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OTTO MATHIAS GROSS.

Otto Mathias Gross, filling the position of county recorder, is numbered among the native sons of Carroll county, his birth having occurred in Roselle township on the 2d of October, 1886. His parents, Mathias and Genevieve (Dentlinger) Gross, were both natives of Germany, the former of Luxemburg and the latter of Wurtemberg. The paternal grandfather of our subject passed away in Germany in middle life. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Barbara Capeius, lived to attain a ripe old age. Their children were seven in number. John Dentlinger, the maternal grandfather, crossed the Atlantic to the United States and took up his abode in Bureau county, Illinois. He came to Iowa in 1880, settling in Carroll county, where he passed away at the age of seventy-two years. His wife died at the comparatively early age of thirty-five years. They were the parents of four children, namely: Genevieve, Amelia, John and Frank.

Mathias Gross, the father of O. M. Gross, drove a stage in Germany from his town to Paris, France. In 1865 he emigrated to America, locating in Bureau county, Illinois, where he made his home until 1882. In that year he came to Carroll county, Iowa, purchasing and locating on a farm of two hundred and forty acres in Maple River township, where he resided until called to his final rest in 1903 when sixty-eight years of age. His wife still survives him and is now sixty-six years of age. Both were faithful communicants of the German Catholic church. Mathias Gross held several township offices and was widely recognized as a substantial and respected citizen of the community. He was the father of five sons and two daughters, as follows: Anna, the wife of Joseph Timmerman, of Maple River township; George, who is a resident of Grant township; Frank, living in Wagner, South Dakota; John, of Maple River township; William, who likewise makes his home in that township; Pauline, the wife of William Pietig, of Roselle township; and Otto Mathias, of this review.

The last named was reared on his father's farm and attended the district schools and the parochial schools of Arcadia, while subsequently he continued his studies in the public schools of Carroll. After completing his education he followed the profession of teaching for seven years, imparting

clearly and readily to others the knowledge that he had acquired. In the fall of 1910 he was elected county recorder and now holds that office. He is prompt, systematic and faithful in the discharge of his official duties and already his record has received the commendation of the general public. His property holdings include one hundred and sixty acres of land in McCook county, South Dakota.

Mr. Gross gives his political allegiance to the democracy and has served as assessor of Maple River township. In religious faith he is a Catholic and is a member of the Knights of Columbus. As a baby he had infantile paralysis, which crippled his limbs and feet and from which he has never entirely recovered. Though still young in years, he has already won an enviable reputation as one of the representative and esteemed residents of his native county.

CHARLES C. HELMER.

One of the competent and successful lawyers of the Carroll county bar is Charles C. Helmer, who has actively engaged in practice at Carroll for seven years past. He is a native of Iowa, born in Cedar county, August 25, 1876, a son of Orlando H. and Letitia (Briggs) Helmer, the former of whom is of German parentage. The mother was born in Ohio and is of English descent. Mr. Helmer, Sr., was educated as a physician and at the time of the Civil war entered the Union army as a hospital steward. Later he was appointed assistant surgeon of the Forty-fifth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, with the rank of first lieutenant, continuing in the service until honorably discharged at the close of the war. His brother, Melchert F. Helmer, was a member of the same regiment. He enlisted as a private and was mustered out as quartermaster-sergeant. In 1865 Orlando H. Helmer came to Iowa and located on a farm in Cedar county, devoting his attention to agriculture and stock-raising rather than to the practice of medicine. He is now living retired with his wife at Mechanicsville, having arrived at the age of seventy-four years, while Mrs. Helmer is sixty-one years of age. They are both members of the Methodist Episcopal church and fraternally Mr. Helmer is connected with the Masonic order and with the Grand Army of the Republic. Politically he votes the republican ticket which he has supported ever since he reached manhood. He has served as county treasurer and also for a number of years as a member of the board of county supervisors, being one of the most respected citizens of the county.

Charles C. Helmer, the fourth in order of birth in a family of five children, received his early education in the public schools of Tipton and Mechanicsville. He attended Iowa State College at Ames and while securing his college education taught school two winters. In the spring of 1898, at the outbreak of the Spanish-American war, moved by the same patriotic spirit that had stirred the heart of his father nearly forty years before, he enlisted in Company F, Forty-ninth Iowa Volunteer Infantry. The company went into camp at Des Moines, Iowa, proceeding thence to Jackson-

ville, Florida, where the regiment was made a part of the Seventh Army Corps under General Fitzhugh Lee. The regiment was ordered to Savannah, Georgia, and on the 19th of December, 1898, embarked for Cuba. After arriving on the island the command went into camp near Havana and there remained about four months. Private Helmer was mustered out at Savannah, Georgia, in May, 1899. He returned home and in the following fall entered the law department of the Iowa State University at Iowa City, graduating with the degree of LL.B. in June, 1901. A few months later he began practice at Manning where he continued until January, 1904, when he moved to Carroll and has since given his attention with highly satisfactory results to the general practice of law. In 1904 he was elected county attorney of Carroll county and served one term, discharging his duties in such a way as to meet the approval of the best citizens of the county, irrespective of party. In 1908 he was appointed city attorney and has since served in that office.

On the 15th of May, 1905, Mr. Helmer was united in marriage to Miss Jennie Willey, who was born at St. Louis, October 7, 1880. Three children have come to brighten their home: Jane Esther, who was born March 7, 1906; Charles B., born September 15, 1907; and Orlando, born September 12, 1909. Mr. Helmer has been an adherent of the republican party ever since he reached his majority and is an effective campaign speaker whose services are often called into requisition in advancing the interests of the organization. He is not identified with any religious denomination, but his wife is a consistent member of the Episcopal church. Socially he is connected with the Masonic order. He is thoroughly in earnest in anything he undertakes and is recognized as a man of comprehensive and discriminating mind who is in complete sympathy with the advancing spirit of the times. On the 10th of May, 1910, he was elected captain of Company D, Fifty-sixth Infantry, I. N. G., a position for which he is thoroughly fitted by natural qualifications and by experience and which he is now filling to the satisfaction of all concerned.

M. J. DAEGES.

M. J. Daeges, the well known and popular cashier of the Farmers Savings Bank at Templeton, is widely recognized as one of the substantial and representative young citizens of the town. His birth occurred in Shelby county, Iowa, on the 5th of May, 1879, his parents being F. J. and Barbara Daeges, natives of Germany. The father, who crossed the Atlantic to the United States in 1867, first located in Chicago and removed to Shelby county, Iowa, in 1869. He has devoted his attention to general agricultural pursuits throughout his entire business career and still makes his home on a farm in that county.

M. J. Daeges obtained his education in St. Mary's Institute of Dayton, Ohio, and also pursued a commercial course at Atlantic, Iowa. For three years he followed the profession of school teaching in Shelby county and

then spent the winter of 1904 as an employe of the Atlas Grain Company of Chicago, which concern has a branch in Templeton. In the summer of 1906 he embarked in the grain business in association with a Mr. Stevenson and at the end of two years severed the connection to become a partner of Charles Dozler of Templeton, but recently disposed of his interests to his partner in order to devote his entire time to his banking business. In the spring of 1909 he became identified with the Farmers Savings Bank as a stockholder and for the past two years has acted as cashier of the institution, proving a most able and trustworthy official.

In the spring of 1902 Mr. Daeges was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Ocken, a daughter of John Ocken, Sr., who resides on a farm north of Arcadia in Carroll county. Fraternaly Mr. Daeges is identified with the Knights of Columbus at Carroll. In his social and business life he is recognized as a man of genuine personal worth, who has won the respect and esteem of all with whom he has come in contact.

SAMUEL C. DUNKLE, M. D.

Dr. Samuel C. Dunkle, a well known and successful physician and surgeon of Glidden, has here practiced his profession continuously since 1874 with the exception of two years spent in Colorado. His birth occurred in Clarion, Pennsylvania, on the 1st of January, 1847, his parents being William and Barbara (Fidlar) Dunkle, who were likewise natives of the Keystone state. His paternal grandfather was also a native of Pennsylvania and a farmer by occupation. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Barbara Watson, lived to attain the age of about ninety-five years. Their children included the following named: Michael, Peter and William. The maternal grandfather of our subject was born in Pennsylvania and participated in the war of 1812, his widow receiving a land warrant from the government. Their children were as follows: John, David, Elias, Barbara and Ann.

William Dunkle, the father of Dr. Dunkle, was engaged in general agricultural pursuits throughout his active business career. His demise occurred in Clarion, Pennsylvania, about 1870, when he had attained the age of fifty-four years, while his wife was about forty years old when called to her final rest. Both were Methodists in religious faith. Their children were seven in number, namely: Lavina, who died at the age of fifteen years; Margaret, the wife of S. D. Barr, of Des Moines; Emma, the wife of Samuel Wilson, of Clarion, Pennsylvania; Samuel C., of this review; Elias, who is deceased; Edwin, who is a resident of Scott county, Iowa; and Elizabeth, who is the wife of Charles McDowell and resides in Pennsylvania.

Samuel C. Dunkle was reared on his father's farm in Pennsylvania and supplemented his preliminary education, obtained in the district schools, by a course of study in Reed Institute. In 1863 he enlisted in Company C, First Pennsylvania Cavalry, serving with that command for one year. He was at Gettysburg, but did not take part in the regular engagement, spending

most of his time at the front in guarding prisoners. After returning from the war he again attended school in Pennsylvania and also taught for a time. In 1867 he removed to Cedar county, Iowa, where he remained for three or four years, teaching school and studying medicine in the office of Dr. Burns at Walcott, Iowa. He afterward attended Rush Medical College of Chicago and also spent a year in the Kentucky School of Medicine at Louisville, Kentucky, where he completed his professional training. Locating for practice at Glidden, Iowa, in 1874, he has here resided continuously since with the exception of two years spent in Colorado. He belongs to the Carroll County Medical Society, the Iowa State Medical Society and the American Medical Association, and thus keeps in touch with what the profession is accomplishing and promotes his own knowledge and efficiency. A large practice has been accorded him since the beginning of his professional career, for he has demonstrated his power to successfully cope with the complex problems that continually confront the physician, is most careful in the diagnosis of a case and correct in his application of remedial agencies. Financial interests have also claimed his attention. In 1893 he organized the First National Bank, serving as president of the institution until 1906. Prior to the organization of that bank he had been in partnership with his brother-in-law, H. M. Gabriel, in the conduct of a private bank at Glidden. He likewise owns town property and is widely recognized as one of the most prosperous and respected residents of the community.

On the 25th of February, 1875, Dr. Dunkle was united in marriage to Miss Jennie Gabriel, a native of Ohio and a daughter of Isaac N. and Cleopatra (Cotton) Gabriel, who were likewise natives of that state. Removing to Iowa, they spent the remainder of their lives in Cedar county and Wilton. Mr. Gabriel passed away about 1873, when fifty-one years of age, while his wife lived to attain the age of sixty-five. They had the following children: Ernest, Jennie, Mary, Charles, Melita, Horatio M., Elgiva and Nellie. Our subject and his wife have two children. Faye C., a graduate of Rockford College, is a teacher in St. Paul, Minnesota, where she has followed the profession of teaching for about ten years. Warren G. is a clerk in the First National Bank of Sioux City, Iowa.

Dr. Dunkle gives his political allegiance to the republican party, believing that its principles are most conducive to good government. He was made a Mason at Glidden in 1876 and belongs to the commandery at Jefferson, Iowa. In professional and social circles he holds to high standards and enjoys in large measure the confidence and trust of those with whom he is brought in contact in every relation of life.

EDWIN ARTHUR WISSLER.

Edwin Arthur Wissler, who has been successfully engaged in the practice of law at Carroll for the past ten years, is now serving his second term as county attorney. His birth occurred in Cass county, Iowa, on the 4th of November, 1875. His father, Henry Wissler, who was born in Bavaria,

Germany, on the banks of the Rhine, December 8, 1831, is now living in honorable retirement at Atlantic, Iowa. In 1851 he crossed the Atlantic to the United States in a sailing vessel, landing at New York city and later joining a sister at Niagara Falls. There he secured employment at a wage of eight dollars per month and from his stipend paid back the money which he had borrowed from his brother-in-law to pay his passage to America. In the meantime he attended school and gained a fair knowledge of the English language. In 1855 he came to Iowa, first settling in Lee county and working by the month at various occupations for three or four years. He remained in Lewis, Iowa, until 1857, and took part in the merciful work of the underground railroad, assisting slaves from the south on their pilgrimage to a place of refuge. In the meantime he purchased an eighty-acre tract of land, retaining the property until 1859, when he sold out and returned to Lee county. There he purchased land and made his home for fifteen years or until 1874, when he took up his abode in Cass county, buying a farm in Bear Grove township and devoting his attention to its operation until 1905. In that year, having accumulated a handsome competence, he put aside the active work of the fields and removed to Atlantic, where he has since enjoyed the fruits of his former toil in well-earned ease. His political allegiance is given to the democracy. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Mary Herschel, was born in Lee county, Iowa, of German parentage, and is still living at the age of seventy years. She is a devoted and consistent member of the Congregational church.

Edwin Arthur Wissler, who was the ninth in order of birth in a family of ten children, was reared on the home farm and attended the country schools in the acquirement of an education. After teaching school for about a year he pursued a commercial course in the Atlantic Business College and subsequently continued his studies in the State Teachers College at Cedar Falls. Having determined upon the legal profession as a life work, he entered the law department of the University of Iowa, from which he was graduated on the 12th of June, 1901. On the 1st of October following he located for practice in Carroll, where he has since built up an extensive and lucrative clientage. His success in a professional way affords the best evidence of his capabilities in this line. He is a strong advocate with the jury and concise in his appeals before the court. Much of the success which has attended him in his professional career is undoubtedly due to the fact that in no instance will he permit himself to go into court with a case unless he has absolute confidence in the justice of his client's cause. Basing his efforts on this principle, from which there are far too many lapses in professional ranks, it naturally follows that he seldom loses a case in whose support he is enlisted.

On the 25th of June, 1899, Mr. Wissler was united in marriage to Miss Ollie Cranston, who was born in Cass county on the 3d of September, 1876. Their children are five in number, namely: Wade, whose birth occurred in Iowa City on the 29th of May, 1900; Myra June, whose natal day was August 15, 1902; Don, who was born on the 7th of October, 1904; Rex,

whose birth occurred on the 10th of November, 1906; and Eugene Carroll, born May 11, 1911. The four last named were born in Carroll.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. Wissler has supported the men and measures of the democracy. In the fall of 1906 he was elected to the office of county attorney and is now serving his second term. Fraternally he is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Modern Woodmen of America, while in the line of his profession he is connected with the State Bar Association. His wife is a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal church. His life is actuated by high and honorable principles, manifest in his professional and social relations and in his connection with public interests.

R. H. WHEELER.

R. H. Wheeler, assistant cashier of the German Savings Bank of Manning, Iowa, gives promise as the years advance of making his mark in the financial world. This prophecy is based upon the reputation he has established of possessing sound judgment and good business capacity. He is a native of Salida, Colorado, born July 28, 1885, being a son of George H. and Mary M. (Ryel) Wheeler, both of whom were born in New York state. The father has spent a large part of his life in the middle west and west. The hardware business has occupied most of his time and he now resides at Tacoma, Washington. He is a member of the Masonic order. The mother of our subject is deceased. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler were three children: R. H.; Louella, the wife of John A. Campbell, of Botna, Iowa; and Leland, who lives in Tacoma.

Mr. Wheeler, whose name introduces this review, was educated in the public schools of Neola, Harlan and Manning. After leaving school he worked on a farm two years and for one and one-half years was connected with a poultry house. In November, 1906, he was appointed bookkeeper of the German Savings Bank of Manning and has since been identified with that institution, having been advanced to the position of assistant cashier April 6, 1909. This bank was organized in 1899 and has now been in existence about twelve years. It is capitalized at fifty thousand dollars. The incorporators were F. M. Leet, G. H. Dietz, John H. Kuhl, John Greleck, Julius Brunnier, Gustav Jans, A. K. Resner and A. T. Bennett, and the original officers were: F. M. Leet, president; A. T. Bennett, vice president; W. F. Carpenter, cashier; and F. L. Shumaker, assistant cashier. The officers at the present time are: H. P. Mundt, president; H. P. Hansen, vice president; F. W. Wohlenberg, cashier; and R. H. Wheeler, assistant cashier. The bank has been successful from the start and is one of the well established and flourishing institutions of this section.

Politically Mr. Wheeler has from the time of casting his first ballot been a staunch supporter of the republican party and socially is identified with the Masonic order, whose beneficent principles have had an important effect in

shaping his life. He is also a member of the fire department of Manning. By his kindly disposition he has gained a wide circle of friends and acquaintances and by the able discharge of his duties in his chosen calling has practically demonstrated his ability as a business man. Although only twenty-six years of age, he has gained an enviable reputation in a business calling for rare discrimination and thorough knowledge of human nature, and his friends have no doubt that he will "make good" in the discharge of any responsibility he may be called upon to fill.

JOSEPH S. SCHAPMANN.

Among the native sons of Iowa who are utilizing the excellent opportunities offered by this state to the agriculturist and stock-raiser is numbered Joseph S. Schapmann. He was born in Carroll, Carroll county, on the 26th of December, 1875, a son of Henry and Mary (Drees) Schapmann. The father, who was born near Berlin, Germany, came to the United States in young manhood and for a time made his home in Dubuque, Iowa, whence he removed to Carroll, Carroll county, at an early day, being one of the very first business men of that city. At one time he conducted a store at Mount Carmel, Iowa, and engaged in farming for a year, after which he entered the saloon business in Carroll and there passed away on the 2d of January, 1885. His remains were interred at the cemetery at Mount Carmel. His wife still survives and makes her home with her son, Joseph S. Schapmann, who is the third in order of birth in a family of four sons and one daughter, the others being as follows: John, a resident of Nebraska; Henry, deceased; Frank F., of Tilden, Nebraska; and Mary, residing with her mother.

At the usual age Joseph S. Schapmann became a pupil in the schools of Mount Carmel, and then of Breda, following which he became an attendant of the parochial schools of Carroll, and after passing through consecutive grades therein completed his education in the college of that city. He thus became well equipped by thorough mental training for life's practical and responsible duties, and since entering the business world has manifested keen sagacity and sound judgment. He is now operating the old homestead farm for his mother, consisting of three hundred and twenty acres in Kniest township, in addition to which they own considerable land in Nebraska, Kansas and Idaho. His time is divided between his general farming and stock-raising interests, being an extensive feeder of graded stock, and in both branches his efforts are meeting with most satisfactory results, for he is industrious, energetic and persevering and gives close attention to the details of his business, while at the same time he employs the most modern and up-to-date methods.

Mr. Schapmann was married June 9, 1908, to Miss Frances Ortner, and unto them have been born two children: Agnes and Alma. Mr. and Mrs. Schapmann hold membership in the Mount Carmel Catholic church and the former is identified fraternally with the Modern Woodmen of America at

Breda, Iowa, and the Knights of Columbus, at Carroll. Early in life he became interested in the politics of the country and, forming his own opinions and rules of conduct, has given support to the democratic party. He has served as clerk of the township and has ever been a helpful worker for the best interests of the community in which he resides, at all times being in line with any movement purposing to better local conditions. His entire life has been passed in this locality and his genuine worth has given him a firm hold upon the regard, respect and good will of all with whom he has come in contact.

JOHN P. STEVENS.

One of those who have long been identified with the agricultural interests of Carroll county is John P. Stevens, who was born in Bureau county, Illinois, on the 18th of August, 1855. He is of English extraction, his father, Robert E. Stevens, having been born in Cambridgeshire, England, as was his grandfather, S. F. Stevens.

John P. Stevens came to Richland township when a lad of thirteen years, and here he has ever since resided, devoting his attention to farming. He and his family continue to make their home on the farm, in the operation of which he engaged for many years. Mr. Stevens is now living practically retired, having turned over the cultivation of the land to his son.

On the 26th of June, 1877, Mr. Stevens established a home by his marriage to Miss Mary J. Willey, of Pleasant Valley, and they became the parents of three children, one of whom, Guernard DeLos, passed away on the 24th of September, 1903, being laid to rest in the cemetery at Glidden. The other two are Malcolm Erie and Hazel Emily, both of whom are at home with their parents. Mrs. Stevens is also of English extraction in the paternal line, her father, Edwin Willey, having been born in the mother country, but her mother, Sarah McDonald, was born in southern Illinois and her grandmother in Parish, Kentucky.

Mr. Stevens has met with success in his farming and owns one of the good homesteads of Richland township, where he and his family are held in high esteem.

JOHN PARKER.

A highly respected citizen of Carroll county who donned the blue for three years and valiantly fought in defense of the stars and stripes on the battle fields of the south is John Parker, a retired agriculturist of Warren township. He was born in Langton, England, on the 16th of March, 1833, being a son of John and Elizabeth (Taylor) Parker, also natives of Langton.

John Parker spent the first twenty-four years of his life in the mother country, acquiring his education in the common schools, after the completion of which he learned the blacksmith's trade. In 1857 he took passage for America, locating in Canada, where he remained for three years. On the 1st of June, 1860, he crossed into the United States, settling in Dixon, Illinois, where he continued to follow his trade. When the call came for troops in the '60s, he responded, going to the front with Company H, Third Missouri Cavalry. He saw considerable active fighting as well as field duty while serving in the Department of the Northwest and assisted in driving the rebels out of Missouri. During the winter of 1864 he crossed the Arkansas on the ice at Little Rock, where he was later mustered out, after having spent three years and nine months in the service. Although he never sustained any wounds on the field of battle, Mr. Parker was left quite deaf as the result of exposure, but aside from this affliction, which naturally has grown more pronounced with the passing of time, he enjoys most excellent health at seventy-eight. After receiving his discharge he returned to Dixon, Illinois, where he was subsequently married, following which he located on a farm which he cultivated until 1879. In the latter year he moved to Iowa, purchasing one hundred and sixty acres of land in Warren township, Carroll county, upon which he has ever since continued to reside. Success following his efforts he was later able to add to his tract, which was located on section 16, a quarter of section 17. He has since disposed of one hundred acres of the latter, investing the proceeds in one hundred and sixty acres in South Dakota. In 1909 Mr. Parker divided up his property among his children, giving the old homestead to his three unmarried daughters, who rent out the land. He continues to make his home on the farm where he has resided for over thirty-two years.

On the 1st of March, 1866, Mr. Parker was united in marriage to Miss Mary Leivan, of Dixon, Illinois. Mrs. Parker was born in the district of Trier, Prussia, Germany, on the 13th of December, 1842, and was a daughter of Matthias and Anna Mary (Mischel) Leivan, the mother having passed away when her daughter was six weeks of age. Matthias Leivan was also a native of Trier on the river Mosel, his natal day being the 13th of November, 1813. At the age of twenty-one he entered the German army, serving for four years in the Ninth Regiment of Hussars. After his period of service had expired he was married to Anna Mary Mischel, their union being solemnized in 1839. Mr. Leivan emigrated to the United States with his four-year-old daughter in 1846, locating in Pennsylvania. In 1857 he removed to Dixon, Illinois, and there he passed away on the 15th of May, 1893. To Mr. and Mrs. Parker there were born five daughters and one son, the order of their birth being as follows: Jennie M., who is living on the old homestead; Ida, the wife of Charles Rocksien, of Manning, who has two children, Pearl and Lee; Clara, also at home; Grace, the widow of Homer Waugh, of Zion City, Illinois; Minnie, who is on the old homestead; and Charles W., of Draper, South Dakota, who married Mildred George, of Coon Rapids, Iowa, to whom has been born one daughter, Mabel. Mrs. Parker is deceased, having passed away on the old homestead on the 13th of October, 1907.

The entire family affiliate with the Methodist Episcopal church, of which Mrs. Parker was also a member. Mr. Parker maintains relations with his old comrades of the field through the medium of his membership in McPherson Post, No. 33, G. A. R., of Manning, Iowa, of which body he was chaplain for many years. Ever since he was granted the right of suffrage through naturalization Mr. Parker has voted with the republican party. He was the first school director in the Manning district, which at that time had the supervision over three schools, continuing in this capacity for several years. Mr. Parker has made many friends, whose regard has grown with the passing of time, during the long period of his residence in Warren township.

WILLIAM T. BOHNENKAMP.

William T. Bohnenkamp, who is now serving his second term as superintendent of schools of Carroll county, a position which he has filled to the general satisfaction of parents and pupils, is a native of this county, born March 5, 1879. His father, John H. Bohnenkamp, was born in Dubuque county, Iowa, and came to Carroll, Carroll county, and engaged in buying and selling stock with his brother, William Bohnenkamp, for a year. He then moved to Breda and entered business on his own account, being now proprietor of a meat market. The mother, Caroline Adeline (Bruning) Bohnenkamp, was born in Grant county, Wisconsin, a daughter of Clemence and Mary Ann (Arts) Bruning. Mr. Bruning arrived with his family at Carroll, Iowa, early in the '70s and took up his residence at Arcadia, later locating on a farm one mile south of Breda. Mr. Bohnenkamp, Sr., and his wife are both members of the Catholic church and he is also connected with the Roman Catholic Mutual Protective Association. He votes the democratic ticket and served as postmaster of Breda under President Cleveland's second administration. He has also very successfully filled the office of mayor of the town. He is now fifty-eight years of age and his wife is three years his junior.

Mr. Bohnenkamp of this review is indebted to the public and parochial schools for his preliminary education. He later became a student of the Breda high school from which he was graduated in 1896. He taught school for five years in district No. 3 of Kniest township and then became connected with his brother, Clemence A. Bohnenkamp, with The Breda Watchman. In the spring of 1903 he retired from the newspaper business and again resumed teaching, having charge of a school in district No. 1, Wheatland township, one year, and in district No. 2 of the same township three years. In the spring of 1907 he was elected principal of the Breda public schools and displayed such excellent ability that in November, 1908, he was elected county superintendent of schools, a position which he now fills. He is an earnest and capable friend of education and having had large practical experience as a teacher and school superintendent is well qualified to dis-

charge the responsible duties required of the head of the educational system of the county.

On the 27th of November, 1901, Mr. Bohnenkamp was married to Miss Margaret Spoo, who was born in Clinton county, Iowa, March 30, 1883. They have five children, John H., Mildred A., Elizabeth B., Mary P. and Clara E. Mr. Bohnenkamp was born and reared within the folds of the Catholic church and has always endeavored to shape his life in accordance with its teachings, being a member of St. Joseph's church at Carroll. He was a charter member of St. Bernard's Court, No. 873, C. O. F., and also holds membership in the Roman Catholic Mutual Protective Association and the Knights of Columbus. In politics he adheres to the democratic party as the organization he believes is best adapted to guide the destinies of the nation. He has been largely controlled by an abiding sense of personal responsibility and is justly regarded as one of the most useful and trustworthy citizens of Carroll county.

DANIEL JACKSON LOVELL.

Daniel Jackson Lovell, who is engaged in the cultivation of a hundred and twenty acre farm on section 5, Union township, was born in Scott county, Iowa, on the 15th of December, 1859. He is a son of William and Sarah (Grace) Lovell, the father a native of New Jersey and the mother of Pennsylvania. William Lovell was a son of John and Elizabeth (Rush) Lovell, also natives of New Jersey, where he was reared and educated. In his early manhood he came west to Iowa, being one of the first settlers in Davenport, where for a time he followed his trade, which was that of carpentry. Later he settled in the vicinity of Walnut Grove, Scott county, where he engaged in agricultural pursuits. In 1877 he came to Carroll county, where he passed away in 1895 at the age of eighty-seven years and ten days. His wife survived until 1900, her demise occurring a few days before celebrating the seventy-eighth anniversary of her birth. They were both originally members of the Methodist Episcopal church. The maternal grandfather, Michael Grace, was a native of Pennsylvania, but of German extraction. To him and his wife were born the following children: John, Eunice, Sarah Jane, Lois Catharine, Margaret, Mary Ann, Michael, Nelson, Daniel, Hannah and Jackson. Mr. and Mrs. William Lovell were the parents of eleven children, as follows: Nelson G., who is a resident of Miller, South Dakota; Sarah Jane, the wife of William Trucks, of Calhoun county, Iowa; Mary Elizabeth, the deceased wife of J. D. Binford; John G.; Michael William, who is a resident of Colorado; Lois, the wife of G. H. White, of Marion, Iowa; Joseph Henry, who lives in Oklahoma; Reuben D., who is deceased; Eliza Ann, the wife of William Bolan, of Fort Dodge, Iowa; Daniel J., our subject; and James Washington, who is deceased.

The first eighteen years of his life Daniel Jackson Lovell spent in Scott and Clinton counties, Iowa, in whose district schools he obtained his educa-

tion. He removed with his parents to Carroll county in 1877, continuing a member of the parental household until he attained his majority. After his marriage he farmed in Union township as a renter until 1882, when he bought eighty acres which he disposed of later, again operating leased land until 1905. In the latter year he purchased his present place in Union township, where he has ever since resided.

On the 3d of February, 1881, Mr. Lovell was united in marriage to Miss Annis Parker, a daughter of Asa and Margaret (Boyle) Parker. Mrs. Lovell was born in the state of Oregon, her parents having moved to the west in the early days. The father died in California, following which the mother returned to Iowa, passing away at her home in Union township. To them were born seven children: Seth, Honor, Annis, Estella, Longley, Dora and Carrie, who is deceased.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Lovell was blessed by the birth of six children: Irwin, a resident of Guthrie county, who married Mabel Rabuck and has two children, Mary Edna and Tama Evelyn; Mona, who is a graduate of the Iowa State Teachers' College, Cedar Falls, Iowa; Harry; Raymond; John; and one who died in infancy. All the members of the family surviving with the exception of the eldest son are still at home.

Mr. Lovell gives his political support to the republican party, and is now serving in the capacity of township trustee, the responsibilities of which office he is discharging in a manner highly satisfactory to his constituency.

HENRY G. JACOBS.

Henry G. Jacobs, who is engaged in the cultivation of two hundred acres of fine farming land which he owns in Sheridan township, was born near Salt Creek, in Menard county, Illinois, on the 7th of January, 1873. He is a son of John and Catherine (Meyers) Jacobs, natives of Germany, the father having been born in Hanover. He emigrated to the United States during Grant's second administration as president and located in Menard county, Illinois, where they resided for four years. In 1874 they removed to Iowa, settling on a farm which they acquired in Sheridan township, Carroll county, in the cultivation of which Mr. Jacobs engaged until his demise in 1896. Mrs. Jacobs passed away in the same year and was laid to rest beside her husband in Mount Hope cemetery. They both affiliated with the Lutheran church, in the faith of which they reared their two sons, Henry G., our subject; and George D., also a farmer of Sheridan township.

Our subject was only a child a trifle over one year of age when his parents located here and he acquired his education in the district schools of Sheridan township and the normal at Carroll. He remained a member of the parental household during the lifetime of his father and mother, giving his time and attention to the cultivation of the homestead. Twelve years ago he acquired the farm upon which he is now residing, during which time

he has wrought many improvements. He engages in general farming in connection with which he also raises stock and is making a success of both.

Mr. Jacobs established a home for himself by his marriage in 1899 to Miss Caroline Louisa Lange, and they have become the parents of six children: George, Carl, Arvel, Laretta, Helen and Elmer.

His political support Mr. Jacobs gives to the democratic party in state and national elections, but in the selection of county and township officials he votes for the man he deems best qualified to protect the interests of the majority, regardless of party affiliation. He is one of the widely known citizens of the township as well as one of the most prosperous agriculturists.

WILLIAM ARTS.

Not what a man has done for himself but what he has done for others is the true measure of his worth, and in all history it is those who have contributed most to the happiness of their fellow beings that stand highest in the love and respect of mankind. Judged by this standard, William Arts, for nearly forty years a leading citizen of Carroll, will long be remembered by those who had the honor of his acquaintance and his name will always be associated prominently with the history of Carroll county. Eminently successful in every line of business to which he directed his attention, he was especially noted for his fidelity to trust and one of his chief concerns in the closing days of his life was to safeguard the interests that had been placed in his charge.

Born near Galena, Illinois, October 2, 1840, he spent his boyhood in southwestern Wisconsin and northern Illinois. He attended the district schools and later possessed advantages of training in the public schools of Galena and the college of the Dominican Fathers at Sinsinawa, Wisconsin. At the age of nineteen, in 1859, he yielded to the gold excitement which swept throughout the country from the Pacific coast and started with a party of adventurers upon a trip of five and one-half months across the plains and mountains to California. After spending several years in California, in the course of which he underwent great hardships, he joined with others on a prospecting tour through Oregon, Washington, and the present state of Idaho. He and two partners made a rich gold strike on the spot where Idaho City, Idaho, now stands and were practically the founders of a mining camp which has since developed into one of the flourishing cities of the state. He engaged successfully in mining until the fall of 1864 and then started for his old home in Illinois with a party of companions. After passing through great dangers from Indians and also from hunger and thirst, Mr. Arts with two other survivors of the party arrived almost exhausted at one of the frontier settlements of Nebraska. Shortly afterward he arrived at Galena, where he was married, and on January 24, 1865, started with his bride on a ship from New York to return to Idaho. The journey led to the Isthmus of Panama and from the western coast of Central America Mr.

