant & Stratton Business College. Mr. Hill was next employed as helper in a large flouring mill at Lockport, New York, for about ten months, and then went to Indianapolis, Indiana, where he was engaged in the milling business for about two years. Later he followed the same occupation at Noblesville, Indiana, until 1865, and then came to Iowa, locating first near Marshalltown. He was employed in the mills of that vicinity until 1868, and from there came to Linn county and purchased his present mills on Buffalo creek, in Boulder township. In the meantime he had engaged in milling at Omaha and other towns in the northwest for a short time. He thoroughly understands his business in every detail, and is one of the best millers in this section of the state. His mills are run by water power and occupy about twenty-five acre of land. In addition to this property he now owns a good farm of one hundred and twenty acres in Boulder township, and is successfully engaged in its operation.

Returning to Canada, Mr. Hill was there married in 1873 to Miss Catherine Wilkin-

son, whom he had known in England. She was born in Skipton, and is a daughter of Thomas Wilkinson, a miller of that place, who always made his home in England. By this union were born three children, namely: Alice, wife of Verner Conklin, who is a carpenter by trade, and resides near our subject; William Wilkinson, a farmer, who makes his home with his parents; and Mary, also at home.

In politics Mr. Hill is independent, and he has held several minor offices of honor and trust in Boulder township. Although he has met with reverses in life, he has steadily overcome all obstacles in his path to success, and is now quite well-to-do, his prosperity having come to him through his own well-directed efforts. He is a very intelligent and well-informed man, and is highly respected and esteemed by all who know him.

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WILLIAM J. GREENE, C. E.

William J. Greene was born in Chicago, Illinois, on the 28th of November, 1861, and is a son of George Greene, whose sketch appears on another page of this volume. As the family removed to Cedar Rapids when he was only two years old, he was reared in this city, and his primary education was obtained in its public schools. Later he attended Coe College, Shattuck School, Fairibault, Minnesota, and Princeton College, Princeton, New Jersey, where he graduated a civil engineer in the class of 1885. He then returned to Cedar Rapids, and has been connected with the electric light company since its reorganization in 1887, as manager of the concern. He

has given his undivided attention to this work, and the success of the enterprise is mainly due to his exceptional ability in his chosen calling and his sound judgment in business affairs.

On the 7th of October, 1896, Mr. Greene was united in marriage with Miss Mae H. Whittam, a daughter of Judge I. N. Whittam, of Cedar Rapids, and to them has been born a son, Robert Whittam. They are members of the Episcopal church and occupy an enviable position in social circles. Mr. Greene is a prominent Mason and a member of El Kahir Temple of the Mystic Shrine. In his political affiliations he is a Republican, but has never cared for political honors. He takes a deep interest, however, in public affairs, and is a genial, courteous, enterprising and progressive man, of commendable public spirit.



#### HON. STEPHEN L. DOWS.

The Dows family, from which Stephen Leland Dows descended, originally spelled the name Dowse. They were among the early settlers in Massachusetts, coming from England only a few years after the Plymouth colony arrived. They located near Boston. The great-grandfather of Stephen L. resided in Charleston at the outbreak of the Revolution, and at the time of the battle of Bunker Hill his property was destroyed. He is one of the brave men who aided in gaining our independence. Thomas Dows, the eccentric and celebrated billiopolist, of Cambridgeport, was a great-uncle of Stephen. He was a self-made man, largely self educated, and collected one of the largest libraries in the United States,

giving it, at his demise, to the Massachusetts Historical Society. According to the conditions of the gift, this library is kept in a fire-proof building, and no book is allowed to go out of the building. He left property set aside especially for the endowment of the Dows course of lectures, which is given annually at Cambridge, the best talent in the country being employed for that course. In the town of Sherborn he caused a town hall to be erected at his expense, on which he placed an astronomical clock.

The paternal grandmother of Stephen L. was a Leland, a family equally as distinguished as the Dows family. The pedigree of the family is traced back distinctly to John Leland, born in London, England, in 1512, an accomplished scholar flourishing during the reign of Henry VIII. Among his descendants in the old world were Rev. John and Thomas Leland, eminent authors of the eighteenth century. Henry Leland, the progenitor of all who bear the name except by adoption, in this country, is supposed to have emigrated to the United States about 1652, and settled in what afterwards became the town of Sherborn, Massachusetts. His children, who lived to grow up, were Experience, Hope Still, Ebenezer, and Eleazer, from whom has sprung a numerous family, many members of which are quite distinguished, as American biographical history shows. All left issue but Eleazer. Among the prominent men in this family was "Elder" John Leland, many years a resident of Cheshire, Massachusetts. He lived a short time in Virginia, and in 1789, in a Baptist general conference, he boldly denounced slavery as a "violent deprivation of the rights of nature." The prominent professional men and eminent scholars of this name are numbered by the hundred.



HON. STEPHEN L. DOWS.





There are eleven generations of the Leland family in this country.

Stephen Leland Dows was born in New York city, on the 9th of October, 1832, his parents being Adam Dows, a merchant in early life, and Maria Lundy, a daughter of Captain Lundy, of New York city. His grandfather, James Dows, was a soldier in the war of 1812-15, and was killed at the battle of Ottawa while on picket duty.

At fourteen years of age the subject of this sketch went into a machine shop at Troy, New York, where his parents then lived. At the end of two years he left the city of Troy, and started westward with a cash capital of seven dollars and fifty cents, and a pass to Buffalo on a line boat. He landed in Milwaukee with seventy-five cents in his pocket; after a little delay proceeded to Green Bay, where he spent one year in lumbering; then went to Lake Superior, and was one of the first winterers in the then new town of Marquette; worked there in the first machine shop built, and ran the first engine ever started there; at the end of two year returned to Green Bay, acting as engineer until the spring of 1853, when he went to Muskegon, Michigan, and superintended a lumbering establishment.

In 1855 the health of Mr. Dows failed, and he came to Cedar Rapids and became engineer and superintendent of the Variety Manufacturing Works. In company with other men connected with these works, in 1860, he conveyed a quartz mill to Gold Hill, in the Rocky Mountains, and with two young men returned overland the next winter, driving a pair of mules from Denver to Omaha in seventeen days, and having on one occasion a narrow escape from Indians, being saved from robbery, and perhaps mur-

der, by the coolness and self-possession of Mr. Dows.

After superintending the Variety Works another season, in August, 1862, he went into the army as first lieutenant of Company 1, Twentieth Iowa Volunteer Infantry; in a short time was promoted to acting brigade quartermaster of the First Brigade, second division, army of the frontier; from exposure and overwork became disabled, and was obliged to leave the service in one year.

Since 1863, Mr. Dows has been engaged in public works and manufactures. He has been a successful and an extensive railroad contractor, building more miles of railroad than any other man in the state of Iowa. He was one of the men instrumental in building the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad, and was instrumental in bringing the Illinois Central into Cedar Rapids. He started, in connection with Mr. J. H. Shaver, an extensive cracker factory in Cedar Rapids, which they operated for many years, but which has since gone into the trust, and is now called Continental Biscuit Company. Mr. Dows owns a large share of this property. He built, with Dr. J. F. Ely, the Dows and Ely Block, better known as the old postoffice block, at the corner of Second avenue and Second street. This was for years the finest building in this city. Mr. Dows has other property in the city and outside of it, and has always been a great encourager of manufacturing and other industries tending to advance the material interests of Cedar Rapids, and in this work probably no man has done more than he. In 1875, Mr Dows was elected state senator to represent Linn county, and in the sessions of the General Assembly held in

1876 and 1878, he was chairman of the committee on public buildings and on a number of other committees including railroads, manufacturers, appropriations, penitentiary. In 1878, he was chairman of the committee appointed to visit the penitentiary at Fort Madison. His practical turn of mind, his solid good sense, his sound judgment and great industry made him a valuable legislator. On matters pertaining to the mechanical arts he was regarded as the nestor of the upper house. He has always been a Republican from the organization of the party.

Mr. Dows is a member of the Second Presbyterian church of Cedar Rapids, and has been an elder of the same for over thirty years. For many years he was superintendent of the Sunday-school. He is a man of benevolent disposition, very generous to the poor, dispensing his charities in a most sacred manner.

On the 31st of October, 1855, Mr. Dows was united in marriage with Henrietta W. Safely, daughter of Thomas Safely, of Waterford, New York, and by this union six children were born: Minnie Maria died at the age of fifteen years. Elizabeth is the wife of Thompson McClintock, of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. Elma is the wife of Benjamin Thaw, of the same city. William G. is represented on another page of this work. Stephen Leland, Jr., died July 5, 1899, at the age of thirty-two years. Henrietta is the wife of James E. Blake, of Cedar Rapids. Mrs. Dows passed to her reward August 7, 1893, and her remains were interred in Oak Hill cemetery. She was a noble Christian woman and thoroughly devoted to the interests of her family. Like her husband, she was very social, abounding in hospitality, and many of the poor families in

Cedar Rapids have reason to bless her memory and mourn her loss.

Mr. Dows is purely a self-made man. Cast upon his own resources at an early age, he educated himself, developed into a skilled mechanic, and later in life into an eminently successful railroad contractor, and a legislator with few peers in the commonwealth. He has been unusually successful in business, but at the present time he is living retired, although he retains his interests in several business enterprises, and is a stockholder and director in several banks.

Interested in the cause of education, he is a trustee of both Coe College at Cedar Rapids and Cornell College at Mt. Vernon. Fraternally he is a Knight Templar Mason and an Odd Fellow.

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#### THOMAS BAKER.

This well-known and popular business man of Prairieburg is of good old English stock, having been born in Somersetshire, England, in December, 1834. His parents, Lott and Am Baker, were life-long residents of that country, and by occupation the father was a farmer. In their family were five children, all of whom came to America, but they separated after their arrival in this country, and are now engaged in farming in different parts of Iowa.

Thomas Baker was sixteen years of age when, in 1850, he came to the United States with the other children, and on landing in New York proceeded at once to Dubuque county, Iowa, where he was engaged in farming near the village of Farley for about twenty years. He then removed to Poca-hontas county, Iowa, where he purchased

land and continued to engage in agricultural pursuits.