Arts and his bride went aboard a ship for San Francisco and finally arrived at Idaho City after a period of about three months. Here they lived for three years, their daughter, Emma, being the first white child born in that mining camp. In October, 1867, Mr. Arts started with his wife and baby by stage upon a trip of fifteen days and nights to Cheyenne, Wyoming, which was then the terminus of the Union Pacific Railway. They returned by train to Galena, Illinois, and after spending the winter there Mr. Arts went to the mines for one more season. He disposed of his interest and on October 7, 1868, bade farewell to Idaho City, once more returning to Galena. In passing through Iowa he was much pleased with the appearance of the country and accordingly in October, 1869, came to Wheatland township, Carroll county, Iowa, and purchased section 12, which became known as the Arts section. Here he erected the first building of the locality, in which his family took up their residence the next spring. In 1871 he removed to Carroll, which he made his permanent home. He soon became a leading business man and also took a prominent part in public affairs, serving as a member of the city council and also from 1880 to 1882 as county treasurer, but declined re-nomination at the close of his first term. He engaged in grain buying in the early days and was a partner of D. Wayne in a general merchandise store, later purchasing his partner's interest. In 1884 he associated with A. C. Manemann in the general merchandise business, in which they continued for more than ten years. In 1888 he assisted in organizing the German Bank of Carroll county, buying out Patterson Brothers, and served as president of the bank for many years. In 1887 he organized the German Printing Association, which acquired *Der Carroll Demokrat*, and Mr. Arts was the first president of this association. Through his influence the *Carroll Times* was organized in 1897. This proved an enterprise in which he was greatly interested, its success affording him probably as much satisfaction as any investment that he made in his later years. He was the founder of the German-American bank, which began business February 1, 1898. This institution may be regarded as a monument to Mr. Arts' energy and ability and he took great pains to provide for its continuation according to his sterling ideas of honesty and integrity. He was followed by his two sons, W. A. and J. C. Arts, who are worthy successors to him in business. Beside his banking interest he had extensive real-estate holdings in this and adjoining counties and was also the owner of large tracts of farm land in western Canada. He left an estate probably the largest ever accumulated in Carroll county.

On the 24th of January, 1865, Mr. Arts was married, at Galena, Illinois, in St. Mary's Catholic church, by Rev. Father Powers, to Miss Christine Manemann, a daughter of Clemence and Mary Anna (Stockel) Manemann, who were natives of Lengeringen, Germany, where they were married January 4, 1843. Two years later, with their son, Bernard, they came to America, landing at New York, whence they made their way to Nauvoo, Illinois. After a short time they removed to Galena, where the father engaged in farming. However he had previously learned the trade of carpentering in Germany, where he had built many residences, mills and public buildings, and also conducted a carpenter shop on his farm. In 1893 he and his wife

celebrated their golden wedding. They were members of the Catholic church and Mr. Manemann was a staunch supporter of democratic principles. He died November 16, 1895, and his wife passed away January 4, 1906. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Arts have been born the following children: Emma, resides at home. William A. is mentioned on another page of this volume. Frank H. wedded Mary Mikesell and resides in Fremont, Nebraska, where he is engaged in the mercantile business. He has three children, Graydon, Gretchen and Stanford. Anna is the wife of Frank J. Rettenmaier, a pharmacist of Carroll, Iowa, and has four sons, Wilbur, Paul, Lewis and Gerald. J. C. is mentioned on another page of this volume. Louise is the wife of Fred A. Pielsticker, of Eldorado, Kansas, who is manager and owner of the Eldorado Electric Refrigerator Company. They have two children, William and Robert. Augusta, the next member of the Arts family, and Mary, the youngest, reside at home. Mr. Arts was a man of fine social characteristics but his greatest happiness was found in the society of his wife and children. He was a valued member of the Knights of Columbus and in religious belief was a lifelong adherent of the Catholic church. He was the leader in the organization of the SS. Peter and Paul Catholic church in 1885, becoming one of the three trustees of the church. He was a generous contributor to religious objects and to all movements that aimed to promote the welfare of the community, giving freely of his time as well as his money and asking no return except the approval of his own conscience. He was a public-spirited citizen and did his part in every enterprise that looked to the advancement of the general welfare. He was active in politics and at one time was treasurer of this county and held many positions of trust in the city. Whatever he did was for the best interests of the community and his labors were an element in promoting the material, intellectual, political, social and moral progress.

This noble citizen, who won and retained the good will of all who came within the circle of his influence, died September 22, 1910, being then nearly seventy years of age. He suffered for over eight years from diabetes and, although he secured the best medical advice, the disease slowly advanced until the spirit was freed from its earthly tenement. It was only through the exercise of a masterful will that he was able to endure for this long period, but he bore his sufferings heroically to the last and spoke calmly to his sons of the approaching change and unflinchingly prepared for the end but out of the depth of his sympathy and love sought to conceal the gravity of his real condition from his wife and daughters.

One of the local papers said of him: "The importance of Mr. Arts as a business man, his intimate relations from an early day with the affairs of Carroll and Carroll county, makes his death in the fullness of years and in the esteem of all who knew him somewhat of an epochal event as between the old and the new generation, the pioneers and the sons of pioneers. Very few are left of the hardy generation to which he belonged, whose lives surveyed the vast building which has fashioned the present from its beginning in the far past. Many have already gone and few remain. No one has given in greater measure of himself and of his talents to Carroll and Carroll coun-

ty than has William Arts. In a sensible and unostentatious way he was a charitable man, helping many in their struggles to get a start or tide over difficulties, and to the church and its charities and enterprises he was a prodigal giver. By the exercises of a powerful will and good judgment he made his way to a success that others with the same opportunities could not reach, but it was done by prudent investment, not by speculation. It was his pride that not a dollar of his fortune was made in a questionable way."

The following summary of his character appeared in the Carroll Times and as it was written by one who knew him through years of intimate association the tribute is especially appropriate in this place: "In the death of William Arts this city and county is deprived of the influence for good of a man incorruptible in his sterling integrity, a powerful factor in seeking the bettering of wrong conditions affecting the body politic, and whose views, freely expressed, always carried great weight in influencing thought and the study of questions among those who might have differed with him through erroneous impressions. He will be missed by high and low, rich and poor, all of whom will recall his many good acts and qualities. The business sagacity of William Arts, his enterprise, integrity and solidity, were of the old school, all based on unswerving honesty and the sense of duty to God and man. His moral life, clean habits, honesty and sturdiness of character are virtues that should keep bright the lamp of his memory to generations yet to come. He has passed to his eternal reward, let us hope and believe, as we hope that an all merciful Father may grant us everlasting life when this earthly career ends. We sadly miss our fellow citizen, neighbor, friend, benefactor. Henceforth we can but cherish his memory, seek consolation in the thought that his pains, trials and vexations are over; that beyond the vale of shadows his spirit emerged into the world that we can but mistily view by the power of our imagination, but which faith depicts and assures us, abounds with joy that shall never cease."

WILLIAM SEXTON.

One of the well known early settlers of Carroll county is William Sexton, who has been living retired in Ralston since 1907. He was born in Norfolk county, England, on the 22d of January, 1848, and is a son of Stephen and Mary (Fields) Sexton. The father was also a native of Norfolk county, born on the 1st of December, 1810, and was a son of William Sexton. Stephen Sexton was reared at home, remaining a member of the paternal household until he had attained the age of twenty-five years, at which time he was married to Miss Fields, and subsequent to this event he became game-keeper for James Gay, a large land owner of Norfolk county. Ten children were born to Stephen and Mary Sexton, the order of their birth being as follows: Margaret, the eldest member of the family, is deceased. Sarah A., who kept house for the family following the demise of the mother, taught school in Illinois for nearly fifty years. Mary A., who married B. F.

Blessinger, of Bluffton, Indiana, has one child, Millie. Stephen, who was the eldest son, is deceased. James, who lives in Streator, Illinois, has two children, Dr. Roy Sexton and Nellie, who married Jay Arthur and has one child, Alice E. William, our subject, is the sixth in order of birth. Eliza, who married C. B. Crittenden of Carroll county, has five children: Stephen, Annie, Grace, Edwin and Birdie. Fred, who is living in Seattle, Washington, is married and had the following children: Kate; Fred; William; Walter, deceased; and Roy. Emily married J. R. Howard and has five children: Effie, Charlie, Mabel, Benjamin and Mary. Emma, the youngest, died in infancy. In 1857 Stephen Sexton and family emigrated to the United States, locating in La Salle county, where two years later the wife and mother passed away. In the spring of 1859 he removed to a farm ten miles north-east of Streator, where he continued to reside until 1875, at which time he came to Carroll county. From his retirement in 1875 until he passed away on the 19th of June, 1890, Mr. Sexton made his home with his children in Carroll county.

William Sexton, who was nine years of age when his parents came to America, had been attending one of the private schools of England for four years. After locating in La Salle county he entered the district school in the vicinity of his home, continuing to study there until he had attained the age of fifteen years, at which time he left home to begin earning his own living. He first hired out as a farm hand by the month, continuing to be identified with that occupation until he reached the age of nineteen, at which time he was married. Subsequent to this event he removed to Cedar county, Iowa, where he farmed as a renter for four years, during which time he saved sufficient money to enable him to buy eighty acres of land in Carroll county. After cultivating his property for eleven years he added another fifty-six acres to his holdings, and in 1892 he again added a similar amount, making the aggregate of his realty one hundred and ninety-two acres. Mr. Sexton lived upon his homestead, engaging in general farming and stock-raising until 1907, when he removed to Ralston and bought his present home. Since his retirement he has sold all of his farm lands except the old homestead, which he is now renting to his youngest son.

On the 4th of June, 1867, Mr. Sexton was united in marriage to Miss Peniath Spencer, a daughter of James and Mary (Bilsborough) Spencer, natives of England. Mr. Spencer, who was born on the 22d of February, 1812, was reared and educated in the mother country, emigrating to the United States in 1830. When he first arrived in this country he located in Fall River, Massachusetts, where he held the position as foreman in a calico print works for several years. He subsequently removed to Michigan, where he resided for three years, during which period he was married to Miss Bilsborough. From there he moved to Illinois, locating upon a farm in La Salle county in the cultivation of which he was engaged until his demise in 1881. He had survived his wife for twenty-four years, her death having occurred in December, 1857. They were the parents of five children. James B., the eldest member of the family, was killed in the Civil war. Mary E., who was married to Philander Brock of La Salle county, passed away in

1893. Thomas H., also of La Salle county, where he died in October, 1909, was married and had six children: Mary, James, John, Mabel, William and Elmer. Peniath, who became Mrs. Sexton, is the youngest, Jane, the last born, having died in infancy. Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Sexton: Willis H., who lives in Ralston, married Miss Addie Boyes, and has one child, James; Anna V., who passed away on the 19th of May, 1903, became the wife of Wesley J. Taylor, by whom she had one child, Harold; Mary E., who is also deceased, her demise occurring on the 30th of May, 1907, married E. G. Boyes, and had one child, Hazel; Harry V., who is a resident of Green county and married Miss Flora Jenks, and has four children: Thelma, Marion, William and a baby; Laura, who is living in Carroll county, became the wife of George Hobbs, and their children are Glenn, Iva and May; Stephen, who married Miss Hester Cox, has one child, Margaret; Floy, the youngest child, became the wife of Gay S. Thomas.

Mr. and Mrs. Sexton have never affiliated with any denomination but they attend and give their support to the United Brethren church. In politics he has always supported the candidates of the democratic party, and for five years he was a member of the board of supervisors, three years of which time he served as chairman, discharging the duties of his office in a manner which was highly commendable to himself and the body he represented.

HENRY HACKFORT, SR.

Henry Hackfort, Sr., who is now living retired on his farm of two hundred acres near Willey, was successfully identified with agricultural interests throughout his active business career and still owns five hundred and sixty acres of valuable land in Pleasant Valley township, as well as a farm of three hundred and nineteen acres in Newton township. His birth occurred in Westphalia, Germany, on the 24th of February, 1853, his parents being B. H. and Adeline Hackfort, who spent their entire lives in that country. The father passed away at the age of sixty-two, while the mother was fifty-nine years old when called to her final rest.

Henry Hackfort, Sr., began his education in the fatherland and subsequently continued his studies in America. He worked as a farm hand for his father until the time of his emigration to the new world in 1873 and after landing on American shores made his way to Winneshiek county, Iowa, where he was employed at farm labor for six years. In 1879 he came to Carroll county and having carefully saved his earnings, purchased a farm of eighty acres in Pleasant Valley township. As his financial resources increased, owing to his untiring industry and capable management, he extended the boundaries of the place by additional purchase from time to time until it now embraces two hundred and forty acres. This farm is at present being operated by his son Henry. In 1902 our subject took up his abode on a tract of two hundred acres on section 21, Pleasant Valley township, where he is now living in honorable retirement. He likewise owns another farm

of one hundred and twenty acres which is being operated by his son Herman. In Newton township he owns and leases a tract of land comprising three hundred and nineteen acres. During his active business career he raised white-faced cattle and at one time fed cattle for market purposes. In all of his business affairs he was alert and enterprising, meeting with the measure of success which always rewards earnest, persistent and well directed labor.

On the 29th of May, 1877, in Winneshiek county, Mr. Hackfort wedded Miss Mary Geling, a daughter of Henry and Adeline (Kennebec) Geling, who operated a farm in that county. The father was called to his final rest in 1870, while the mother passed away in 1890. Unto our subject and his wife were born seven children, as follows: Henry, Jr., residing on the old homestead, who wedded Miss Mary Smith and has one child, Lauretta; Herman, who operates another of his father's farms; Anna, who is the wife of John Smith, an agriculturist of Pleasant Valley township, and has one child, Leona; and Benjamin, Mary, Lizzie and Joseph, all at home.

In politics Mr. Hackfort is a democrat, loyally supporting the men and measures of that party. The German Catholic church at Willey numbers him among its faithful communicants. Coming to the new world in early manhood, he wisely utilized the opportunities offered in a land unhampered by caste or class and steadily worked his way upward to a position among the respected and substantial citizens of his community.

SAMUEL H. JOHNSTON.

Samuel H. Johnston, who is now serving as mayor of Carroll for the third term, has been successfully engaged in the practice of veterinary surgery here for the past twenty-three years. His birth occurred in Ontario, Canada, on the 12th of October, 1862, his parents being Henry and Jane (MacMillan) Johnston, the former a native of Scotland and the latter of Canada. Henry Johnston, who emigrated to Canada when a boy, was successfully engaged in general agricultural pursuits throughout his active business career. He died when our subject was still a child, passing away in the faith of the Presbyterian church. His widow has now attained the age of eighty-seven years and is living on the old homestead in Canada with a son and daughter. She was reared in the Episcopal faith, but is a member of the Presbyterian church.

Samuel H. Johnston, who was the ninth in order of birth in a family of ten children, attended the public schools of Canada in the acquirement of an education. When twenty-two years of age he entered the Ontario Veterinary College, from which institution he was graduated in 1888. In that year he located for practice in Carroll, Iowa, and this city has since remained the scene of his professional labors, which have been attended with a gratifying measure of success. He has landed interests in Crawford county, this

state, and is widely recognized as a prosperous and leading citizen of the community.

In 1891 Mr. Johnston was united in marriage to Miss Soplironia Dunham, who was born in Dunlap, Iowa, in 1867. Unto them has been born one child, Roswell, whose natal year was 1898. Mr. Johnston is a stanch republican in politics and has been a member of the school board for twelve years, while for eight years he served on the city council. He is now serving his third term as mayor of Carroll and has exercised his official prerogatives in support of many measures of reform and improvement. Under his administration the city sewage system was inaugurated at a cost of thirty thousand dollars and this has since proved of immeasurable benefit. The water system was remodeled and improved at a cost of fifteen thousand dollars and the saloon license increased from fifteen to fifty dollars per month. The paving ordinance has been passed and over a mile of paved streets is under way. Also a franchise for city electric lighting and city heating was granted and valuable plants installed; also a gas franchise has been granted and a large plant put in operation. Mr. Johnston is a worthy exemplar of the Masonic fraternity and also belongs to the Knights of Pythias and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Of a sociable nature, he has found life enjoyable in the acquirement of a circle of friends that grows as grows the scope of his acquaintance.

JUDSON L. HANDLEY.

After many years of application as a farmer Judson L. Handley is now practically retired from the active duties of life and is living comfortably in a pleasant home in Maple River township, which he acquired by his wisely directed labors. He was born in Jefferson county, Illinois, April 19, 1844, a son of Jeremiah Washington and Abigail (Andrews) Handley. The father was for a number of years engaged in farming in Jefferson county and in 1848 settled in Linn county, Iowa, where he continued until called to his reward in 1895. There were twelve children in the family, namely: Arby L., now living in Missouri; Judson L., of this review; Axim I., who died at the age of twenty-two years; Louisa L., now the wife of Henry Blessing, of Linn county; George A., of St. Louis; Gertrude, the wife of Cloyd Collyer, of Denver, Colorado; John Q., of Plymouth county, Iowa; P. A., who lives in California; Edward S., of Linn county; Elmer L., also of California; Effie L., who married John A. Baer, of Linn county; and Charles W., of California.

Judson L. Handley possessed advantages of education in the district schools and was a student for two terms at Cornell College, Mount Vernon, Iowa. He continued at home until he was about twenty-five years of age when he began upon his own account by renting a farm of one hundred and twenty acres in Linn county from his father, which he cultivated to excellent advantage. However, he came to the conclusion that more

favorable opportunities were presented in Carroll county and in 1874 purchased one hundred and sixty acres of good land in Maple River township where he has ever since lived, except for a year and a half which he spent in Jackson county, Missouri. He has engaged in general farming and stock-raising and being an industrious man of good judgment and thoroughly acquainted with his business, has from the very beginning made a success of it. The farm is well equipped with good buildings and modern machinery and the fields yield abundant annual harvests.

In 1868 Mr. Handley was united in marriage to Miss Melvina G. Collins, a native of Whitley county, Indiana, and a daughter of Isaac and Nancy (Cuppy) Collins. Six children grew up in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Collins: James, who lost his life in the Civil war; Emmeline H., now the wife of William Collier, of Linn county, Iowa; John, who also died in the army; Martha, the wife of Fred Banta, of California, now deceased; Melvina G., now Mrs. Judson L. Handley; and Ella, who married Alvah Hayden and is deceased. The union of Mr. and Mrs. Handley has been blessed by the arrival of six children: William S., now living in Carroll county; Albert J., of Boone county, Nebraska; Abigail, who died at the age of four years; Ernest E., who has charge of the home farm; Robert E., who was called away at the age of twenty-five; and Grace E., the wife of William Ralph, of Carroll county.

In religious belief Mr. Handley gives his adherence to the German Brethren. Politically he supports the republican party and while he has not sought official honors, has served very acceptably as a member of the school board and also as its treasurer. He was early introduced to labor and acquired a competency which is highly creditable as it was honestly obtained. He is a reputable citizen of Carroll county who has contributed his full share toward the development of its important interests and therefore deserves adequate mention among the names recorded in this volume.

REV. JOHN HEINZLMEIER.

Rev. John Heinzlmeier has for the past eight years officiated as priest of St. Mary's church at Willey. His birth occurred in Bavaria, Singenbach, Germany, on the 24th of January, 1870, his parents being Joseph and Mary (Stegmeier) Heinzlmeier, both of whom were natives of that country. The father, who was an agriculturist by occupation, passed away in Germany, in which country the mother still makes her home.

Rev. John Heinzlmeier obtained his education in the graded and high schools of the fatherland and in 1887 crossed the Atlantic to the United States, reaching New York on the 10th of October of that year. Making his way to Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, he there attended St. Vincent's College for five years. Subsequently he spent three years at St. Bernhard's Seminary at Cullman, Alabama, and then entered St. Meinrad Seminary in Spencer county, Indiana, where he was ordained. He was first appointed

assistant to Rev. Frank Schulte of the Remsen (Iowa) parish and later spent three months with Father Joseph Keumper at Carroll. On the 6th of August, 1903, he became pastor of St. Mary's church at Willey, where he has since labored with consecrated and untiring zeal. The school and parsonage, two handsome and modern structures, were completed in 1907, while the present house of worship, which was erected at a cost of about thirty-five thousand dollars, was completed in January, 1910.

FRANK HOFFMAN.

Frank Hoffman, busily engaged in the pursuits of farming and stock-raising, is the owner of a well improved and productive tract of land comprising one hundred and sixty acres on section 28, Eden township. His birth occurred in Chicago, Illinois, on the 12th of November, 1858, his parents being Anton and Catherine (Ploederl) Hoffman, both of whom were natives of Bavaria, Germany. The father's birth occurred in February, 1830, while the mother was born on the 27th of January, 1826. Anton Hoffman emigrated to the United States in 1850, and Catherine Ploederl crossed the Atlantic the following year. Their marriage was celebrated in Chicago, Illinois. For a period of twenty-six or twenty-seven years Mr. Hoffman was there employed as yard man by the Singer & Talcott Stone Company. In 1879 he came to Carroll county, Iowa, spending the remainder of his life on a farm in Eden township. While a resident of the fatherland he had also been engaged in farming. His demise occurred on the 18th of May, 1908, while his wife had been called to her final rest on the 3d of the same month. Mr. Hoffman gave his political allegiance to the democracy and was a faithful communicant of the German Catholic church at Templeton, Iowa.

Frank Hoffman obtained his education in the grammar and high schools of Chicago and is a graduate of St. Michael's school. After putting aside his text-books he spent three years in the employ of the McCormick Wood Moulding & Building Company of Chicago as a shipping clerk. In July, 1877, he came to Carroll county, Iowa, with his older brother, John, settling on a farm near Carroll. It was in 1880 that he took up his abode on the farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Eden township which has remained his home to the present time. In addition to cultivating the cereals best adapted to soil and climate he raises Duroc Jersey hogs and at one time fed cattle for the market. His farm is well improved in every particular and its neat and thrifty appearance testifies to the supervision of a practical and progressive owner.

In the spring of 1880 Mr. Hoffman wedded Miss Mary Kollmansperger, a daughter of Andrew Kollmansperger, now deceased, who was a blacksmith of Hardin county, Iowa. Our subject and his wife are the parents of ten children. Elizabeth, who gave her hand in marriage to John Klocke, an agriculturist of Eden township, is the mother of three sons:

Frank, John and Joseph. Mary, living on a farm near Carroll, is the wife of Andrew Kirsh, by whom she has three children: Nicholas, Mary and Andrew. Johanna is the wife of Peter Siebenaller, a farmer by occupation, and has one child, Mary. The other children of Mr. Hoffman are as follows: Augusta, who joined the order of St. Dominic and is now known as Sister Merceda; Rosa and Frank, Jr., both at home; Theresa, a member of the same order as her sister Augusta and known by the name of Sister Gerarda; and Peter, Catherine and John, who are still under the parental roof.

In politics Mr. Hoffman is a democrat and his fellow townsmen, recognizing his worth and ability, have called him to several positions of public trust. He held the office of township clerk for twelve years, was assessor for six years and has also served in the capacity of township supervisor and that of road master. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the German Catholic church at Templeton. His career is identified with the history of Carroll county, where he has acquired a competence and where he is an honored and respected citizen.

JAMES H. FREETLY.

The cultivation of his excellent homestead of one hundred and sixty acres in Warren township has engaged the attention of James H. Freetly for over thirty years. His birth occurred in Henderson county, Illinois, on the 6th of November, 1848, his parents being John L. and Mary (Robins) Freetly, natives of Pennsylvania, the father being of German extraction. Mr. Freetly, who was a linguist of unusual ability, speaking seven different languages fluently, acquired his education in Pittsburg. He was a minister of the Presbyterian church, being identified with that profession for over forty years, during the greater portion of which time he was engaged in home missionary work. During the latter years of his life he was a resident of Henderson county, Illinois, and there he passed away in December, 1896, at the age of sixty-four years. Mrs. Freetly preceded him in 1891. To Mr. and Mrs. Freetly were born seven children, the order of their birth being as follows: Margaret Jane, who is a resident of Gray, Audubon county, Iowa; John Logan, who died in childhood; David, who passed away at the age of eight; James H., our subject; William, who is a farmer of Gray, Audubon county, Iowa; Mary Elizabeth, also a resident of Gray; and Joseph E., who died at the age of forty-two years.

James H. Freetly was reared at home, remaining a member of the parental household until he was twenty-three years old. In the acquirement of his education he attended the district schools of Lee county and the public schools of De Kalb county, Illinois. For seven years after leaving home he herded cattle in the swamps, following which he moved to Iowa, locating in Carroll county. During the first years of his residence here he farmed as a renter in the vicinity of Arcadia. At the expiration of that time he had

acquired sufficient capital to enable him to buy one hundred and sixty acres of land on section 16, which forms his present homestead. He has resided continuously on this place ever since settling here in 1879, with the exception of the year 1909 when he removed to Manning, but he returned to his farm in 1910. Mr. Freetly owns one of the well improved and highly cultivated properties of the township, which is plentifully stocked with a high grade of cattle and hogs. He has always engaged in general farming, but also has a very fine orchard containing one hundred bearing fruit trees, which have proven to be very lucrative. One of the desirable things about this very attractive homestead is the excellent water to be found there. By means of close application and unceasing effort, assisted by Mrs. Freetly's capable supervision of the household affairs, he has acquired a very comfortable competence in addition to his homestead, besides which, in 1908, he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land in Wells county, North Dakota.

Mr. Freetly's plans for a home of his own had their culmination in his marriage on the 25th of April, 1872, to Miss Mary E. Conner, a daughter of Martin and Harriet (Zigler) Conner. The father was a native of Butler county, Pennsylvania, of Irish extraction, his father having been born in the Emerald isle. Mr. Conner, who was a brick and stone mason, came west to Illinois in 1846, locating in the vicinity of Dixon, where he followed his trade. He came to Iowa on a visit to his daughter, Mrs. Freetly, in 1909, in December of which year he passed away, his demise occurring at the home of his son-in-law. Mrs. Conner died when her daughter Mary was in her seventeenth year. Mr. and Mrs. Conner were the parents of ten children: William E., who is a miner in Cripple Creek, Colorado; Mary E., now Mrs. Freetly; Alonzo, an implement dealer and well driller of Harmon, Illinois; Lucius L. and Lena, twins, the former having passed away in South Dakota and the latter now a resident of Harmon, Illinois; John, who died at Woolsey, South Dakota, his death resulting from an attack of pneumonia, as did that of his brother Lucius, both passing away in one week; Agnes, who died in Pennsylvania; Anna E., the wife of A. Lenhart, a farmer of Geneva, Nebraska; Rheuamy, who died at the age of fourteen in Harmon, Illinois; and Ottis E., a retired railroad man, now interested in the sawmill and lumber business in El Paso, Texas. Mr. and Mrs. Freetly became the parents of eight children. Elmer, a farmer of Calhoun county, Iowa, married Fannie Doty, of Lake City, Iowa, and they have three children, George, Velma and Claude. Elbert, who is a farmer of Boynton, Oklahoma, married Maude Sutton, of Manning, Iowa, and they have seven children: Levan, Dale, Florence, Ralph, Marian, Louis and Bessie. John M., also a farmer and a resident of Fulton, Minnesota, married Ellen Vollmer of Templeton, Iowa, and they have seven children: Glen, Frank, Otto, Cora, Hilda, Paul and Harvey. O. C., who is the fourth in order of birth, is a stock buyer at Manning, Iowa. Cora, the eldest daughter, married W. E. Wood, a farmer near Spokane, Washington, and they have become the parents of three children: Alma, Earl and Opal. Bertha, the youngest daughter and seventh in order of

birth, married B. I. Harding, a farmer of North Dakota, and they have one daughter, Elva, a babe of two months. Arthur R., the sixth member of the family and Charles H., who married Marie Kortum, are both living at home. The first two sons born to Mr. and Mrs. Freetly, Elmer and Elbert, are twins. In addition to their own large family they took care of an infant daughter of A. A. Conner, Mrs. Freetly's brother, whom they reared to womanhood. She married Claudius Farrell, a farmer of Audubon county, Iowa.

The family always affiliated with the Presbyterian church of Manning, of which both Mr. and Mrs. Freetly are members, while he gives his political support to the candidates of the republican party. Although he takes an active interest in all township political affairs, Mr. Freetly has never held office save that of school director in district No. 5 of Warren township, which he retained for ten years. During a residence in the county which covers a period of over thirty years Mr. Freetly has become very well known to the citizens of his community, who hold him in high regard.

JOSEPH 'ANNEAR.

One of the extensive landowners and substantial farmers of Carroll county, now living retired in Coon Rapids, is Joseph Annear, who for thirty-six years was engaged in agricultural pursuits in this county. His birth occurred in Yorkshire, England, his natal day being the 16th of October, 1845; his parents were Joseph and Jenifred (Blake) Annear, both natives of Cornwall, England, where the father was for many years employed in the mines, having begun working there when a mere child. He was an ambitious youth, however, and desiring to make more of himself than a miner he attended night school, thus acquiring a good education. Believing that America afforded better advantages for himself and family he emigrated to the United States in 1848 with his wife and family. Their first winter in this country the family spent in Detroit, Michigan. In the following spring they went to St. Mary's Island, Lake Superior, and from there to Dodgeville, Iowa county, Wisconsin. There the father died of cholera in 1850, at the age of forty-five years. Mrs. Annear attained the venerable age of seventy-six years before her demise. Determined to become a citizen and desirous of obtaining his full rights as such, Mr. Annear took out his naturalization papers upon his arrival in the city of New York. Both he and his wife were conformists and affiliated with the Episcopal church. The paternal grandparents spent their entire lives in the mother country and of their union there were born four children, three sons and one daughter. Samuel and Prudence (Blake) Blake, the maternal grandparents, were of yeoman stock and they, too, passed their entire lives in their native land. To them were born three sons and two daughters, as follows: Samuel, John, Richard, Jenifred and Betsy. By the union of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Annear were born six children, in the following order:

Jane, the wife of Alfred Bailey, of Richland county, Wisconsin; Joseph, our subject; John, of Richland Center, Wisconsin; Samuel, also of Richland county, Wisconsin; Emily, the late wife of James Louis; and Annie, also deceased, the wife of Thomas Endicott.

Joseph Annear, who was but five years of age when his father passed away, was reared on a farm in both Richland and Iowa counties, Wisconsin, to the district schools of which state he is indebted for his early education, which was supplemented by further study in a select school in Newton. He remained at home with his mother until he was nineteen years of age. As he was a widow's son much responsibility devolved upon him from his earliest boyhood, and for seven years after leaving the maternal roof he worked as a farm hand by the day. In 1865 he sent his money to Carroll county to make the first payment on eighty acres of land in Pleasant Valley township. He completed the payment on his farm that year but did not remove on it until November, 1868. In the early spring of 1869 he broke forty acres of his homestead which he immediately placed under cultivation. He was able later to add another one hundred and twenty acres to his tract, making the aggregate of his holdings two hundred acres. In 1891 he sold his farm for thirty dollars per acre and invested his capital in two hundred and eighty acres elsewhere in the county. He so successfully administered his affairs that he eventually acquired six hundred and fourteen acres in Carroll county, in addition to which he had quite extensive holdings in Canada, but he has recently sold three hundred and twelve acres of the latter. Mr. Annear retired from active farming in 1904, renting his land to his sons at one and a half dollars per acre, cash rent. Coming to Coon Rapids he bought the residence where he and his wife are now living, enjoying in the evening of life the ease and comfort to which they are so fully entitled.

On the 7th of September, 1871, Mr. Annear was united in marriage to Miss Mary J. Bedford, a daughter of Charles and Betsey (Knoles) Bedford. Mrs. Annear was born in Yorkshire, England, emigrating from there to America with her parents in her early womanhood. They located on section 15, Pleasant Valley township, where the parents passed away, the father having attained the age of seventy-seven at the time of his demise. To them were born four sons and two daughters: Charles; Albert; Mary J.; Thomas; Anna, who died at the age of fourteen; and a son who was five years old when he passed away.

Mr. and Mrs. Annear became the parents of seven children, three of whom are deceased: Lilly, who passed away at the age of six; and two who died in infancy. Those surviving are: Olletha, the wife of Frank Hessler, of Pleasant Valley, who has two children, Mamie and Thomas; Charles A., also a resident of Pleasant Valley township, who married Leslie Byers and has three children: James Albert, who lives in Newton township with his brother John; and John, who married Della Livingston and has two children.

To Mr. and Mrs. Annear belongs the distinction of having been the first to join the Methodist Episcopal church in Pleasant Valley township, and

they were also the first couple married there. His political allegiance in state and national elections is usually given to the republican party, as his views more closely conform to its policy, but in local affairs he always casts an independent ballot, supporting the men and measures he deems best qualified to subserve the interests of the majority. Mr. Annear is one of the self-made men of Carroll county, who by diligence and intelligently directed effort overcame the many obstacles which he encountered, and forging ahead attained a position which places him among the foremost agriculturists of the county.

CHARLES F. HAMILTON.

It requires a man of courage, strength of character and good judgment to fill the office of sheriff in such a way as to meet the approval of the taxpayers of a county. The subject of this review is now serving for the third term as sheriff of Carroll county, Iowa, and has so conducted the office as to merit the commendation of all law-abiding citizens, also promoting a wholesome regard for law throughout the county. His birth occurred in Clinton county, Iowa, on the 12th of September, 1852, his parents being John and Mary (Muldoon) Hamilton, both of whom were natives of Ireland, the former of County Antrim and the latter of County Clare. John Hamilton, who was a farmer by occupation, came to Iowa in 1837, settling near the present site of Clinton, where he made his home until 1867. Removing to Boone county, he there passed away in the same year at the age of fifty-six. His wife was called to her final rest in 1904, when eighty-three years of age, also passing away in Boone. Both were faithful communicants of the Catholic church. They were the parents of six sons and two daughters, as follows: Robert J., who is a resident of Nevada; Margaret, the wife of James Grace, of Des Moines; Charles F., of this review; William H., living in Fort Worth, Texas; David N., of Ogden, Utah; Martin B., who makes his home in Des Moines; Mary, the wife of Mathew Riley, of Boone, Iowa; and George, deceased.

Charles F. Hamilton was reared in Clinton county and subsequently spent two years in Boone. The year 1874 witnessed his arrival in Carroll and here he has resided continuously to the present time. He obtained his education in an old-fashioned log schoolhouse and after putting aside his text-books learned the blacksmith's trade, following that occupation until 1906. In that year he was chosen sheriff of Carroll county and still holds the office, having been elected for the third term.

On the 2d of September, 1874, Mr. Hamilton was united in marriage to Miss Susie Grace, a native of Ireland and a daughter of John and Julia Grace. Unto them were born three children, namely: John V.; Robert J.; and Grace, who died when twenty-one years of age.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. Hamilton has loyally supported the democracy. He served as city marshal of Carroll for

nine years, discharging his official duties in a most commendable and satisfactory manner. Fraternaly he is identified with the Knights of Columbus, while in religious faith both he and his wife are Catholics. His sterling traits of character have won him wide respect and made him liked wherever he is known.

SOLOMON RAYGOR.