While living in the latter county Mr. Baker was married in 1871 to Miss Esther Rogers, who was also a native of England and emigrated to America in 1848 with her parents, John and Harriet Rogers. This family first located in Dubuque county, and from there removed to Pocahontas county, and later came to Linn county. For several years Mr. Rogers was engaged in farming in Boulder township, but spent his last years in retirement from active labor at Prairieburg. His widow now makes her home with our subject. Mr. and Mrs. Baker have three children: Harriet, wife of Albert Pillard, a farmer residing on section 15, Boulder township; Lulu, wife of Jacob Schleiker, a blacksmith of Prairieburg; and Richard Watson, who is engaged in clerking in his father's store and resides at home.

For ten years Mr. Baker resided in Pocahontas county and devoted his attention to farming. He then came to Linn county and purchased a farm on section 35, Boulder township, making it his home until 1892, when he removed to Prairieburg and embarked in the furniture business. He now has the largest store in the place and carries a well-selected stock of furniture, undertakers' supplies, musical instruments, window shades, wall paper, paints, oils, trunks, valises, etc. Besides his own store building he owns three others in the village, seven business lots and several residences which he rents, and still owns his fine farm of two hundred and twenty acres in Boulder township. All of this property he has acquired through his own unaided efforts, and he eminently deserves classification among the purely self-made men of Linn

county, who have distinguished themselves for their ability to master the opposing forces of life and to wrest from fate a large measure of success and an honorable name. One of his leading characteristics in business affairs is his fine sense of order and complete system and the habit of giving careful attention to details, without which success in any undertaking is never an assured fact. He is to-day the largest property owner and wealthiest citizen of Prairieburg. He takes very little interest in politics, but always supports the Democratic ticket.

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#### HENRY C. OXLEY.

Among the progressive and enterprising business men of Marion, Iowa, is Henry C. Oxley, a prominent stock dealer of that place, who is now serving as alderman from the Second ward. He is a native of Linn county, his birth having occurred in Marion township on the 3d of September, 1848. His father, John S. Oxley, was born near Lexington, Kentucky, in 1809, and married Jane Hawley, a native of Virginia. For ten years they made their home in Indiana, and in 1840 came to Iowa, being numbered among the pioneers of this county. Here the father first took up three hundred acres of timber land from the government and also secured two mill sites on Big creek, in Marion township, and later purchased six hundred acres of prairie land adjoining his first purchase, all of which is still in possession of the family. He and his brothers took a very active and prominent part in the early affairs of this locality, and were members of the vigilance committee, which was quite an important necessity in those days



to save their horses from being stolen. He died in 1878, honored and respected by all who knew him. His wife, who was an earnest member of the Methodist Episcopal church, is also deceased. Their children were Everet, who was born in Indiana, and died in Marion township, this county, at the age of twenty-seven years; Emeline, wife of John W. Gray, of Marion; James P., a farmer of Marion township, who was a soldier of the Civil war, and was twice taken prisoner, being confined in Andersonville prison for four months; Celia J., who married Elihu Ives, and died March 28, 1891; Georgian, wife of A. M. Secrest, a farmer of Marion township; Henry C., our subject; John T., a constable of Marion; and Marshall and Robert A., both farmers of Marion township.

Henry C. Oxley grew to manhood on the home farm in Marion township, and is indebted to the public schools of this county for his early educational advantages, though he later attended school in Mt. Vernon for one year. In 1870 he crossed the plains to California on horseback as the advance guard of a train consisting of mules and horses and was about four months upon the road. After prospecting in that state for five months he returned home by way of Wyoming. He made his expenses and thoroughly enjoyed the trip, which did him a great deal of good, as he gained forty pounds in weight. On his return to this county Mr. Oxley resumed farming, which he successfully carried on until March, 1888, when he rented his farm and removed to Marion, where he has since engaged in the stock business. He deals principally in cattle and sheep, making a specialty of milch cows. He still owns two hundred and thirteen acres of improved land valued at

sixty-five dollars per acre, some of which was entered from the government by his father in 1842.

On the 1st of January, 1872, Mr. Oxley was united in marriage with Miss Alice A. Ives, whose parents, George and Hannah (Jones) Ives, were also pioneers of this county and were from Connecticut and Ohio, respectively. By this union have been born three children, namely: Mabelle Clare, who was graduated from the Marion high school, is now living at home; Carl L., also a graduate of the high school, won the scholarship out of a class of thirty-two, and is now a student in the second year at Coe College, Cedar Rapids; and Hazel, still a pupil in the high school of Marion. The parents are both members of the Baptist church, and are worthy representatives of two of the most prominent and well-to-do pioneer families of this county. Fraternally Mr. Oxley affiliates with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and politically is identified with the Democratic party. While in the country he served as township assessor and school director, and in 1896, and again in 1898, was elected to the city council from the Second ward of Marion. As one of the leading business men and representative citizens of that place he is justly entitled to prominent mention in the history of his native county, with whose interests he has always been closely identified.



#### ALLEN P. BRESSLER.

Among Cedar Rapids' most active and enterprising business men is numbered Allen P. Bressler, who was born here on the 4th of October, 1850, and has always made this

city his home, his present residence being at No. 308 Sixth avenue. His father, Jacob C. Bressler, was a native of Pennsylvania, born March 23, 1821, and was a son of George Bressler, who was born in the same state of German ancestry. There the father grew to manhood, and was married October 18, 1842, to Miss Barbara Erford, whose birth also occurred in the Keystone state, in 1824. In 1847 they came to Iowa and took up their residence in Cedar Rapids, which was then a mere village. Jacob C. Bressler had charge of the cooper shops here for eight years, and later engaged in house moving, which business he established in Cedar Rapids about 1858, and which he continued to carry on throughout the remainder of his active life. He died in 1892, at the age of seventy-one years, but his wife still survives him, a hale and hearty old lady of seventy-seven years.

During his boyhood and youth Allen P. Bressler pursued his studies in the schools of his native city, and at an early age commenced work with his father. He was with him in business for some years, and then took up the same line of work for himself, having devoted about thirty-five years to house moving. He has bought, moved and fitted up a number of places, which he later sold, and has built whole blocks in a very short space of time. He is one of the successful business men of the city, and now owns considerable residence and business property. For a short time he was also engaged in building railroad and wagon bridges for the Canton (Ohio) Iron Bridge Company, but has made house moving his principal occupation. He is the inventor of a house-moving truck of considerable value in the business, and a portable capstan.

On the 27th of October, 1885, in Cedar Rapids, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Bressler and Miss Ella Harrier, who was born in Muscatine, Iowa, but was principally reared in Cedar Rapids. Her father, Nathaniel Harrier, was one of the pioneers of this state. Our subject and his wife have three children, namely: Leona, Carl and Allen, all attending the home schools.

In his political views Mr. Bressler has been a life-long Republican, and has been a delegate to both city and county conventions of his party. For a number of years he was a member of the police force, and also served as street commissioner for a few years, proving a very capable and faithful officer. Fraternaly he is a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen. He is widely known throughout the city, and justly merits the confidence and respect so freely accorded him by his fellow citizens.



#### S. H. BAUMAN.

S. H. Bauman, the well-known oil inspector for the fourth district of Iowa, and a prominent resident of Mt. Vernon, was born in Smithville, Wayne county, Ohio, on the 18th of April, 1842, and is a son of Augustus and Elizabeth (Huntsberger) Bauman, both natives of Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, the former born November 11, 1810, the latter August 17, 1817. They were married in Wayne county, Ohio, December 31, 1839, and continued to reside there until April, 1854, when they removed to Mount Vernon, Iowa. They were the parents of eight children, namely: William Henry, born January 23, 1841, died June 12, 1841. Simon H., our subject,

is the next in the order of birth. Amos, born April 9, 1844, died August 2, 1849. Susan E., born November 7, 1847, was married, January 29, 1874, to S. L. Savidge, who died leaving two children, and for her second husband, she married A. S. Leib. Kasiah, born February 22, 1851, was married, February 27, 1872, to George A. Wilcox, by whom she has three children. Christian, born June 5, 1853, was married, March 26, 1871, to Alice R. Buck, who died March 24, 1891, leaving five children; he afterward married again. Emma Rebecca, born August 27, 1855, died March 17, 1861. The father of these children died at Mt. Vernon, November 2, 1857, and the following year the mother married William Hess. Her death occurred at Lisbon, Iowa, November 14, 1891.

The subject of this sketch was a lad of twelve years when he accompanied his parents on their removal from Ohio to Iowa, and he has since made his home in Mt. Vernon with exception of two years—1865 and 1866—spent at Dixon, Illinois. He attended the public schools of this place, and was also a student at Cornell College, but the death of his father in 1857 interrupted his plans and prevented him from completing his collegiate course. Soon afterward he became engaged in mercantile business in Mt. Vernon.

On the 17th of March, 1864, Mr. Bauman was united in marriage with Miss Jane Elizabeth Ayres, of Dixon, Lee county, Illinois, who was born in Fabius, Onondaga county, New York, October 23, 1837, a daughter of Oscar F. and Maria (Birdsall) Ayres. Her father was born in Goshen, that state, May 9, 1809, and died in Dixon, Illinois, August 14, 1883, while her mother was born in Nassau, New York, August 16, 1813, and died at the home of her

daughter, Mrs. J. B. Crawford, in Clinton, Iowa, May 2, 1893. They were married in Albany, New York, March 1, 1831, and celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at Dixon, Illinois, March 1, 1881. Unto them were born eight children, as follows: David Birdsall, born April 29, 1833, at Albany, New York, was married August 11, 1855, to Sarah J. Perry, and died at Dixon, Illinois, in February, 1897, leaving two children; James Benjamin, born in Fabius, New York, March 30, 1835, was married November 3, 1857, to Jennette E. Cameron, of Kalamazoo, Michigan, and they have two children; Jane Elizabeth, who became Mrs. Bauman, was the next of the family; Mary Maria, born in Dixon, Illinois, March 28, 1843, was married, June 17, 1868, at that place, to Harry H. Snow, who died in Helena, Montana, December 5, 1895; Adalina, born April 22, 1845, at Dixon, died the following year; Harriet Eliza, born at the same place, April 20, 1847, was there married, May 7, 1873, to Joseph B. Crawford; Emma Julia was born in Dixon, October 20, 1855.

Mr. and Mrs. Bauman had three children: (1) Augustus Ayres, born in Dixon, May 29, 1865, has made his home in Mt. Vernon, Iowa, since two years of age, and is now one of the publishers of the Mt. Vernon Hawkeye. He was married, August 9, 1892, to Mary Gidchrist, of Vinton, Iowa. (2) Maria Elizabeth, born in Mt. Vernon, October 24, 1867, was married there, December 21, 1898, to John Neal Kyle, of that place. (3) Frederick Ayres, born in Mt. Vernon, February 7, 1876, was married, June 21, 1899, to Cordia Ferman, of Blainstown, Iowa, and they have one son, Corlyn, born August 21, 1900. He is also connected with the publication of the Mt. Vernon Hawkeye. The mother of these children

died at Mt. Vernon, August 11, 1899, and Mr. Bauman was again married, October 24, 1900, at Clinton, Iowa, his second union being with Mrs. Mary A. Snow, a sister of his first wife.

In June, 1869, Mr. Bauman purchased the Mt. Vernon Hawkeye, which paper he successfully published for thirty years, and then turned it over to his two sons, who now have control of the same. He was appointed postmaster of Mt. Vernon by President Grant in 1872 and filled that office continuously until after the election of President Cleveland in 1885. He has also served as a member of the town council and city recorder with credit to himself and to the entire satisfaction of his constituents. In July, 1898, he was appointed state oil inspector by Governor Shaw, and so acceptably did he fill the office that he was re-appointed in July, 1900, being the present incumbent. Politically, Mr. Bauman is an ardent Republican, and has been actively identified with the party since boyhood, having always taken a deep interest in promoting its principles. He has also taken an active and prominent part in its management, serving for a number of years as a member of the county and congressional central committees, and a member of the state central committee two years. He has exerted considerable influence in public affairs, and is a recognized leader of his party in the community where he resides. Fraternally, he is a member of the Mt. Vernon Lodge, No. 112, A. F. & A. M.

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#### LEONARD S. STARK.

Leonard S. Stark, the genial and popular proprietor of Stark's Hotel, was born on the 22d of February, 1847, in Cour Hessian,

in which country his parents, Jacob and Margaret Stark, spent their entire lives. The father was also engaged in the hotel business in his native land. In his family were nine children.

Reared in the land of his birth our subject attended its common schools, and from the age of fifteen to eighteen years had as an apprentice learned the trades of saddlery and upholstering in Sax Weimer, and remained there until eighteen years of age, when he sailed from Bremen, Germany, bound for the new world, landing in New York on the 17th of July, 1865. He spent a month in that city working at the upholsterer's trade, and then went to Newark, New Jersey, where he worked at the trade of making horse collars for one year, receiving at first only five dollars per week and later six dollars. His wages being so small he was forced to work at night to pay his expenses. After a year spent in New Jersey, he was next employed in Brooklyn, New York, for about nine months cutting collars; he then went to Chicago, where he followed his trade for three months, also worked for a time at Sterling and Morrison, Illinois, and was then in business at Anamosa, Iowa, where he engaged in making harness and horse collars for a short time. On the 27th of December, 1867, Mr. Stark came to Cedar Rapids and entered the employ of John Thomas, serving as foreman of his horse collar shop for nearly seventeen years. In 1881 he purchased the hotel owned by Benjamin Springer at the corner of First street and Second avenue, and on leaving the employ of Mr. Thomas he took charge of the same. In 1889 he erected his present hotel, twenty by one hundred and forty feet, three stories brick, nicely finished and furnished, containing twenty-seven rooms,



and in carrying on the same he has met with good success.

Mr. Stark was married, October 3, 1871, to Miss Amelia Bardhel, who was born in Wheeling, Illinois, and they have become the parents of three children: Theodore G., Leonard J., who married Anna Kacena, and George M. In his political affiliations Mr. Stark is a Democrat, but has not cared for office. He has never had occasion to regret his emigration to the new world, for here he has prospered, and is to-day one of the well-to-do as well as one of the highly esteemed citizens of Cedar Rapids. He is both widely and favorably known.

Mr. Stark was for a time after buying the hotel in business for himself, manufacturing and selling horse collars.

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#### THEODORE C. MUNGER.

Among the energetic business men of Cedar Rapids none are more deserving of representation in this volume than Theodore C. Munger, who as a pump manufacturer has been prominently identified with the industrial interests of the city since the spring of 1881. Keen discrimination, unflagging industry and resolute purpose are numbered among his salient characteristics, and thus he has won that prosperity which is the merited reward of honest effort. His home is at No. 226 First avenue, west.

Mr. Munger was born in Oneida county, New York, September 4, 1839, and is a son of Theodore H. Munger, whose birth occurred in the same county, in 1815, the grandfather, Reuben Munger, being a pioneer of that locality. His great-grandfather was born in Massachusetts of English

parentage, and was one of the first settlers of Oneida county, New York. The family was represented in the Revolutionary war, one of the ancestors of our subject having taken part in the battle of Lexington. On reaching manhood Theodore H. Munger engaged in merchandising in his native county, at what is now Deansboro, and there married Miss Emeline F. Hanchett, who was also born there, her father being also one of its early settlers. She died in New York in 1843, but he subsequently married again. In 1845 he removed to Illinois by way of the Great Lakes, and crossed that state to Peoria county in what was known as a prairie schooner. Subsequently he took up his residence in Fulton county, Illinois, where he put in operation an oil and sawmill, and was engaged in the manufacture of lumber for a time. In 1852 he went overland to California, and was engaged in mining there at the time of his death in 1854.

Theodore C. Munger, our subject, was about six years of age when the family removed to Illinois, and he grew to manhood in Peoria and Fulton counties, receiving but limited school advantages. After his father's death he returned to New York and attended school in Clinton for a time, after which he engaged in teaching in Fulton county, Illinois, in 1858, 1859 and 1860.

On the inauguration of the Civil war in 1861, Mr. Munger responded to the president's first call for troops, but as the quota for the state was full the company was not accepted. Later he enlisted for three years as a private in Company C, Seventeenth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, which regiment was assigned to the Army of the Tennessee. His first engagement



THEODORE C. MUNGER.



was at Fredericksburg, Missouri, which was followed by the battles of Fort Donelson, Hatcher's Run, Iuka, the siege of Vicksburg and the battle of Yazoo. On the 22nd of May, 1863, he and a comrade, Chauncey Callaway, captured three prisoners who were fully armed with loaded muskets and were hiding under a brush heap, which they supposed was surrounded by the Union forces. This was during the storming of Vicksburg, when Mr. Munger and his companion were on the skirmish line. Under the command of General John A. Logan his regiment was the first to march into Vicksburg. On the expiration of his term of enlistment our subject was honorably discharged at Springfield, Illinois, in June, 1864, with the rank of sergeant.

On leaving the army Mr. Munger engaged in farming in Fulton county, Illinois, for two years, and then became interested in the agricultural implement business in La Harpe, where he remained until 1878. He was a traveling salesman a part of this time. In 1879 and 1880 he engaged in the manufacture of wooden pumps at La Harpe. Coming to Cedar Rapids in 1881 he formed a partnership with James LaTourette, who was engaged in the manufacture of pumps at St. Louis, Missouri, and the year previous had established a branch here. In 1885 a stock company was formed with Mr. LaTourette as president; Mr. Munger as secretary and treasurer; and L. M. Rich, who is represented elsewhere in this volume, superintendent; these three gentlemen being the stockholders. They have enlarged the plant, and now furnish employment to sixty men. They manufacture pumps, piping and tubing, and have built up an excellent trade, which extends throughout several states. Mr. Munger has devoted his entire time

and energies to this industry, and not a little of its success is due to his able management, good business ability and sound judgment. The business having grown largely, in 1885 it was deemed advisable to erect a factory. A brick structure was built, 100x100 feet, two stories in height, on G avenue and Chicago & Northwestern Railroad, well equipped throughout and furnished with steam power. The capital stock of the company was first twenty-five thousand dollars, but this was increased from time to time until it is now one hundred thousand dollars. Since its organization, Mr. Munger has been president of the Cedar Rapids Building and Loan Association. He is a stockholder and director of the Citizens National Bank and the American Trust & Savings Bank, and was one of the organizers of both institutions. Also president of the Butler Company (Indiana), engaged in the manufacture of windmills and bicycles.

On the 17th of October, 1877, Mr. Munger was married in Hancock county, Illinois, to Miss Grace Breed, a native of Fulton county, that state, and a daughter of Amos and Mary (Flower) Breed, who were married in Illinois. Her father was born in Connecticut, and in 1833 removed to the Prairie state, becoming one of the first settlers of Fulton county. He was a son of Jonas Breed, a native of Stonington, Connecticut. The family to which he belonged was of English origin and was founded in America in 1630. His ancestors first located in Massachusetts, and were among those who fought for the independence of the colonies in the Revolutionary war, taking part in the battle of Bunker Hill, the engagement being on Breed's Hill, which was on the family es-



tate. At an early day some of the family settled in Connecticut. From Fulton county Mrs. Munger's father removed to Hancock county, Illinois, and is still living in La Harpe. Her mother died there in 1891, and Mr. Breed has since married. Our subject and his wife have nine children, namely: Alice, who is now teaching in the schools of Cedar Rapids; Ruth and Mary, both at home; Bessie, Grant B., John M., James La T. and Clara Belle, all in school; and Winnifred.

Mr. Munger has never failed in his allegiance to the Republican party since he cast his first presidential ballot for Abraham Lincoln in 1860, and for two years he acceptably served as alderman of Cedar Rapids, during which time he was active and successful in securing the present electric street car system with its west side extension, but has never cared for political honors. He and his wife hold membership in the Universalist Church, and he also belongs to T. Z. Cook Post, Grand Army of the Republic, of Cedar Rapids. He is a man of excellent business and executive ability, whose sound judgment, unflinching enterprise and capable management have brought him well-merited success. In manner he is pleasant and cordial, which, combined with his sterling worth, makes him one of the popular citizens of his county.

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#### COL. WILLIAM G. DOWS.

One of the truly representative citizens of Linn county is the subject of this sketch, who has ably served his district in the twenty-seventh and twenty-eighth General Assemblies of the state and who has an honorable record in the Spanish-American war. He

is a native of the Hawkeye state, born in Clayton county, August 12, 1864, and is a son of Hon. S. L. Dows, who is represented on another page of this volume.

Col. Dows received his primary education in the public schools, after which he was a student in Coe College, Cedar Rapids, for a time, and then entered Shattuck School, at Faribault, Minnesota, taking the English course. On the completion of his college life, he entered the office of his father in a clerical capacity, and being later admitted as a partner in the business, he has remained with him ever since.

On the 9th of October, 1890, Col. Dows was united in marriage with Miss Margaret B. Cook, daughter of J. S. Cook, deceased, who is represented on another page of this volume. By this union two children have been born—Sutherland Cook, born July 3, 1891, and Margaret Henrietta, July 6, 1895.