A prosperous and highly regarded citizen of Union township is Solomon Raygor, who owns a fine homestead of ninety acres on section 2. His birth occurred in Fayette county, Pennsylvania, on the 30th of September, 1835, his parents being Nathaniel and Elizabeth (Rodocker) Raygor, who were also natives of the Keystone state. To them were born two sons, Solomon and Thomas. Mrs. Raygor passed away in 1837, and for his second wife he chose Miss Catharine Schrawger, who bore the following children: Jacob, Sarah, Elizabeth, Susan, James, Bella, Oliver, Joseph, Nathaniel, and one who died in infancy. The father who was a shoemaker, followed his trade for many years in connection with agricultural pursuits. He passed away in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, in 1891, at the age of seventy-nine, having survived his wife for about six years. The paternal grandparents were Thomas and Elizabeth (Leasee) Raygor, who spent their entire lives in Fayette county, Pennsylvania. Thomas Raygor, who was sixty-five years of age at the time of his death, was a veteran of the war of 1812, and his father, Peter Raygor, of the Revolutionary war. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Raygor were the parents of three children: Nathaniel, Joseph and Thomas. The maternal grandparents were John and Elizabeth (Rocker) Rodocker, who spent their entire lives in the Keystone state where he engaged in farming. They lived to a ripe old age and were the parents of a large family, among whose members were: Samuel, John and Elizabeth.

The entire life of Solomon Raygor has been spent on a farm. He was reared in Fayette and Westmoreland counties, Pennsylvania, his education being obtained in the district schools in the vicinity of his father's homestead. He was early trained in the work about the home, and by the time he had mastered the rudiments of the common branches he could till the fields and care for the crops. Terminating his studies, he worked in the factories for a time, remaining a member of the parental household until he was married, following which he engaged in farming. Accompanied by his wife and children he moved to Iowa in 1861, locating in the vicinity of Salem, Henry county, where he farmed as a renter for nineteen years. During this period he acquired the capital to buy forty-five acres of land in Union township upon which he settled. The cultivation of his farm proved so profitable that he has added to the same until he now owns ninety acres of excellent land, well improved and in a high state of cultivation.

On the 22d of October, 1857, Mr. Raygor was united in marriage to Miss Rosanna Grim, a daughter of John and Nancy (Sample) Grim. Mrs. Ray-

gor was born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, on the 1st of February, 1839. Her parents, both of whom were natives of the Keystone state, had ten children: Mary Ann, Elizabeth, Margaret, Joseph, Nancy, John, Rosanna, Catharine, David and Charlotte. Mrs. Grim passed away in Salem, Iowa, in 1875, at the age of seventy-two. For his second wife Mr. Grim chose Miss Alice Chamberlin, and of the five children born to them four attained maturity: Samuel, George, Belmont and Grover. The maternal grandparents of Mrs. Raygor were Ezekiel and Elizabeth (McBride) Sample.

To Mr. and Mrs. Raygor there were born eight children. Nancy Catharine, the eldest of the family, died at the age of three months. Mary married James Flatt, of Spirit Lake, Iowa, and they have three children surviving: Frank, Fred and Elizabeth. Joseph, who lives in the vicinity of Wilton, North Dakota, married Ida Sapp and they have five children: Ralph, Lylah, Otha, Warren and Arnold. Savvanah, who lives in Coon Rapids, Iowa, married Otha Blanchard, and they have three children: Ethel, May and Frank. John, who is living in Rugby, North Dakota, married Ida Cooley and they have eight children: Vernie, Winnie, Harold, Blanche, Mabel, Emerson, Ida Belle and Albert. Nathaniel, who married Mrs. May Thomas, the widow of Wesley Thomas, is living in Union township. Celia, who passed away at the age of twenty-five was unmarried. Thomas Albert, who is the youngest member of the family, is living at home with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Raygor affiliate with the Friends church, while politically he is independent. He has always been progressive and public-spirited in matters of citizenship, and served for several terms as supervisor and also as school director. While residing in Henry county he was secretary of the board of independent school directors. During the thirty years of his residence in Union township Mr. Raygor has impressed all those with whom he has come in contact as a man who is loyal in all of his relations of life, trustworthy and reliable.

JOHN J. KRUSE.

John J. Kruse, a retired farmer of Warren township now residing in Manning, was born in Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, on the 25th of August, 1850. He is a son of Jacob and Cecelia (Troe) Kruse, also natives of Schleswig-Holstein. There the father engaged in farming until his demise, but the mother emigrated to the United States in 1878, locating in Clinton county, Iowa, with a son, and there she passed away the following year. In the family were seven children: Henry, Mary M. and Jorgen, all of whom are deceased; Claus, who is a resident of Germany; Hans J., living in Manning; Peter, a resident of Shadron, Nebraska; and John J., our subject.

JOHN J. KRITSE AND FAMILY



The first twenty-seven years of his life John J. Kruse spent in the land of his birth, at the expiration of which period he decided to come to the United States, and crossing the Atlantic, he made his way to Clinton county, Iowa. For three years thereafter he worked as a farm hand, during which time he managed to save enough out of his meager earnings to enable him to buy ninety-five acres of land in Warren township. Later he added to this another tract of one hundred and forty-five acres, which he most successfully cultivated for many years. It was one of the well improved and highly cultivated farms of the township when he retired in 1910, at which time he sold eighty acres of his property. Coming to Manning he erected a very pleasant residence, now occupied by himself and family, and is enjoying the well merited ease earned by long years of labor.

On the 25th of February, 1880, Mr. Kruse was united in marriage to Miss Dora Meier, a daughter of Christopher and Minnie Meier, of Clinton county, Iowa. Her parents were both natives of Hanover, Germany, where the father always engaged in farming. They were among the early settlers of Clinton county, where Mr. Meier continued to be identified with agricultural pursuits until his demise. His widow is still living and now makes her home in Manning. He was a member of the Lutheran church, of which Mrs. Meier is also a communicant, and politically he was a democrat. Mrs. Kruse is a native of Clinton county, her natal day being the 28th of April, 1855. To Mr. and Mrs. Kruse have been born four children: Charley, now deceased; Ella, at home; John F., a resident of Des Moines; and Cecelia, deceased.

The children were confirmed in the Lutheran church, of which both Mr. and Mrs. Kruse are members. He is very fond of all outdoor sports, particularly hunting and fishing, and for eleven years has been president of the Manning Rifle Club. His political allegiance is given the democratic party, and he has served as township trustee, school director and road supervisor, holding one office or another for twenty-six years. He is one of those who expended the energy and vitality of his early years in such a manner that he is now able to enjoy the rest which is the well merited reward of intelligently directed effort.

JOSEPH MATHIAS DREES.

A native of Boston, Massachusetts, and a worthy representative of good Teutonic stock, Joseph Mathias Drees was born October 8, 1847. He has been a resident of Carroll county, Iowa, during a large part of his life and since 1880 has successfully engaged in the practice of law at Carroll, being known as one of the leaders of the bar in this county. He is a son of John 'A. Drees, who was born in Hanover, Germany, and as a young man learned the coppersmith's trade, also becoming a draftsman. At the age of twenty-one he was induced to emigrate to America by a large Boston firm, who engaged him as an expert workman, and he remained with this firm for twelve

years. While in Boston he was married to Miss Clara Feka, who was born in Munster, Germany, and crossed the ocean to America about the same time as Mr. Drees but did not make his acquaintance until later in Boston. About 1855 Mr. Drees, Sr., arrived with his family at Dubuque, Iowa, and later entered the copper, sheet iron and brass finishing business as senior member of the firm of Drees, Honnack & Essman. He was very successful in his business and was an unusually fine workman in copper and brass, being also a designer of marked ability. He gained an enviable reputation as a manufacturer of soda fountains, etc. He died in 1867, at the age of sixty-eight years, but was survived for many years by his wife, who passed away in 1908, after reaching the advanced age of ninety-three. She retained her mental faculties almost unimpaired up to the time of her death. She was a woman of many excellent qualities and was a steadfast member of the Catholic church. Mr. Drees was an adherent of the democratic party and was also connected with the Catholic church. He was a man of strong convictions and of large charities, being a liberal giver to worthy causes. After his death, his two eldest sons, Andrew and Bernard, took charge of the business, which they conducted for a number of years. Andrew died in 1908, at the age of sixty-seven, but Bernard is still living and makes his home at Carroll.

Mr. Drees of this review received his preliminary education at the parochial schools of Boston and Dubuque, later becoming a student of the high school, from which he was graduated. He engaged as clerk for several years in a mercantile establishment at Dubuque and then went east, where he was connected in a similar capacity with stores at Portland and at Boston. In 1867 he enlisted in the regular army and served for the full period of five years in various parts of the country, advancing to the position of sergeant. After receiving his honorable discharge he came to Carroll county, Iowa, in 1872 and took charge of a general store which was owned by his mother at Mount Carmel. He continued there until 1878 and then, having decided to devote his attention to law, he came to Carroll and entered the office of Hon. O. H. Manning, one of the leading practitioners of this section. After two years of close application to the study of law he was admitted to the bar of Iowa upon examination in 1880 and has since engaged in practice at Carroll. In addition to his legal duties he pays considerable attention to the insurance and real-estate business, which yields a handsome annual revenue.

In 1875, at Mount Carmel, Carroll county, Mr. Drees was married to Miss Johanna Adelia Kniest, a daughter of Lambert and Maria A. Kniest, the former of whom was born in Holland and the latter in Germany. The father came to Carroll county from Dubuque and was practically the pioneer in opening this county to Catholic immigration. He was quite successful as a merchant and land dealer. Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Drees. Those now called to mind are: Clara, who is at home; Theodore J., who was graduated from the law department of the University of Michigan and is now practicing at Carroll; Lambert J., who is engaged as a dentist at Carroll; John A., identified with his father in the real-estate

business; Frank W., now in Montana, having recently taken up a land claim there; Agnes; and Andrew, who is also living upon a land claim in Montana. The mother of these children died in 1885, having arrived at the age of forty-five years. She was a woman of many sterling qualities that greatly endeared her to all who came within the circle of her acquaintance. Mr. Drees is a valued member of St. Joseph's Catholic church and fraternally identified with the Knights of Columbus. He votes in support of the democratic party, of which he is a staunch adherent. For about fifteen years past he has served as justice of the peace, discharging the duties of the office in such a way as to meet the approval of the best citizens of all parties. A man of large experience, of thoroughly tested ability and of acknowledged high character, he is a credit to his family and his state and there can be no doubt as to his continued success in his chosen vocation.

GEORGE A. POEPPE.

On the roster of county officials appears the name of George A. Poepppe, who is now filling the position of auditor and is proving most loyal to the trust reposed in him. His birth occurred near Steinheim, Westphalia, Germany, on the 23d of April, 1863, his parents being John and Theresa Poepppe. His paternal grandfather, John Poepppe, was a farmer by occupation and passed away in Germany at the age of fifty-two years. He was the father of two sons and two daughters, namely: John, William, Theresa and Catharine.

John Poepppe, the father of George A. Poepppe, followed general agricultural pursuits throughout his active business career and died in Germany when seventy-six years of age. He served in the German wars of 1848, 1864 and 1866, ever proving a most loyal and valiant soldier. His wife also passed away when seventy-six years of age. Both were faithful communicants of the German Catholic church. Unto them were born eight children, three of whom still survive, as follows: George A., of this review; Frank; and Josephine. There was also a stepson, Joseph, who now makes his home two miles west of Carroll, Iowa.

George A. Poepppe spent the first eighteen years of his life in the fatherland and came to America in August, 1881, settling in Carroll county, Iowa. He had acquired an excellent education in Germany and after his emigration to the new world followed the profession of teaching for nineteen years. Subsequently he was engaged in business as a general merchant of Mount Carmel for eight years, also serving as postmaster of the town for a period of six years. On abandoning mercantile pursuits he began farming in Kniest township and devoted his attention to the work of the fields until 1907, when he became deputy county auditor, serving in that capacity for four years. On the expiration of that period he was elected county auditor and no one has reason to complain of the way in which he administers the affairs of the office.

On the 11th of February, 1890, Mr. Poeppe was united in marriage to Miss Lena R. Wernimont, a native of Dubuque, Iowa, and a daughter of John and Catharine (Peters) Wernimont, who were born in Luxemburg. Unto our subject and his wife were born nine children, namely: Cecelia, who is deceased; George N.; Theresa; Theodore; Loretta, who has likewise passed away; Martha; Albert; Isabel; and Coleta.

In politics Mr. Poeppe is a democrat, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Catholic church, to which his wife also belongs. The hope that led him to leave his native land and seek a home in America has been more than realized. He found the opportunities he sought—which, by the way, are always open to the ambitious, energetic man—and making the best of these he has steadily worked his way upward. He possesses the resolution, perseverance and reliability so characteristic of his nation, and his name has long been enrolled among the representative and respected citizens of Carroll county.

G. A. DREESZEN.

G. A. Dreeszen, one of the substantial citizens and a well known business man of Lidderdale, was born in Johnson county, this state, on the 13th of July, 1868, and is a son of C. R. and Margaret K. (Wersch) Dreeszen, both natives of Germany, in which country they were also married. The parents emigrated to the United States in 1868, the father being at that time forty years of age, locating in Johnson county where they remained for several months. From there they went to Muscatine county, whence they moved at the end of four years to Carroll county, settling in Sheridan township. They continued to reside in this county during the remainder of their lives, the father passing away on his homestead in 1900 and being laid to rest in the Lutheran cemetery in Sheridan township. The mother survived until 1910 and was also interred in the Lutheran cemetery. Mr. Dreeszen met with success in his agricultural pursuits, leading a very quiet, unostentatious life. His first residence was a one-room frame building, sixteen by twenty-four feet, and there was held both church and school. He was public-spirited and benevolent and contributed toward the building fund of the First Lutheran church. At the time of his death he owned one hundred and twenty acres of land, which was in a high state of cultivation. To Mr. and Mrs. Dreeszen there were born ten children, as follows: Matilda, who passed away at the age of five years; John, who is residing in the vicinity of Lincoln, Nebraska; Anna, the wife of W. D. Fisher, of Omaha, Nebraska; Fred, who is also a resident of Nebraska; Mollie, the wife of Herman Wohlenburg, of Sheridan township; Sophia, who married Jacob J. Best, of Jasper township; Henry, who is living in Calhoun county, Iowa; Caroline, who became the wife of C. Juergens; G. A., the subject of this sketch; and Herman, of Omaha, Nebraska.

The boyhood and youth of G. A. Dreeszen were spent on the family homestead in Sheridan township in whose common schools he obtained his education. He began his career as a wage-earner at the age of fifteen years as a farm hand, continuing to follow this occupation until he was twenty-one years of age, then having the necessary money and feeling competent to assume the responsibility he engaged in farming as a renter in Sheridan township. This venture proved so lucrative that in 1892 he was able to buy eighty acres of land which he cultivated until he came to Lidderdale. He then withdrew from active agricultural pursuits and established a hardware and implement business, for which purpose he erected a building. Under his capable management the business developed in a most gratifying manner. He enjoyed an excellent patronage and kept a good stock, for a small town, in the selection of which he had used most commendable judgment. He sold his interest in this business in the fall of 1910, but continues to be identified with the same in the capacity of manager. Mr. Dreeszen owns eighty acres of land near Lidderdale and one-half section in Dixon county, Iowa, in addition to his residence in town.

In 1893, Mr. Dreeszen was united in marriage to Miss Anna Jergens, and to them have been born five children, as follows: Harry, Roy, Charles, Edna and Carl. The last named is deceased, having fallen from a wagon which passed over him in 1900.

The family attend the Lutheran church. Mr. Dreeszen votes with the democrats and takes an active and helpful interest in all township and municipal affairs, serving for ten years as clerk of the school board, while at one time he was mayor of Lidderdale and is now acting in the capacity of school director. Mr. Dreeszen is entirely a self-made man, such success as has come to him having been the well merited reward of his own unaided and intelligently directed endeavors.

MICHAEL MOYLAN.

One of the most extensive land owners and successful agriculturists of Carroll county is Michael Moylan, who is a resident of Union township. He was born in County Mayo, Ireland, on the 18th of July, 1850, and is a son of Thomas and Nora (Connelly) Moylan. The parents were also natives of County Mayo, whence they removed to County Galway, where they continued to reside until they came to America in 1876. Upon their arrival in this country they first settled in Dallas Center, where they lived retired, but later they made their home with their children in Greene county. There the father passed away at the age of seventy-six and the mother seven weeks later at the age of seventy-eight. Both were communicants of the Roman Catholic church. The paternal grandparents were Thomas and Lizzie (Hughes) Moylan, both of County Mayo, where he engaged in agricultural pursuits. Mrs. Moylan passed away in early womanhood, but he had attained middle age before his demise. To them were born four children:

Thomas, Michael, James and Catherine. The maternal grandparents were Patrick and Mary (Gannan) Connelly, who also spent their entire lives in the Emerald isle. There Mr. Connelly, who was a farmer, passed away in middle life, but his wife had attained the venerable age of ninety years at the time of her demise. They had a large family, among whose members were the following: Julia, Bridget, Nora, Sarah, Ellen, Margaret and Patrick.

Michael Moylan was a very small lad when his parents located in County Galway, where the father engaged in farming until he came to America. There the lad was reared to manhood, acquiring his education in the common schools of the vicinity. Believing that much better opportunities awaited the ambitious youth in the United States than in the land of his nativity he decided to come to America, so in 1872 he took passage for this country. He first located in Boston, where he remained for five years. Deciding that he preferred agricultural pursuits and the country, in 1877 he moved to Iowa, settling in the vicinity of Dallas Center, where he farmed as a renter for four years. In the spring of 1881 he removed to Scranton, Iowa, where he rented two hundred and forty acres of land, which he operated for three years. Success was attending his efforts and in 1883 he had acquired sufficient capital to purchase one hundred and twenty acres on section 14, Union township, Carroll county, which formed the nucleus of his present homestead. In 1884 he removed to his homestead, the cultivation of which proved so lucrative that he has extended the boundaries of his farm until it now includes over eight hundred acres of land. This has been extensively and substantially improved during the period of Mr. Moylan's occupancy, while he has brought the land into a high state of cultivation. In connection with the tilling of his extensive fields he has raised stock on a very large scale, both occupations having netted him most gratifying returns. Mr. Moylan possesses the ability to carry to a successful issue large ventures, having a mind which can grasp and hold many details.

Mr. Moylan established a home for himself by his marriage on the 20th of April, 1876, to Miss Bridget Carroll, who was born in County Monahan, Ireland, in May, 1853. Her parents were Michael and Catharine (Daly) Carroll, also natives of the Emerald isle, where the father, who was a farmer, passed away in middle life. Mrs. Carroll joined her daughter in the United States in 1882, continuing to make her home with Mrs. Moylan in Union township until she passed away in 1896, at the age of eighty years. To Mr. and Mrs. Carroll were born six children: Patrick, Kitty, Mary, Julia, James and Bridget, now Mrs. Moylan, who emigrated to the United States in 1870. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Moylan were Thomas and Mary Carroll, unto whom were born the following children: Michael, Thomas, Julia, Mary, Catharine and Margaret. The maternal grandparents were Thomas and Mary (Condon) Daly, whose family numbered eight, one son and seven daughters: Mary, Alice, Ann, Lizzie, Margaret, Catharine, Bridget and Patrick.

To Mr. and Mrs. Moylan eight children were born, as follows: Mary, the wife of Lee Brochee, of Guthrie county, who has two children, Paul and

Pearl; Thomas, a farmer of Union township, who married Margaret Halligan and is now the father of two sons, Floyd and Lloyd; John, also a farmer of Union township, who married Lizzie Miller and now has two children, Theresa and Leo; William, a farmer of Union township, who married Jennie Clennan and has one child, Aaron Veronica; and Joseph, Francis, Nora and Eva, all of whom are at home with their parents.

The family are all communicants of the Roman Catholic church at Coon Rapids, while Mr. Moylan and three of his sons are members of the Knights of Columbus. His political allegiance he gives to the democratic party, but does not prominently participate in the township campaigns. Mr. Moylan is highly deserving of commendation for the success with which he has met, as it is entirely attributable to the intelligent and capable direction of his affairs. He came to America, as have many of his countrymen, with little or no capital save a willingness to work, laudable ambition and a persistency of purpose which enabled him to convert obstacles into opportunities and attain the goal to which he aspired.

WILLIAM LANGENFELD.

Carroll county has been signally favored in the class of men who have occupied her public offices, for they have usually been distinguished by a spirit of devotion to the public good and have displayed capability in the discharge of their various duties. A worthy representative of the officeholders at the present time is William Langenfeld, who by election in the fall of 1908 was made the custodian of the public funds and has since filled the position of county treasurer. His birth occurred in the Rhein province of Germany on the 24th of November, 1855, his parents being Henry and Catharine (Schneider) Langenfeld, who were likewise natives of that country. His paternal grandfather, Henry Langenfeld, was a farmer by occupation and passed away in Germany when more than ninety years of age. The maternal grandfather, John Schneider, also followed general agricultural pursuits throughout his active business career and died in Germany when more than eighty years old.

Henry Langenfeld, the father of our subject, was a soldier in the German army during the war of 1848. General agricultural pursuits claimed his attention throughout his entire business career and proved a gratifying source of income to him. In 1869 he crossed the Atlantic to the United States, settling near Mendota, La Salle county, Illinois. In 1898 he took up his abode near Muenster, Texas, where his demise occurred in 1908, when he had attained the age of eighty-two years. His wife died near the same place in March, 1911, at the age of eighty-two years. Both were communicants of the German Catholic church. Unto them were born five children, two of whom are yet living, as follows: William, of this review; and Christina, the wife of Henry Henscheid, who resides near Muenster, Texas.

William Langenfeld attended the common schools of his native land until he accompanied his parents on their emigration to America as a youth of thirteen years. In 1874 he came with them to Carroll county, Iowa, the family home being established in Roselle township. In 1877 he had become identified with educational interests and taught school during the winter months for ten years, while in the summer seasons he worked at farming. For a period of three years he resided in Arkansas. On returning to Iowa he became station agent for the Northwestern Railroad Company at Halbur, holding that position for nine years. On the expiration of that period he came to Carroll and was connected with the German paper here for two and a half years. Subsequently he was employed for a short time as station agent at Lehigh by the Great Western Railway. On the 1st of January, 1904, he became deputy county treasurer, while in the fall of 1908 he was elected county treasurer, having held that office continuously since. His previous experience as deputy well qualified him for the duties that devolve upon him and which he is most capably discharging.

On the 9th of January, 1883, Mr. Langenfeld was united in marriage to Miss Gertrude Rohlman, who was born in Germany and in the '70s came to America with her parents, Bernhard and Bernardina (Huesman) Rohlman. They came direct to Carroll county, Iowa, settling in Roselle township, where both Mr. and Mrs. Rohlman passed away. Mr. and Mrs. Langenfeld have five children, namely: Minnie; Emma, who is the wife of John Martes and resides on a farm near Adair, Iowa; Joseph; Anna; and William.

Mr. Langenfeld gives his political allegiance to the democracy, while in religious faith both he and his wife are Catholics. Their lives have been upright and serviceable, and the firm hold they have on the regard and good will of their community is not only fixed and lasting but well founded on demonstrated merit.

J. A. DOWNS, M. D.

Dr. J. A. Downs, a well known representative of the medical fraternity in Carroll county, has maintained his office at Glidden since May, 1899, and has built up a large practice in surgery. His birth occurred in Mercer county, Illinois, on the 8th of July, 1869, his parents being Isaac and Samantha J. (Knox) Downs, both of whom were natives of Illinois. His paternal grandfather, Joshua Downs, was a native of Maine and became a pioneer agriculturist of Mercer county, Illinois. He died in early manhood, leaving three children, namely: Isaac; Ellen, who first married a Mr. White and subsequently became the wife of a Mr. Langston; and Parthena, who wedded a Mr. Mumey. The widow of Joshua Downs married Jefferson Fuller, by whom she had five children, as follows: William, Jefferson, Thomas, Rosana and Mary Ann. George W. Knox, the maternal grandfather of our subject, was a native of Maine and followed farming

throughout his active business career, becoming a pioneer settler of Mercer county, Illinois. He and his wife lived to attain a ripe old age and reared a large family of children, including Samantha J., Ellen, Lydia, George W., Jr., and Joseph Benjamin.

Isaac Downs, the father of Dr. Downs, was a farmer by occupation and served as a soldier of the Civil war from 1862 until 1865. He belonged to Company G, One Hundred and Twenty-fourth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and was later transferred to the Thirty-third. His demise occurred in November, 1889, when he had attained the age of forty-seven years. He was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and also of the Methodist church, to which his widow likewise belongs. Mrs. Downs, who still survives, makes her home with her daughter at Joy, Illinois. Isaac and Samantha J. (Knox) Downs had two children: J. 'A.', of this review; and Irena M., the wife of William Robinson, of Joy, Illinois.

J. A. Downs spent the first twenty years of his life in his native county and in the acquirement of an education attended the public schools at Joy, Illinois. He next entered the Iowa Commercial College at Davenport and subsequently became superintendent of its actual business and banking interests, serving as vice president of the institution until his father's demise. At that time he left the college to settle his father's business and also took up the duties of tax collector, which office his father had held. Later he was employed for two years as a draftsman by G. A. Hanson, an architect of Davenport. Having determined upon the practice of medicine as a life work, he took up the study of that profession in the State University of Iowa, from which he was graduated in 1897. Locating for practice at Oxford Junction, he there remained for a year and a half or until the town was destroyed by fire. Removing to Des Moines, he continued his studies in the Highland Park College of Pharmacy, which institution conferred upon him the degree of Ph. G. In May, 1900, he opened an office at Glidden and has here remained to the present time, enjoying a practice that has steadily grown as his skill and ability have become recognized. He did not cease to be a student when he left college but by reading and investigation has broadened his knowledge and promoted his efficiency, also keeping in touch with the onward march of the profession through the interchange of ideas in the Carroll County Medical Society, the Iowa State Medical Society and the American Medical Association.

On the 21st of December, 1892, Dr. Downs was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary Ida Baldwin, a native of Jones county, Iowa, and a daughter of Theoran J. and Eliza A. (Smith) Baldwin, both of whom were born in Ohio. They are now residents of Salina, Kansas. Their children were ten in number, as follows: Marcellus Osceola; Frank J.; Lyman; Fred; Harvey C. and Charles, both of whom are deceased; Jennie; Gertrude; Alma; and Mary Ida. Dr. Downs and his wife have three sons: Leslie E., William E. and Lawrence J.

In politics Dr. Downs is a republican, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, to which his wife also belongs. His fraternal relations are with the Modern Woodmen.

Genial in disposition, unobtrusive and unassuming, he is patient under adverse criticism and in his expressions concerning brother practitioners is friendly and indulgent.

HARRY EDWARD BEACH.

Harry Edward Beach, a well known court reporter of Carroll, enjoys high standing among the followers of his profession in this state, having been chosen president of the Iowa State Court Reporters Association in 1910. His birth occurred in Glidden, Carroll county, Iowa, on the 10th of October, 1872, his parents being Myron W. and Lydia E. (Presnell) Beach, the former a native of Michigan and the latter of Indiana. The paternal grandfather was a native of New York and a cooper by trade. He was twice married, Myron W. Beach being the only child of his first marriage. By his second wife he had two sons, namely: Charles, an agriculturist of Story county, Iowa, who passed away in 1907; and Albert, who follows farming in Story county. The maternal grandfather of our subject died when about forty-five years of age, while his wife was seventy-six years old when called to her final rest. Their children included the following named: Henry and James, who are deceased; Zimri; Jeremiah; and Lydia E.

Myron W. Beach, the father of Harry E. Beach, worked at the cooper's trade in early manhood. He came to Carroll county in 1865 and located at Glidden, teaching in the country schools and being afterward elected county superintendent of schools here, which position he held for one term. Subsequently he studied law, and during the remainder of his life practiced the profession in this county and district, becoming widely recognized as a prominent and able attorney and enjoying a large clientage in Carroll for many years. He took up his abode in Carroll in 1883 and served as mayor of the town for two terms. His demise occurred on the 5th of November, 1906, when he had attained the age of sixty-two years, and thus the community lost one of its most valued, respected and prosperous citizens. At the time of the Civil war he became a member of the First Michigan Sharpshooters but after a few months was discharged because of disability. His widow still makes her home in Carroll, where she has a host of warm friends. She was the mother of four children, as follows: Melville A., a practicing physician of Stratford, Iowa; Harry Edward, of this review; Dr. Arthur E., who has passed away; and Lena A., a lady physician in the State Insane Hospital at Cherokee.

Harry E. Beach, whose name introduces this review, spent the first eleven years of his life in Glidden and in 1883 came with his parents to Carroll. He attended the public schools of Glidden and Carroll and after leaving the Carroll high school mastered shorthand. Subsequently he took up the study of law in Council Bluffs, being admitted to the bar in 1897. In 1892 he became a court reporter and has worked at that

profession almost continuously since. For five years, however, he was connected with the Cudahy Packing Company in Omaha. Since returning to Carroll in 1902 he has remained here as a court reporter, finding his knowledge of the law of great assistance to him in the work. In 1910 he served as president of the Iowa State Court Reporters Association.

On the 5th of January, 1892, Mr. Beach was united in marriage to Miss Nellie Butler, a native of Hamilton, Illinois, and a daughter of Charles and Belle Butler, who were born in Missouri and Illinois respectively. Mr. Butler died at the age of forty years and is still survived by his widow, who is now sixty years old. Unto our subject and his wife have been born four children: Frances E., Myron W., Warren E. and Florence A.

In the local ranks of his party Mr. Beach is an active and leading factor, having served as chairman of the republican county central committee since 1896. He is also a valued member of the Citizens Commercial Club of Carroll. Fraternaly he is identified with the Masons, belonging to Signet Lodge, No. 264, A. F. & A. M.; Copestone Chapter, No. 78, R. A. M., of Carroll, Iowa; and Rose Croix Commandery, No. 38, K. T., of Sac City. He is likewise a member of St. Albans Lodge, No. 17, K. P., of Council Bluffs. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Presbyterian church, to which his wife also belongs. Mr. Beach is the chairman of the church board of trustees. In all respects they are worthy of commendation and enjoy the general esteem of their friends, being truly representative of the best citizenship of the county.

Since the above sketch was written, upon the recommendation of Congressman Frank P. Woods, Mr. Beach was appointed Postmaster at Carroll, by President Taft, and confirmed by the United States Senate, his commission being dated March 1, 1911, for a term of four years, at a salary of two thousand, four hundred dollars per year.

JOHN A. SNYDER.

Among the residents of Carroll county who are now living retired, their present comfortable financial position being the direct result of former activity and enterprise along agricultural lines, is numbered John A. Snyder. A native of Illinois, he was born near Woodstock, McHenry county, on the 4th of March, 1854, a son of Adam and Barbara (Kochensperger) Snyder, both of whom were born in Germany. His paternal grandparents were both natives of the fatherland, where their entire lives were passed. His maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Adam Kochensperger, were also natives of the old country, where the latter's death occurred. The former came to America and passed away in McHenry county, Illinois, at about the age of sixty-five years. In their family were two sons and three daughters, Michael, Adam, Barbara, Margarete and Magdaliene. Adam Snyder,

the father of our subject, was a farmer by occupation, and after arriving in the United States located first in New York, where he followed that occupation for a time. Later he removed to Illinois, casting in his lot with the pioneers of McHenry county, and there passed away in 1863, at the age of forty-five years. His wife survived for some time, her death occurring in April, 1906, when eighty-two years of age. Both were faithful members of the German Evangelical church, and led most exemplary lives, being greatly honored and respected by all who knew them. Their family consisted of eight children, of whom six are yet living, namely: Caroline, the wife of Michael Senger, of Woodstock, Illinois; William, residing at Guthrie, Oklahoma; John, of this review; Helen, who married L. Kline, of Glidden township; Lydia, the wife of Earle Rich, also of this township; and Henry, making his home at Glidden.

On the home farm in McHenry county, Illinois, John A. Snyder was reared to manhood, and during the winter months attended the district schools in the acquirement of an education. The summer months were devoted to the work of the farm, for he was early assigned the tasks that usually fall to the lot of the country lad, and under the wise direction of his father received thorough practical training along agricultural lines. He remained at home until attaining his majority, when he entered business on his own account, wisely choosing as his life work the occupation to which he had been reared. In 1879 he purchased a farm of one hundred and twenty acres in Glidden township, Carroll county, but did not become a resident of this county, however, until 1884. In that year he took up his abode upon his farm and at once began its further development and improvement. Later he added to it another tract of twenty-four and a half acres, and this property still remains in his possession although he has since retired from the actual work of the farm. He now leases his place, the rental from which is proving a substantial source of revenue. In 1896 he withdrew from active life and removed to Glidden, where he purchased a good home and where he is now living in honorable retirement, his goodly competence enabling him to enjoy a life of ease and comfort.

Mr. Snyder was married, on the 26th of February, 1891, to Miss Susie Snavely, who was born near Lancaster, Pennsylvania, a daughter of Christian and Anna (Burkholder) Snavely. The paternal grandfather of Mrs. Snyder was Christian Snavely, a native of Pennsylvania, where he carried on agricultural pursuits. He married Miss Susan Miller and both passed away at the age of seventy-five years, the latter's death occurring in Illinois. They had only one son, Christian Snavely, Jr. The maternal grandfather of Mrs. Snyder was Abraham Burkholder, a native of Pennsylvania, who was a Mennonite preacher and also engaged in farming. He and his wife had a large family, including Samuel, David, Abraham, Daniel, Elizabeth, Susie and Maria. The parents of Mrs. Snyder were both natives of Pennsylvania, who removed to Illinois in 1865, locating in Ogle county. The father, who was a Mennonite minister, passed away in Shannon, Illinois, in April, 1907, at the age of seventy-four years, but his wife still survives, making her home in that city.

Mr. and Mrs. Snyder have for many years been active and helpful members of the Methodist Episcopal church of Glidden, of which the former has served as treasurer for fifteen years, while the latter is now treasurer of the Ladies Aid Society. He has ever been an ardent supporter of the principles of the republican party and in local affairs has taken a deep interest, although he has never sought nor desired public office. He is now in the prime of life and enjoys to the fullest measure the confidence and respect entertained for him by all who know him, for his life has ever been in keeping with high standards and characterized by noble purposes.