In 1883, Col. Dows became identified with the Iowa National Guards, enlisting as a private, since which time he has filled nearly every position in the organization up to and including colonel of the regiment—the First Regiment Iowa National Guards. When the war with Spain commenced he offered his services to the government and April 26, 1898, at Des Moines, Iowa, he was mustered in as colonel of the Forty-ninth Iowa Volunteer Infantry. During his term of service he served with his regiment the greater part of the time in Cuba, and his regiment was one of the last to leave the island. After his regiment had been mustered out he was appointed into the army by the President for service in the Philippines against the insurgents, but on account of his extensive business interests he was obliged to decline the same.

For some years Col. Dows has been very

active in politics, and has exerted a wide and beneficial influence in the councils of his party. At present he is serving as chairman of the Linn county central committee. In 1897 he was elected representative from his district and re-elected in 1899. His ability was at once recognized by his associates in the legislature, and during his service he has been upon most of the important committees, serving as chairman of the appropriation committee, and a member of the ways and means committee, printing and building and loans.

In the various fraternal societies the Colonel has been somewhat interested, being a member of Mt. Hermon Lodge, No. 263, A. F. & A. M., Trowel Chapter, No. 49, R. A. M., Apollo Commandery, No. 26, K. T., El Kahir Temple of the Mystic Shrine, Cedar Rapids Lodge, No. 141, I. O. O. F., the naval and military order of the Spanish-American war, and of the military order of the Loyal Legion of the United States.

Col. Dows is one of the most popular men in Linn county, and stands high in social, business and political circles. He is one of the foremost younger men of the state of Iowa, and his influence for good is felt in various ways. Quick to discern the good in every enterprise projected, he is ever willing to aid anything meritorious calculated to advance the interest of Cedar Rapids and Linn county, as well as the state at large.

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#### WILLIAM FREDERICK BROEKSMIT.

For almost fifteen years the subject of this sketch has served as freight auditor for the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern

Railroad, with headquarters at Cedar Rapids, and is one of the popular railroad men of the city. He was born in Madisonville, St. Tammany parish, Louisiana, September 24, 1858, and is the only child of John C. and Jane (Burns) Broeksmit. During his boyhood he pursued his studies in the common schools of his native parish, and at the age of thirteen years joined his father at Cedar Rapids, his father being connected with the old Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Minnesota Railroad. Here our subject attended school for several years, and in 1879 found employment in the carpenter shops of the same road. Two years later he was transferred to the stationery supply department as clerk, and remained there about a year. He next accepted a clerkship in the auditor's office under his father, being employed in that capacity from 1882 until August, 1885, when he was made chief clerk in the freight auditor's office. He held the latter position until October 1, 1886, when he received the appointment of freight auditor for the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad, and has filled the office ever since with credit to himself and to the entire satisfaction of the company. His duties have always been performed in a most conscientious and capable manner, and he well merits the confidence imposed in him.

On the 28th of September, 1886, Mr. Broekmit was united in marriage with Miss Fanny A. Tisdale, of Cedar Rapids, the wedding ceremony being performed by Revs. Casebeer and Fowler. She was born in Herkimer county, New York, the third in order of birth in a family of nine children, all still living, and in 1869 accompanied her parents, Daniel and Harriet L. Tisdale, on their removal to Cedar Rapids, where they

now reside. Mrs. Boeksmit was educated in the schools of Cedar Rapids. Both she and her husband are members of the Second Presbyterian church of the city, and have a large circle of friends and acquaintances throughout the community. In his political views. Mr. Broeksmit is a Republican, and he takes a deep interest in public affairs, as every true American citizen should.

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### JOHN M. NULL.

For many years John M. Null has been numbered among the progressive and energetic citizens of Cedar Rapids, and at present is practically living retired. He dates his residence here from May 20, 1856, and as a contractor and builder was prominently identified with the business interests of the city for forty years. He was born on the 1st of January, 1828, in Frederick county, Maryland, of which place his parents, William and Catherine (Zimmerman) Null, were also natives. The father was born in 1801 of German ancestry, and was a son of John Null, an early settler of Frederick county, Maryland, where the former spent his entire life as a farmer, dying there in 1880. Our subject's maternal grandfather, Michael Zimmerman, was of English lineage.

In the county of his nativity John M. Null passed the days of his boyhood and youth, and acquired his early education in its common schools. He learned the carpenter's and joiner's trade in Frederick City, and when a young man went to Allegany county, Maryland, where he followed that occupation for some years. In May, 1856, he came to Iowa and took up his residence in

Cedar Rapids, which was then a small village. His ability in his chosen vocation was soon widely recognized, and he commanded a liberal patronage. He erected a large number of the business houses and private residences, including some of the best in the city, and many public buildings show his architectural skill. He employed a large number of expert mechanics, and successfully engaged in business here for forty years. He has purchased lots and erected a number of residences on his own account.

In 1849, in Allegany county, Maryland, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Null and Miss Ellen Gephart, a native of Cumberland City, Allegany county, that state, and a daughter of William Gephart. She died in Cedar Rapids in 1886, leaving five children, namely: Kate, now Mrs. Otto, of Cedar Rapids; Lucy, wife of James C. Tinsall, of the same place; John W., a contractor and builder of Montana; Lizzie, wife of Frederick Munson, of Chicago, by whom she has one child, Ellen; and Charles P., who died in Cedar Rapids in 1885.

Mr. Null was again married, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, June 28, 1887, his second union being with Mrs. Mary E. Guynn, who was born in Indiana, but was reared in this county, her father, Alfred T. McDanel, being one of the early settlers of Marion. By a former marriage Mrs. Null became the mother of the following named children: Mrs. Florence Welch, who has two sons, Charles H. and John; Theodore, now with our subject; Henry G., a resident of Arizona; and Mary Etta, wife of Bruce H. Bettis, of Anaconda, Montana, and they have two children, Bruce and Celia. Mr. Null is the oldest contractor in the town by years.

In his political views Mr. Null was originally an old-line Whig, but in 1860 joined

the Democratic party, and has since fought under its banner. He has never cared for political honors, preferring to devote his entire time and attention to his business interests. To-day he enjoys the reward of his painstaking and conscientious work. By his energy, perseverance and fine business ability he has been enabled to secure a comfortable competence, and he can well afford to lay aside all business cares and spend his remaining years in peace and quiet. Mrs. Null is a member of the Presbyterian church.

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#### GEORGE H. EASTERLY.

Prominent among the representative farmers and highly esteemed citizens of Franklin township is numbered George H. Easterly, whose home is on section 2. He was born in Kosciusko county, Indiana, May 18, 1844, and on the paternal side is of German descent. His grandfather, Lawrence Easterly, Sr., was a native of Pennsylvania, and not only worked at the blacksmith's trade but also engaged in preaching as a minister of the United Brethren church. At an early day he accompanied his parents on their removal to Richland county, Ohio, where his father entered a tract of government land, and he assisted in the arduous task of clearing away the timber and placing the land under cultivation. He erected a church on the farm and also laid out a cemetery, which became his resting place, as he died in Richland county.

Lawrence Easterly, Jr., the father of our subject, was born in Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, June 1, 1814, and grew to manhood on his father's farm. He married Miss Rebecca Hammon, a native of Rock-

ingham county, Virginia, and continued to reside upon his father's farm until 1842, when he removed to Kosciusko, Indiana, where he bought one hundred and sixty acres of land, only five acres of which had been broken, the remainder being timber land. After clearing about fifty acres he came to Iowa in 1861, and spent three years in Cedar county. He then bought a farm in Greenfield township, Jones county, where he made his home until 1870, and he came to Linn county and purchased a farm on section 2, Franklin township. There he continued to reside throughout the remainder of his life, his death occurring February 11, 1888. In his family were six children, namely: Mary Ellen, wife of Henry Towns, of Hamburg, Fremont county, Iowa; George H., our subject; Albert, a resident of Mechanicsville, Cedar county, who first married Louisa Coleman, and after her death wedded Catherine Noos; John, who married Nancy Robinson and resides in Defiance, Shelby county, Iowa; Catherine, who died at the age of one year; and Emma, wife of George Miller, a farmer of Franklin township, Linn county.

In the spring of 1861 George H. Easterly came with the family to Iowa. He had previously acquired a good practical education in the schools of Indiana, and had also gained an excellent knowledge of agricultural pursuits while aiding his father in the work of the home farm. Buying a threshing machine and breaking plow, he started out in life for himself in 1868, and for five years after his marriage he engaged in farming upon rented land. He then purchased forty acres of land from his brother, and his father gave him a tract of similar size, to which he added by subsequent purchase until he now has one hundred and sixty acres of rich and arable land on sec-



tion 2, Franklin township. He has a good modern residence and substantial barns and outbuildings upon the place, and the neat and thrifty appearance of the farm plainly indicates his careful supervision and good business ability.

On the 14th of March, 1870, in Jones county, Iowa, Mr. Easterly was united in marriage with Miss Catherine Ann Spade, who was born in Marion county, Ohio, September 9, 1848, and is a daughter of Jacob and Catherine (Moyier) Spade, both natives of Pennsylvania, where they continued to make their home until after their marriage. From that state they removed to Ohio, where the father first worked at the millwright's trade, and also engaged in the marble business, and later followed farming. In 1852 he brought his family to Iowa and located on a farm in Jones county, two and a half miles east of Fairview, where he made his home for some years. He then came to live with his daughter, the wife of our subject, where he died very suddenly a few weeks later. He had ten children, six sons and four daughters, namely: Elizabeth, wife of Emanuel Newman, of Martelle, Iowa; Passa, deceased wife of Daniel Moyier, of Adair county, Iowa; Rosina H., wife of Robert Hester, of Texas; Catherine A., wife of our subject; Elijah, who died at the age of sixteen years; John, who died in infancy; Ami, who married Rose Underwood and lives in southern Kansas; George, a resident of Martelle, Iowa; William L., who married Alice Rudisil and resides in South Dakota; and Jacob, who married Emma Brown and makes his home in the same state.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Easterly were born eight children, as follows: Ida E., born in Jones county February 25, 1871, is the wife

of Samuel Doubennier, who lives on a farm near Alburnett, Linn county, and they have one child, Fay; Esta, born in Linn county October 2, 1873, died January 21, 1893; Vadie, born February 24, 1875, is at home; Roxie, born February 27, 1877, is the wife of Charles Hill, of Mt. Vernon, and they have one child, Mary May; Willard, born October 3, 1882, is at home with his parents; Clemence, born August 10, 1881, died June 7, 1886; Huldah, born July 10, 1884, is also at home; and Delbert, born October 2, 1889, died March 9, 1897. Mrs. Easterly is a member of the Lutheran church, and the family are people of the highest respectability, who have a large circle of friends and acquaintances in the community where they reside.

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#### RICHARD LORD, M. D.

Dr. Richard Lord, one of Cedar Rapids' most progressive physicians and surgeons, was born in Mantorville, Dodge county, Minnesota, on the 28th of October, 1868, his parents being Samuel and Louisa (Compton) Lord. The father was a native of Meadville, Pennsylvania, and there grew to manhood and was married. He acquired his literary education at Allegheny College of that place, and later took up the study of law and was admitted to practice in Pennsylvania. About 1860 he removed to Minnesota, where he followed his chosen profession. He was one of the most active and prominent representatives of the Republican party in his locality, and was elected to both the lower house and the senate of the state legislature, where he served for some time. Later he was elected judge of the fifth judicial district,

and was holding that office at the time of his death, which occurred in 1880. His wife had died the year previous. Both were members of the Episcopal church and were people of prominence.

In their family were eight children, of whom four are still living, viz: Samuel is a leading lawyer of Kasson, Dodge county, Minnesota, and is now a member of the state senate. He, too, takes an active interest in political affairs, and was chairman of the Minnesota delegation at the national convention held in Philadelphia in 1900. Hugh C. is a leading attorney of Erie, Pennsylvania, and is prominent in Republican politics. Myrtle A. is an artist of ability, who has devoted several years to study in Europe, but on account of ill health is not actively engaged in her art work at present. She resides with her brother in Erie, Pennsylvania. The Doctor completes the family.

During his boyhood and youth Dr. Lord attended school in Mantorville, Kasson and Faribault, Minnesota, where the family resided at different times, and later was a student in the University of Minnesota at Minneapolis. Subsequently he took a four years' course at Rush Medical College, Chicago, and was graduated in 1893. He first located at Louisville, Nebraska, where he was engaged in practice for three years and in the fall of 1896 came to Cedar Rapids, where he has succeeded in building up a fine and lucrative practice. He is a member of the staff of St. Luke's hospital, and is also supreme medical examiner for the Fraternal Bankers Reserve Society. Fraternally he belongs to the Union Medical Society and the State Medical Society of Iowa, and is a charter member of Maine Lodge, I. O. O. F., of which he is now a past grand.

In 1894 Dr. Lord married Miss Jessie

A. Leedy, and they now have one child, Josephine C., who was born September 28, 1899. Mrs. Lord was born in New Providence, Hardin county, Iowa, the daughter of Henry M. and Mary Elizabeth (Johnston) Leedy, but at the time of her marriage was living with her foster parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Lang, at Wasioja, Dodge county, Minnesota. She was educated in the seminary at that place and at Oberlin College in Oberlin, Ohio, taking a course in vocal music at the Conservatory of Music there. Religiously she is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

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#### WALTER H. BERRY.

This energetic and enterprising agriculturist, residing on section 21, Bertram township, was born in this county, April 29, 1856, and is a son of Robert Berry, whose sketch appears on another page of this volume. Reared on his father's farm, he was educated in the district schools of the neighborhood, which he attended during the winter months, while through the summer season he aided in the labors of the fields.

On the 28th of April, 1880, in Bertram township, Mr. Berry was united in marriage with Miss Almeda Harrison, who was born in Mt. Vernon, this county, January 3, 1857, and is a daughter of Jacob and Ardelia (Look) Harrison, natives of New Jersey and New York, respectively. An extended sketch of the Harrison family will be found in the biography of W. H. Harrison on another page of this work. Mrs. Berry is the oldest in a family of five children the others being William H., just mentioned; Mary, wife of Frank Brown, who lives north of Bertram; Jacob, who

married Hannah Berry and resides in the west; and Lucinda, wife of Frank Thompson, a farmer of Marion township, this county. Mr. and Mrs. Berry have five children: Ardelia, born March 6, 1881, completed her education in Marion and is now at home with her parents. Thomas, born August 16, 1882, assists his father with the farm work. In addition to attending the Marion high school, he also took a course in the Cedar Rapids Business College. William, born September 26, 1885, Almeda, born March 4, 1887, and Mary, born December 19, 1894, are all attending school.

After his marriage Mr. Berry operated a rented farm for three years and at the end of that time removed to his present place on section 21, Bertram township, where he has made many improvements, though his fine residence and commodious barn were built by his father. To the original tract our subject has added one hundred and seventy-five acres of land. He gives considerable attention to the breeding of a high grade of cattle, making a specialty of the short horn breed, and also raises horses and hogs for market. He is a very progressive and practical farmer and as he thoroughly understands his chosen vocation in all its various departments, he has met with remarkable success. He and his family attend the Methodist Episcopal church, and he is a supporter of the Democratic party and its principles.

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#### JAMES H. CROSBY, A. B., LL. B.

This well-known and successful attorney of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, was born in a log cabin in Jefferson county, Wisconsin, Oc-

tober 28, 1866, and is a son of James and Ellen (Biglan) Crosby, natives of Ireland. The father came to America in early youth and settled in Bucks county, Pennsylvania, whence he removed to Wisconsin in 1858. There he engaged in farming until the spring of 1869, when he came to Iowa and located in Lucas county, where he continued to follow that occupation until called to his final rest May 15, 1898. His widow is now living in Cedar Rapids with a daughter, Catherine A. Crosby. Of their six children our subject is the youngest, and he and his sister Catherine are the only ones residing in Linn county.

During his boyhood Mr. Crosby pursued his studies in the district schools of Lucas county, but from the time he was old enough to be of any assistance he worked on the farm most of the year, only attending school for a short term during the winter months. He aided in breaking prairie, grubbing and such other arduous duties which usually fall to the lot of a farmer's son in a new country. In 1887 he entered St. Ambrose College at Davenport, where he took a classical course and was graduated in 1889 with the degree of A. B. Mr. Crosby was next a student in the law department of the State University at Iowa City, and, on graduating from that institution with the degree of LL. B. in 1891, he was admitted to practice before the various courts of the state. In July of the same year he came to Cedar Rapids and opened an office. It was not long before his ability in his chosen profession was recognized, and to-day he enjoys a very large and lucrative practice, which extends to several adjacent counties and has been built up by his own unaided efforts, so that he may be justly styled a



J. H. CROSBY.





self-made man. He has ever made it a practice after examining his clients to aid them to the best of his ability if he finds that they have a just cause, no matter whether they be rich or poor, although knowing that from the latter he may receive no remuneration. He is a logical reasoner, has a ready command of language, and manages his cases with masterly skill and tact.

On the 30th of October, 1894, Mr. Crosby was united in marriage with Miss Margaret A. McGovern, of Iowa City, a daughter of Hugh McGovern, who was one of the oldest settlers of that part of the state. By this union have been born three children, namely: Margaret Mary, Edward James and Alice Catherine. Mr. and Mrs. Crosby are both members of St. Patrick's Catholic church of Cedar Rapids, and he also belongs to the Ancient Order of United Workmen, the Knights of the Maccabees, and the Tribe of Ben Hur. In his political views he is a Democrat, but is not a politician in the sense of office seeking. He always respects the opinions of others, though they may differ from his own, and he accords to all the fullest liberty of thought and expression. While in business matters he is rather strict, he is liberal to employes and desires them to take advantage of all pleasures and holidays which they can afford. He has been found to be the laboring man's friend as against any injustice from corporate power or moneyed influence, but is not opposed to corporations if kept within reason and right. In manner he is pleasant and genial, and enjoys a good joke or story, whether on himself or others. This makes him quite popular socially, and he has made many warm friends during his residence in Cedar Rapids.

### ELY WEST.

Ely West, an experienced farmer and stock raiser, who owns and successfully operates a farm of two hundred and thirty-seven acres on sections 20 and 21, Franklin township, claims Ohio as his native state, his birth having occurred in Fayette county, June 29, 1854. His parents were Wesley and Polly (McKay) West, natives of Kentucky and Ohio, respectively. They were married in the latter state, where they continued to make their home until the fall of 1859, and then came to Linn county, Iowa, locating on a farm in Franklin township, which was their home for three years. They next removed to the farm now owned by Mr. Bair, and in the fall of 1877 returned to the farm on which they had first resided. Upon that place the father died in the spring of 1895, but the mother is still living and now makes her home in Peterson, Iowa.

In the family of this worthy couple were twelve children, namely: Sally, wife of Thomas Oldham, of Eldorado, Kansas; Margaret, who first married Peter Harmon, and second Jerry Thomas, of Mt. Vernon; Isaac, who married Eva Scott and lives on a farm near Mt. Vernon; Thomas, who married Lucinda Leonard and resides in Pawnee City, Oklahoma; Elijah, who married Clara Ziegler and makes his home in Mt. Vernon; David, who married Lou Pfantz and resides west of Mt. Vernon; Flora, deceased wife of George Wahn, of Clarion, Iowa; Mary, wife of Rev. Charles Kirk, of Peterson, Iowa; Ely, our subject; Hattie, wife of Homer Harper, of Minneapolis, Minnesota; and two who died in infancy.

The subject of this sketch was five years of age when in the fall of 1859 the family

came to Linn county, Iowa, and took up their residence upon a farm of one hundred and twenty acres on section 16, Franklin township, where he was principally reared. He attended the common schools until eighteen years of age during the winter season, while the summer months were devoted to the work of the farm. He remained under the parental roof until after he attained his majority.

On the 2nd of March, 1876, at Marion, Iowa, Mr. West was united in marriage with Miss Jane Hayden, who was born in Clinton county, Iowa, May 9, 1855, a daughter of Nathaniel and Maria (Pierce) Hayden, the former a native of Indiana, the latter of Ohio, where their marriage was celebrated. It was in 1855 that her parents came west and took up their residence in Clinton county, Iowa, but after living there for three years they removed to Cedar county, and in 1862 came to Linn county, the father purchasing a farm in Franklin township. There he died March 1, 1897, and his wife passed away in February, 1895, both being laid to rest in the Mt. Vernon cemetery. They had seven children, namely: Angelina, who first married Daniel Grant, and after his death became the wife of Henry Taylor, of Oneida, Iowa; Lydia A., who married Jesse Thomas, of Mt. Vernon, and died in 1892; Pierce who married Alice Christman and lives in Pomona, Kansas; Zura, who married Jane Dill and resides in Bertram, Iowa; Sylvester, who married Louisa Pierce and both died in Mt. Vernon; Allen, who married Stella Winslow and makes his home in Lincoln, Nebraska; and Jane M., wife of our subject.