HON. FRANK M. POWERS.

The territory of the judicial district of which Carroll county is a part also includes the counties of Greene, Crawford, Ida, Sac and Calhoun, thus embracing one of the most important sections of Iowa and involving the settlement of litigation effecting many valuable interests. Hon. Frank M. Powers, the present incumbent of the office, is now serving his third term and has so acquitted himself as to merit the confidence and respect of his brethren at the bar and of the people of the district. He was born at West Troy, New York, September 4, 1851, a son of Patrick Hayes and Catharine (Harrington) Powers, both of whom were born in Ireland. They were married in their native land and came to America about 1844, taking up their residence at Albany, New York. Later they moved to Ohio and in the early part of the '50s arrived in Iowa, locating in Black Hawk county on a piece of wild land which Mr. Powers developed into a productive farm. Subsequently he moved to Buchanan county and purchased eighty acres of land west of Independence, upon which he established his homestead. There were nine children in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Powers: Maggie, who is the wife of A. Strong, of Lake City; Hon. Frank M., of this review; John A., who is deceased; James N., who lives at Greenriver, Utah; Henry A., of Emmetsburg, Iowa; Joseph W., who is deceased; Etta, who is a teacher in the schools of Salt Lake City; Nellie M., a teacher of Spokane, Washington; and Lizzie, who is deceased. The father of these children learned the cooper's trade in his early manhood but devoted the principal part of his life to farming, in which he gained a fair measure of success.

Frank M. Powers came to Iowa with his parents in his infancy and spent his boyhood days in Buchanan and Black Hawk counties. He attended the old-fashioned district schools in the winter seasons and during the summer assisted his father upon the home farm. After arriving at the age of sixteen he attended school at Jesup and Le Claire, Iowa, and, having decided to devote his attention to the study of law, entered the office of Bruckart & Ney, of Independence, Iowa, where he continued for two years, then becoming a student in the law department of the Iowa State University, in 1878. He practiced for one year at Jesup and, perceiving the importance of a wider field, removed to Carroll in 1880, where he has since maintained his home.

His abilities soon gained recognition and he secured a lucrative and growing clientage. In 1902 he was elected district judge and was reelected in 1906 and 1910, his present term expiring in January, 1915. As presiding officer of the county his fairness and impartiality have won the hearty approval of the best citizens irrespective of party, and his decisions have almost uniformly been sustained by the higher courts.

On the 3d of October, 1882, Judge Powers was married to Miss Sarah Doherty, who was born in Illinois. She lost her parents early in life and became a resident of Carroll county, Iowa. One daughter, Edith, has come to brighten the home of Judge and Mrs. Powers. She is now a student of the Carroll high school. Judge Powers is not a member of any religious denomination but his wife is identified with the Methodist church. He is prominently connected with the Masonic order, holding membership in Signet Lodge, A. F. & A. M., Copestone Chapter, R. A. M., and Rose Croix Commandery, No. 38, K. T. Politically he is a republican. A man of high scholarship and practical ability as a lawyer, he achieved success in his profession and is recognized as one of the thoroughly competent judges of the state. He is a close student and, as he possesses those sterling traits of character which everywhere attract confidence and regard, he enjoys in an unusual degree the respect of all with whom he comes into contact.

W. I. KORTRIGHT.

The value of the local newspaper in the upbuilding of the best interests of any community is universally conceded, and W. I. Kortright, editor and publisher of the Breda News, is becoming a factor in the growth and development of the town of Breda through his advocacy in the columns of his paper of progressive public measures and through his cooperation with many movements which have had for their object the general good. Mr. Kortright was born in Rockford, Illinois, on the 27th of January, 1879, a son of George W. and Jennie (Irving) Kortright, natives of Sullivan county, New York. Prior to his marriage, George W. Kortright left the Empire state and went to Illinois, locating at Rockford, while later he made his way to Sioux City, Iowa. Subsequently he went to Nebraska, Colorado and Oklahoma, and in each of those states carried on a general mercantile business. He was then engaged for a time in the wholesale photographic business in Sioux City, after which he later returned to Rockford, Illinois, whence he made his way to Des Moines, Iowa. There he now makes his home, being engaged in the manufacture of violins, in which he has always been deeply interested. He found in a pawn shop an old violoncello which he remodeled and later sold for one thousand dollars. He has offices in the Knights of Pythias block, at Des Moines, and is a workman of considerable skill and ability. He is descended from old New Jersey Dutch stock, tracing his ancestry back to Peter Stuyvesant, of colonial days. In his family were three sons and two daughters, as follows: Jessie, deceased; W. I., of this review; Charles P., an elec-

trician of Des Moines; Fern, of the Young Women's Christian Association of Moody Institute, at Chicago, Illinois; and Harry G., teller in the National Bank at Des Moines.

In the schools of Nebraska and Sioux City, Iowa, W. I. Kortright was educated, and upon entering the business world took up journalism as a vocation. His first step in newspaper work was made at Fairfax, South Dakota, where for five years he was connected with the Fairfax Sun Review. He then went to Gillette, Wyoming, where he edited the Gillette News, owned by S. D. Perry, for almost a year, after which he went to Randolph, Nebraska, where he published the Randolph Reporter. He abandoned the latter, however, in order to establish the Breda News, at Breda, Iowa, and edited the first issue of that paper on the 10th of June, 1909. The News is democratic in its political sympathy, and although one of the more recently established journals, is fast becoming one of the well known papers of the county, owing to the progressive spirit and business sagacity of Mr. Kortright. In the dissemination of local and general news he has developed an excellent journal which is also a good advertising medium because of its increasing circulation. He has a well equipped office and has done much for the city in his championship of those measures which he has deemed would prove of public benefit. In addition to the newspaper he also engages in the real-estate business, selling southwest and Minnesota lands.

In 1904 Mr. Kortright was united in marriage to Miss Flora Herrmann, and unto them has been born one daughter, Marian, now attending school. Mr. Kortright has always been a democrat in his political views and is now serving his first term as justice of the peace. He and his wife hold membership with the Royal Neighbors and he also belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America. He is an energetic, enterprising business man, and while doing everything in his power to legitimately advance his own interests by increasing the efficiency of his paper, he is also proving a potent force for progress and improvement in the community.

REV. GEORGE F. WESSLING.

Rev. George F. Wessling, a member of the Catholic priesthood now serving as assistant to Rev. Father Kuemper of SS. Peter and Paul's church at Carroll, was born in Breda, Carroll county, Iowa, December 23, 1883, a son of Joseph and Christina (Hoelter) Wessling, both of whom were natives of Germany. The father, who was born in Westphalia, was a farmer by occupation and came to America in 1861. The mother also arrived in this country about the same time and they were married in Dubuque county, New Vienna, Iowa. In 1871 they removed to Carroll county, settling in Breda, where the father engaged in farming, owning and cultivating two hundred and forty acres of rich and productive land. He was a member of St. Bernard's Catholic church of Breda, as are his family. He died in May, 1901, and is survived by his widow.

The Rev. George F. Wessling pursued his education in the district schools and the Catholic parochial school of Breda, after which he continued his studies at Mount Calvary, Wisconsin, spending five years in St. Lawrence College. He next entered St. Meinrad Seminary of Indiana, from which he was graduated with the class of 1909. Ten years before he had begun his studies for the priesthood and was ordained to the Catholic ministry on the 5th of June, 1909, at St. Meinrad. He said his first mass at his old home at Breda and on the 24th of June of that year was appointed assistant to Father Kuemper. His extended course of study made him a well informed man concerning topics of general knowledge as well as of church history and doctrine, and his devotion to the work ranks him with the able representatives of the Catholic priesthood in this section of the state.

JOHN GUY.

Among the prominent citizens of Carroll county now living retired is John Guy, who for eight years past has made his home in Carroll where he is enjoying a repose after many years of earnest application. He is a native of England, born May 4, 1828, a son of George and Catharine (Smith) Guy. The father was a farmer and came to the United States, locating near Oswego, New York, where he passed away well advanced in age. There were four sons in the family, William, Richard, George and John.

John Guy grew to manhood in England and received his education in his native land. About 1850 he came to America and took up his residence at Worcester, Massachusetts, where he followed various pursuits for fifteen years. In 1865, having decided that conditions were more favorable elsewhere, he removed to Iowa and spent several years in Clinton county, locating in 1872 in Eden township, Carroll county, where he bought a farm of two hundred and forty acres which he greatly improved. By application and good business judgment he became highly prosperous and acquired more land, being now the owner of six hundred acres in this county. Since 1903 he has lived retired at Carroll.

On October 10, 1848, Mr. Guy was united in marriage to Miss Susan Taylor, a daughter of Richard and Susannah (Dingle) Taylor, both of whom were natives of England. Mr. Taylor was a laboring man and lived to an advanced age. In his family were seven children, William, Richard, John, Susan, Sarah, Jane and Betsy. Four children came to bless the home of Mr. and Mrs. Guy: William, who died in Carroll in 1907; Taylor, a record of whom appears elsewhere in this work; George F., now residing in Carroll; and Belinda, the wife of G. W. Barber, of Grandmound, Iowa. Mrs. Guy was called away in August, 1907, having then reached the age of seventy-six years. She and her husband journeyed together in peace and happiness fifty-nine years and she was, indeed, to him a true and helpful



MR. AND MRS. JOHN GUY

companion. Mr. Guy is now in his eighty-third year. He is a member of the Methodist church, as was his wife. In the discharge of his duties, both in business and in private affairs, he has always been governed by principles of truth and justice, and as the evening of his life draws apace, enjoys in a high degree the respect of many friends in Carroll county.

FRANK H. LONG.

A half mile north of Manning is to be found the homestead of the late Frank H. Long, who was one of the prosperous agriculturists of Warren township. He was born in Owen county, Indiana, on the 25th of March, 1858, and was a son of John and Adeline (Irwin) Long, who were also natives of Owen county. The father in his younger days was a school teacher following which he engaged in agricultural pursuits, spending his entire life in the county of his birth, his demise occurring on his homestead in 1862. Mrs. Long survived until 1876. To Mr. and Mrs. Long were born one son and three daughters, the latter being: Eliza, who is the only surviving member of the family, the wife of John Weatherly, a farmer of Doon, Iowa; and Mrs. Mary Sands and Mrs. Nancy Vanslyke, both of whom are deceased.

Frank H. Long continued to reside in Indiana until he was seventeen years of age at which time he came to Iowa, locating in Marshall county in 1875. His winters were devoted to school teaching, while in the summer he did farm work. He supplemented his early education, which had been acquired in the common schools of Indiana, by pursuing courses in the schools of Spencer, Indiana, and Eldora, Iowa, while he also attended the normal schools of State Center and Marshalltown, Iowa. He was a well educated man and was fully and thoroughly qualified for the work which he elected to follow for several years. After his marriage he gave up teaching and devoted his entire attention to farming, which vocation he followed in Crawford county for two years. At the expiration of that time he purchased ninety acres of land in Warren township, where his widow continues to reside.

For his helpmate and companion Mr. Long chose Miss Rossie Arney, a daughter of Solomon and Eliza (Fulk) Arney, both of whom were born in Owen county, Indiana. The father when a lad of eleven years came to Iowa with his parents, who located on a farm in Marshall county in 1849. In later life this property came into the possession of Mr. Arney, who engaged in its cultivation until his demise on the 2d of February, 1893. Mrs. Arney came to Iowa with her sister when a young woman of sixteen years, and here she met and subsequently married Mr. Arney. She passed away on their homestead on the 19th of September, 1884. To them were born three sons and two daughters, as follows: Carey, who married Jennie Miller, now living on the old home place in Marshall county; John, a farmer in Howard county, Iowa, who married Roena Price; Rossie, now the widow

of Frank H. Long; Emma, who married Edwin Crouse, a farmer of Marshall county; and Perry, an implement dealer in Marshalltown, who has been married twice, his first wife being Cora Crouse, who died, and his second Cora Dill.

To Mr. and Mrs. Long there were born six children: Tura, the wife of William Schelldorf, a druggist of Manning, who has one child, Orlo; Olive, the wife of the Rev. H. C. Hurd, pastor of the Christian church of Estherville, Iowa, who has two children, Frank and Cuthbert; Corda, who is living at home; Dale, the wife of Robert Halford, a farmer and stockman, of Manning, who has two children, Berkley and Beverley; and Orma and Nola, both of whom are living at home and attending the high school at Manning. Mrs. Long, who is a woman possessed of unusual business sagacity, after the death of her husband took over the entire management of the farm which she is now operating with the assistance of hired help. She is carrying on general farming, every acre of her land being under cultivation, in connection with which she is also raising and feeding stock for the market. She makes a specialty of raising registered Poland China hogs, of which she now has a fine herd.

Mr. Long was a member of the Christian church at Manning, with which his widow and family continue to be identified, and fraternally he was affiliated with the Ancient Order of United Workmen and the Highland Nobles of Manning. He always voted with the democratic party, taking an active and helpful interest in township affairs of a governmental nature, and served for several years as assessor in Warren township. He passed away at the hospital at Carroll, his demise occurring on the 14th of January, 1909. He was a progressive man, intelligent and well informed, with high ideals of civic duty and always readily gave his cooperation toward the advancement of any movement which he felt would promote the intellectual or moral welfare of the community.

LOUIS PRILL.

Glidden has a goodly proportion of retired men—men who for many years were closely associated with agricultural, industrial or commercial interests here or elsewhere, and in the management of their affairs won the success that now permits of honorable rest from labor. Prominent among this class is Louis Prill, now one of the venerable residents of Carroll county, having reached the eighty-fifth milestone on life's journey. He is one of the valuable citizens whom Germany has furnished to the new world, his birth occurring in Lauenburg, on the 24th of December, 1826. He is a son of Henry and Charlotte (Frohm) Prill, also natives of Germany, whose large family of five sons and six daughters included Joachim, Christina, Dorothea, Carolina, Wilhelmina, Lizetta, Frederick, Henry, Louis, William and Sophia. The father of this family, a farmer by occupation, passed away in the old country in 1848, at the age of sixty-five years. His wife survived him many

years and had reached the remarkable age of ninety years at the time of her death.

In the common schools of the fatherland Louis Prill acquired a good education and his father's farm was the training ground whereon he received thorough preparation for life's practical duties. He served a term as a soldier in the regular army, and then, in 1854, left the fatherland and came to the United States, first locating in LaPorte, Indiana. In that city he was engaged at various pursuits for six years, after which he made his way across the plains by wagon to Pike's Peak. Finding no work there, however, he continued on to Fort Laramie, Wyoming, and was there employed by the government at haying for a time. He then resumed his journey across the plains with Nevada as his destination, and in the meantime had many adventures with the Indians, who were still numerous in that region. After working in the quartz mills of that state for a while he made the trip back to Illinois by wagon, and was there engaged in farming for a period, first in Fayette and later in Coles counties. After remaining in the latter county three years he removed to Moultrie county, Illinois, where he farmed for two years, and in 1875 came to Iowa, since which year he has continued a resident of this state. He took up his abode in Carroll county, and although he purchased one hundred and sixty acres in Grant township he made his home in Glidden township, where he invested in seventy acres of land. He now owns two hundred and thirty acres of land in Glidden and one hundred and sixty in Grant townships, aside from an eighty-acre tract located within the corporation limits of Glidden on the south. Prosperity attended his efforts from the first and as the years passed his diligence and perseverance constituted the strong elements in the success which came to him, enabling him, about twenty years ago, to retire from active life, at which time he came to Glidden and has since made this his home. His bank deposits and other investments have been amply sufficient in the evening of life to supply him with all necessities and many comforts and luxuries, and thus in his declining days he has not found it necessary to labor for those things which contribute to man's welfare and happiness.

In the spring of 1854, ere leaving the fatherland, Mr. Prill was united in marriage to Miss Ida Minnie Barr, also a native of Germany, and unto them have been born nine children, as follows: William C., who resides in Glidden, and who married Miss Agnes Gibson, by whom he has one daughter, Margaret; Otto G., who married Miss Lizzie Clifton, and with his wife and daughter, Nellie, resides in Wyoming; Frank, of Glidden, who married Miss Carrie Shulze, unto which union have been born two daughters, Emma and Lillian; Lena, the wife of Vetch Hefton, of Marion county, Illinois, and the mother of five daughters; Henry, a farmer of Glidden township, who married Miss Ricke Seden, and now has eight children; Emma, who married Robert Lang, by whom she has four sons, Louis, Walter, Arthur and Palmer; Lizzie, the wife of George Lanspach and the mother of four children, Herbert, Fay, Margaret and Ruth, the family residing in Medford, Oregon; Charles, who married Amelia Loschen and now has one son, Orville, the family residence being located in Glidden; and Louis, who passed away at

the age of two and a half years. Mr. Prill has twenty-six grandchildren and there are also two great-grandchildren. In 1889 he was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, who passed away at the age of sixty-two years. She died in the faith of the Lutheran church, of which institution Mr. Prill is also an exemplary member. He has always been a staunch advocate of democratic principles and has held various township offices. A life of activity and usefulness has won for him an enviable position in the regard of his fellowmen. He early learned to value life's opportunities and appreciate its purposes, and he is now one of the revered patriarchs of his community, who was born during the administration of President John Q. Adams and has lived to witness the notable events which have not only shaped the history of the country but have also largely molded the destiny of the world. His reminiscences of the earlier days are interesting and give a glimpse into the by-gone civilization almost totally unknown to the youth of the present time.

JOSEPH M. DUNCK.

Joseph M. Dunck, a well known and respected resident of Carroll, is prominently identified with journalistic interests as the editor and manager of "Der Carroll Demokrat," a weekly newspaper. His birth occurred in Lyons, Iowa, on the 25th of January, 1874, his parents being Henry and Frances (Rehmann) Dunck, natives of Germany. His paternal grandfather, Joseph Dunck, who was also born in the fatherland, came to America with his wife, Mrs. Mary (Caspary) Dunck, and took up his abode in Lyons, Iowa, where his demise occurred when he had attained the age of about seventy-six years. His wife passed away while on a visit in Carroll county, being seventy-four years of age at the time of her demise. They were the parents of the following children: Josephine, Henry, Jacob, Leo, Julianna and Octavia N. The maternal grandfather of our subject was a farmer by occupation and died in middle life. He was the father of three daughters and one son, as follows: Mary, Frances, Elizabeth and Henry. The mother of these children was again married, her second husband being a Mr. Frische, by whom she had a daughter, Margaret.

Henry Dunck, the father of Joseph M. Dunck, was educated in the common schools of his native land and participated in the German war of 1865-6. He learned the carpenter's trade in early manhood and followed that occupation for many years. About 1867 he crossed the Atlantic to the United States, locating in Lyons, Iowa, where he worked at his trade. In 1873 he was married to Miss Frances Rehmann. In 1876 he took up his abode in Carroll, residing there for two years, on the expiration of which period he purchased a farm of one hundred and twenty acres in Maple river township, which he has brought under a high state of cultivation and improvement and on which he still makes his home. He has held various minor township offices and is widely recognized as one of the substantial and esteemed citi-

zens of the community. Both he and his wife are Catholics in religious faith. Their children were twelve in number, namely: Joseph M., of this review; Conrad, an agriculturist of Maple River township; Theresa, the wife of C. J. Montag, of Oregon; Julia, the wife of B. B. Lemker, of Maple River township; Mary, the wife of Joseph Goecke, of Kniest township; Catharine; Agatha, the wife of P. D. Neu, of Templeton, Iowa; Anna, the wife of John Schaefer, of Breda, Iowa; Frances; Josephine; and two who died in infancy.

Joseph M. Dunck, whose name introduces this review, was reared on his father's farm in Maple River township and obtained his early education in the district schools and the parochial school at Mount Carmel. In 1887 he went to Illinois and attended St. Joseph's College at Teutopolis in Effingham county for two years. The next two years were spent on his father's farm and during that period he took private lessons of Rev. Ignatius Roettler of Mount Carmel. Subsequently he attended St. Joseph's College at Dubuque for three years, winning the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1894. Five years later the degree of Master of Arts was conferred upon him by the same institution. During the next ten years he followed the profession of teaching, imparting clearly and readily to others the knowledge that he had acquired. He was then made editor and manager of a weekly German newspaper published in Carroll under the name of "Der Carroll Demokrat" and under his able direction the sheet has secured a large advertising patronage as well as many subscribers. In connection with his duties as editor of the paper Mr. Dunck also does general job printing. He gives his political allegiance to the democracy and is a devoted communicant of the Catholic church. His life is 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 great commendation.

LEWIS HOFFMAN.

Lewis Hoffman was born on the Atlantic Ocean, July 4, 1854, and was reared in the state of Wisconsin but came to Iowa in 1884, locating in Coon Rapids, Carroll county, where he has since resided. He is well and favorably known here.

WILLIAM A. ARTS.

William A. Arts, the cashier of the German-American Bank at Carroll, is one of the well known and representative residents of the city. His birth occurred at Galena, Illinois, on the 26th of July, 1869, his parents being William and Christine (Manemann) Arts, who were likewise natives of that place. Their children were nine in number, namely: Emma, at home; William A., of this review; Frank H.; Anna, the wife of Frank J. Rettenmaier;

Joseph C., the vice president of the German-American Bank; Louise, the wife of Frederick A. Pielsticker; Augusta; Mary, at home; and one who died in infancy.

William A. Arts was eighteen months old when brought by his parents to Carroll county, while in 1872 the family home was established in the town of Carroll, where he grew to manhood and where he has resided continuously since. He supplemented his preliminary education, obtained in the parochial and public schools, by four years' study at Notre Dame, Indiana, where he attended college during the years 1884, 1885, 1886 and 1887. After returning to Carroll he worked for one year as bookkeeper for the firm of Arts & Manemann, general merchants. On the 1st of January, 1888, he accepted a position in the German Bank of Carroll county, which had been established by his father and in which he remained until the 1st of February, 1898. At that time they bought out the old Bank of Carroll, which was the first financial institution established here, changing the name to the German-American Bank. William A. Arts has acted as cashier thereof to the present time, while his father was the chief executive officer of the institution until he passed away on the 22d of September, 1910. His mother, Mrs. Christine Arts, now holds the office of president. A wide-awake, energetic business man, Mr. Arts has done much to promote the interests of the institution and has become thoroughly conversant with every department of banking. He keeps well posted on the financial interests of the country and in his management of affairs has followed a safe, conservative policy which has won the commendation of the patrons of the bank and gained the confidence of the general public. For a period of twelve or fifteen years he was also engaged in the furniture and undertaking business in association with his brother Joseph, selling out on the 19th of October, 1910.

On the 7th of September, 1892, Mr. Arts was united in marriage to Miss Emma Keckevoet, a native of Delphi, Indiana, and a daughter of Louis and Bernardina (Dunkel) Keckevoet, both of whom were born in Germany. Louis Keckevoet was one of the prominent traveling men of that country, being a highly educated and brilliant man. Following his emigration to the United States he was engaged in merchandising at Dubuque for a number of years. His demise occurred at Carroll, Iowa, in 1882, when he had attained the age of forty-seven years, while his wife passed away in 1906 when about seventy years old. They had three daughters, namely: Antonia, the wife of Augustus C. Manemann, of Carroll; Frances, who is a resident of St. Joseph, Missouri; and Mrs. Arts. Both the paternal and maternal grandfathers of Mrs. Arts passed away in Germany, the latter being a celebrated physician of that country. Unto our subject and his wife were born three children, namely: Charlotte, Norbert and Alfred. The wife and mother was called to her final rest on the 29th of October, 1910, when forty-two years of age, passing away in the faith of the Catholic church.

Mr. Arts is a democrat in politics and has held the office of city treasurer for the past seventeen or eighteen years, discharging his duties in this connection in a most able and satisfactory manner. For a period of twenty years he was at the head of the fire department. He is a valued member of

the Commercial Club of Carroll and takes an active and helpful interest in every movement instituted to promote the welfare of city and county. In religious faith he is a Catholic, while fraternally he is identified with the Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Order of Foresters. He has resided in Carroll county throughout practically his entire life and has long been numbered among its most enterprising and respected citizens.

PHILIP SCHLEISMAN.

An enterprising son of Germany who has acquired a fine farm of two hundred acres on section 14, Sheridan township, is Philip Schleisman, whose natal day was the 20th of August, 1862, his parents being Adam and Catherine (Krohmer) Schleisman, natives of Germany. They emigrated to the United States in 1868, locating in Rock Island county, Illinois. Here the father, who had been a weaver in the fatherland, engaged in farming for four years. At the expiration of that period he came to Carroll county, buying a farm on section 22, Sheridan township; later he removed to section 15, continuing the operation of his land until he retired to Carroll about 1895. There he passed away in January, 1896, while his wife still survives and continues to make her home in Carroll. To Mr. and Mrs. Schleisman were born eleven sons, namely: Mike, Andrew, George, Mike, Henry and Gottlieb, all of whom are deceased; Philip, our subject; Adam, who is a resident of Sheridan township; Jacob, who is living in Louisville, Kentucky; and John and Theodore, both of whom are also residents of Sheridan township.

Philip Schleisman, who was only a lad of six years when his parents located in America, acquired his education in the common schools of Illinois and Iowa. As is common with the majority of farmer boys he was early trained in the work of the homestead. He assisted in harvesting and threshing when only thirteen years old, at which age he also lent aid in the drilling of wells, always having displayed unusual mechanical skill. He remained a member of the parental household until he was twenty-two years of age when he removed to the farm where he is now residing. He now owns two hundred acres of land which he has brought to a high state of cultivation. His is one of the well improved as well as valuable properties of the township, and here he engages in general farming in connection with which he is also an extensive feeder. Both ventures have proven most lucrative and Mr. Schleisman is known to be one of the successful and prosperous farmers of the county. He is also a stockholder in the Local Telephone Company, of which he was one of the organizers.

Mr. Schleisman completed his plans for a home by his marriage in 1885 to Miss Catherine Heim, who passed away June 5, 1896. They were the parents of five children: Molly, the wife of Henry Daniels, of Carroll county; Edward, who is a resident of Sheridan township; Walter, also living in Sheridan township; and Foster and Irene, who are at home. In

1902 Mr. Schleisman was married to Miss Kate Danner, and to them have been born four children: Philip J., who died July 19, 1903; and Blanch, Philip A. and Clarence.

The family are communicants of the Roman Catholic church, while fraternally Mr. Schleisman formerly was affiliated with the Foresters and the Modern Woodmen of America. In politics he is a democrat and has held various township offices. He is highly deserving of the prosperity which has rewarded his efforts, as his life has ever been directed along paths of integrity, industry and perseverance.

B. GRETEMAN.

B. Greteman, who has been identified with mercantile interests at Willey for the past twenty-four years, is one of the most prosperous and enterprising residents of the town and is now at the head of one of the largest general stores in Carroll county. His birth occurred at St. Lucas, Iowa, on the 4th of April, 1866, his parents being Otto and Elizabeth (Kemen) Greteman, both of whom were natives of Germany. The father, who was a farmer by occupation, crossed the Atlantic to the United States in 1850, landing at New Orleans and making his way up the Mississippi river to Chicago. After residing in that city for a number of years he was married and removed to Minnesota, where he remained for one year. On the expiration of that period he came to Iowa, locating on a farm in Fayette county, where he continued to reside until called to his final rest in 1867. His wife passed away in 1885.

B. Greteman, who was the sixth in order of birth in a family of nine children, attended the common schools in the acquirement of an education. He then went to work in order to earn money sufficient to buy books that he might continue his studies. In 1887 he began teaching school and followed that profession for four or five years, imparting clearly and readily to others the knowledge that he had acquired. In 1887 he also embarked in the general mercantile business at Willey in association with his brother Frank, who now resides at Templeton. During the period that our subject taught school, the store was conducted by Frank Greteman. In 1891, however, B. Greteman became an active factor in the management of the establishment and now conducts the same independently. He carries a large and well selected stock of all goods handled in the modern department store, including machinery, hardware, etc. Having at all times manifested an earnest desire to please and satisfy his patrons, his trade has steadily grown until it has assumed large and profitable proportions.

Mr. Greteman has been married twice. On the 10th of November, 1891, he wedded Miss Anna Smith, a daughter of Jacob Smith, who was a farmer by occupation. By that union there were six children, namely: Jacob, who is a student in St. Benedict's College at Atchison, Kansas; John and Clem, who are employed in their father's store; Victor and Joseph,

both of whom are attending school at Willey; and Rosie, who lives with her aunt, Mrs. Victor Croatt, at Waucoma, Iowa. The wife and mother passed away in 1903 and in January, 1907, Mr. Greteman was again married, his second union being with Mary Meisner, a daughter of Leonard Meisner. Unto them have been born three children: Frank, Bernhard and Lawrence.

Mr. Greteman is a democrat in his political views but not bitterly partisan and supports the men and measures that he deems will best conserve the general welfare. He has held the positions of town clerk, school treasurer and postmaster of Willey, ever discharging his official duties in a most prompt and capable manner. An enterprising and progressive citizen, he assisted in the installation of the first telephone system in Willey. In addition to his mercantile interests he likewise owns a creamery. Fraternally he is identified with the Knights of Columbus at Carroll, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the German Catholic church at Willey. His success has been won entirely along lines of old and time-tried maxims. He has carefully planned his business, has the ability and executive force to carry it forward and has gained thereby a gratifying prosperity.

WILLIAM IRVING SAUL.

One of the youngest newspaper editors in Iowa, William Irving Saul, now in charge of the Carroll Herald, has made a splendid start in the field of journalism. He possessed every necessary advantage of education and training and has now assumed a responsibility which presents opportunities of great usefulness to the community. Born in Denison, Iowa, January 25, 1887, he is the son of William C., and Elida (Thomas) Saul, record of whom appears elsewhere in this work. He was a year old when his parents removed to Chadron, Nebraska, and a child of four years when the family took up its residence in Carroll. He received his early education in the public schools, graduating from the Carroll high school in the spring of 1904. He then entered Iowa State College at Ames, where he continued two years. He was early attracted to the study of electricity and devoted his attention to that branch until 1911, when he became editor and manager of the Carroll Herald under the title of Saul & Son. The paper is a republican weekly, and is connected with a fine job printing plant and book bindery, which does a flourishing business. The Herald is one of the well established newspapers of Carroll county and has a large and growing patronage, which gives promise of still further development.

On the 3d day of October, 1907, Mr. Saul was united in marriage to Miss Leola Williams, a native of Columbus City, Iowa, daughter of Lawrence and Belle (Painter) Williams. Two children have come to bless this union—Helen and Robert. The parents of Mrs. Saul are also natives of Iowa and now live at Ames, Iowa, the father being proprietor of a candy store. There were seven children in their family, namely: Bird, Frank, Leola, Grace, Mabel, Fred and Verle.

Socially, Mr. Saul is prominent in the Masonic Order, being a member of Signet Lodge, No. 264, A. F. & A. M., and Copestone Chapter, No. 78, R. A. M., both of Carroll. Politically, he gives his support to the republican party and judging by what he has so far accomplished he can scarcely fail to prove an able and convincing champion of its principles. He has many friends and well wishers who entertain bright anticipations as to his future.

JACOB THOMAS SMOUSE.

A persevering and highly successful agriculturist of Union township is Jacob Thomas Smouse, who is engaged in the cultivation of a one hundred and eighty acre farm on section 30. He was born in Jefferson county, Pennsylvania, on the 3d of May, 1860, and is a son of Samuel and Harriet (Thomas) Smouse, also natives of the Keystone state. Samuel Smouse was a son of John Adam and Eve (Diehl) Smouse, the father, who was also a native of Pennsylvania, living to attain the venerable age of eighty-nine years. They had the following children: Peggy, Samuel, Isaac, Adam, Ann, Thomas, Charles, Conrad and Aaron. The son Samuel was reared on the family homestead in his native state and when he was old enough to become a wage earner he engaged in lumbering. He came west in 1869, locating in Knox county, Illinois, where he remained for two years then removing to Iowa, he settled in the vicinity of Redfield, Dallas county, where he engaged in farming. In 1879 he went to Audubon county and from there to Guthrie five years later, and there he passed away in 1887. His wife was a daughter of Jacob and Polly (Frans) Thomas, both of whom died in Pennsylvania of which state, the father, who was a farmer and lumberman, was a native. To them were born six daughters and one son: Louise, Ann, Harriet, Asenath, Eveline, Nancy and Simon. To Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Smouse the following children were born: John Adam, Jacob T., Asenath, the wife of Lewis Sauvago, of Guthrie county; Sarah, the wife of Robert Mains, of Council Bluffs; Simon Peter, of Alberta, Canada; Aaron M., who is a resident of Union township; Nancy, of Council Bluffs; Samuel; Lot, who is deceased; and Archibald, a resident of Council Bluffs. Both parents were sixty-one at the time of their demise, but Mrs. Smouse survived her husband twelve years, her death occurring in 1898. They both affiliated with the German Reformed church.

Jacob Thomas Smouse was a lad of eleven years when his parents located in Dallas county, Iowa, where he grew to manhood, assisting in the work of the homestead and attending the district schools in the acquirement of his education. Upon attaining his majority he left the parental household and began his career of an agriculturist as a renter in Audubon county. After five years residence there he went to Guthrie county continuing to farm leased land for another two years. Meeting with success in the pursuit of his vocation he acquired sufficient money in 1887 to enable him to buy eighty acres of good farming land in Carroll county, upon which he settled in 1889.

He has ever since continuously resided upon this property the boundaries of which he has extended at divers times until his homestead now embraces one hundred and eighty acres of land. During the period of his occupancy he has made many improvements upon his place and has brought the land into a high state of cultivation, his being one of the valuable farms of the township.

The 10th of November, 1886, was the marriage day of Mr. Smouse and Miss Sarah Catherine Nedrow, who was born in Van Buren county, Iowa, on the 13th of August, 1862. Mrs. Smouse is a daughter of George and Mary (Bridenstine) Nedrow, the father a native of Pennsylvania and the mother of Ohio. The paternal grandparents were Michael and Sarah (Nedrow) Nedrow, and the maternal Peter and Catherine (Mason) Bridenstine. Mr. and Mrs. Nedrow were among the early settlers of Iowa, and the father passed away in Nebraska, in 1896 at the age of sixty-five years, but the mother still survives at the age of seventy-five. To them were born five children: Salathiel; Nelson, who is deceased; Druella; Sarah, now Mrs. Smouse; and Ulysses Peter.