Nine children blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. West, namely: Charles, born Feb-

ruary 7, 1877, is a stenographer and bookkeeper of Tilton, Iowa. Clarence Earl, born July 7, 1880, was accidentally drowned in Cedar river, June 13, 1897; Leila, born July 19, 1883, is at home with her parents; Glenn, born December 14, 1886, died November 6, 1889; Ely, born December 31, 1887, died February 12, 1888; and Irwin, born February 20, 1889, Ruth, born September 14, 1891, Louis George, born December, 10, 1894, and Clyde Lawrence, born November 23, 1895, are all at home.

After his marriage Mr. West rented one of his father's farms for a year, and then rented the farm belonging to his father, which his brother had previously operated. A year later he leased the farm adjoining the one he now occupies, and after living there for three years he moved to a place north of Mechanicsville, in Pioneer township, Cedar county, where he purchased one hundred and five acres, making it his home for a year and a half. In the spring of 1882 he sold out and returned to Linn county, buying a farm of one hundred and thirty-four acres on section 21, Franklin township, to which he has since added until he now has two hundred and thirty-seven acres on sections 20 and 21. He has made many improvements upon the place in the way of building, but the house which he erected in 1896 was destroyed by fire May 27, 1900. With characteristic energy, however, he at once set to work to replace it, and now has an elegant and commodious home supplied with all modern improvements. He makes a specialty of stock raising, and feeds all the grain raised upon his place to his stock. Socially he belongs to Lodge No. 522, I. O. O. F., and Eureka Lodge, No. 45, Legion of Honor, both of Mt. Vernon, and political-

ly he affiliates with the Republican party. He is a genial, companionable gentleman, who makes many friends and is highly respected by all who know him.

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#### ELTON E. DOOLITTLE.

Among the progressive farmers and representative citizens of Jackson township is numbered Elton E. Doolittle, who was born in New Haven county, Connecticut, September 7, 1833, and is a worthy representative of a good old New England family, his parents being Levi and Esther (Tuttle) Doolittle, both of whom were natives of the old Nutmeg state. The father spent the most of his life in New Haven county engaged in farming, and both he and his wife died there. They had a family of ten children, namely: Matilda Elizabeth, Levi, Francis, Abigail and Adolphus, all deceased; Eliza, now the widow of Rufus Hitchcock and a resident of Milldale, Connecticut; Augustus; Leonard; and Elton E. All received nothing more than common school educations.

Mr. Doolittle, of this sketch, began his business career as an employe in a clock factory at Southington, Connecticut, and later worked as a gunsmith and blacksmith at the same place. While there he was married, October 2, 1859, to Miss Ellen H. Russell, of New Haven county, who was born February 25, 1839, a daughter of Charles L. and Amanda (Gord) Russell. During his active business life her father followed farming in that county, and there he is still living at the advanced age of ninety-two years, while his wife has reached the age of eighty-six. Of the five children born to Mr. and

Mrs. Doolittle, Addie, Charles Albert and Charles Levi are all deceased. Those living are Jennie, now the wife of Percy Sloper, a market gardener residing in Cheshire, Connecticut; and Minnie Leola, wife of Daniel L. Castle, a farmer living near Marion, Linn county, Iowa.

It was in February, 1864, that Mr. Doolittle came west and took up his residence in Linn county, Iowa. He purchased his present farm on section 16, Jackson township, and has since successfully engaged in general farming and stock raising. He has also given considerable attention to fruit culture, and in his orchard is one of the oldest apple trees in the county. He has always been a hardworking man, and the success that has attended his efforts is certainly well merited. By his ballot he supports the men and measures of the Republican party, but has never cared for political honors. Both Mr. and Mrs. Doolittle are members of the Jackson Congregational church of their township and are people of the highest respectability.

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#### WILLIAM J. GORMLY.

Numbered among the successful farmers and stock raisers of Franklin township is William J. Gormly, whose home is on section 18. He was born in Londonderry, County Tyrone, Ireland, March 6, 1865, and is a son of William and Eliza (Rankin) Gormly, whose family history is given in connection with Dr. Thomas A. Gormly, on another page of this volume. At the age of six years he came to America with his parents on the steamer Caledonia, and after a voyage of seventeen days landed in New



York. In passing through Chicago they stopped to see the ruins of the great fire in October, 1871, and then proceeded to Linn county, Iowa. The father bought the old Bob Stinson farm of one hundred and thirty-six acres, on section 18, Franklin township, and there our subject grew to manhood. He attended the district schools of the neighborhood and later was a student at Cornell College, where he completed his education at the age of twenty-one. On the death of his father, his brother, Dr. T. A. Gormly, took charge of the farm, and when the latter removed to Colorado, our subject assumed its management and has since successfully engaged in its cultivation.

Mr. Gormly was married in Bertram township, this county, December 27, 1899, to Miss Anna L. Ford, who was born in Mt. Vernon, Iowa, August 25, 1876. She attended first the district schools near her childhood home, and later the high school of Mt. Vernon, where she was graduated with the class of 1893. For seven terms she was a student at Cornell College, but left that institution when in the sophomore year. Prior to her marriage she taught school in Linn and Johnson counties, Iowa, eight terms. Her parents are D. W. and Mary O. (Neff) Ford, the former a native of Vermont, the latter of Massachusetts. They were married in Mt. Vernon, Iowa, and for two years made their home in Estherville, where they were engaged in teaching school. Subsequently they followed the same profession in Algona, Iowa, for two years, and then returned to Mt. Vernon, Mr. Ford being connected with the furniture store of Myron Neff for a time. He then operated a rented farm near that place, and subsequently bought a farm in Bertram township, to the cultivation of which he has

since devoted his energies. Mrs. Ford taught school in the east for a number of years, and was one of the professors at Cornell College, Mt. Vernon, for five years. Later she was associated with her husband in teaching. Both are graduates of Cornell College. Unto them were born three children, namely: Anna L., wife of our subject; Charles H., who is with his parents; and Clara, who died at the age of one year.

Mr. Gormly is quite extensively engaged in stock raising, making a specialty of breeding thoroughbred Poland China hogs, and also raises a high grade of cattle, sheep and horses for market. He not only feeds all the grain he raises to his stock, but is compelled to buy more for the same purpose, believing stock raising to be more profitable than general farming, and he has met with wonderful success. Religiously he is a member of the Presbyterian church, and politically is identified with the Republican party. He has served as school director, and gives his support to all enterprises calculated to advance the moral, educational or material welfare of his township and county.

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#### JUDGE ISAAC N. WHITTAM.

For forty-six years this gentleman has been engaged in the practice of law in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and is one of its oldest and most honored citizens. His early home was on the other side of the Atlantic, for he was born in Lancastershire, England, April 9, 1824, a son of Richard and Sarah (Fletcher) Whittam, both natives of the same shire. By occupation the father was a woolen manufacturer and devoted his attention to that business throughout the greater part of his

life. On coming to this country, in 1835, he located in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where he followed the same pursuits, being one of the pioneer woolen manufacturers of that state. In religious belief he was an Episcopalian. He died near Bradford, Pennsylvania, at the ripe old age of eighty-five years. The mother of our subject died in England. Of their five children all are now deceased, with the exception of Isaac N., who was the youngest.

Judge Whittam was educated in the schools of his native land, and began a collegiate course, but in 1840, at the age of sixteen years, he came to the United States, sailing from Liverpool to New York. The voyage lasted seven weeks, the vessel encountering a number of severe storms, and losing part of the bulwark. The Judge began to think he would never reach America, but at length the vessel dropped anchor in the harbor of New York. He proceeded at once to Philadelphia, where he spent two years with an uncle, and then went to Yates county, New York, where his father was running a woolen mill. There he attended school for a time, and also learned the trade of a woolen manufacturer.

In 1848 Judge Whittam removed to Aurora, Kane county, Illinois, and became manager of Stolp's woolen mill at that place, having charge of the same until October, 1850, when he came to Cedar Rapids, Iowa. He and his wife and baby made the trip in a one-horse buggy, crossing the Mississippi river at New Albany, Whiteside county, Illinois. Cedar Rapids at that time was a village containing only one hundred and fifty inhabitants. Judge Whittam took charge of a woolen mill for the Bryans and managed it about a year. While a resident of Penn Yan, Yates county, New York, he

commenced the study of law, and completed his preparations to enter the legal profession with Judge George Greene, of Cedar Rapids, who was on the supreme bench. Our subject was admitted to the bar in October, 1854, and has since engaged in active practice, with the exception of six years, when serving as justice of the peace.

On the 19th of April, 1845, Judge Whittam wedded Miss Maria J. Cole, a native of Somersetshire, England, by whom he has four children, three still living, namely: Fannie, wife of James Russell, of Williamsburg, Iowa; J. J., who is engaged in the wholesale confectionery and bakery business in Corsicana, Texas; and Jennie Mohler, wife of A. L. Mohler, a prominent railroad official. Mrs. Whittman died in December, 1856, and on the 8th of August, 1857, the Judge was again married, his second union being with Miss Relief Ayers, a native of Maine. Of the seven children born of this marriage four are living, namely: Relia W., wife of Lou W. Vail, ex-state senator and a prominent attorney of Goshen, Indiana; Cora, head bookkeeper of the American Linseed Oil Company, of Chicago; May H., wife of W. J. Greene, of Cedar Rapids, whose sketch appears on another page of this volume; and Rae L., contracting agent for the Frisco Railroad at St. Louis. Louisa died at the age of twenty-one years, and the other two children died in infancy. The mother of this family departed this life October 17, 1809, and her remains were interred in Oak Hill cemetery.

Religiously Judge Whittam is a member of the Episcopal church, and socially is a member of Herman Lodge, No. 263, F. & A. M., being the oldest Mason initiated in Cedar Rapids now a resident of Iowa. Formerly he was also connected with the Inde-

pendent Order of Odd Fellows. In politics he has been identified with the Republican party since its organization, and has served as a delegate to its conventions. He has been quite prominently connected with public affairs, serving as the last mayor of the old town, and during his administration in 1856 the city was incorporated. Later he was twice re-elected to the same office, but at length resigned in order to give his undivided attention to his constantly increasing practice. He served as city attorney twelve years, and was police justice two terms. In all the relations of life he has been found true to every trust reposed in him, whether public or private, and has the confidence and high regard of all who know him.