Mr. and Mrs. Smouse have become the parents of twelve children: Dicy and Don, who are twins; George; Harriet; Lot; Druella; Eve; Vernita, deceased; Ralph; Alice and Anna, also twins; and Miles.

Fraternally Mr. Smouse is affiliated with the Masonic order, being a member of Charity Lodge, No. 197, A. F. & A. M., of Coon Rapids, also of Copestone Chapter, No. 78, R. A. M., at Carroll, in addition to which he belongs to the Brotherhood of American Yeomen. In politics he is a democrat, and has served in the capacity of school director for several terms and he has also been road commissioner. Year after year Mr. Smouse has applied himself energetically to the development of his farm, the result of his labors being evidenced in his attractive and well kept fields and well stocked pasture and stable.

LIECHTI BROTHERS.

The Liechti brothers, who for the past sixteen years have carried on cooperative farming in Arcadia township, their combined efforts being concentrated upon the cultivation and improvement of three valuable farms, are numbered among the most practical, progressive and prosperous agriculturists of this locality. Their parents, John and Caroline (Lehman) Liechti, were both natives of Switzerland, who came to the United States in 1873, locating in Carroll county. The family home was established on a farm in section 13, Arcadia township, and there Mr. Liechti carried on general farming until his death. He was most successful in his undertaking, being the owner of three good farms at the time of his demise. He passed away on the 20th of February, 1911, and was laid to rest in Carroll cemetery. He was a member of the Evangelical Reformed church, and was a man of honorable purpose and high principles. Ere coming to this country he had

acquired a medical education, and during the early settlement of this county greatly assisted his fellow citizens in the line of his profession; one of the most popular residents of this locality. His wife, a lady of many excellent traits of heart and mind, still survives and makes her home on the old homestead farm. In their family were ten children, as follows: Emma, at home; Ernest, residing on a farm one mile west of Maple River, Iowa; Charles, a farmer living on section 2, Arcadia township; Bertha, the wife of Fred Glanzman, of Platte, South Dakota; Emily, also at home; John, whose farm is located two miles west of Maple River, Iowa; Ida, who married Henry Mitchell, of this township; and Adolph, who with his brothers Otto and Hugo, also engage in farming in Arcadia township.

The three youngest sons, Adolph, Otto and Hugo, have for the past sixteen years carried on general farming in partnership, operating three farms, one of one hundred and eighty acres, another of one hundred and eighty-three acres and the third of one hundred and sixty acres. This property, naturally rich and arable, is as well improved as any in the township, for the brothers are all exponents of progress, having kept pace with the advancement which is constantly going on along agricultural lines, and in the conduct of their affairs have followed the most modern and approved methods. They also make a specialty of feeding cattle and for some time have operated a threshing machine throughout this community, both enterprises being important channels of their success.

Adolph Liechti, the eldest brother, was born in Switzerland and is unmarried. Otto, the second in order of birth, was born on the old home farm and in 1906 was united in marriage to Miss Ruth Knowlton. They now have three children, Walter, Helen and Ethel. In politics he is a republican but not an office-seeker. Hugo, the youngest brother, was also born on the old homestead, which he yet makes his place of residence. In 1909 he wedded Miss Ora Knowlton and unto them has been born one son, Roy. The brothers have all lived quiet but industrious lives, characterized by energy, perseverance and thrift that have resulted in the attainment of a most gratifying degree of prosperity, and by honorable dealing and integrity of purpose have gained for them the esteem and confidence of all with whom they have been associated. Their success is substantial and well merited and today Carroll county has no more representative or respected citizens than the Liechti brothers.

REV. JOSEPH KUEMPER.

The province of Westphalia, Prussia, Germany, has contributed many promising sons to America, and in the number should be named Rev. Joseph Keumper, pastor of SS. Peter and Paul's Catholic church. He was born March 22, 1855, son of Herman and Mary Ann (Wassels) Kuemper, both natives of Westphalia. The father was a farmer and died in 1874 at the age of forty-eight, the mother passing away in 1869 at the age of forty-four



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years. Both were consistent members of the Catholic church. There were six children in the family, namely: Lizzie, now the wife of Anthony Welchers of Oklahoma; Herman, who is now living in Minnesota; Gernard, of Canada; Mary, who is housekeeper for her brother Joseph; Clement, of Canada, who served ten years in the American navy and was at the battle of Manila under Admiral Dewey; and Joseph of this review.

Joseph Kuemper received his early education in the parochial schools of his native land and after finishing the classical course in college attended the University of Louvain, Belgium, one year. He then came to America and studied at Montreal, Canada, and in Milwaukee, graduating from St. Francis Seminary in the latter city in 1879. He was ordained to the priesthood of the Catholic church in the same year and then accepted a professorship in the College of Dubuque, which position he occupied one year. After serving as pastor pro tem in Saint Mary's in Dubuque for a year he was again called to the college as professor. In September, 1883, he took charge of the pastorate at Centralia, Iowa, and in September, 1887, was transferred to Sherrell, Iowa. In September, 1901, he came to Carroll and has ever since filled most acceptably the position of pastor of SS. Peter and Paul's church. The church has a membership of more than three hundred families and is in a highly flourishing condition. The school and church buildings compare favorably with those in any other city in the state and the congregation is steadily increasing in number and strength under the capable leadership of the pastor.

A highly successful teacher and a minister greatly beloved by the members of his flock and respected by the entire community, Father Kuemper is performing a noble work in behalf of the upbuilding of the community and the peace and happiness of men. He is justly accorded a position in the estimation of his friends and all who know him as one of the most able and efficient ministers of the gospel in central Iowa.

SAMUEL BINGHAM.

Samuel Bingham, the owner of five hundred and fifty acres of valuable land on sections 29, 30 and 32, Warren township, is numbered among the pioneer settlers of Carroll county and has long been one of the best known stockmen of the state. The Sunnyside Stock Farm, on which he resides, has been his place of abode for the past thirty-five years, though since 1907 he has lived retired. His birth occurred in County Antrim, Ireland, on the 15th of June, 1832, his parents being John and Margaret (Hawthorn) Bingham, the former of English and the latter of Scotch descent. The father was a hosier by trade and a weaver of stockings and underwear, owning and operating a knitting shop in County Antrim, Ireland. It was there that his demise occurred in 1849. His wife had passed away during the childhood of their son Samuel. Their children were as follows: David and Robert, who died in Ireland; John, whose death occurred in Illinois;

Mrs. Mary Fullerton, Mrs. Margaret Piercy and Mrs. Ann Piercy, all of whom are deceased; Samuel, who died at the age of ten years; and Samuel, the second of the name, who is the subject of this review.

The last named crossed the Atlantic to the United States after the death of his father, in 1849, locating in New York city, where he learned the carpenter's trade, working at that occupation for eight years. Removing to New Jersey, he spent a year in that state and then went to Fulton county, Illinois, where he followed his trade for a time and later purchased a farm. After a residence of eight years in Illinois he came to Iowa in 1876, locating on the farm which has remained his place of abode to the present time. He is numbered among the pioneer settlers of Carroll county, coming to Warren township before Manning was laid out. He hauled hogs by wagon to Carroll, a distance of twenty-five miles, and did his trading at West Side, Iowa. All lumber for his house and barns was hauled from the latter town, sixteen miles away, while his nearest neighbor was three miles distant. He first came into possession of a tract of two hundred acres and has since augmented his holdings by additional purchase until they now embrace five hundred and fifty acres of rich and productive land. In 1907 he put aside the active work of the fields and has since leased the home farm to his son Oliver, who has charge thereof. Another of the sons, Samuel C., also rents and cultivates a part of his father's land. The property of Samuel Bingham is known as the Sunnyside Stock Farm, and registered Hereford cattle are raised in connection with general farming. Our subject was the first man to bring Hereford cattle into Carroll county, paying five thousand dollars for a bull and two hundred and twenty-five dollars for a cow imported from England and purchased from George McPherson, of Menlo, Iowa. He has always maintained the high standard of his herd and is one of the best known stockmen of the state.

On the 7th of November, 1859, Mr. Bingham was united in marriage to Miss Jane A. Callison, a daughter of Isaac and Hulda (Hickman) Callison, who at that time were residents of Fulton county, Illinois. Both were natives of Virginia. They removed to Fulton county, Illinois, in the early '50s, Isaac Callison there operating a farm until called to his final rest in 1880. His widow spent the remainder of her life in the home of our subject, passing away in 1888. They were the parents of the following children: Cyrus, whose demise occurred in Warren county, Iowa, in 1909; Josephus, who passed away in Kansas; Mrs. Mary Golden, who is deceased; Woods, an agriculturist residing near Winterset, Madison county, Iowa; Mrs. Bingham; Victor, a retired farmer living near Winterset, Madison county, Iowa; Rufus, who served in the Civil war for three years and died at the close of hostilities; and Mrs. Minda Bond, of Abingdon, Illinois. Woods and Victor Callison were also soldiers of the Union army in the Civil war for three years. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Bingham were born eleven children, two of whom have passed away. George, a farmer of Kansas, wedded Miss Fannie Patterson, of Manning, Iowa, by whom he has six children, namely: Lloyd; Clara, who is married and has a daughter, Ruth; Paul; Ross; Lee; and Orin. Isaac, a retired agriculturist of Hart-

ington, Nebraska, wedded Miss Mary Woodward, of Manning, Iowa, by whom he has three children: Merritt, who is now married; Vera; and Alice. Belle gave her hand in marriage to Lou Babcock, of Manning, and is the mother of eight children, as follows: Mrs. Glennie Hessler, who has a daughter, Darline; Chester, who married Marie Trecker; Hazel, the wife of Harry Freetley; Agnes; Sarah; Maude; Samuel; and Marie. Hulda is the wife of Deward Rogers, a farmer of Hartington, Nebraska, and has the following children: Louise, who is married and has one daughter, Mary; Hugh; Gertrude; Vivian; Raymond; and Elburn. John, of Hartington, Nebraska, wedded Lenora McConnell, of Botna, Iowa, by whom he has four children, Cuba, Hugh, Deward and Maude. Maggie married John Smith, of Manning, but is now living in Red Oak, Iowa. They have two children, Mary and Gertrude. Samuel C., an agriculturist of Warren township, lives on the home place near his father's residence. He married Miss Alla Shepard, of Manning, and has three children: Louis, Jay and Irene. David, a farmer of Warren township, married Miss Mattie Heyde, of Persia, Iowa, and has two children, Harry and Lowell. Oliver, living on the home place, wedded Miss Alvina Jans, of Audubon county, Iowa. Their four children are as follows: Velma, Bernice, Maude and Olive. Two daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Bingham are deceased, namely: Mrs. Mary McWilliams, whose demise occurred in 1887; and Maude, who died at the age of seventeen years. Our subject and his wife celebrated their golden wedding on the 7th of November, 1909, and rejoiced in the presence of fifty children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Mr. Bingham is a staunch republican in his political views and for twenty years served as director of school district No. 9 in Warren township. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church of Manning, to which his wife also belongs. He has now passed the seventy-ninth milestone on this earthly pilgrimage and is spending the evening of life in well earned ease, happy in the regard and esteem of all who know him.

JOSEPH C. ARTS.

Joseph C. Arts is a prominent factor in financial circles in Carroll county as the vice president of the German-American Bank at Carroll. His birth occurred in Carroll, Iowa, on the 17th of September, 1878, his parents being William and Christine (Manemann) Arts. He was reared to manhood in his native city and attended the parochial and public schools in the acquirement of an education. Following his attendance at the high school he entered the German-American Bank in the capacity of assistant cashier, while in October, 1910, he became the vice president of the institution, in which connection his efforts have since proven a factor in its successful control. He was also engaged in the furniture and undertaking business in association with his brother, William A. Arts, until they sold out in October,

1910. Mr. Arts of this review is likewise one of the trustees of the Carroll Times, of which company his father was the president.

On the 27th of April, 1904, Mr. Arts was joined in wedlock to Miss Carrie Meyers, a native of Roselle township, Carroll county, Iowa, and a daughter of Henry and Nellie (Rosauer) Meyers, both of whom were born in Illinois. They took up their abode among the early settlers of this county and have lived in Carroll for the past three years, coming here from Templeton, Iowa. Their children are six in number, namely: Joseph, Frank, Carrie, Addie, Harry and Ollie. Mr. and Mrs. Arts have three children: Baldwin, Bernadetta and Louise Christine.

Mr. Arts gives his political allegiance to the democracy, while fraternally he is identified with the Knights of Columbus, the Catholic Order of Foresters and the Modern Woodmen of America. For a period of fifteen years he was connected with the fire department. Both he and his wife are Catholics in religious faith and are faithful communicants of that church. They have always lived in Carroll county and are widely and favorably known within its borders.

CAPTAIN OLIVER HORTON.

Among Carroll county's distinguished veterans of the Civil war must be numbered Captain Oliver Horton, who has also been prominently identified with the political life of the county. He was born at Bedford, Pennsylvania, on the 12th of October, 1829. His father was also a native of the Keystone state but descended from the Hortons of Long Island, New York, while the mother, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Hamilton, was of Irish extraction. The father was for many years identified with the agricultural interests of Pennsylvania, but he also engaged in the hotel business.

Oliver Horton was reared on the family homestead and in the acquirement of his education attended the district schools. Early trained to assist in the work of the fields, when he laid aside his text-books he worked as a farm hand in the vicinity of his home until he was eighteen. In 1847 he apprenticed himself to the iron worker's trade, continuing to follow that occupation for about fifteen years. When the call came for more troops in 1862 he responded and enlisted as a private in the One Hundred and Thirty-eighth Pennsylvania Volunteers. Amenable to military discipline, he early showed himself to be a leader and was promoted from first sergeant to second lieutenant, then to first lieutenant and was finally made captain, with which rank he was mustered out. He saw a great deal of active service, participating in all of the engagements of Sickles's Sixth Corps, to which his regiment belonged. After the close of hostilities he came to Iowa, in October, 1865, and settled in Jackson county. In the spring of 1869 he located on a farm south of Carrollton in Carroll county and in 1876 purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land on section 20, Richland township, where



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he has ever since resided. In connection with the cultivation of his fields, which are almost entirely planted to corn and oats, Captain Horton raises hogs and some cattle. He is one of the successful and substantial agriculturists of the township, and the owner of a well improved and highly cultivated farm.

In 1849 Captain Horton and Miss Louisa Grove were united in marriage, and by this union there have been born six sons and five daughters: Joseph G., Andrew J., William H., James A., Robert A., George E. and Elizabeth, who died in childhood; Lucinda, who died in infancy; Mary Jane, the wife of H. J. Coppock, living in Le Mars, Iowa; Iola W., at home; and Anna L., the wife of Lawrence Zenner, of Wentworth, South Dakota.

In matters of religion the family were reared in the faith of the United Brethren church, in which the parents hold membership, and fraternally Captain Horton is affiliated with Glidden Lodge, No. 93, I. O. O. F., in which he has passed through all of the chairs, and he has taken the degrees of the Grand Lodge. His political allegiance he has always given to the democratic party, and represented his district in both the twenty-second and twenty-third sessions of the state legislature. He has always taken a prominent and helpful interest in political affairs and for six years was a member of the board of supervisors, while he also has the distinction of having been secretary of the school board of Richland township for twenty-four successive years. That he is a man who can be depended upon to safeguard the interests of the people, ever proving loyal to his trust, and faithfully and conscientiously fulfilling his duties as he sees them, is attested by the long period of his public service.

ALFRED BEDFORD.

Alfred Bedford, of the firm of A. Bedford & Son, has for the past five years been successfully engaged in business as a live stock and real-estate dealer of Carroll. His birth occurred in Yorkshire, England, on the 10th of December, 1851, his parents being Charles and Elizabeth (Knowles) Bedford, who were likewise natives of that country. His paternal grandfather, George Bedford, was a Quaker and followed contracting throughout his active business career. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Anna Todd, was blind for four or five years prior to her demise. Both lived to attain a ripe old age and passed away in England. Their children were six in number, namely: Thomas, George, William, Charles and two daughters who died in early life. William Knowles, the maternal grandfather of our subject, was a landowner and English gentleman. He owned a large estate but lost most of it through the falseness of business partners and died of a broken heart. Unto him and his wife, who bore the maiden name of Elizabeth Barker, were born quite a number of children, some of whom are now living in Africa.

Charles Bedford, the father of Alfred Bedford, was a contractor and builder by trade. He crossed the Atlantic to the United States in 1870, arriving in Bureau county, Illinois, on the 20th of March of that year. On the 24th of May following he purchased a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Pleasant Valley township, Carroll county, Iowa, and improved the property, continuing to reside thereon throughout the remainder of his life. Both he and his wife were about seventy-five years of age when called to their final rest, passing away in the faith of the Methodist church. Charles Bedford was a local preacher of that denomination, having begun preaching when but fourteen years of age. Unto him and his wife were born seven children, as follows: Charles, who died in Carroll, Iowa; Anna, who passed away in England; William, who is a resident of Carroll, Iowa; Alfred, of this review; Mary Jane, the wife of Joseph Annear, of Coon Rapids; Thomas, of Pleasant Valley township; and Arthur, who died in England.

Alfred Bedford, who obtained his education in England, was a youth of nineteen when he accompanied his parents on their emigration to the new world. During the intervening period, covering four decades, he has made his home in Carroll county. At the time of his arrival here he began working on the Kansas & St. Joseph Railroad, while subsequently he was employed by the Northwestern Railroad Company for four years. On the expiration of that period he purchased forty acres of land and six months later bought another tract of similar size, devoting his attention to the cultivation of his land. He was married in 1876 and the following year purchased another eighty-acre tract, while about 1880 he bought yet another tract of the same size. Two years later he purchased forty acres more and in 1884 bought one hundred acres additional. There was also a forty-acre tract that he had left in his father's name, so that his property holdings embrace four hundred and twenty acres altogether. He continued farming until March, 1906, when he abandoned general agricultural pursuits and took up his abode in Carroll, where he has since been actively engaged in business as a live-stock and real-estate dealer under the firm style of A. Bedford & Son. The prosperity which he enjoys is attributable to his close application, unwearied industry and capable management.

On the 17th of August, 1876, Mr. Bedford was united in marriage to Miss Charlotte Jane Willey, a native of Grant county, Wisconsin, and a daughter of Josiah and Christine (Thomas) Willey, who were born in Cornwall and took up their abode in Wisconsin at an early day. Mr. Willey passed away in Carroll, Iowa, while the demise of his wife occurred in Shullsburg, Wisconsin. Her parents were James and Grace Thomas, of Cornwall, England. Mr. and Mrs. Willey had seven children, namely: John, Abram, Grace, Charlotte, Joe, Mary and Addie.

Mr. and Mrs. Bedford are the parents of four children. Josiah Charles, who resides on the home farm, wedded Miss Mary Keeler, by whom he has two children, Marie and Clarence. William Alfred, who is in partnership with his father, married Miss Grace Laudenback and has two children, Uvern and Alfred. Thomas Melvin, who follows general agricultural pur-

suits on the home place, married Miss Pearl Cuthbertson and has one son, Lloyd. John Abram, who also farms the old home place, wedded Miss Emma Feld and has one child, Catherine.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. Bedford has loyally supported the men and measures of the republican party. He has served in the capacity of constable and trustee and also held the office of justice of the peace for more than seven years, his decisions being ever strictly fair and impartial. Fraternally he is identified with the Masons, belonging to Signet Lodge, No. 264, A. F. & A. M.; and Copestone Chapter, No. 78, R. A. M. He acts as steward in the Methodist church, of which his wife is also a devoted and consistent member. No breath of suspicion has ever assailed his good name and on the contrary he stands as a splendid type of the honorable, reliable, successful man, the public-spirited citizen and the trustworthy friend.

CHARLES A. EASTERLY, D. D. S.

Dr. Charles A. Easterly, who is for eight years engaged in the practice of his profession in Manning, was born in Lisbon, Lynn county, Iowa, on the 10th of May, 1873. He is the younger son of Samuel A. and Sarah (Laufler) Easterly, both of whom are natives of Ohio. The father, who was born in 1848, enlisted as a private in Company F., Thirteenth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, going to the front in 1863, where he remained until the close of hostilities, participating in Sherman's campaign. After receiving his discharge he returned to Lisbon where for several years he continued to follow his trade, which was that of carpentry. He subsequently accepted a position as foreman of the carpentry gang on the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad from Boone to Council Bluffs, which position he retained for about twenty-five years. In 1885 he removed to Carroll where he later established a marble business which he conducted for two or three years. In 1902 Mr. Easterly and his wife removed to Sedalia, Missouri, where he is now living retired. To them were born two sons: David L., who is a resident of Tulsa, Oklahoma; and Charles A., the subject of this sketch. The family always attended the Presbyterian church in which the parents hold membership, while fraternally Mr. Easterly was identified with the Masons and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He maintains relations with his old comrades of the field through the G. A. R., and his political support he gives to the republicans.

The school days of Charles A. Easterly began in his native town of Lisbon, his education being completed in the grammar and high schools of Carroll. Having decided that he would adopt the profession of dentistry for his life vocation, after the completion of his preliminary education, he entered the Chicago Dental College, Chicago, where he pursued his professional studies, being awarded the degree of D. D. S. with the class of 1901. After being graduated he returned to Manning where he estab-

lished an office which he maintained for eight years, meeting with very good success in his practice. Upon his appointment as postmaster on the 1st of December, 1910, however, he abandoned his profession and has ever since given his entire attention to the discharge of his official responsibilities.

On the 24th of January, 1904, Dr. Easterly was united in marriage to Miss Elsa K. Studeman, a daughter of Ernst Studeman, a native of Germany but a resident of Manning. The union of Dr. and Mrs. Easterly has been blessed by the birth of two sons: Robert W., who was born on the 21st of February, 1906; and Samuel E., who was born on the 30th of November, 1909.

Fraternally Dr. Easterly holds membership in the Masonic order. Ever since attaining his majority he has given his political support to the men and measures of the republican party, but he has never prominently participated in municipal activities. During the period of his service in his present capacity he has discharged his duties in a manner entirely satisfactory to the citizens.

GEORGE KLINE.

Among the sons of the fatherland whose industry and sturdy qualities have added much to the financial worth and civilization of Carroll county, and whose well directed efforts along agricultural lines in former years now make it possible for them to rest from further labor, is numbered George Kline. His birth occurred in Hamburg, Germany, on the 10th of August, 1848, his parents being Christian and Katharine (Everhard) Kline, both natives of Germany. The father was one of two sons born unto his parents, who were lifelong residents of the fatherland and whose record, has now been lost. The maternal grandfather, — Everhard, passed away in Germany, while his wife, who later came to the United States, died in Wisconsin. In their family were six daughters, as follows: Caroline, who married Adam Zimbeck; Christine, the wife of — Everhard; Margaret, who married Peter Mater, of Wisconsin; Sophia, who married George Kline of Walworth county, Wisconsin; Magdalena, the wife of Adam Peters, of Sharon, Wisconsin; and Katharine, the mother of our subject. Christian Kline, who was reared and educated in his native country, was a cooper by trade and there followed that occupation for a time. He served in the French army at the time of the African war for seven years, and in 1852 sought a home in the new world, locating in Walworth county, Wisconsin. After his arrival in this country he gave his attention to agricultural pursuits and at one time owned two hundred acres of land in that state. Shortly before his death, however, he sold the one hundred and twenty acres which remained of that property to his son, Philip. He passed away at the ripe old age of eighty-two years. His wife's death occurred on the 22d of February, 1889, when she had reached the age of seventy-four years and six months. Both passed away in the faith

of the German Evangelical church, of which they had been devoted and exemplary members. By a former marriage to a brother of Mr. Kline his wife had two children, Christian and Nicholas, while by her marriage with Christian Kline she became the mother of five children, namely: Christina, the deceased wife of Barney Huber; George, of this review; Leopold, of Glidden township; Caroline, who married Albert Barth, of Sharon township, Walworth county, Wisconsin; and Philip, of Sharon, Wisconsin.

George Kline was a little lad of four years when brought to America by his parents, and in Walworth county, Wisconsin, he grew to manhood, attending the district schools of that locality in the acquirement of his education. When not busy with his text-books he assisted in the work of the home farm and under his father's direction early became familiar with the best methods of tilling the soil and caring for the crops. He remained at home until seventeen years of age when, in spite of his youth, he enlisted for service, in 1865, as a member of Company A, Thirty-seventh Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, with which command he served throughout the remainder of the war, taking part in many important skirmishes, including the battle of Petersburg. After the close of hostilities he returned home and there remained until his marriage, after which he began farming independently, renting a tract of land in Walworth county for two or three years. On the 1st of April, 1876, he came to Carroll county, Iowa, and for about three years operated rented land here. He then invested in a farm of his own, purchasing eighty acres in Glidden township, which he yet owns and to which he added, as his financial resources increased, until it is now a fine property of two hundred and thirty acres. That farm remained his home for more than twenty years, and in the meantime he carefully cultivated his fields, from which he reaped abundant harvests from year to year that enabled him to place himself in comfortable circumstances. In 1902 the competency which he had accumulated made it possible for him to withdraw from active life and in that year he took up his abode in Glidden. Here he purchased two and five-eighths acres of land in the north part of the town, upon which he has erected an attractive dwelling and where he is now living in happy contentment, enjoying in well earned rest the fruits of his many years of earnest labor.

On the 4th of July, 1871, Mr. Kline was united in marriage to Miss Mary Ann Rokanbrodt, who was born in Sharon, Walworth county, where she was reared and married. Her parents, Mathias and Margaret (Suggar) Rokanbrodt, were natives of Germany who came to America at an early day, locating first in Pennsylvania. Later they removed to Wisconsin and were numbered among the early settlers of Walworth county, that state, where both passed away, the father on the 24th of October, 1888, and the mother in 1881, when seventy years and nine months old. Mrs. Kline was the youngest in a family of six children, the others being Jacob, Katharine, Fannie, Joseph and Vilena. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Kline have been born three children, Albert Arnett, Edward George and Nettie May, the latter living at home. The elder son, Albert A. Kline, is engaged in farming in Glidden township. He married Bertha Stevens, by whom he has two children, Leata Leona and Opal. Ed-

ward G. Kline resides in Carroll, Iowa, and is also married, his wife in her maidenhood being Miss Minnie Horton. Unto them have been born two sons, Merle Manford and Lyle Edward.

Mr. and Mrs. Kline are members of the Church of God, in the work of which they take an active and helpful part, and of which Mr. Kline is serving as trustee. In politics he has never been governed by party ties nor machine rule, but has ever cast an independent ballot, voting for the best man and most desirable measures. His interests are thoroughly identified with those of Carroll county, within whose borders he has lived and labored for many years, and he now occupies a place among the representative, well-to-do and highly respected residents of the county.

JAMES THOMPSON.

James Thompson, one of the substantial and highly respected citizens of Carroll, has for the past twenty years acted as manager of the W. T. Joyce Lumber Company. His birth occurred in Wayne county, Ohio, on the 9th of April, 1847, his parents being James and Margaret (Macomson) Thompson, both of whom were of Scotch descent and were born in Ireland. His paternal grandfather, Thomas Thompson, was a farmer by occupation and passed away in Ireland at the age of eighty-five years. Unto him and his wife were born five sons, namely: John, Thomas, James, Robert and Hugh. The maternal grandfather of our subject and also his wife and daughter all died in Ireland in the same week.

James Thompson, the father of Mr. Thompson of this review, was educated in Ireland and crossed the Atlantic to the United States when sixteen years of age, locating in Philadelphia, where he remained for several years. Subsequently he spent a short time in Wooster, Ohio, and then began farming near that town, being there engaged in general agricultural pursuits for some years. In 1851 he came to Iowa, settling first in Lee county, a mile and a half from Keokuk. In 1855 he removed to Scott county, there residing for many years. His wife passed away in Scott county, in 1863, when fifty-five years of age. Subsequently he took up his abode in Tama, where his demise occurred when he had attained the age of sixty-five years. Both he and his wife belonged to the old Seceder Presbyterian denomination. They were the parents of four sons, as follows: Thomas, who is a resident of Davenport, Iowa; Benjamin, living in Tama, Iowa; James, of this review; and William, who makes his home near Iowa City, Iowa.

James Thompson was reared on farms in Scott and Lee counties and attended the district schools in the acquirement of an education, also pursuing a course of study in the commercial college at Davenport. Removing to Tama, he was there engaged in the drug business for four years, while in 1876 he came to Carroll, having resided here continuously since. He was first identified with the grocery business for a number of years and was afterward on the road as a traveling salesman for two years. On the ex-

piration of that period he became the manager of the W. T. Joyce Lumber Company, having ably discharged the duties devolving upon him in this connection for the past twenty years. He is a man of keen discrimination and sound judgment, and his executive ability and excellent management have brought to the concern with which he is connected a large degree of success.

On the 31st of May, 1873, Mr. Thompson was united in marriage to Miss Julia E. Day, a native of New York and a daughter of Horace and Rebecca (Beaman) Day, who were likewise natives of the Empire state. From New York they made their way to Wisconsin and thence came to Iowa about 1870, both passing away in Tama, this state. Their children were three in number, namely: Julia, Emma and Cassius. Horace Day was twice married, his second wife being a sister of his first wife. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson are the parents of four children, as follows: Ada, living in Oklahoma, Oklahoma, who wedded O. W. Gibson, by whom she has one son, Otis James; May, who is employed as a stenographer in Carroll; Eva, who is the wife of Dr. E. L. Vernon and makes her home in Chadron, Nebraska; and Ward, likewise a resident of Oklahoma, who is the secretary of the Texas Cement & Plaster Company.

Mr. Thompson is a democrat in politics and is now serving as alderman of the first ward, while for one term he held the office of supervisor. Fraternally he is identified with the Masons, belonging to Signet Lodge, No. 264, A. F. & A. M. and Copestone Chapter, No. 78, R. A. M. He is also a member of Carroll Lodge, No. 279, I. O. O. F. Both Mr. and Mrs. Thompson belong to the Methodist church and take an active and helpful interest in its work. Living here for thirty-five years, he is very widely known and his many good qualities have at all times gained for him the confidence, trust and unqualified friendship of those with whom he has been brought in contact.

JOHN DEPPMANN.

One of the estimable German citizens of Union township, who is meeting with success in the cultivation of his homestead, is John Deppmann. His birth occurred in Mecklenburg, Germany, on the 23d of February, 1841, being a son of John and Lena (Bottenhall) Deppmann. Of the eight children born to them three became citizens of the United States, namely: John, our subject; Dorothea, the deceased wife of William Lau; and Christian, who is a resident of Chicago. The father, who was a laborer, spent his entire life in the old country, his death occurring at the age of fifty-two years. His widow joined her children in the United States shortly afterward, for a time living in Chicago, but her latter years were spent in Coon Rapids, where she passed away at the venerable age of eighty-two years. Both father and mother were life-long members of the Lutheran church.

John Deppmann after acquiring a limited education in the common schools of his native land began his career as a wage earner. He was the son of a

laborer, and became a farm hand. He served in the German army, participating in the war of 1866, during which he was wounded, and in the Franco-Prussian war five years later. The first forty years of his life were spent in the land of his nativity, rebelling against the hardships inflicted by conditions of living under which he and his parents had suffered, and he exerted every effort to acquire the means to enable him and his family to come to America. His ambition was realized in 1881 when he hopefully set out for the United States. Upon his arrival in this country he made his way inland to Iowa, purchasing one hundred acres of prairie in Union township, Carroll county. He immediately began improving and cultivating his homestead and with the passing of years, by means of thrift, tireless energy and constant application he has been able to erect some very good buildings and bring his land into a high state of cultivation. His is one of the well-stocked and fertile farms of the township and he is recognized as one of the skillful agriculturists whose success is justly merited.

While residing in Germany Mr. Deppmann was married to Miss Mary Hase, their union being solemnized on the 2d of March, 1867. Mrs. Deppmann is a native of Pomerania, Prussia, her natal day being the 5th of January, 1844. She is a daughter of Charles and Dora (Kent) Hase, the father, a laborer, passed away in 1868 at the age of sixty-seven years, but the mother survived until 1880, her demise occurring at the age of seventy-three. Four children were born to them: Rika; Carl; Mary, now Mrs. Deppmann; and August.

Mr. and Mrs. Deppmann were the parents of six children, two of whom survive, namely: Mina, who married Fritz Pevestorf, of Greene county, Iowa, and has eight children: Rose, Albert, Emma, Alma, Arthur, Walter, Elma and Julius; and Wilhelm, who married Miss Eliza Arndt, a daughter of Valentine and Christiana (Schmidt) 'Arndt, who has four children: Albert, Anna, Clara and Mabel.

Mr. and Mrs. Deppmann hold membership in the Lutheran church in the faith of which they were reared. During the twenty years which have elapsed since he became a citizen of the United States Mr. Deppmann has never had occasion to regret leaving the old country. There have been hardships and misfortunes but they have been softened with the passing of time, and are now almost forgotten in the enjoyment of the comfort and ease provided by the goodly income from their excellent farm.

EMERY F. SMITH.

Among the prominently known farmers of Carroll county is Emery F. Smith, who was born at Coon Rapids April 16, 1860, and has since made his home at this place. He is a son of Ezra Meade and Sarah Clarissa (Smith) Smith, the former of whom was born in Vermont and the latter in New York state, in December, 1830. The father was reared at Rutland, Vermont, and became a foreman in a marble mill of Rutland. After his

marriage, which took place in Michigan, he came with his wife to Iowa in 1854 and located at Coon Rapids where he purchased land which he developed into a good farm. At one time he was the owner of seven hundred acres. He died March 24, 1900, at the age of seventy-three years, but his widow still survives and resides on the old homestead. She has been blind for thirty years and is the oldest settler in Carroll county in point of continuous residence. She and her husband in their younger days were members of the Baptist church but later affiliated with the Seventh Day Adventists. Mr. Smith was a lover of music and for many years taught singing in the old-fashioned singing schools. The only public office he ever held was that of school director. He was a good business man and became one of the prominent and successful farmers of Carroll county. There were six children in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Smith: Charles, deceased; Francelia, the wife of Daniel Smith, of Forsyth, Missouri; Byron, who makes his home at Mears, Oklahoma; Emery F.; Maria, who married Warren Fell, of Spirit Lake, Iowa; and George A., who died at the age of twelve and one-half years.

The paternal grandfather of our subject was a native of Vermont and engaged in farming. The maiden name of his wife was Lodena Blanchard. There were six children in their family, Franklin, Clarissa, Ezra, Laura, Adeline and Julia. The maternal grandfather was Alanson Smith, a native of New York who engaged in mercantile business for a number of years near Ithaca. He married Maria Gridley and they moved to Michigan and settled in New Hudson. He died at the age of seventy-four and his wife was called away at the age of eighty-three years. In their family were five children, Harriet E., Sarah Clarissa, Edgar, Isadore and Martin. Mrs. Ezra Smith was twice married, her first husband being Luman Franklin Smith. He died and she married his brother, Ezra Meade Smith. There were no children by the first marriage. The ancestors of Mrs. Smith were of English stock, one of them being Baron D. Gridley. The American branch of the Gridley family is descended from progenitors who settled at Hartford, Connecticut, the early records showing that Thomas Gridley, grandfather of Mrs. Smith on her mother's side, married Sarah Hitchcock. The family of which Mrs. Smith's father was a member settled near Ithaca, New York. Thomas Gridley, the grandfather on the mother's side, was a soldier of the Revolutionary war, enlisting when he was sixteen years of age.

Emery F. Smith, the subject of this sketch, was reared in Coon Rapids and secured advantages of education in the public schools. As he grew to manhood he assisted upon his father's farm and has since continued on the old homestead of which he is in charge. He devotes his attention to general farming and stock-raising and his labors are rewarded with ample harvests, yielding a goodly annual income. Politically he is an adherent of the republican party whose candidates and principles receive his earnest support. A native of Coon Rapids, he is greatly interested in its development and is always ready to put his shoulder to the wheel to assist in promoting the welfare of the community.

On the 27th of November, 1884, Mr. Smith was married to Miss Mary E. Morgan, who was born in Mahaska county, Iowa, February 3, 1861, a daughter of Richard and Lodena (Oldham) Morgan. Mr. and Mrs. Smith are the parents of four children, Chalon E., Raymond, Carl, and one who died in infancy. Chalon E. Smith, the eldest, married Miss Pearl S. Lloyd, of Key West, Florida. He has recently returned home after serving three years as a member of the Ninth Band of the Coast Artillery Corps of the United States Army.

Richard Morgan, the father of Mrs. Emery F. Smith, was born in Kentucky and his wife was born in Indiana. They came to Mahaska county, Iowa, where they resided a number of years. Mrs. Morgan died at Coon Rapids in 1907, having reached the age of sixty-nine, but Mr. Morgan is now living at Independence, Oklahoma. They had twelve children—Melvina May, Fred, Mary Ellen, Robert, Lizzie, Alexander, Addie, Carrie, Florence, deceased, Mettie, Gertie and Jesse. The grandfather of Mrs. Smith on the paternal side was John Morgan, a native of Kentucky, and the maiden name of his wife was Elizabeth Myers. He died in middle life but Mrs. Morgan was over eighty-eight years of age when her death occurred. There were seven children in their family—Dorcas, Nancy, Amanda, Richard, Alexander, Susan and Mary. The maternal grandfather was Robert Oldham, a native of Indiana, who married Nicy Bollibaugh. He died at the age of seventy-four, his widow being called away after she had passed the eighty-ninth milestone of life. They were the parents of nine children—Serena, Christina, Lodena, Nancy, Mary, Adam, Aaron, Zadoc and William.

Mrs. Ezra Smith retains a distinct recollection of many interesting events of the pioneer days. When she and her husband arrived at Coon Rapids—fifty-seven years ago—there were few white people in this part of the state. In 1855, the year following their arrival, Mr. and Mrs. Zadoc Titus and their family of six children became residents of the neighborhood and during the same year came Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Geiselhart and their family of four children. The three families all lived in one log house, Mr. and Mrs. Smith also being the parents of two children, so that there were twelve children and six grown persons, making eighteen in all, who lived together peaceably and happily. The heads of the families are all now dead except Mrs. Smith. They finally built an addition to the house so that it had seven rooms and was one of the most commodious residences in this region. They passed through a number of exciting experiences, fighting prairie fires in which the women gave valuable assistance in saving their property. The principal means of travel was on horseback and Mrs. Smith became a skillful rider. When she took up her residence here the nearest white family, bearing the name of Niles, was five miles away. These neighbors moved to New Mexico and Mrs. Smith is now the oldest settler in the county. She owns the homestead on which she and her husband located more than a half-century ago but has disposed of a portion of the land, still retaining about one hundred and twenty acres all of which except thirty acres is within the corporate limits of Coon Rapids. Although she is now in her eighty-first year she is well preserved physically

for one of her age and is remarkably bright mentally. She is well informed as to the growth of Carroll county, having witnessed its development from a wilderness. She endured the hardships of pioneer life and now enjoys a competency and the companionship and the loving ministrations of younger persons who were not called upon to endure the privations through which she and her early associates were obliged to pass. To the pioneers the present generation owes a debt of gratitude which it is impossible to pay.

LOUIS G. PATTY, M. D.

Dr. Louis G. Patty, a practicing physician and surgeon of Carroll, is a prominent and successful representative of the medical profession in this county. His birth occurred in Benton county, Iowa, on the 30th of June, 1864, his parents being Joseph M. and Rachel J. (Greenlee) Patty, both of whom were natives of Miami county, Ohio. His paternal grandfather, Marcus Patty, was a native of Ohio, and passed away at the comparatively early age of thirty-nine years. He conducted a tavern at Covington, Ohio, and was also a contractor on turnpikes. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Elizabeth Miller, died in early womanhood. They had two sons, Joseph and David. William Greenlee, the maternal grandfather of our subject, was a native of Kentucky and a farmer by occupation. He lived to attain the age of seventy-six years, while his wife, who bore the maiden name of Esther Furnas, was eighty-three years old when called to her final rest. Their children were thirteen in number, namely: Robert, Nancy, Mary, Rachel, William R., Columbus C., Clay, Sadie M., Edward, Flora and three who died in infancy.

Joseph M. Patty, the father of Dr. Patty of this review, was the first physician in the town of Carroll. He learned the tailor's trade in early life and in the '50s crossed the plains to California, working as a miner in that state. Subsequently he joined the United States navy on the ship St. Mary's, being in the Atlantic squadron which did duty around the Isthmus of Panama about the time of the Civil war. Before crossing the plains he had studied medicine and became a pioneer physician of Benton county, Iowa, where he practiced his profession for some time, riding horseback with saddlebags. After his naval service he returned home to Benton county, where he was married and continued to reside until 1867, when he took up his abode in Carroll, coming here from Grant City in June of that year. In connection with the practice of medicine he also engaged in freighting, owning several teams. He likewise conducted a tavern and in fact undertook anything at which he could make an honest living. In 1870 he removed with his family to Chanute, Kansas, which was at that time called New Chicago, and there took up a claim. In 1872 he returned to Carroll and it was here that his demise occurred in 1884, when he had attained the age of about fifty-three years. He was a Master Mason and a worthy exemplar of the fraternity. His wife was called to her final rest in 1906 when sixty-five years of age.

They were the parents of four children, namely: Louis G., of this review: Clay, who is a resident of Fonda, Iowa; Josephine, who was born in Carroll on the 30th of October, 1867, resides here at the present time and is the wife of E. M. Shepherd; and Frank, who is deceased.

Louis G. Patty was reared in Carroll and attended the public schools in the acquirement of an education. In 1887 he completed the course in the veterinary department of Ames College, while in 1893 he won the degree of M. D. from the Jefferson Medical College at Philadelphia. He began the practice of his profession in Carroll county and with the exception of three and a half years spent in Pocahontas county has here remained to the present time. In connection with his duties as a physician and surgeon he also taught school for a number of terms, imparting clearly and readily to others the knowledge that he had acquired. He keeps in touch with the advancement that is being continually made by the medical fraternity through his membership in the Carroll County Medical Society, the Iowa State Medical Society and the American Medical Association, and his practice has steadily grown as he has demonstrated his ability to cope with the intricate problems which confront the physician in his efforts to restore health and prolong life.

On the 5th of November, 1895, Dr. Patty was united in marriage to Miss Josephine Coffield, who was born near Jerusalem, Ohio, her parents being Benjamin W. and Amanda J. (Andrews) Coffield, who are likewise natives of the Buckeye state. They came to Iowa in 1870, first residing at Maloy's Grove, near Dedham, Carroll county, for a short time. Subsequently they purchased a farm of one hundred acres in Eden township, making their home thereon for twenty years. On the expiration of that period they removed to a farm in Audubon county, where they are living at the present time. Benjamin W. Coffield enlisted for service in the Union army when but nineteen years of age, becoming a private of Company C, One Hundred and Sixteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, on the 12th of August, 1862. He received a slight flesh wound and was captured at the battle of High Bridge, Virginia, on the 6th of April, 1865, but was exchanged and mustered out at Camp Chase, Ohio, by order of the war department, on the 10th of June, 1865. He was the father of six children, three of whom grew to maturity, namely: Josephine, Louise and Fred. Thomas Coffield, the paternal grandfather of Mrs. Patty, was a native of Ireland and a gentleman farmer. He had a large and elegant library and was a deep student. Unto him and his wife, who prior to her marriage was Miss Sharp, were born five children: Mary, Harriet, Benjamin, Margaret and Eliza. Alben Andrews, the maternal grandfather of Mrs. Patty, was born in 1818—one hour after the arrival of his parents in Philadelphia from England. Unto him and his wife, who in maidenhood was Miss Mary J. Colvig, were born six children: Samuel, Amanda, Alfred, Louise, Adelbert and Anna. Alben Andrews lived to attain the age of seventy-six years, while his wife reached the advanced age of eighty-eight years, passing away in the summer of 1910. Dr. and Mrs. Patty have one child, Maude.

In politics Dr. Patty is a republican, while fraternally he is identified with the Masons, belonging to Signet Lodge, No. 264, A. F. & A. M.; Copestone

Chapter, No. 78, R. A. M.; Emmaus Commandery, No. 35, K. T.; and to Za-Ga-Zig Temple of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. His wife is a devoted and consistent member of the Christian church. Dr. Patty is a public-spirited man and popular, an unfeigned cordiality and uniform courtesy gaining him the warm friendship and kindly regard of the greater number of those with whom he comes in contact.

JOHN F. HOOGESTRAAT.

Iowa derives her wealth largely from her agricultural interests. The great broad prairies of the state offer excellent opportunities to the farmer and stock-raiser. The soil requires none of that previous laborious preparation necessary in a district of native forest growth, but responds readily to the care and labor which is bestowed upon it as the furrows are turned and the fields are cultivated. To this work of tilling the soil John F. Hoogestraat gives his time and energies, but does not confine his efforts entirely to one line, for he is also interested in the raising of high grade stock and in business circles has won for himself a creditable place. Mr. Hoogestraat was born in Arcadia township, Carroll county, on the 31st of January, 1873, a son of F. J. and Anna (Kruse) Hoogestraat. The parents, as their names would indicate, were both natives of Germany, although they were married in America. The father, coming to this country in early life, located for one year at Freeport, Illinois, and then removed to Ackley, Iowa, where he was married. In 1872 he came to Carroll county, first taking up his abode in Wheatland township, while later he moved to Arcadia township, purchasing a farm here in 1875. That remained his home until his death in 1901. He was a republican in politics and in private life was honored and respected by all who knew him. His wife also passed away on the home farm, in 1900, her remains being interred in the Bruggeman cemetery. In their family were ten children, as follows: Alice, at home; John F., of this review; Fred, of Arcadia township; Anna, now deceased; Florence, the wife of George Ryan, of Denver, Colorado; Margaret, residing at Los Angeles, California; William O., superintendent of schools of Tekoa, Washington; Christina; Hannah, also residing in Los Angeles, California; and Otto, who passed away in infancy.

On the home farm John F. Hoogestraat was reared to manhood, and when old enough became a pupil in the public schools of Arcadia, graduating finally from the high school, after which he pursued a course of study in the Carroll College. He made good use of his educational advantages and after completing his college course engaged in teaching school for two years. He then took up agricultural pursuits, thinking that he would find that line of activity more congenial and remunerative, and now operates two hundred acres of land in Arcadia township, all of which is under a high state of cultivation. He also owns one hundred and twenty acres of Iowa land and one hundred and sixty acres in the Panhandle of Texas, near the

town of Happy. In all of his work he is progressive, employing the latest improved machinery to facilitate the work of the fields, while close study has given him progressive and accurate knowledge concerning the best methods of raising stock. He is a feeder of cattle and also makes a specialty of thoroughbred Duroc Jersey hogs, and his live-stock interests constitute an important and lucrative branch of his business. Moreover he is secretary of the Arcadia Mutual Telephone Company, of which he was one of the organizers and also served as its first president.

In fraternal circles Mr. Hoogestraat belongs to the Woodmen of the World, at Arcadia, and in political faith is a republican. In local affairs he has taken considerable interest, but the honors and emoluments of office have never held attraction for him. Although he has not yet reached the prime of life he has nevertheless acquired a goodly measure of success, enjoying to a large degree the many advantages afforded by the present day, and being progressive, and a man whose life has always been in keeping with high standards, he justly deserves the prominent place which he occupies in the confidence and respect of his fellowmen.

WILLIAM GILLEY.

Among the early settlers of Carroll county William Gilley occupies a unique position as he is the oldest pioneer now living in the county. Fifty-five years have come and gone since he first cast his eyes upon this section of the state and he has ever since made it his home. He is a native of Pennsylvania, born March 11, 1830, a son of Andrew and Catharine (Vandemark) Gilley, who were also natives of the Keystone state. The father was born October 5, 1804. He was reared as a farmer and after attaining maturity moved with his family to Medina county, Ohio, in 1833, locating a mile and a half from Lodi. He lived for forty-four years in Medina county and in 1877 came to Carroll county, Iowa, where he spent the remainder of his days, being called away May 9, 1884, at the age of seventy-nine years and seven months. The beloved wife and mother died in Ohio at the age of seventy-one. They were both consistent members of the Congregational church. There were nine children in their family, four sons and five daughters: Benjamin; Mary, who married Alpha Gilbert; William, of this review; Sarah; Jane, who became the wife of Harrison Chapman; James; Harrison; Julia, who married John Deal; and Almira, who died in infancy. Grandfather Gilley died in 1807 when the son Andrew was three years of age. The maternal grandfather was Benjamin Vandemark, also a native of Pennsylvania. He was of Holland-Dutch and his wife of Scotch descent. They had seven children: William, Maria, who married Peter Eaton; Sarah; Jane, who became the wife of Adam Eaton, a cousin of Peter; Julia; Leah, who married Abraham Springer; and Catharine, the mother of our subject.

William Gilley moved to Medina county, Ohio, with his parents in his early boyhood and was reared upon his father's farm. He attended the district schools and engaged in farming in Medina county until twenty-four years of age when he was married and, having decided to cast his fortune west of the Mississippi river, came to Iowa with his wife and spent the first two years on a farm near Iowa City. In April, 1856, he arrived in Carroll county and settled in what is now Pleasant Valley township. Here he entered one hundred and sixty acres of land adjoining the site of Carrollton which had been named as the county seat. He improved his farm and increased it by the addition of eighty acres, but in the meantime was elected county treasurer in 1867 and the county seat having been moved to Carroll, he took up his residence in this place in October, 1868. He was reelected to the office in 1869 and also subsequently served as sheriff and clerk of the district court and was reelected, and in 1878 and 1880 he served as mayor of Carroll. During the time that he filled the office of county treasurer he conducted a real-estate business. He purchased three hundred and twenty acres of land near the corporation line and has been largely instrumental in the improvement of the city by the erection of business properties. He engaged for a number of years in the lumber and coal business and also continued farming until about 1900 since which time he has lived retired. He still owns a beautiful farm of one hundred and seventy acres which is located a half-mile west of Carroll. At the time he settled in Pleasant Valley township there were only twenty-eight voters in the county and the only settlements were in Newton and Jasper townships. The people were all from the east, none of them being of foreign birth. Roving bands of Indians were frequently seen pursuing the elk and deer that were then abundant throughout this part of the state. The nearest mill was at Panora, about thirty miles away, and the nearest post-office was at the same place. There were not many improvements made until after 1865, as the Civil war attracted to the army nearly all of the able-bodied men, leaving the women and children to look after affairs at home.

On the 3d day of January, 1854, Mr. Gilley was united in marriage to Miss Leah Mohler, a native of Wayne county, Ohio, and a daughter of John and Susan (Mohler) Mohler. The parents were natives of Pennsylvania but removed to Ohio and located near Lodi. The father died when he was about sixty and the mother at the age of eighty-four years. In their family were Anna, Isaac, Cyrus, Reuben, Amos, Leah, Catharine, Rachel, Allen and Ira. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Gilley: Willard B., who was drowned at the age of twelve; Ira M., a farmer of Grant county, Washington, living near Coulee City, who married Stella Cushman and has two children, William C. and Gertrude; Ida, now living in Carroll, who married William Trowbridge and is the mother of three children, Blanche, the wife of J. E. Bruner, Emma, who married C. Dawson, and William Harrison; and Emma I., also of Carroll, who married E. J. Pelsue and has two children, Harold G. and Lutheria L. William Gilley of this

review also has a grandson, Frank Cushman Gilley, a bright lad who gives evidence of becoming a worthy representative of the family.

Mrs. Leah Gilley, the beloved wife and mother, died November 4, 1906, at the age of seventy-one years. Mr. Gilley is now eighty-one and is unusually active in mind and body for a person of his age. In religious belief he is in sympathy with the Congregational church and this was also the faith of his wife. Fraternally he is identified with Signet Lodge No. 264, A. F. & A. M., and Copestone Chapter No. 78, R. A. M. He was a charter member of the first Masonic organization in Carroll county and only two of the original signers for the lodge are now living. Politically Mr. Gilley gives his support to the republican party. He voted for John C. Fremont for president of the United States and has never seen a reason for changing his political views. In all his responsibilities, public or private, he has discharged his duties with the strictest fidelity and honor, and today no man in Carroll county is more worthy of respect than William Gilley.

CARSON HOFFMANN.

Carson Hoffmann, who for many years was engaged in farming in Washington township, but is now living retired in Manning, was born in Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, on the 13th of October, 1851, being a son of John and Frauke (Thede) Hoffmann. The parents were also natives of Schleswig-Holstein, the father's natal day having been the 3d of December, 1818, and that of the mother the 23d of March, 1818. Mr. Hoffmann, who was a carpenter in the fatherland, emigrated to the United States with his wife and family in 1866. They located in Scott county where he and his elder sons worked as farm hands for a time. In 1870 he was able to buy forty acres of land which he cultivated for five years, then disposing of it he came to Carroll county. He bought eighty acres of land in Washington township which he operated until his retirement about 1884 to Manning, where he passed away on the 6th of December, 1889. Mrs. Hoffmann survived until the 11th of December, 1896. They were both members of the Lutheran church, and in politics he was a democrat. They were the parents of six children, all of whom are residents of Manning: Margaret, the wife of Henry Severs; Wiebke, who married Christian Grube; John, who is engaged in the lumber business; Carson, our subject; Frauke, the wife of Henry Herman; and Henry, who is a retired business man.

A youth of fifteen years when his parents emigrated to this country Carson Hoffmann had acquired his education in the schools of Germany. During the early years of their residence in Iowa he worked out as a farm hand, but in 1875, together with his father he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land in Washington township, Carroll county. He cultivated his land with growing success, adding to his holdings at divers times, until he acquired two hundred and forty acres of fine farming land. He cleared and improved his property, bringing his fields to a high state of cultivation. In



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1893 he withdrew from active farming and came to Manning, where he is now living retired.

Mr. Hoffmann, who has married twice, chose for his first wife Miss Margaret Rohnferdt, their union being solemnized on the 28th of February, 1880. She was a daughter of Fred and Margaret (Jenk) Rohnferdt, natives of Schleswig-Holstein, from which country they emigrated to the United States, locating in Clinton county, Iowa. There Mrs. Hoffmann was born on the 3d of March, 1864, being reared on the farm which her father cultivated for many years. The parents were both members of the Lutheran church, and Mr. Rohnferdt fraternally was identified with the Masonic order and the Knights of Pythias, while he voted with the democrats. To Mr. and Mrs. Hoffmann was born one daughter, Dora, the wife of Louis Hackmann, of Des Moines, Iowa, and the mother of three children: Roy, Evelyn and Earl. His first wife passing away on the 6th of June, 1892, Mr. Hoffmann was again married on the 2d of April, 1894, to Mrs. Margaret Schlapkohl, widow of Henry Schlapkohl and a daughter of Hans and Cecelia (Urban) Luetje. They were also natives of Schleswig-Holstein, where they resided until 1874, when the mother emigrated to this country with her family, the father, who was a moulder in a foundry, having died in Germany.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Hoffmann hold membership in the Lutheran church, and fraternally he is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Ever since granted the right of franchise Mr. Hoffmann has cast his ballot for the democratic candidates and served for one year as school director. During the period of his agricultural activity he met with a degree of success which now makes it possible for him to live retired, having acquired a competence which provides himself and wife with all the comforts of life.

WILLIAM A. COLLISON.

William A. Collison, one of the progressive and enterprising young business men of Carroll county, is the local manager of the Halbur (Ia.) yards of The W. T. Joyce Company. His birth occurred in the village of Blackstone, seven miles southeast of Streator, in La Salle county, Illinois, on the 22d of January, 1875, his parents being Joseph and Annie (Wolfe) Collison, the former a native of Yorkshire, England, and the latter of Ireland. The father, who was born in 1846, was brought to America when but four years of age. He located in Chicago before any railroads entered the place. When a youth of sixteen he removed with his parents to La Salle county, Illinois, locating on a farm which his father rented. At the age of twenty-eight he came to Iowa, settling on a farm four miles west of Carroll, in Carroll county, when our subject was a babe of six weeks. Here he has resided throughout the intervening thirty-six years, devoting his attention to general agricultural pursuits with excellent results. Both he and his wife still enjoy the best of health and are well known and highly

esteemed throughout the community. The record of their children is as follows: William A., of this review; John R., who wedded Miss Cora Maloney, of Arcadia township, and follows farming in that township; Joseph B., at home; Daniel A., who is a practicing dentist of Marshalltown, Iowa, and married Miss Edna Gilford, of Platteville, Wisconsin; Frederick P. and Mary E., both at home; Morris L. and Frank L., twins, who are also still under the parental roof; and Arthur V., who died at the age of thirteen years.

William A. Collison was reared under the parental roof and assisted his father in the operation of the home farm until twenty-seven years of age. His preliminary education, obtained in the rural schools, was supplemented by a two years' course of study in the old Normal Business College of Carroll. Subsequently he followed the profession of teaching for six years, acting as an instructor in the different districts near his home. In 1903 he entered the employ of The W. T. Joyce Company at Carroll, Carroll county, as second man. After ably filling that position for one year he was made local manager of the Lidderdale yards, serving in that capacity for four years. On the expiration of that period he became local manager of the Halbur (Ia.) yards, the duties of which position he has now discharged for two years. Competent and faithful, he has proven a valued representative of The W. T. Joyce Company, and has contributed to the success of the concern in an appreciable degree.

Mr. Collison is a democrat in politics and while at Lidderdale served as city clerk for two years. He is a faithful communicant of St. Joseph's Catholic church at Carroll and an honored member of Charles Carroll Council, No. 780, of the Knights of Columbus at that place. A young man of social, genial disposition, he is very popular and enjoys a wide acquaintance throughout the county in which practically his entire life has been spent.

U. C. JONES, M. D.

The well established family physician obtains an influence in any community which is more far-reaching than that of any man sustaining other relations to the public, but if his life is actuated by honorable principles and lofty ideals he becomes a notable force for good in support of those measures and movements which are calculated to benefit the community at large. Such a physician is Dr. U. C. Jones, who is also serving as mayor of Breda.

He was born in Kirkland, Clinton county, Indiana, on the 30th of December, 1842, a son of Uriah and Elizabeth (Boyle) Jones, natives of Virginia. His ancestors on the paternal side were of Welsh extraction, while the Boyle family is of German descent. His great-grandmother was Irish and engaged in teaching school in Ireland. As a rule the members of the Jones family followed various trades, although some engaged in

farming and a few others were identified with the professions. Uriah Jones on leaving the Old Dominion went first to Ohio, thence to Indiana and later to Poweshiek county, Iowa, locating near the present site of the town of Brooklyn. He was a carpenter by trade and also engaged to some extent in farming, being thus employed until his death, passing away at the age of seventy-five years. He was a bright, scholarly gentleman, with a broad general knowledge, and was held in the highest respect and esteem by all who knew him. In his family were twelve children, as follows: John, a retired farmer, who served throughout the period of the Civil war as a member of Company E, Fourth Iowa Cavalry, and is now residing at Des Moines, Iowa, for the purpose of educating his two daughters; Dr. U. C., of this review; Newton, a physician and surgeon of Shelby, Iowa; Timothy, engaging in the lumber business at Greeley, Kansas; Henry, conducting a music store at Spencer, Iowa; David, the proprietor of a furniture and undertaking establishment at Berkeley, California; George W., a physician and owner of a hospital at Lawrence, Kansas; Jacob, a farmer of Poweshiek county, residing near Brooklyn, Iowa; Martha, the wife of S. M. Winshel, of Malcom, Iowa; Eldora, residing in Oklahoma; and Robert and Martin, both now deceased.

In the district schools of Poweshiek county, Dr. U. C. Jones acquired his early education, which he later supplemented by a course of study in the high school at Brooklyn. For a time thereafter he assisted his father at the carpenter's trade, being thus engaged until the outbreak of the Civil war, when he enlisted, in the fall of 1861, from Grinnell, as a member of Company E, Fourth Iowa Cavalry. After a faithful service of about one year he was honorably discharged on account of physical disability occasioned by an attack of typhoid fever, after which he returned home and for seven or eight years was engaged in teaching school.

Then, thinking to find congenial work in the medical field, he took up the study of medicine and surgery in 1875, and was graduated from the medical department of Drake University at Des Moines in 1885. In the meantime he had attended medical classes at Iowa City and had begun practicing his profession in the spring of 1881. After finally completing his preparation he opened an office at Breda and this has since remained the field of his activity. In the fall of 1881 he established a drug business in this city and in 1895 suffered the loss of his store through fire, while six months later he was again burned out. He now owns his own store building in addition to a fine residence, and at one time owned other valuable real-estate holdings, which he has since sold. From the first Dr. Jones was successful, impressing all with whom he came in contact with his trustworthy character, his earnestness, zeal and scrupulous regard for the ethics of his profession. He has ever kept in touch with the trend of general progress in professional lines and by his investigation and research has added much to his knowledge and ability.

In 1867 Dr. Jones was united in marriage to Miss Emma L. Holmes, a native of New York, and to them have been born six children, namely: Belle, who is the wife of George B. Frazier, a banker of Muskogee, Okla-

homa, and has three children, Alma, Margaret and Wright; Mrs. Ida Wilson, a twin sister of Belle, who without any capital whatever started in business ten years ago and now owns the largest dry-goods store in Breda, and through her own efforts entirely is educating her two daughters, Hazel and Ruth, the former studying music in Breda and the latter attending college at Lake View, Iowa; Laura, a professional kindergarten teacher, who is now living at home; Charles B., a professional musician of Omaha, who directs a band of his own in the summer seasons and plays in the orchestra at the Orpheum, of that city, in the winter months, who married Elizabeth Coffey and has three children, Charles B., Jr., Utley D. and Margaret; Lottie, who resides at home and assists her father in the drug store; and one who died in infancy.

Dr. Jones is well known in fraternal circles, holding membership with the Masonic order at Carroll; the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, No. 114, at Brooklyn, Iowa, and with the Modern Woodmen of America and the Woodmen of the World, both at Breda. He is also a member of the Northwestern Medical Society, the Central Medical Society and the Iowa State Medical Association, and is now serving as a member of the board of health in Wheatland and East townships and also in the town of Breda. In politics he is a staunch Bryan democrat, and although he has repeatedly refused all other official positions, he has now served for two years as mayor of Breda, his fellow citizens honoring him by election to the highest office in their power to bestow in recognition of his personal worth and ability. Fully realizing the obligations that devolve upon him in his professional and official capacity, he has ever performed his public duties with the same sense of conscientious obligation that has characterized his labor in the sick room, and he is now recognized as one of the eminent physicians and influential citizens of Wheatland township and Carroll county.

FRANK A. BRUGGEMAN.

When diligence, industry and perseverance are brought to bear upon the conduct of any enterprise, the results are almost certain to be favorable, especially when supplemented by a spirit of progress and a sense of honesty. Such elements have formed the salient characteristics in the career of Frank A. Bruggeman. A native of Illinois, his birth occurred in Cumberland county on the 1st of October, 1869, a son of Adolph and Charlotte (Stahlhut) Bruggeman. The parents were both natives of Germany, the father coming to this country when twenty-four years of age. He was located for a few months at New Orleans, Louisiana, later spent several years in St. Louis, Missouri, then made his way to Cumberland county, Illinois, whence he came to Carroll county, Iowa. Here he engaged in farming pursuits for many years and became one of the large landowners and successful agriculturists in his locality. He passed away in 1909, sur-

viving his wife for many years, her death occurring about eighteen months after the birth of her youngest child. In their family were six children, as follows: Augusta, who passed away in infancy; Emma J., the wife of John Hofeldt, of South Dakota; Pauline, residing in Arcadia; Frank A., of this review; Louisa, whose death occurred at the age of three years; and Herman F., who is mentioned on another page of this volume.

No event of especial importance came to vary the routine of life for Frank A. Bruggeman during the period of his boyhood and youth, which was quietly passed in his parents' home, his education being acquired in the public and high schools of Arcadia. The summer seasons were devoted to assisting his father in the work of the farm, in which his training was practical and thorough, so that when twenty-three years of age he felt justified in starting in business on his own account. At that time he undertook the supervision of the home farm, since which he has continuously made his home thereon, giving his attention to its further development and cultivation. Although he gives much thought to the care of his fields, most of his attention is devoted to his live stock interests, making a specialty of raising hogs. To this branch of his business is due in large degree the success which he today enjoys, for he has given much study to the raising of his specialty and is recognized throughout the community as a good judge of hogs. He is one of the prosperous and progressive farmers and stockmen in Arcadia township, and is now the owner of a valuable farm of four hundred and eighty acres.

Mr. Bruggeman was united in marriage, in 1893, to Miss Anna Behneman, and unto them have been born seven children, of whom the eldest, Alonzo, has passed away. The others, all yet at home, are as follows: Harold, Edwin, Laura, Edna, Otto and Walter. The parents are both interested and active members of the Lutheran church, in the work of which they take a helpful part, and in politics Mr. Bruggeman gives stalwart support to the republican party. He is now serving as secretary of the township school board, and all measures which have to do with the material, intellectual or moral life of the community are matters of interest to him. His life has ever been actuated by high principles which have commended him to the esteem, confidence and good will of his fellowmen, and today he ranks prominent among the valued and representative citizens of Carroll county.

BERNARD CHARLES KELLY, M. D.

The medical profession finds a worthy representative in Dr. Bernard Charles Kelly, who for over eighteen years has engaged in practice at Carroll. He is a native of Lee county, Iowa, born November 19, 1860, and a son of Peter and Margaret (DeVine) Kelly. The parents were both natives of Ireland, the father having been born in County Louthe and the mother in the town of Dingle County Kerry. The father engaged in the

British merchant marine and in 1849 came to America, landing at New Orleans. He went to Cincinnati, Ohio, and in 1852 took up his residence on a farm in Lee county, Iowa, where he continued until his death which occurred in 1894, he being then seventy-one years old. The mother died in 1897 at the age of sixty-eight. They were both devout members of the Catholic church. There were seven children in their family, namely: Bernard Charles, of this review; Mary, who married Bernard Denning and is now deceased; John, who lives in Nebraska; Maggie, wife of H. J. Meier-Otto of Clinton, Missouri; James S., of Fairfield, Iowa; Sarah, wife of Theodore Denning of Mount Hamill, Iowa; and William, of Muenster, Texas. The paternal grandfather of our subject, John Kelly, was a captain in the English army. He married Mary Nolan, daughter of an Irish lord, and she inherited a large estate. They were the parents of three sons and one daughter—Peter, John, Bernard and Ann. The maternal grandfather was Timothy DeVine, a laborer, and his wife was Mary McDonald. They had six children who lived to maturity, namely: Kate; Margaret, Bridget, Ellen, Honore and Johanna.

Bernard Charles Kelly was reared on his father's farm in Lee county and gained his early education in the district schools. Later he attended the high school at Novelty, Missouri, and Howe's Academy at Mount Pleasant, Iowa, graduating from the latter in 1883. He then worked several months in the Mount Pleasant Insane Asylum, and having decided to follow a professional career, matriculated in the Hahnemann Medical College of Chicago, from which he was graduated in 1887 with the degree of M. D. He began practice at Seneca, Kansas, but being desirous of a wider field came to Carroll in December, 1892, and has engaged continuously in practice in this city since that time. He is recognized as one of the prominent members of the profession in Carroll county. Being a man of wide reading and clear judgment, his opinions command respect and he ranks high in the estimation of his brother practitioners as well as in that of the public. Professionally, he is a member of the County and State Medical Societies and the American Medical Association.