#### THOMAS A. GORMLY, D. D. S.

Dr. Thomas A. Gormly, the present mayor of Mt. Vernon, and a prominent dentist of that place, was born in county Tyrone, Ireland, in 1858, and began his education in the national schools of that country. In 1871 he accompanied his parents, William and Eliza (Rankin) Gormly, on their emigration to America. In early life the father was employed as buyer for a milling company, and later was with a mercantile concern in Glasgow, Scotland, but on account of failing health he returned to his father's farm in Ireland where he was born and reared. On coming to the United States he located on a farm in Franklin township, this county, about three miles southwest of Mt. Vernon, where he died in 1879. His wife survived him several years, passing away October 21, 1898.

This worthy couple were the parents

of eight children, of whom Thomas A. is the eldest; Samuel J. died in infancy; Lizzie M. resides with her brother, William J., on the old home place in Franklin township, he being the next in order of birth; Margaret J. is the wife of George J. Smyth, a prosperous farmer of Bertram township, this county; Samuel J. is chief assayer for the Anaconda Mining Company at Butte, Montana; Robert died in infancy; and another died in infancy unnamed.

After coming to this country Dr. Gormly attended Coe College at Cedar Rapids for a short time, and later Cornell College at Mt. Vernon, but his studies there were interrupted by his father's death in 1879. He then took charge of the home farm, which he continued to operate until 1889, when he entered the dental department of the Iowa State University, from which he was graduated in 1891. Immediately afterward he commenced the practice of dentistry at Mt. Vernon, his offices being located in the Brackett building. He has won an enviable reputation in his chosen profession, and enjoys a large and lucrative practice. He is now president of the Iowa State Dental Society.

Dr. Gormly was married at Monmouth, Illinois, in 1891, to Miss Annie R. Wilson, a native of Iowa and a daughter of James T. and Mary Katherine (Kinney) Wilson. Her father is a United Presbyterian minister, but for the past three years has been living a retired life at Canon City, Colorado. The Doctor and his wife have two little daughters, Clare Wilson and Anna Irene, both born in Mt. Vernon. They have a pleasant home on Second avenue, which was erected by the Doctor in 1895. Religiously they are members of the Presbyterian church, and socially they are quite

prominent. Since 1897 Dr. Gormly has been mayor of Mt. Vernon, and has proved a very popular and capable official, under whose administration a great many important improvements have been made in the town.

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JAMES F. WHITE.

This well-known carpenter of Alburnett, Linn county, Iowa, was born on the 20th of June, 1840, in Cass county, Michigan, and is a son of Andrew and Jane (Organ) White, natives of Virginia and Ohio, respectively. Throughout his active business life the father followed the occupation of farming. At an early day he removed to Michigan, and died at his home in Cass county at the age of fifty-seven years. In 1853 the mother came to Linn county, Iowa, and lived near Mt. Vernon for six years, at the end of which time she removed to Kansas, where she died in 1891, at the ripe old age of eighty-four years. She was the mother of five sons and five daughters, all of whom are still living with one exception.

Mr. White began his education in the schools of his native state, and after coming to Iowa with his mother in 1852 continued his studies for a time in the schools of this county. The family spent one year in Bertram township, and then removed to Linn township, where they made their home until going to Kansas in 1858. In 1860 our subject returned to Iowa and settled near Mechanicsville, Cedar county. During the summer of 1861 he worked on a farm in Linn township, this county, and then followed the same pursuit in Cedar county.

On the 11th of August, 1862, Mr. White enlisted in Company F, Twenty-fourth Iowa

Volunteer Infantry, and took part in several important engagements, including the battle of Cedar Creek, Vicksburg, Sabine, Cross Roads, Winchester, Fisher's Hill and other engagements in the Shenandoah Valley, besides many skirmishes. At Vicksburg he was promoted to corporal, and served with that rank until discharged from the service at Cumberland, Maryland, in April, 1865.

Mr. White then returned to Kansas and located about fifty miles west of Atkinson, where he engaged in breaking prairie for a short time, but later, in 1865, he went with a party of twenty-one men across the plains to Julesburg, Colorado, taking supplies to the fort at that place. He spent the following summer in Kansas, and in 1866 returned to Iowa.

On the 4th of September, that year, Mr. White married Miss Levina Kepler, a daughter of Peter Y. and Elizabeth (James) Kepler. Her father was a native of Maryland and a pioneer of this county, having located here in 1839. He owned the farm in Linn township now occupied by Elmer D. Neal, and was successfully engaged in farming and stock raising here until March, 1889, when he removed to Oregon. He then lived a retired life seven miles from Ashland, where he died in April, 1899, at the advanced age of ninety-one years. His wife passed away November 3, 1888, at the age of seventy-three years. They were the parents of seven children and all are now living with the exception of one who died in infancy. Unto Mr. and Mrs. White were born four children, namely: (1) Eddie J., a farmer of Otter Creek township, married Anna Kafer, and they have two children, Sylvia E. and Frankie J. (2) Elizabeth J. is the wife of O. G. Clark, a carpenter of



Alburnett, and they have one child, Violet. (3) Lilly B. is the wife of Henry W. Snyder, who is connected with the elevator at Alburnett, and they have one child, Leon R. (4) Bertie A. died at the age of nine years. The three oldest were born in Kansas, and the youngest in Bertram township, this county.

After his marriage Mr. White lived in Linn township, this county, for a short time, and then returned to Kansas, being engaged in farming in Butler county for ten years. In 1876 he again came to Iowa and followed the same pursuit in Franklin township, Linn county, for some time. He next engaged in farming in Maine township, but nine years ago sold his place and removed to his present home in Alburnett in 1892. Since then he has devoted his time and attention to carpentering. He is a member of Marion Post, G. A. R., and is a man highly respected and esteemed by all who know him.

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#### SOLOMON P. GEIGER.

Among the highly respected citizens of Mt. Vernon is the subject of this sketch, who is now serving as a rural mail carrier in parts of Franklin and Linn townships. He was born in Somerset county, Pennsylvania, November 13, 1846, a son of John and Rebecca (May) Geiger, who were also natives of that state, where the father owned a large tract of timber land and a sawmill and was quite extensively engaged in the manufacture of lumber. By trade he was a millwright, but after coming to Mt. Vernon, Iowa, in the spring of 1859 he worked as a laborer and farmer. During the Civil war

he enlisted in 1862 in Company F, Twenty-fourth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and died within a year from sickness, being buried in the south. He was of German descent, while the mother of our subject was of English extraction. Unto them were born eight children, all of whom are living, namely: William is an employe in the shoe factory at Dixon, Illinois. John T. is a teamster of Chicago. George is manager of a department store in Johnstown, Pennsylvania. Mary E. is married and living in Dixon, Illinois. Catherine is the wife of Isaac Klingerman, a liveryman of Somerset county, Pennsylvania. Hannah, is the wife of John Constantine, a timmer of Dixon, Lydia is the wife of Isaac Cummings, a veteran of the Civil war and an employe in the shoe factory at Dixon. Their oldest son, Jackson, was a soldier of the Cuban war, and of Mrs. Cummings it can be said that she is the daughter, sister, wife and mother of a soldier. Solomon P., our subject, completes the family. After the death of the father the mother returned to Pennsylvania, where she remained some years, and there married William Sheets, also a native of that state. For some years after coming west he was engineer of the Chicago water works, and later was engineer at a creamery in Dixon, Illinois, where he and his wife still reside.

During the boyhood of our subject he removed with his parents to Illinois, where they spent two years and then returned to Pennsylvania. He attended school in both states. In the spring of 1859 he came with the family to Mt. Vernon, Iowa, and was engaged in farming in Franklin township until the Civil war. He enlisted in Mt. Vernon in 1862, in Company F, Twenty-

fourth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and participated in the battles of Champion Hills, Black River, Vicksburg, Winchester, Cedar Creek, Sabine, Cross Roads and Fort Gibson. When hostilities ceased, he was honorably discharged in August, 1865, and returned to this county. He was engaged in agricultural pursuits on a farm of eighty acres in Franklin township until 1876, when he removed to Nebraska and followed farming there for eighteen years. At the end of that period he returned to Iowa, and has since made his home in the village of Mt. Vernon, where he was engaged in the confectionery business for some years, and later was engineer in the high school building. In the winter of 1901 he was appointed rural mail carrier, his route being west and north of Mt. Vernon in Franklin and Linn townships, and he entered upon the duties of that position on the 1st of March, that year. For the last three years he has also served as city marshal of Mt. Vernon, and filled the same office at Benedict, Nebraska, for four years during his residence there.

Mr. Geiger married Miss Margaret E. Kyle, a native of this county and a daughter of William and Martha (McCroskey) Kyle. Her father, who was a farmer of Linn township, is now deceased, but her mother is still living at the age of seventy years and makes her home in Mt. Vernon. Mr. and Mrs. Geiger are the parents of two children, both of whom were born in Linn county. William, who is in the employ of the telephone company of Tipton, Iowa, married Emma Woodcock, and they have two children, Ralph S. and Rudolph E. Leona A., daughter of our subject, died in Linn township at the age of seven years. Religiously Mr. and Mrs. Geiger are earnest and consistent mem-

bers of the Lutheran church, and socially he is connected with the Grand Army of the Republic.

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#### J. C. McQUEEN.

After a busy and useful life, mainly devoted to agricultural pursuits, J. C. McQueen is now practically living retired in the enjoyment of the fruit of former toil. For almost half a century he has been a resident of Boulder township, and has borne an important part in her upbuilding and development. He was born in Randolph county, Indiana, April 16, 1842, his parents being William and Mary (Mosier) McQueen, natives of New Jersey and Virginia, respectively. Her father was a miller by trade, and in early life built a number of gristmills in Ohio, where he made his home for several years. In 1837 he removed to Randolph county, Indiana, where he also worked at his trade to some extent, but devoted his attention principally to farming. In 1852 he came to Linn county, Iowa, and took up his residence in the locality where our subject now resides, becoming one of the early settlers of Boulder township. There he spent the remainder of his life engaged in milling and farming, and died April 16, 1863. His widow long survived him, and passed away February 13, 1898, at the advanced age of ninety-two years. Of the twelve children born to them only three are now living, namely: Hannah, widow of Mr. Sales, and a resident of Colorado; Mary, wife of William Hall, a prominent retired citizen of Coggon, this county; and J. C., the subject of this sketch.

J. C. McQueen acquired his education in the common schools near his boyhood

home. He was only nineteen years of age when the Civil war broke out, but he offered his services to his country, enlisting in 1861 in Company H, Fourteenth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, under Colonel Shaw and Captain Crane. He took part in a number of important engagements, among which were the battles of Shiloh and Fort Donelson. At Shiloh he was captured by the rebels and held a prisoner in Missouri, for three months and a half. Fortunately he was never injured or wounded during his service, and when his term of enlistment expired was honorably discharged at Davenport, Iowa, December 16, 1864. Returning home he resumed work on his father's farm in Bowlder township.

In 1870 Mr. McQueen married Miss Ionia Payne, a native of New York state and a daughter of John Payne, who came to Iowa from the east at an early day. By this union were born three children, namely: Gertie, wife of Dr. E. Adams, a practicing physician of Augusta, Wisconsin; Mattie, wife of Edward Fish, of Kansas City, Missouri; and Ionia, who is now living with her sister in Augusta, Wisconsin.

After his marriage Mr. McQueen purchased a farm in Bowlder township, and has since resided there. He now owns one hundred and eighty-three acres of very valuable and productive land on section 28 and 29, which is devoted to general farming and stock raising. He has recently rented his farm and expects to spend a few months with his daughter in Augusta, Wisconsin. The Republican party has always found in him a staunch supporter of its principles, and he has done all in his power to advance its interests and insure its success. He has filled several local offices, and is a recognized leader in his township. Socially Mr. Mc-

Queen is a member of Prairieburg Lodge, No. 421, A. F. & A. M.; and religiously both he and his wife hold membership in the Baptist church at Prairieburg. He is a man of prominence in his community, and wherever known is held in high regard.

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#### WILLIAM COOPER.

Among Linn county's honored pioneers and representative citizens is numbered William Cooper, who as an agriculturist aided in the development and upbuilding of the county for many years, but is now living retired at his pleasant home in Marion. He was born in Lincolnshire, England, on the 21st of February, 1818, a son of Joseph and Mary Cooper, natives of the same place. The early life of the father was spent as a boatman in that country, but in 1821 he came to America and purchased a farm in Washington county, Ohio, devoting the remainder of his life to agricultural pursuits. His death occurred in 1830. In his family were five children, namely: William, our subject; Jane, who died in Ohio; Joseph, who died in Marion; Harriet, who resides in Missouri; and Charles, a resident of Deer Lodge, Montana. The mother was married again, her second husband being John Sharp, who came to America about the time of Mr. Cooper's death. Coming to Linn county, Iowa, in 1845, he took up government land in Marion township, becoming one of the pioneers of this section. By occupation he was a farmer. In 1860 he started for Pike's Peak, and there died. His wife passed away in 1880. By her second union she had one son, Rev. Thompson Sharp, a resident of Linn county, Missouri.

William Cooper was only three years old when brought by his parents to this country, and the common schools of Ohio afforded him his educational privileges. Like his father, he began his business career as a boatman, and was captain of vessels plying the Ohio and Mississippi rivers between Marietta Ohio, and New Orleans, carrying flour and pork. He followed that pursuit until his removal to Linn county, Iowa, in 1849. Four years prior to locating here he had visited the county in company with his stepfather, Mr. Sharp, and purchased two hundred acres of wild land in Marion township, and it was on this tract that he took up his abode in 1849. During the six years he resided thereon he made many improvements on the place, but at the end of that time he sold the property and bought one hundred and twenty acres of partially improved land in Rapids township, where he continued to successfully engage in farming until his retirement from active labor in July, 1888, when he removed to Marion and purchased his present comfortable home. He sold his farm in 1898.

In Washington county, Ohio, Mr. Cooper was married in 1845 to Miss Laura Evans, of that county, who died in 1855. By that union he had five children, namely: Augusta, wife of John Stuckbarger, an employe of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad at Marion; Caroline, wife of Joseph Granger, a dairyman of Marion, whose sketch appears on another page of this volume; Phnet, wife of Fergus Cooper, a farmer of Buchanan county, Iowa; Mary E., wife of Charles Eddy, a carpenter of Seattle, Washington, and William P., who died in infancy. In October, 1856, in this county, Mr. Cooper was again married, his second union being with Miss Chloe Dodd,

of Mercer county, Pennsylvania, a daughter of Ithiel and Elizabeth Dodd, of that state, where her father engaged in school teaching.

While a resident of Marion township Mr. Cooper served as justice of the peace for some time, and also filled the offices of school director and treasurer in a most creditable and satisfactory manner. Politically he is identified with the Republican party, and religiously is a faithful member of the Presbyterian church. For several years he has been afflicted with rheumatism, but he still retains his mental faculties unimpaired. He is a worthy representative of that class of citizens that live quiet, industrious, honest and useful lives and form the best portion of any community.

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#### WILLIAM A. FULKERSON.

William A. Fulkerson, one of the leading architects residing in Cedar Rapids, was born in Bucyrus, Crawford county, Ohio, October 17, 1847, and is a son of Joseph F. and Margaret (Messinger) Fulkerson, the former a native of New York, the latter of Pennsylvania. He is the youngest in a family of ten children and the only one living in Iowa. He was carefully reared and received an excellent education in the public schools. In 1856 he came with the family to Linn county, Iowa, the journey being made by teams, and they camped and cooked by the roadside during the four weeks en route. They first located on what is known as the Biggs' farm, between Cedar Rapids and Marion, but after residing there for six months they removed to a farm near Iowa City in Johnson county. The winter of



1856-7 being unusually severe, the crops were almost a total failure, and Mr. Fulkerson, like many others, became so discouraged that he returned to his old home in the Buckeye state, the journey being made by way of the Mississippi and Ohio rivers. Only three of the children had removed with the parents to Iowa, though two daughters had previously located there.

After the return of the family to Ohio, William A. Fulkerson attended school until the spring of 1864, when he joined the Union army, enlisting in Company E, Thirty-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. His command was a part of Duffey's brigade in the Eighth Army Corps, and participated in the engagements at Lloyd's Mountain, Newburn Bridge, Martinsburg, and the two battles of Winchester on July 24 and September 19, 1864. Mr. Fulkerson celebrated his seventeenth birthday by taking part in the battle of Cedar Creek, where Sheridan made his famous ride. On the 11th of January, 1865, the rebel general Rosseau surprised the Union outposts at Beverly, Virginia, and captured the regiment of which our subject was a member, together with the Eighth Iowa Cavalry, both stationed at that point, but Mr. Fulkerson with about one hundred others managed to escape, and after traveling about forty miles reached the village of Philippi near the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, where they remained for several weeks. They were then ordered to Cumberland, Maryland, where they went into winter quarters. The regiment to which our subject belonged had lost all its officers above a sergeant, as well as most of its men, and was then consolidated with the Thirty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was afterward a part of the latter regiment. In the spring of 1865 they were ordered to Winchester,

Virginia, where they were located when President Lincoln was assassinated. Shortly afterward they were ordered to Staunton, that state, to establish civil law and protect the people. Our subject was mustered out at Columbus, Ohio, July 27, 1865.

After his return from the war Mr. Fulkerson did nothing until the following spring, when he became interested in contracting and building. In 1871, he removed to Chicago, where he was employed as an architect until 1876, when he returned to Cedar Rapids, just twenty years after he first came to this county. He built the Soldiers Home at Marshalltown; the Central Hall building of the State Normal School at Cedar Falls in 1895; the Auditorium of Cedar Rapids, which has a seating capacity of thirty-five hundred, in 1899; and ten of the public school buildings of this place, besides numerous fine business blocks and residences.

Mr. Fulkerson has been quite prominently identified with public affairs, and served eight years as alderman of the sixth ward, during which time he was chairman of the public improvement committee which had charge of numbering the houses and renaming the streets of Cedar Rapids. He was also a member of the board in charge of the main sanitary sewerage system. While he was a member of the council a franchise was granted the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad. Socially he is a prominent member of Cedar Rapids Lodge, No. 98, K. P.; T. Z. Cook Post, No. 235, G. A. R.; and Cedar Rapids Lodge, No. 141, I. O. O. F.; Linn Encampment, No. 49; and Canton Cedar Rapids, No. 21, of which he is past commander. He is quite popular both in business and social circles and is regarded as one of the leading citizens of Cedar Rapids.

## FRED W. FAULKES.

Prominent among the newspaper men of Cedar Rapids is Fred W. Faulkes, editor and one of the owners of the Evening Gazette. He was born in Wayne county, Wisconsin, April 18, 1855, the son of James and Ann (Heal) Faulkes, both natives of England, the former born in Gloucestershire, the latter in Devonshire. The father, James, was by occupation a farmer. He came to America about 1838, and first located in New York state, afterward removing to Wisconsin, where he died in March, 1878. In his family were three children, James Franklin, now residing in Wisconsin; Mary, deceased in 1873; and Fred W.

During his boyhood he attended the country school, and at the age of eleven years was a student in the Bellville high school, and later was for a short time in the Evansville Seminary. He also spent part of one term in the preparatory department of the University of Wisconsin. He learned telegraphing when quite young, and was for some time an operator in Minnesota. Later he became connected with the State Journal at Madison, Wisconsin. In 1875, at the age of twenty, Mr. Faulkes came to Cedar Rapids and entered the employ of the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern

Railway Company, working in the office of car accountant, and also assisting in train dispatching. He was also connected with St. Louis, Chicago, and other daily papers as correspondent. In 1877 he was city editor of the Cedar Rapids Daily Republican, and also published a monthly insurance journal which proved very successful, having a circulation of 100,000 in the state of Iowa. He was one of the original instigators of the Gazette, which he now owns in connection with his brother-in-law, Clarence L. Miller, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this work. They have made The Gazette a most remarkable success.

Mr. Faulkes was married June 6, 1878, to Miss Alice M. Miller, who was born in Cedar Rapids, and is the daughter of Nelson F. and Elizabeth K. Miller, natives of Maryland and Virginia respectively. Three children have been born to the home of our subject, Alice M., James Nelson and William Fawcett, the latter deceased in 1891.

Mr. Faulkes owns some very valuable real estate in the city, and is just completing the beautiful Jim block. He is enterprising, progressive, and public-spirited, always serving the interests of the people of the city and state loyally in all good work.













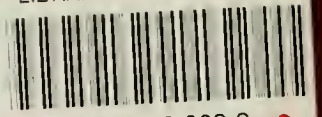








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