On the 1st day of May, 1888, Dr. Kelly was united in marriage to Miss Anna M. Meier-Otto, who was born at St. Paul, Lee county, Iowa. Her parents were natives of Cologne, Germany, and came to Iowa in 1846, settling in Lee county. The father died at Muenster, Texas, in 1895, having reached the advanced age of seventy-eight years. The mother was called away at the age of sixty-eight. They had six children—Elizabeth, who died in infancy; John; Mary; Henry; Margaret; and Anna, now Mrs. Bernard Charles Kelly. The paternal grandfather of Mrs. Kelly was Christ Meier-Otto, and his wife was Elizabeth Meier-Otto. Of their children may be named Henry, Christ, Elizabeth, Margaret and Casper. The maternal grandfather was a merchant in Germany and lived to be over a hundred years old. His wife before her marriage was a Miss Schöring, and they had two daughters, one of whom, Marguerite, grew to maturity. Eight children came to bless the union of Dr. and Mrs. Kelly, namely: Bernard S., Margaret Anna, Mary C. E., Casper Peter, Paulina Nellie, Paul Jo-

seph, Frances Margaret and John Thomas. Margaret Anna died at the age of six years and ten months.

Fraternally, Dr. Kelly is identified with the Knights of Columbus and the Modern Woodmen of America and he has many friends in those orders. Politically, he is not allied with any party organization, preferring to remain independent and to vote for the individual. He and his estimable wife are life long members of the Catholic church. His energies are devoted conscientiously to his profession and the high reputation he bears in Carroll and adjoining counties is convincing evidence of his skill.

G. VON GLAN.

G. von Glan, who is numbered among the extensive landowners and prosperous farmers and stockmen of Carroll county, is one of the sturdy type of Europeans who are doing so much toward cultivating the lands of the middle and far west. His birth occurred at Ost Friesland, Germany, on the 26th of July, 1844, his parents being Edeard and Catherine (Holdcamp) von Glan, also natives of the same place. The father was a farmer by occupation and engaged in that pursuit until his death, in 1880. His wife passed away in 1871, and both spent their entire lives in the fatherland. Their family of ten children included the following: Herr, John and Cornelia, all deceased; Ettie; G., of this review; Kuno, who was killed in the battle of Mars Latour, in the Franco-Prussian war in 1870; Peter, still residing in Germany; Higo, deceased; Anna, also in the fatherland; and Bertha, who has passed away.

G. von Glan acquired an excellent education in his native land and became thoroughly proficient in the German, French and English languages. He remained with his parents until twenty-seven years of age, and then, having received intelligence of the agricultural advantages offered in the new world, he left the fatherland and came to the United States, first locating at Freeport, Illinois. After one year spent at that place he came to Iowa, and for two years was employed as a farm hand at Ackley, after which he made his way to Carroll county, taking up his abode on his present farm on section 8, Wheatland township. This tract he has greatly improved, for he erected good buildings, planted fruit and shade trees, enclosed the fields with neat fences and has introduced many of the inventions in farm machinery for tilling the soil and caring for the crops, and the land for which he originally paid seven dollars per acre is now recognized as as valuable and desirable property as can be found in the county. Prosperity has attended his efforts as the years have gone by and as his financial resources have permitted he has invested in more land until today he owns seven hundred and thirty-five acres, all in Wheatland township, and three hundred and twenty acres in South Dakota, making him one of the extensive landowners in his section of the county. This land is all under excellent cultivation, the Iowa land containing four good sets of im-

provements and the Dakota land being equipped with one set of substantial and commodious buildings. He has large live-stock interests and now makes a specialty of raising and feeding shorthorn cattle.

Mr. von Glan was married, in 1872, to Miss Mary Garrels, a native of the United States, born of German parentage. This union has been blessed with six children, as follows: Herman, who operates one of his father's farms; Bena, at home; Higo, also at home; Gotlieb, operating a portion of his father's land; Mary, who married John Clausen, of Wheatland township; and Bertha, under the parental roof.

Mr. von Glan's political allegiance is given to the democratic party, to which he has been loyal since casting his first vote, although he has never sought or desired public office in reward for party fealty. He is a man of high moral character, and being one who does not permit business affairs to crowd out his religious obligations, always finds time for church work, holding membership in the German Presbyterian church. He is one of the organizers of the church in this section, served as its first deacon and is yet acting in that capacity. Mr. von Glan is well known throughout the locality in which he has resided for more than thirty-five years, and is highly respected and esteemed by all who know aught of his career, for the success which he now enjoys has come to him entirely through his own well directed efforts and the principles which have governed him in business and private life have ever been of the most honorable and praiseworthy.

LOUIS ALBERT GNAM.

For forty years Louis Albert Gnam has been a resident of Carroll and during that time grew to manhood, entered upon his life calling and became one of the leading citizens of the community. He was born at Sandwich, Illinois, November 5, 1859, and is the son of Louis and Theresa (Meier) Gnam, both of whom were natives of Germany. There were nine children in their family, namely: Amelia, now the widow of Herman Brunning, of Carroll; Charles, also of Carroll; Louis A., the subject of this review; Herman J., who is deceased; Lena, now the wife of John M. Powers of Chicago, Illinois; John J., of Carroll; Clara, who lives in Waterloo, Iowa; Henry, of Carroll; and Mary, wife of Dr. Rogers of El Paso, Texas. Mr. Gnam, Sr., learned the brewer's trade in his native country which he followed industriously for a number of years. Coming to America he was married and made his home at Ottawa and other places in Illinois. Believing that conditions were more favorable west of the Mississippi river he moved to Ackley, Iowa, and since 1871 has made his home at Carroll, where he and his wife are now living retired. They are both sincere members of the Catholic church.

Louis Albert Gnam arrived at Carroll with his parents when thirteen years of age, having previously received a common school education at

Mount Carmel, Iowa. He learned the tinner's trade and clerked for eight years, accumulating sufficient capital to purchase a half interest in the hardware store of J. L. Wetherill in 1884. Since 1905 he has been sole owner of the store, having been identified with this concern ever since 1876, a period of thirty-five years. He carries a large and well selected stock of hardware and has attracted patronage from a wide region around Carroll.

On the 20th day of August, 1890, Mr. Gnam was united in marriage to Miss Minnie E. Merchant, a native of Mallorytown, Canada, daughter of Ezra N. and Mertie E. (Hughes) Merchant. The father was born in Pennsylvania and the mother in Canada. He engaged in the grocery business, and he and his wife are now living retired at Carroll, having taken up their residence in this city in 1879. There were two children in their family: Minnie E., now Mrs. Louis Albert Gnam, and Lillian M., wife of H. P. Chelius of Boston, Massachusetts. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Gnam, namely: Louis M., Lillian M., Florence A., Ruth M., and Carl A.

Religiously, Mr. Gnam is identified with the Catholic church and his wife is a member of the Episcopal church. Fraternaly, he is connected with the Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Order of Foresters. In political belief he adheres to the democracy. A true friend of education, he is now serving as member of the school board. As a representative business man he is interested in promoting the growth of the city and has assisted very materially in bringing about the present prosperous state of affairs at Carroll. Both he and his estimable wife have the good will of all with whom they have associated.

JOHN DAVIS.

One of those who are successfully identified with the agricultural pursuits of Union township is John Davis, who was born in Scott county, Iowa, on the 14th of August, 1870. His parents were Joseph and Celia (Hulett) Davis, the father a native of Ohio and the mother of Connecticut. Joseph Davis was a son of Kinsey and Abigail Davis, the father also a native of the Buckeye state, where he engaged in farming for many years. They were among the very early pioneer settlers of Carroll county, where they lived to a ripe old age. To them were born seven children: Jessie, Elizabeth, Mary Ann, Joseph, Nathan, William and Jennie. Joseph Davis was reared in Ohio, from which state he moved to Scott county, Iowa, where he resided until 1877. In the latter year he came to Carroll county, purchasing eighty acres of land in Union township, upon which he wrought many improvements, later adding another sixty acres to his tract. There Mrs. Davis passed away in 1888, at the age of forty-three. She was a daughter of Joel Hulett, a native of Connecticut, and a farmer, who located in Scott county during the pioneer days. Later he came to

Carroll county, where he passed away after which his wife returned to Scott county, where she was living at the time of her demise. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Hulett: Elizabeth; Celia, who became Mrs. Davis; and Nathan. Joseph Davis passed away on his homestead in 1892, at which time he was fifty-three years of age. The family of Mr. and Mrs. Davis numbered seven children: Josie, the wife of Langley Parker, of Union township; John, our subject; Mabel, the wife of John Bell, of Newton township; Ida, who married Henry Bell, of Casson, Minnesota; Alfred, who is living in Union township; Jessie, the wife of Fred Anderson, of Newton township; and Millie, the wife of Frank Anderson, of Audubon county.

The school days of John Davis began in Scott county, where his parents resided until he had passed his seventh anniversary. His education was continued and completed in the district schools of Carroll county, which he attended for several years after they located here. He remained at home until he had attained his majority and after the death of his father he operated the homestead, one hundred acres of which he now owns, for several years.

On the 14th of August, 1893, Mr. Davis was united in marriage to Miss Lena A. Titus, a daughter of Samuel and Ella (Howell) Titus. They were among the early settlers of Glidden, where Mrs. Davis was born, but are now living in Union township. They are the parents of three children: Mabel; Lena A., now Mrs. Davis; and Clarence. To Mr. and Mrs. Davis have been born one daughter and two sons, Fred, Celia May and Boyd.

Mr. Davis' fraternal relations are confined to his membership in Charity Lodge, No. 197, A. F. & A. M., while politically he is a republican. Township affairs always engage his active attention and for six years he served as trustee while he is now township clerk. Practically the entire life of Mr. Davis has been spent in the vicinity where he is now residing and among whose citizens he numbers many close friends, who were the comrades of his boyhood.

EUGENE SHEPARD.

A worthy representative of the business interests of Carroll, Eugene Shepard has attained deserved success, being at the head of a flourishing jewelry store. He was born in Ogle county, Illinois, May 30, 1867, son of Cyrenus and Christian (Wolroth) Shepard, both of whom are natives of New York. There were six children in their family: Laura P., now the widow of George Davis of Rochelle, Illinois; Anna C., wife of George S. Dotson, and they live in Adams county near Grant, Iowa; Flora D., now Mrs. John Redman of Red Oak, Iowa; Ida V., wife of Frank Hubbard of Elliott, Iowa; Zenus M., who died at the age of twenty-one years; and Eugene, the subject of this review. Mr. Shepard, Sr., was a

settler of Ogle county, Illinois, and came to Iowa in 1871, locating in Red Oak. He returned to Illinois in 1910, and is now living retired at Rochelle, having reached the advanced age of eighty-eight years. Grandfather Shepard was a native of New York and devoted his attention to farming. His wife was upwards of ninety years of age when she died.

Eugene Shepard came to Iowa with his parents at the age of four years and was reared in the paternal home. He received his early education in the district schools and assisted his father in work upon the home farm until he attained the age of twelve years. At the age of twenty-one, having decided not to give his attention to farming and stock-raising, he began learning the jeweler's trade at Rochelle, Illinois, in which he made rapid advancement. In 1895 he returned to Iowa, and at Carroll, as the years passed has met with an increasing measure of success in a vocation to which he seems especially adapted.

In 1891 he was united in marriage to Miss Grace I. Stetler, daughter of Oliver and Laura (Herrick) Stetler, and two children were born to this union: Frederick Earl and Frank. His wife having been called away, Mr. Shepard was again married June 30, 1896, to Miss Josephine M. Patty, daughter of Joseph and Rachel (Greenlee) Patty. Four children have come to brighten the home of Mr. and Mrs. Shepard, namely: Grace, Frederick Earl, Joseph and Mabel.

Mrs. Shepard was the first female child born in Carroll, Iowa. She was reared and attended the public schools, being successfully engaged in teaching for a number of years before her marriage. Mr. Shepard early became acquainted with the importance of labor and applied himself with such diligence and good judgment that he has attained comparative financial independence. He is intelligent, wide awake and progressive, and the success he has achieved is the result of his own efforts. He belongs to the class of men who contribute to the material advancement of the community and who may always be depended upon in times of emergency. Politically, he gives his support to the republican party. He has not sought the emoluments of office, as he has devoted his energies to private affairs in the promotion of which he has found his time well occupied.

ALMON C. STEELE.

Almon C. Steele, of Coon Rapids, has passed the age of three score years and now looks back upon a life of activity and usefulness, in the course of which he attained a position of financial independence. He is now postmaster of Coon Rapids. He is a native of Winnebago county, Illinois, born August 18, 1843, a son of Wolcott and Lavina (Johnson) Steele, the former of whom was born at New Hartford, Connecticut, and the latter in the same state. They went to Ohio when they were children with their parents, who settled in Ashtabula county. They were married in the Buckeye state and located in Winnebago county, Illinois, in 1842,

continuing there during the remainder of their lives. The mother died at the age of forty-two but the father survived many years, passing away at the age of eighty-three years. He served as county supervisor and also held township offices. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Steele were seven children: Orange J., who enlisted in the Civil war and gave up his life for his country; Fayette G., who is now living at Beloit, Wisconsin; Henry M., who died in Nevada; Martha, who is the wife of Job Packard, of Beloit; Wolcott, who died at Winnemucca, Nevada; Almon C., of this review; and Alma, who died at the age of twenty-one years.

The paternal grandfather of our subject was Zadoc Steele. He was a native of Connecticut and a pioneer of Ashtabula county, Ohio. The old log cabin, thirty by forty feet in size, which he built in 1808 is still standing and is one of the interesting reminders of early days in the Buckeye state. He was a soldier in the war of 1812 and became one of the flourishing farmers of his county. He married Miss Lyman and of their children the following names are known, Wolcott, Francis, Merritt, Abbie and Almon. The grandparents on the maternal side were also pioneers of Ashtabula county and the names of seven of their children have been handed down to the present generation, Fayette, Greene, Fannie, Loretta, Lavina, Lucy and Camden.

Mr. Steele of this review was reared on his father's farm in Winnebago county, Illinois, and in the district schools gained the rudiments of an education. At the breaking out of the Civil war he responded to the call of President Lincoln and enlisted in Company D, Seventy-fourth Illinois Infantry, continuing in this regiment until the close of the war. He enlisted as a private and was honorably discharged as a sergeant, having won his stripes by faithful performance of duty. He participated in the battles of Stone River and Chickamauga; was with Sheridan's division in the charge at Missionary Ridge; was present at the front during the Atlanta campaign; was in the charge of the Second Division of the Fourth Corps at the battle of Kenesaw Mountain; and also performed his part in many other hard fought engagements up to the time of the fall of Atlanta. He returned northward with the Fourth Corps from Atlanta and fought in the battles of Franklin and Nashville under General Thomas, being a member of Updike's Brigade that saved the day at Franklin. After laying aside the uniform and accoutrements of war Mr. Steele resumed the peaceful occupation of agriculture in Winnebago county, Illinois, breaking prairie with a seven-yoke ox team. In 1871 he came to Iowa and settled in Glidden township, east of Glidden, near the town of Ralston. Here he purchased eighty acres of land, to which he added one hundred and sixty acres, and made his home upon this place until 1882, when he took up his permanent residence at Coon Rapids. In 1884 he sold his farm, receiving thirty dollars per acre. This land is now worth one hundred and fifty dollars an acre. He bought one hundred and sixty acres in Union township and three hundred and twenty acres in Guthrie county, Iowa, but has disposed of all of his landholdings.

On the 3d of July, 1869, Mr. Steele was married to Miss Julia Aldrich, a daughter of George and Anna (Morse) Aldrich, and to this union nine children were born, two of whom died in infancy. Gertrude, who is the widow of Christ Nelson, now makes her home in Audubon, Iowa, and has two children, Eugenia and Victor. Alice M. became the wife of William Griswold and lives in Hamburg, Germany. Cora A. is engaged in teaching in the New York State Normal School at Albany, New York. Lavinia, who is a graduate of the University of Illinois at Champaign, is employed as cataloguer in the Iowa State Library at Des Moines. Abner C., who is engaged as stock buyer in Coon Rapids, married Grace Gallo-way. Henry M. lives at home and Meade G. is a clerk in a drug store. The mother of these children died in November, 1890, at the age of forty years. She was a consistent member of the Presbyterian church and a woman of many estimable traits of character. On the 20th of November, 1894, Mr. Steele was again married, his second union being with Miss Anna Cret-singer, a daughter of John and Mary (Boone) Cretsinger, and they have four children, Marian, Harriet, Katherine and Wolcott. Mr. Steele is not a member of any religious denomination but his estimable wife is identified with the Presbyterian church, in which she is an active worker. He applied himself to such good advantage in earlier years that he now enjoys the rest to which he is well entitled, leaving to younger men the work of carrying forward the development of the wonderful resources of the state. He is a valued member of Perry Wright Post, No. 148, G. A. R. and politically is a stalwart supporter of the republican party, having voted "as he shot" ever since the Civil war. He served as township trustee for many years and for twelve years was a member of the county board of super-visors, displaying a clearness of judgment and an ability in protecting the rights of the people that met the hearty approval of citizens of all political parties in Carroll county.

CRATON CORTICE COLCLO.

Among the representative and honored citizens of Iowa is Craton Cortice Colclo, former editor and publisher of the Carroll Sentinel. He is a native of Putnam county, Ohio, born November 2, 1851, a son of James H. and Hannah J. (Cretsinger) Colclo, the former of whom was born in Ohio and the latter in West Virginia. The father came to Carroll county in 1856 and took up a claim of one hundred and sixty acres just east of Coon Rapids in Union township, being one of the pioneers of the county. He continued upon his farm until 1865 and then removed to Carrollton, the old county seat, where he engaged in the hotel business. After three years he settled at Carroll and followed the same line of business until his death which occurred in 1884. His wife died ten years later. They were both consistent members of the Presbyterian church. Mr. Colclo was quite prominent in politics and was sheriff of the county when the county seat

was moved to Carroll, serving most acceptably for two terms. In the early days he carried mail by stage between Panora and Sioux City and acquired quite a reputation as a mail carrier. There were seven children in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Colclo, six of whom grew to maturity: Lodema, who became the wife of Dr. H. H. Hoagland and is now deceased; Eliza, who married Boone Hampton and is also deceased; Craton Cortice, the subject of this review; Anna, now the wife of W. F. Steigerwalt, of Ames, Iowa; June, the wife of A. U. Quint, of Chicago; and Flora, who married Carl Caswell and is now deceased.

Craton Cortice Colclo was born in a log cabin in Putnam county, Ohio, and was two years old when he came with his parents to Madison county, Iowa. Two years later the family moved to Carroll county where he grew to manhood. Living in Carroll since 1869, he has made his home in this city longer than any other resident. He attended the public schools and graduated in 1870, after which he went to work for J. B. Cook and received an injury to his left hand that caused him to lose the use of that member. In the spring of 1874 he entered the State Agricultural College at Ames, graduating in the same class with John B. Hungerford, in 1877. Having made a thorough preparation for a useful life, he became assistant principal of the Carroll public schools, continuing in this position two years. He was then elected county superintendent, holding this office until 1885, when he was appointed postmaster of Carroll and for four years served in that position. In the fall of 1889 he was again elected county superintendent but retired from this line of work two years later, having purchased a half-interest in the Carroll Sentinel and being associated with J. L. Powers, who is now connected with the Cedar Rapids Republican. They were together until 1889 when Mr. Colclo was elected a member of the legislature from Carroll county and served four years, being present at three sessions of that body. On the 1st of July, 1906, he bought the entire plant of the Sentinel and conducted the same until August 1, 1911, as editor and publisher. Under his management the paper grew in circulation and influence and was one of the well established democratic organs of the state.

On the 24th day of November, 1889, Mr. Colclo was united in marriage to Mrs. Sadie E. (Kail) Snyder, widow of James Snyder, and a daughter of John and Margaret Kail. She was born in Terre Haute, Indiana, November 9, 1862, her parents being natives of that state. They came to Carroll about 1887. The father died in 1891 and the mother in 1908, having then arrived at the age of seventy-four years. Of their children seven are now living: Thomas B.; John F.; Inga, the wife of Harry Johnson, of Terre Haute; Virginia, the wife of J. F. Ford, of Des Moines, Iowa; Sadie E., now Mrs. Craton C. Colclo; Mrs. Wanita Wagner of Minneapolis; and Grace, the wife of E. C. Kempton, of Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Mr. Colclo is not identified with any religious denomination but his wife is a member of the Presbyterian church. He belongs to Signet Lodge No. 264, A. F. & A. M., and to Copestone Chapter, No. 78, R. A. M., of Carroll. He is active in Masonic work and also in other lines, serving at

the present time as president of the Citizens' Commercial Club. Ever since arriving at the age of manhood he has been an earnest supporter of the democratic party and was a delegate to the democratic national convention at Chicago in 1896, which nominated William Jennings Bryan for president. His record is one of which he and his friends may justly be proud as it has been marked by progress and free from the errors into which many public men fall. Born in a log cabin, he has won recognition as a safe leader in a wide section of one of the most advanced states of the Union and that is honor enough for any ordinary individual.

SHERMAN TECUMSEH WALDRON.

The keynote of the character of Sherman Tecumseh Waldron, a well known optometrist of Glidden, may be designated as persistency and fidelity to worthy ideals. It is through these or similar traits that he has attained his high standing in central Iowa where he has been known since his early manhood. He is a native of Greene county, Iowa, and was born near the Carroll county line November 13, 1864, a son of John and Cecilia (Chambers) Waldron. The father was born in Butler county, Ohio, and the mother in Chemung county, New York. At the age of three years he moved with his parents to Berrien county, Michigan. He came to Iowa in 1855 and settled on a farm in Greene county. In 1869 he took up his residence in Glidden where he has since lived, being in the jewelry business until 1896 when on account of the loss of his eyesight he was obliged to retire from business and has since lived quietly at home. He and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church. At the time of the Civil war he drilled the soldiers, but not being an able-bodied man, he was never accepted for the army. He served very acceptably for a number of years as mayor of Glidden. The paternal grandfather of our subject was Isaac Waldron, a farmer. He was twice married, his first wife dying in Michigan. Six children were born of this union, John, Emeline, Elizabeth, Clara, Harriet and "Joe." He came to Greene county, Iowa, with his second wife and they both died at Glidden, he being seventy-seven years of age at the time of his departure. The maternal grandfather was Harmon W. Chambers, a native of New York state. He came to Iowa in 1854 and engaged in farming in Greene county. After spending many years upon his farm he moved to Carroll but subsequently sold his property there and took up his residence at Glidden, where he died at the age of eighty-nine, his wife passing away when in her ninety-first year. They had two sons and two daughters, Cecilia, Losey D., Alvah and Ida.

Sherman T. Waldron has lived in Glidden since he was a lad of about six years. He received his early education in the public schools and the high school of Glidden and was connected with the jewelry business in Glidden with his father and also on his own account for thirty-nine years. He learned the business under his father and became his father's successor,

continuing until 1907. He took up the scientific study of the eye many years ago and for fifteen years past has made it a specialty, graduating under Dr. A. B. Tarbox, of Omaha, March 22, 1897. On account of his thorough knowledge of his profession he has been unusually successful and his patrons speak highly of his skill. He has also met with a goodly measure of success in handling real estate at Glidden.

On the 25th of November, 1885, Mr. Waldron was married to Miss Rosella R. Coulter, a daughter of Captain John N. and Elizabeth A. (Skelley) Coulter, and an only daughter, Julia O., blessed this union. Mrs. Waldron was the first white child born in Scranton township, Greene county, Iowa, her natal day being January 2, 1862. Her father was a native of Ashland county, Ohio, and her mother of Indiana. He died at Glidden, November 22, 1905, at the age of seventy-five years, but the mother is still living and makes her home with her daughter and son-in-law. They had four children, three of whom grew to maturity, Lorenzo Dow, Rosella R. and George Benton Eddy. Mrs. Waldron's father was captain of Company E, Thirty-ninth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, at the time of the Civil war and served four years. Mr. Waldron, the father of our subject, and Captain Coulter were close friends as young men and drove a yoke of oxen from Greene county, Iowa, to Pike's Peak in 1860.

Mr. Waldron of this review and his family are members of the Presbyterian church and in politics gives his support to the republican party. He possesses the social qualities that make him personally popular and is one of the most esteemed residents of Glidden, being always ready to extend his assistance to any movement for the promotion of the public good. A constant reader and student, he has a richly stored mind, and those who know him best find him a pleasing companion, worthy of their perfect confidence and highest regard.

HARVEY B. HASELTON.

Harvey B. Haselton, a wealthy agriculturist and prominent citizen of Carroll county, is the owner of four hundred acres of rich and productive land and makes his home on section 1, Grant township. His birth occurred in Chenango county, New York, on the 4th of April, 1845, his parents being Parker and Lodena (Barden) Haselton, who were likewise natives of that county. His paternal grandfather, David B. Haselton, was a native of Vermont and a farmer by occupation. He passed away in Ogle county, Illinois, when eighty-four years of age, while his wife, who bore the maiden name of Lucy Parker, died in early womanhood. Their children were four in number, namely: Lewis, Parker, Jane and Betsey. Samuel Barden, the maternal grandfather of our subject, was a native of Connecticut and an early settler of Chenango county, New York. He participated in the war of 1812 and carried on general agricultural pursuits throughout his active business career. Removing to Wisconsin, he died in Columbia county, that state, when



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sixty-four years of age. His wife, who in maidenhood was Miss Olive Crandall, afterward removed to Minnesota, her demise occurring in Rochester, that state, when she had attained the age of seventy-eight years. They were the parents of ten children, as follows: Eliza, Marcus, Lodema, Harvey, Rowland, Persis, Nancy, Lovisa, Catharine and Samuel.

Parker Haselton, the father of Harvey B. Haselton, was actively engaged in general agricultural pursuits throughout his entire business career. He removed to Wisconsin in 1849, settling in Green Lake county, while in 1860 he went to Ogle county, Illinois, where he passed away in 1861 at the age of forty-three years. His widow, who still survived him until April 5, 1911, attained the age of eighty-seven years. They belonged to the Baptist church in the early days but Mrs. Haselton was later identified with the Presbyterian church. Unto them were born seven children, four sons and three daughters, namely: Harvey B., of this review; Mary F., the deceased wife of Herbert Mayberry; Joseph W., who is a resident of Grant township; Ellen, who has passed away; David B., of Grant township; and two who died in early life.

Harvey B. Haselton spent the first four years of his life in New York, was a resident of Illinois for eighteen years, lived in Wisconsin for eleven years and has made his home in Carroll county, Iowa, for thirty-three years. He obtained his education in the district schools at a time when the teacher "boarded round" among the pupils. He remained under the parental roof until thirty years of age and, being the oldest child, kept the family together for several years after his father's demise. On starting out as an agriculturist on his own account he rented a tract of land, devoting his attention to farming during the summer seasons and teaching school in the winter months, being thus identified with educational interests for ten seasons. In 1878 he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land in Grant township and began improving the property. As his financial resources increased, owing to his untiring industry and capable management, he added to his holdings until they now embrace four hundred acres of rich and arable land. The place is lacking in none of the conveniences and improvements of a model farm of the twentieth century and in its neat and thrifty appearance gives evidence of the practical and progressive spirit of the owner. The fields bring forth good crops and in the autumn golden harvests are garnered.

On the 25th of March, 1873, Mr. Haselton was united in marriage to Miss Jane Gibson, who was born near Castle Douglas, in County Galway, Scotland, in the year 1849 and who in 1860 came to America with her parents, Samuel and Margaret (Adamson) Gibson. The family home was established in Ogle county, Illinois, where Miss Gibson gave her hand in marriage to Harvey B. Haselton, with whom she came west in 1878. Samuel Gibson passed away in Ogle county, Illinois, at the age of seventy-three, having for a number of years survived his wife, who was fifty years old at the time of her demise. They reared a family of eight children, namely: Jane, John, Agnes, James, William, Robert, Isabel, and Samuel. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Haselton, William and Agnes (Henry) Gibson, had the following children: James, William, Robert, Alexander, John, Betsey, Mary

Ann, Agnes, Jane and Samuel. Unto our subject and his wife were born five children. Florence M., living in Council Bluffs, is the wife of J. H. Beveridge, the superintendent of the city schools. They have two children, Lenore and Wendell. Samuel G., the next in order of birth, passed away when a young man of twenty-two years. Parker H., a graduate of Ames College, at Ames, Iowa, is an electrical engineer of Fort Wayne. William R., also a graduate of Ames College, is likewise an electrical engineer by profession. Harvey B., Jr., who wedded Miss Fleta Trainer, is a practicing dentist of Tama, Iowa.

Mr. Haselton is a democrat in politics and has been honored by official preferment on various occasions, now serving as chairman of the board of supervisors. He was elected supervisor in 1887 and served during a part of two terms. In the fall of 1891 he was elected to the legislature, serving in the state assembly for two terms and giving earnest thought and consideration to every question which came up for settlement. He was chosen chairman of the board of supervisors in 1904 and holds that office at the present time, having been reelected for the third term. The cause of education finds in him a stanch champion and for many years he served as a school director. He is widely recognized as a public-spirited citizen who places the general good before personal aggrandizement and the welfare of county and commonwealth before partisanship.

CHARLES P. REINHART.

Of Teutonic parentage on both sides of the family, Charles P. Reinhart of Carroll has in his business affairs shown those traits of energy and persistence which are so conducive to success. He was born in Peoria, Illinois, July 11, 1875, son of Martin and Barbara (Schuler) Reinhart, both of whom were natives of Germany. The father came to America in 1846 and engaged in farming at Kickapoo, Illinois. In 1882 he removed to Sheridan township, Carroll county, Iowa, where he purchased three hundred and twenty acres of land which he gradually improved. In 1895 he retired at Carroll where he is now living, having arrived at the age of seventy-eight. The beloved wife and mother is seventy-seven years old. She and her husband are both devout members of the Catholic church. The grandparents on the paternal side came to America in 1846 and also settled at Kickapoo, Illinois. Grandmother Reinhart lived to be more than ninety years of age and her husband died at the age of eighty-eight. Grandfather Schuler on the maternal side died in Germany at the age of forty-five, but his wife survived him many years and passed away when she was about seventy years of age. They had two daughters, Barbara and Mary. Ten children were born to Martin and Barbara Reinhart, namely: Theressa, now the wife of Joseph Nader of Kickapoo, Illinois; John, of Anthon, Iowa; Joseph, of Wagner, South Dakota; Tony, of Denver, Colorado; Martin, of Mount Carmel, Iowa; Frank, who died at the

age of forty-two years; Maude, wife of Ed O'Toole of Carroll, Iowa; George, of Sioux City, Iowa; Charles P., the subject of this review; and Louis, who died in 1900 at the age of twenty-three years.

Charles P. Reinhart was reared upon his father's farm and received his education in the district and parochial schools. He taught school in the country for four years and then entered the service of the Northwestern Railway, in which he continued a year and a half. After giving up railroading he rented a farm for two years, and then in 1908 began in his present business as dealer in tobacco and cigars with billiards and pool in connection. Under his energetic management the place has grown to be one of the most popular of the kind in the city and he is securing substantial financial returns.

On the 9th day of June, 1909, Mr. Reinhart was united in marriage to Miss Mary Miller, a native of Arcadia, Iowa. Her parents were early settlers at Arcadia and her mother died there in 1896 at the age of thirty-two years. The father is still living and makes his home at Arcadia. Mr. Reinhart and his wife were reared in the Catholic church and are sincere believers in its teachings. Socially, he is well known, being a member of the Knights of Columbus and of the Catholic Order of Foresters. Politically, he is connected with the democratic party. He was a candidate for county recorder in 1906 but failed of election. Being a man of pleasing address and genial disposition he has made many friends in Carroll and vicinity.

J. H. RICKE.

The commercial, financial and political interests of Breda, Carroll county, Iowa, have all felt the stimulus of the sound judgment and business sagacity of J. H. Ricke, who for many years has been one of the prominent and foremost business men of this community. He is one of the valuable class of citizens which Germany has furnished to the new world, his birth having occurred in Hanover, on the 22d of June, 1854. His parents, Bernard J. and Mary Anna (Menson) Ricke, were also natives of the same place, who in 1860 brought their family to America, locating in Jo Daviess county, Illinois. There the father carried on agricultural pursuits until his death, which occurred in 1866. His wife, who survived him for twenty-two years, passed away in 1888. Their family of four sons and two daughters contained the following: Mary Anna and Bernard, both deceased; Mrs. Elizabeth Sherman, of East Dubuque, Illinois; Richard, a general merchant at Breda, Iowa; Henry, engaged in farming in Kniest township; and J. H., of this review.

In the Illinois home J. H. Ricke spent the early period of his life, and his education was limited to the course of study taught in the district schools of his time. His schooling was necessarily of short duration for at an early age he was compelled to take upon himself the task of provid-

ing for his own livelihood, but this lack of tuition has in later years been overcome and his knowledge greatly supplemented by extensive reading, observation and experience, until today he has broad general information. When a lad of thirteen years he was thrown upon his own resources, and began earning his living as a farm hand in Jo Daviess county, Illinois. There he continued until 1871, in which year he came to Iowa, locating in Carroll county, and the succeeding six years were passed in agricultural pursuits in Kniest township. In 1877 he went to California, and until 1882 was employed in the capacity of street car conductor in San Francisco. In the latter year he returned to Jo Daviess county, Illinois, and there, in 1885, was married, after which he again came to Carroll county, Iowa. Taking up his abode in Breda, he here became identified with the grain business and subsequently purchased the hardware business of H. Olerich, forming a partnership with his brother-in-law, H. F. Soat. Under the firm style of Ricke & Soat they conducted a hardware, furniture and undertaking establishment, this relation existing until 1894, when they sold their business and Mr. Ricke became associated with Joseph Olerich, with whom he continued until 1897. In that year their establishment was burned out, after which Mr. Ricke operated a grain elevator for the Northern Grain Company at Breda for one year. He was then appointed postmaster of that town in 1898, at which time he established a general merchandising business in connection with H. D. Bruning, being thus identified until October 3, 1907. He served as assistant postmaster and postmaster of Breda for eighteen years, and later sold one-half of his interest in the mercantile business to William Ricke, the present postmaster. The year 1906 witnessed his initiation into financial circles, assisting in the organization, in January of that year, of the Breda Savings Bank, of which he was elected first vice president, and in this office remained until chosen to the presidency, in which position he is now serving. In this connection he is manifesting great executive ability and administrative direction, and although the bank is one of the more recent financial concerns of the county, it is, under his careful control and wise policy, rapidly attaining a place among the safe and substantial moneyed institutions of Wheatland township. He still maintains his connection with the grain business, having an interest in the grain elevator at Breda and also serving as president of the Breda Grain Company.

Mr. Ricke was married, in 1885, to Miss Mary Ann Soat, and unto this union a son, Arthur J. was born, August, 1894, who is attending the Carroll High School, from which he will graduate with the class of 1913. The family hold membership in the Catholic church, while the political belief of Mr. Ricke is that of the republican party, of which he has been a stalwart supporter since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. He is now serving efficiently as councilman of Breda, in which capacity he has acted for many years, and his long continuance in the office of postmaster indicates his popularity and capability in that position. In his present official capacity his interests are closely identified with those of the village and he has never allowed a feeling of partisanship to

influence him in the discharge of his official duties, but ever casts the weight of his influence on the side of progress, improvement and advancement. Mr. Rieke is another illustration of the fact that no matter what the early environment or the place of birth, the individual in America has opportunity for the development of his latent powers and talents, for here labor is unhampered by caste or class and individual effort, intelligently directed, wins success. The steps in his orderly progression are easily discernible, each representing a substantial advance in the business world, and today he is numbered among the progressive, prosperous and representative citizens of Carroll county.

LOUIS T. ANDERSON.

It has been nearly thirty-four years since Louis T. Anderson opened the harness and saddlery establishment in Carroll of which he is now the head. He has been highly successful in the management of his business and also has the ability to meet the public and anticipate the wants of his customers. He is a native of Denmark, born on a farm near the city of Veile, province of Jylland, June 4, 1851, being a son of Hans and Catherine Anderson. The father came to America with his family in 1867 and after living a while in Story county, Iowa, removed to Hamilton county. His wife having died at the age of sixty-three, he sold his farm and lived with his daughter several years. He then visited his old home in Denmark for six months but returned to this country and lived around among his children, passing away while with his daughter in California. He was buried at Winters, California, and was seventy-three years of age at the time of his death. He served as a soldier in the Danish army in 1848, 1849 and 1850 but was sent home on account of illness. He and his wife were consistent members of the Lutheran church. There were three children in their family: Andrew, who is now living at Winters, California; Louis T., the subject of this review; and Mary, the wife of P. H. Johnson, of Winters, California. Andrew Anderson, the paternal grandfather of our subject, married Louise Jacobson. He was a farmer and died at the age of seventy-two, his wife passing away when she was seventy-nine years old. They had three children. The maternal grandfather was Thomas Thompson, a native of Denmark.

Louis T. Anderson received his education in his native land and was reared in the city of Veile. He completed his school training at the age of fourteen and then began working in a printing office, continuing there two years. In 1867 he came to America with his parents and lived in Story county, later moving to Hamilton county. He learned the harness trade in Webster City and, having decided to begin business upon his own account, came to Carroll in 1877 and opened a shop upon a small scale, developing his business gradually until at the present time he carries a very large and well selected stock of light and heavy harness, saddles and

supplies, it being known as one of the most complete concerns of the kind in this part of the state.

In 1878 Mr. Anderson was united in marriage to Miss Mary Anderson, a daughter of John Anderson. She was born on a farm in Sjaelland, Denmark, and came to America at seventeen years of age with her parents. The family settled in Story county and the parents continued there during the remainder of their days. Seven children have come to bless the union of Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, Minnie C., Carrie L., John T., Louis H., Harriet, Margaret F. and Harry. The youngest of the boys, Harry, died in his seventh year from the result of an accident. Politically Mr. Anderson is a sincere supporter of the democratic party, believing that its principles are essential to the permanent welfare of the country. He has not sought public office but has served very acceptably upon the city council and also for eight years as member of the school board. Fraternally he is identified with Signet Lodge, No. 264, A. F. & A. M., and also with the Woodmen of the World, the Yeomen of America and the American Nobles. He represents the substantial class of citizens, whose word may always be depended upon and who form the backbone of the community. He has from his boyhood been industrious and enterprising and is now reaping the deserved reward of many years of application. Of him it may truly be said that he has always been a force for good wherever he has been known.

GEORGE A. LA MONT.

A capable agriculturist of Richland township is George A. La Mont, who was born in Pleasant Valley township, Carroll county, on the 15th of June, 1874, and is a son of Peter and Mary (White) La Mont. The father was a native of Argyleshire, Scotland, his natal day being the 11th of February, 1843, while the mother was born in the state of New York.

In the acquirement of his education George A. La Mont attended the district schools in the vicinity of his father's homestead. His boyhood and youth were very similar to those of other lads who are reared in the country. He was early assigned duties about the farm and when he was old enough assisted in the work of the fields, so that by the time he had mastered the common branches he was also quite a competent agriculturist. He worked on the homestead where he was born until 1901, when he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land on section 30, Richland township, where he has ever since continued to reside.

Mr. La Mont completed his arrangements for a home of his own on the 27th of February, 1901, at which time he was united in marriage to Miss Elsie J. Cuthbertson. They now have a son and daughter: Donald Arthur, who is a sturdy little lad of ten years; and Mary Emma, an interesting maid of three years.

Fraternally Mr. La Mont is a member of the Masonic order, the principles of which serve to guide him in all of his relations of life both private and public. He is not a man who aspires to public honors or conspicuously figures in township affairs but discharges to the best of his ability his duties as a citizen by concentrating his entire attention upon the development of his private interests, which in turn influence and react upon the community.

JOHN NOCKELS.

Of the well known citizens of Carroll none deserves respect in a higher degree than John Nockels, the pioneer clothier and merchant tailor, who is now living retired, having established the first merchant tailoring and clothing business in Carroll county. He was attracted to the United States as a young man, becoming an adopted son of Iowa, and today possesses a competence which he acquired through his industry and persistent application. He was born at Zahntweiler, in the Grand Duchy of Luxemburg, September 19, 1836, a son of Michael and Mary (Emeringer) Nockels, both of whom were natives of Luxemburg. The father was a farmer and a man of prominence in the community, becoming commissary in the Luxemburg army. He died in 1867 at the age of sixty-three years. There were six children in the family of Michael and Mary Nockels, namely: John, of this review; Frank; Jacob; Peter; Anna, widow of a Mr. Thiere and later of a Mr. Wolter; and Mary, who married John Steinmetz and is now deceased. The mother of these children passed away in 1847, and Mr. Nockels married Miss Kate Eisching. They were the parents of five children, two of whom are now living—Marguerite, the wife of Joseph Dreher of Dubuque, Iowa; and Greta, now Mrs. James Gallagher of Chicago. The paternal grandfather was Nicholas Nockels, also a farmer, who married Anna Schuman. They had five children, four sons and three daughters.

John Nockels was reared in Luxemburg, and received his education in the French and German schools. He learned the tailor's trade with which he was connected during his entire business career. On May 12, 1866, he landed from a vessel at New York and came direct to Dubuque, whither two brothers had preceded him. He worked at his trade later in Kalamazoo, Michigan, and Chicago, Illinois, but returned to Iowa in 1869 and established a merchant tailoring business at Fort Atkinson, to which he added a retail clothing business. Seeking for a wider field he came to Carroll and in 1876 moved his family to this city, where he engaged in business until 1906, when he sold out to his sons Frank and John. He has since lived at ease no longer being obliged to devote his attention to financial concerns.

On the 15th day of June, 1881, Mr. Nockels was united in marriage to Miss Lena Meier, who was born at Evansville, Indiana. Her parents were natives of Alsace Lorraine, and her father served seven years in the French army before coming to this country. He and his wife both died at Evans-

ville. They had four children—Mary, the wife of a Mr. Coon; Joseph, deceased; Lena, now Mrs. John Nockels and John, deceased. Four children came to bless the home of Mr. and Mrs. Nockels, namely: Frank, who married Louisa Nue and they have three children—John, Carl and Frank; Jacob; John; and Louis.

Mr. Nockels is not identified with any religious denomination but his wife is a devout member of the Roman Catholic church. He is connected with the Masonic order, belonging to Lodge No. 264, A. F. & A. M., and Copestone Chapter, No. 78, R. A. M., both of Carroll. In political belief he adheres to the republican party, of which he is an earnest supporter. He is a good friend of education and has served as member of the school board. A man of large experience in life and broad views he has many friends in Carroll county who have found him to be straightforward, honest and true, at all times a genial and pleasing companion, and ever willing to assist in promoting the permanent welfare of others.

JACOB BLACK.

Jacob Black, who is now living retired in a pleasant home at Glidden, having arrived at the age of seventy-four years, has long been recognized as one of the substantial men of Carroll county and is one of its best and most favorably known citizens. He is a native of Prussia, Germany, born March 10, 1837, a son of Peter and Elizabeth (Frummel) Black, in whose family were nine children, six sons and three daughters, namely: John and Peter, who are deceased; Catharine, who married Benjamin Foagland and is also deceased; Jacob, of this review; Ann, who became the wife of William Roth and is deceased; Elizabeth, who married William Dusen, of Buffalo, New York; Nicholas, who lives in Chautauqua county, New York; Francis, of North Evans, New York; and Frank, of Hamburg, New York.

Peter Black, the father of our subject, came to America with his family in 1840 and settled on Eighteen Mile creek in Erie county, New York, eighteen miles from Buffalo, where he engaged in farming. He died at the age of sixty-seven, his wife being called away at the age of eighty-four years. They were both consistent members of the Catholic church. In his early manhood Mr. Black served as a soldier in the regular army in Germany. The paternal grandfather of our subject was John Black. He was married in the old country and, his wife having died, he came to America and made his home with his son Peter in Erie county, New York, living to the age of more than seventy years.

In his early childhood Jacob Black, whose name stands at the head of this sketch, was brought by his parents to the new world and has since made his home under the friendly protection of the American flag. He was reared on his father's farm and attended the old-fashioned subscription schools when the teacher boarded round. In 1858, having arrived at his majority, he started out to seek his fortune and first made his home near

Brooklyn, in Poweshiek county, Iowa, where he broke the prairie with ox teams. Subsequently he moved to Boone county and was appointed city marshal of Boone and also deputy sheriff, serving in those capacities with general acceptance to the people for ten years. In 1876 he rented a farm in Greene county, which he cultivated for four years, at the end of which time he purchased four hundred and fifty acres of good land in that county. This land he afterward divided and sold to his sons. In 1901 he removed to Glidden, which has since been his home. He owns an interest in three farms, one in Carroll county and two in Greene county and has met with more than the usual measure of success in his business.

On the 25th of December, 1857, Mr. Black was married to Miss Sarah R. Putnam, a native of Chautauqua county, New York, and a daughter of Major Harvey and Rebecca (Stewart) Putnam. The parents were natives of Vermont and moved to Chautauqua county, New York, where they spent the remainder of their lives. Three sons were born to Mr. and Mrs. Black: Frank H., Edwin Jacob and William Harvey. Frank H. married Minnie Oppenheimer and they are now living upon a ranch in Sheridan county, Nebraska. They have two sons, Paul and William. Edwin Jacob Black is a farmer of Greene county, Iowa. He married Annie Gable and has seven children, Roy, Ralph, Raymond, John, Teddy, Merle and Marie. William Harvey Black married Belle Barnett and had three sons, Glenn, Hugh and Howard. The father of these children died in November, 1910. Mrs. Sarah R. Black departed this life in 1864 and on the 25th of December, 1865, Mr. Black was married to Miss Sarah R. Miller, a daughter of Morris S. and Arvilla D. (Putnam) Miller. To this union eleven children have been born. Fred, who is a farmer of Greene county, married Minta Bordus and has six children, Clarence, Oscar, Elvin, Paul, Arvilla and Imogene. Hattie died at the age of one year. Charles, who is also engaged in farming in Greene county, married Stella McClurg and they became the parents of five children, Orville, Glee, Wayne, Ethel and Sadie. Emma, who married Edward Blackley and is the mother of five children, Edith, Naomi, Eva, Howard and Mary, now resides in Ralston, Iowa. Laura became the wife of William Gonse and they now live in Boone. Isabel, who married Asbury McClurg, became the mother of two children, Florence and Delma, and now makes her home at Olathe, Colorado. Albert, who is engaged in agriculture in Carroll county, married Edith Browsers and has one son, Floyd. Clara is a teacher in the schools of Olathe, Colorado. Walter, who married Myrtle Jones and has a son, Rodney, is identified with agricultural pursuits in Carroll county. Katie is employed by the Glidden Telephone Exchange and Harry died at the age of five years.

Mrs. Black was born at Arkwright, Chautauqua county, New York, February 5, 1845. Her father was born near Utica, New York, and her mother in Vermont. They removed to Wisconsin in 1847 and arrived in Poweshiek county, Iowa, in 1855. The father died at Glidden in 1902, having then arrived at the age of eighty-four years. His wife still survives, being now ninety-one years old. In their family were seven children, Ellen, Sarah R., Hattie, Flora, Della, Marcus and one died in infancy. The

paternal grandfather of Mrs. Black was John Miller and his wife was Louisa Post. They died in Wisconsin and had a family of nine children. The grandfather on the maternal side was Harvey Putnam, a native of Vermont, a direct descendant of General Putnam of Revolutionary fame, who was a carpenter and farmer. He married Rebecca Stewart and they both died in the east, each having lived to the advanced age of ninety-four years. Their bodies repose in the old burying ground at Cherry Creek, Chautauqua county, New York. Mrs. Black's father was a sailor before his marriage and at the time of the Civil war served most creditably for three years in Company H, Twenty-eighth Iowa Volunteer Infantry.

Religiously Mr. and Mrs. Black are identified with the Friends church, of which they are earnest supporters. Notwithstanding his religious views, Mr. Black recognized at the outbreak of the great rebellion the supreme importance of the preservation of the Union and of the abolishment of slavery and enlisted in Company H, Twenty-eighth Iowa Volunteer Infantry. He was rejected, however, on account of soreness of his eyes. In politics he is in hearty accord with the principles of the republican party. A man of unquestioned honor and of great industry and perseverance, he gained a leading position in this section of the state, which he has held for many years. He has drawn about him a goodly number of friends, who have unlimited confidence in his judgment and personal integrity. His success was gained through persistent application and honest effort and it would be difficult, indeed, to find in Carroll county a more worthy representative of American citizenship than Jacob Black.

FRED A. TOOVEY.

Fred A. Toovey, who has been successfully engaged in the drug business at Dedham for the past eighteen years, is well known as one of the prominent and influential citizens of the town and now holds the office of mayor. His birth occurred at Victor, Iowa, on the 13th of January, 1869, his parents being William and Julia A. Toovey, the former a native of London, England, and the latter of Lockport, Illinois. William Toovey, a druggist, took up his abode at Victor, Iowa, in 1866.

Fred A. Toovey attended the Victor high school and in 1890 completed a course of study at Drake University of Des Moines. He entered a drug store when a youth of seventeen and has been identified with the drug trade continuously since. In April, 1893, he came to Dedham, purchased the drug establishment of Thomas Hughes and has conducted the same to the present time. His stock is large, carefully selected and attractively arranged and a liberal patronage is accorded him. He is likewise the manager of the Dedham Telephone Company and was its sole owner until March 1, 1911.

On the 27th of March, 1895, at Victor, Iowa, Mr. Toovey was united in marriage to Miss Rose N. Postin, a native of Blue Grass, Scott county, Iowa. They have one child, Beatrice P., who is now twelve years of age.

Mr. Toovey is a democrat in his political views and, though not an office seeker in the generally accepted sense of the term, has been chosen by his fellow townsmen for positions of public trust. He served as a member of the town council from April, 1894, until April, 1900, and from the latter date until April, 1910, held the office of mayor. In April, 1911, he was re-elected mayor and is therefore the present incumbent in that responsible position. Fraternally he is identified with the Masons, belonging to Charity Lodge, A. F. & A. M., at Coon Rapids, Iowa, and to Copestone Chapter, R. A. M., at Carroll, this state. His life is actuated by high and honorable principles, manifest in his business and social relations and in his connection with public interests. He exercises his official prerogatives in support of various movements for the welfare and progress of the community and his influence is always found on the side of justice, truth and right.

ALOIS KESSLER, M. D.

Few men of Carroll county are more generally known than Dr. Alois Kessler of Carroll. He is now serving his fourth term as county coroner, a position he has filled with great satisfaction to the people, and for over twenty years he has engaged in successful practice at Carroll. He was born at Solon, Iowa, April 22, 1858, son of Jacob and Christina (Wolters) Kessler, both natives of Bavaria, Germany. The father was born at Lohr and the mother at Landau. He was by trade a blacksmith. He served in the German army in 1848, and in 1855 came to America and took up his residence at Solon, Iowa, subsequently spending eight years in the copper mines of northern Michigan. The family lived in Solon four years and from that place moved to Iowa City, later settling at Atlantic, Iowa, in 1870, where he continued during the remainder of his days. He died in 1907, having reached the advanced age of eighty-one years. The beloved wife and mother survives and is now living at Atlantic. She is a member of the Catholic church as was also her husband. There were four children in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Kessler, namely: Alois, of this review; Jacob, deceased; Joseph, who lives at Auburn, Iowa; and Anthony, of Atlantic. Jacob Kessler, the paternal grandfather, was the head of a large iron foundry in Germany. He had several brothers in the Russian campaign of Napoleon and all of them were frozen to death during the disastrous retreat of the French army from Moscow. There were nine children in their family—Frank, William, Michael, Jacob, Alois, Adolph, Catharine, Joseph and Nicholas. The maternal grandfather was Anton Wolters. He came to America and settled at Solon, Iowa, where he engaged in farming. In his family were five children—Michael, Anthony, Nicholas, Christina and Mary.

Alois Kessler lived in various places with his parents and received his early education in the common schools. He early showed an inclination for educational pursuits and graduated from the Iowa City Academy in

1882. Matriculating in Iowa State University, he took the literary course and was graduated with the title of A. B. in 1886. Having decided to devote his attention to the practice of medicine he entered the Hospital College of Medicine at Louisville, Kentucky, and was graduated from this institution with a degree of M. D. in 1888. He began practice at Carroll the year following and has since continued without interruption in that city. Professionally, he is identified with the Carroll County Medical Society, the Iowa State Medical Society, and the American Medical Association. He has from the start been closely devoted to his profession, and in the field to which he has turned his attention has found ample room for the exercise of talents which have brought him well merited rewards.

On the 9th day of October, 1889, Dr. Kessler was united in marriage to Miss Barbara Bauer, daughter of Joseph and Margaret (Lentz) Bauer. The parents were both born at Baden, German. The father came to this country at the age of twelve years and the mother when she was about twenty. After their marriage they lived at Evansville, Indiana, and later at Buffalo, New York, locating in Iowa City, Iowa, about 1860. There were seven children in their family—Catharine, Joseph, Barbara, Charles and Henry, twins; Thomas, and Abilene. The paternal grandfather was Joseph Bauer and the grandfather on the maternal side was Michael Lentz. Six children were born to Dr. and Mrs. Kessler, namely: Marie, who died in infancy; Alois, who was called away January 5, 1911, at the age of sixteen; and Carl, Leo, Lillian and Ardan, all of whom are at home.

The success of Dr. Kessler has been due to his adaptability to his profession and to habits of close observation and study which he formed early in life. Being gifted with a cool and clear judgment he is generally able to diagnose his cases correctly and few have a more comprehensive knowledge of remedies. He is a constant student and keeps fully abreast of the great advances made in all departments of a profession which calls for the application of the keenest discrimination and also for the most unselfish service. Politically, he is in sympathy with the democratic party and fraternally, is identified with the Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Order of Foresters. He and his wife are sincere members of the Catholic church.

CHARLES H. LUDWIG.

A resident of Carroll county for nearly forty-five years, Charles H. Ludwig is thoroughly familiar with the resources of this section, and as a business man has had large experience, meeting with a goodly measure of success. He was born in Millhaus, Germany, November 28, 1853, son of Martin and Anna Mary Ludwig. The father learned the harnessmaker's trade in his native country, and believing that more favorable conditions prevailed in America than he saw about him in Germany, he crossed the ocean to the new world during the Civil war and lived for several years at

Dubuque, Iowa, engaging in farming. In 1867 he settled in Carroll county, where he passed away at the age of seventy-six years. His wife is still living and has reached the advanced age of eighty-five. She is a sincere member of the Catholic church as was also her husband. He served as a soldier in the war of 1848 in Germany and was an industrious man of excellent character. There were eleven children in the family, seven of whom are now living, namely: James J., of Buda, Iowa; Frank, whose home is near Auburn, Iowa; Charles H., of this review; Joseph, of Carroll; Josephine and Anna, both of Carroll; and Victoria, now the wife of Joseph Shalle, of Buda.

Charles H. Ludwig came to America with his parents when he was about eleven years of age. He grew to manhood on his father's farm and attended the district schools, assisting as he grew up in work about the house and in the fields. His first employment was as clerk in the general store of De Wayne & Arts at Carroll, with which firm he continued for seven years, and thus gained a good general knowledge of mercantile business. He next formed a partnership with H. E. Stevens and they conducted a general store next to the postoffice in Carroll. Finally Mr. Ludwig bought his partner's interest and associated with his brothers, Christ and Charles H., carried on the store. This business was closed out in 1909 and in 1910 Mr. Ludwig and his son William started the Racket Store, also carrying groceries. The enterprise has proven successful, being under experienced management, and the patronage has shown a steady increase.

Mr. Ludwig was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Knewth, and five children have been born to them, namely: William, Frank, Charles, Edward and Louise. Mr. Ludwig and his wife are both consistent members of the Catholic church. Socially he is identified with the Knights of Columbus, and ever since casting his first ballot he has been in sympathy with the democratic party and has been an active worker in its behalf. The confidence reposed in him by his fellow citizens was shown at the city election of 1910, when he was chosen as assessor. He is highly popular and is regarded as one of the capable and progressive men of Carroll.

FRANK J. RETTENMAIER.

Throughout a busy life Frank J. Rettenmaier, of Carroll, has shown an enterprise and progressiveness that are accepted the world over as prophetic of success and the results in his case have been highly gratifying. He is today one of the best known men of the city and his efforts have been rewarded with a handsome competency. He was born in Blackhawk county, Iowa, May 19, 1873, a son of Joseph and Mary (Berger) Rettenmaier, the former of whom was a native of Wurtemberg and the latter of Bavaria, Germany. Mr. Rettenmaier, Sr., came to America at the age of seventeen years and made his home for a while in Pennsylvania. About seven years later he became one of the pioneers of Blackhawk county, Iowa. In the

fall of 1874 he moved to Carroll county and settled in Kniest township, near Mount Carmel, upon two hundred and forty acres of land. He later purchased one hundred and twenty acres, making a farm of three hundred and sixty acres which he developed until it became one of the valuable properties in that part of the county. He died in 1889 at the age of fifty-seven years, but Mrs. Rettenmaier is still living and has arrived at the venerable age of seventy-seven. She is a member of the Catholic church as was also her husband, who served as county supervisor for six years and was a member of the board when the new courthouse was built at Carroll, being one of the well known and substantial citizens of the county. There were ten children in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Rettenmaier, eight of whom grew to maturity, namely: Lena, the wife of Joseph Reinhart, of Wagner, South Dakota; Charles, who lives near Mount Carmel, in Carroll county; Elizabeth, the wife of John Giesing, of Carroll; David H. and Catharine, both of Carroll; Mary, who married Ed Thurlimann and is now deceased; Frank J., the subject of this review; and Joseph F., also of Carroll.

Frank J. Rettenmaier was reared on his father's farm and secured a preliminary education in the district schools. He came to Carroll in the fall of 1893 and attended the local college, taking a business course from which he was graduated in June, 1894. He then became a student in the teacher's course which he completed in 1895. In February of the following year he entered the State Agricultural College at Ames, Iowa, becoming a student of the scientific course from which he was graduated with the degree of B. S. in 1899. He then entered Highland Park College at Des Moines and pursued a course in pharmacy, receiving his diploma and registration in the spring of 1900. Having now thoroughly prepared himself, he associated with his brother, Joseph F. Rettenmaier, also a registered pharmacist, and bought out J. W. Hatton and they have since continued in the drug business together. They maintain a large and well selected stock of drugs, medicines, books, wall paper, paints, oils, and druggists' sundries and receive a liberal share of patronage.

David Rettenmaier, the second son of Joseph and Mary Rettenmaier, was reared on the home farm and attended the district schools. He continued at home until 1890 when he moved to Carroll and entered the employ of Woodward Brothers, implement dealers, with whom he continued for thirteen years. He was then connected for a little over a year with F. G. Peterson. He is now engaged in general mercantile business in Carroll.

On the 18th day of November, 1890, Mr. Rettenmaier was united in marriage to Miss Mary Maus, a daughter of Henry and Magdalene Maus, and seven children have blessed this union, Anna, Eva, Clara, Hildegard, Leo, Hillarius and Irma. Mrs. Rettenmaier was born in Jasper township. Her parents were natives of Germany and are now deceased. There were three daughters in their family: Lizzie, who married John Pietig and is deceased; Katie, the wife of Charles Rettenmaier; and Mary, now Mrs. David Rettenmaier. Mr. and Mrs. Rettenmaier are both members of the Catholic church. Politically he gives his support to the democratic party

and is one of its active adherents, being at present a member of the council from the third ward. He has served very acceptably in this position the past six years.

On the 12th day of September, 1900, Frank J. Rettenmaier, the subject of this review, was married to Miss Anna C. Arts, a daughter of William and Christine (Manemann) Arts. They have four children, Wilbur F., Paul Wesley, Louis A. and Gerald J. Mr. Rettenmaier has from the time of casting his first ballot been a supporter of the democratic party. He served as school director in Carroll nine years and was president of the board three terms. From the time of his boyhood he has shown unusual business capacity and for two years after the death of his father managed two large farms belonging to the family. He earned the money by teaching to pay his expenses through college and has never permitted himself to yield to obstacles. He has always been a busy man and is justly recognized as one of the most valued citizens of Carroll.

FREDERICK W. WOHLBERG.

Frederick W. Wohlenberg, cashier of the German Savings Bank at Manning, Carroll county, was born at Goose Lake, Clinton county, Iowa, on the 14th of February, 1880. He is a son of Ludwig A. and Anke (Ommen) Wohlenberg, the father a native of the province of Schleswig-Holstein and the mother of Oldermanburg, Germany. Mr. Wohlenberg emigrated to the United States when a young man of twenty years, locating in Lyons, Iowa. For several years thereafter he worked in a mill, following which he engaged in farming in Clinton county, in the vicinity of Goose Lake. He has since retired and he and his wife are now residents of Lyons, Iowa. He is a member of the Deutcher Verein of Lyons and politically he is a democrat, and has served as a member of the school board.

Reared on the homestead in Clinton county, Frederick W. Wohlenberg spent his boyhood and youth in a manner very similar to other farmer lads, his early education being acquired in the schools in the vicinity of his father's place. Later he pursued a more advanced course in the Northern Illinois College of Fulton, after the completion of which he returned to the farm. Deciding that he preferred the life of a business man to that of an agriculturist he later went to Dyersville, where for a time he worked in a hardware store. From there he went to Ida Grove as bookkeeper in a bank, remaining there for two years. At the expiration of that period he went to Bagley as assistant cashier in the bank. Eighteen months thereafter he organized a bank in Lanesboro with which he was identified for a year. He subsequently went to Hubbard as assistant cashier in the bank there, but at the end of two years he removed to Beresford, South Dakota, where he held the position of assistant cashier. Returning to Iowa at the end of a year he bought an interest in the George Savings Bank at George, and for four years following filled the position of cashier in that institution. Dis-

posing of his interest in 1910 he came to Manning and bought an interest in the German Savings Bank, where he is now acting in the capacity of cashier in addition to which he is also a member of the board of directors. Besides his official duties in connection with the bank, Mr. Wohlenberg engages in the life and fire insurance business and also handles real estate.

On the 20th of June, 1905, at Battle Creek, Iowa, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Wohlenberg and Miss Katherine Henrietta Krause, a daughter of William Krause. The parents, who are now residents of Ida Grove, formerly lived on a farm in the vicinity of Battle Creek, Iowa, where Mrs. Wohlenberg was born on the 20th of January, 1885. Mr. and Mrs. Krause are both natives of Germany, from which country they emigrated to Iowa, where for many years the father, who is now retired, engaged in agricultural pursuits. They affiliate with the German Lutheran church, while his political support Mr. Krause accords the democratic party.

Fraternally Mr. Wohlenberg holds membership in the Masonic order and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He casts his ballot for the men and measures of the democratic party, and while residing in Lanesboro was town treasurer. Although he has been a resident of Manning for less than a year, Mr. Wohlenberg had made a very favorable impression in business circles, and both he and Mrs. Wohlenberg appear to be popular socially.

CHRISTIAN H. DOHSE.

Farming and stock-raising constitute the chief sources of wealth in Carroll county, for the soil is in every respect adapted to various crops and is particularly excellent for pasture land, enabling one to engage in either line of activity to great advantage. Among others who have utilized the opportunities here offered is numbered Christian H. Dohse, a native of Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, where his birth occurred on the 18th of April, 1853. His parents, H. N. and Anna (Sievers) Dohse, were also born in the fatherland, the former in Holstein and the latter in Schleswig. The father, hearing from his son Christian of the opportunities offered in the new world, brought his wife to America in 1870, and upon his arrival in this country made his way at once to Iowa, locating first in Clinton, Clinton county. A harnessmaker and tanner by trade, he followed those occupations in Clinton until 1882, when he came to Carroll county, and here he and his wife made their home with their son until their death, the former passing away in 1894, and the latter in 1898. Both were laid to rest in West Side cemetery.

Christian H. Dohse, the only child of this worthy couple, received his education in the schools of the fatherland, and he was a youth of sixteen years when he came to the United States in 1869. For four years after his arrival in Iowa he was engaged in farming in Clinton county, after which he came to Carroll county, locating upon his present farm on section 18,



MR. AND MRS CHRISTIAN H. DOHSE

Arcadia township. The land had not yet been broken when it came into his possession, but with characteristic energy and determination he set about its improvement, and today he is the owner of two hundred and forty acres of highly developed and valuable land, upon which he has erected as fine buildings as can be found in the entire county. Although he carefully cultivates the fields and ever maintains the neat and well ordered appearance of his farm, he gives the greater part of his time and attention to his live-stock interests, making a specialty of feeding blooded stock, and to this branch of his business is due the gratifying success which is today his.

On September 19, 1875, Mr. Dohse was united in marriage to Miss Carrie Lamp, and unto them have been born eight children, as follows: P. H., of West Side, Iowa; Willie T., on the home farm; LeRoy, engaged in farming across the road from his father's place; Henrietta, the wife of A. G. Schoengahn, of Crawford county, Iowa; Alfred E., also engaged in farming; Irene, at home; and Alma and Christian, both now deceased.

The parents hold membership in the Lutheran church and are deeply interested in the work of that organization. Mr. Dohse gives his political support to the democratic party, and while a resident of Clinton county served as a member of the school board for four years. Since becoming a citizen of Carroll county he has acted on the school board of the West Side independent school for eighteen successive years and during ten years of that time was president of the board. Not only has he been a stalwart champion of the cause of education but has cast the weight of his influence on the side of all those measures which pertain also to the material and moral development of the community. The position which he has attained among the prominent and representative business men of Carroll county is due entirely to his own well directed efforts, and the substantial success which he has won is due to his endeavor and honorable and upright dealings with his fellowmen.

MATTHEW R. BARR.

The owner of a highly productive farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Arcadia township, Matthew R. Barr, now living retired at Carroll, is amply fortified against the possibility of material want. He has spent nearly forty years in Carroll county and through his self-reliance and earnest effort gained standing as one of the prosperous and substantial men of this section. He is a native of Scotland, born at Paisley, April 15, 1843, and a son of Andrew and Margaret (Reid) Barr. The father was born in the little village of Houston, Scotland, and gained his education at a night school. He went to Paisley as clerk in a cotton mill, continuing with that concern until he became manager of the mill. Notwithstanding the responsible position which he had secured he was attracted to the new world in 1856. He came to America with his family and took up his home in Frontenac county, Canada, at the village of Flinton, engaging in farming

in the vicinity. In 1872 he came to Iowa and located on a farm five and one-half miles southwest of Carroll. He attained a position of acknowledged responsibility in the agricultural community. He passed away in 1903, at the venerable age of ninety-four years. His wife died in 1848, at the age of thirty-five. Both were sincere members of the Presbyterian church. Mr. Barr devoted his attention principally to his business and was never a seeker of public office but in Canada served as assessor and collector. There were six children in the family, four of whom grew to maturity: John, deceased; Matthew R., of this review; Margaret, also deceased; and Duncan, who now lives at Hartington, Nebraska. John Barr was the paternal grandfather. He was a stone mason and a weaver and his wife was Ann Houston. In their family were three sons and one daughter, Archibald, John, Andrew and Janet, the latter of whom married a Mr. Gilmour. Andrew Barr, the great-grandfather of our subject, was born in 1763 and died in 1834, at the age of seventy-one. His wife, Jean Speirs, was born in 1759 and died in 1849, having reached the advanced age of ninety years. The maternal great-grandfather, Archibald Houston, was born in 1745 and was an architect by profession. He died in 1817, at the age of seventy-two. His wife was Janet Burr, who died in 1797 at the age of forty-one years.

Matthew R. Barr passed the first thirteen years of his life in his native land and received his education in the common schools. He came to America with his father at the age of thirteen and was married in Canada. In 1872 he arrived in Carroll county and purchased one hundred and sixty acres in Arcadia township, which he greatly improved by the erection of buildings and fences and by setting out shade and ornamental trees, making it one of the pleasing features of the landscape. He prospered in his business and continued upon his farm until March, 1907, when he moved to Carroll. He now resides with his wife in a beautiful home which he erected at 715 North Crawford street. He has not entirely given up his interest in agricultural pursuits as he still owns his farm.

In November, 1866, Mr. Barr was united in marriage to Miss Mary Thompson, a daughter of Archibald Thompson, of Canada. Three children were born to this union: Agnes, now living in Canada, who married Harry Shartell and has three children, Agnes, Richard and Matthew Reid; Andrew, who is a carpenter and lives at Brunswick, Nebraska; and Mary Jane, of Toronto, Canada, who married Ward Snyder and has three children. The mother of these children having been called away, Mr. Barr was married in the fall of 1874 to Miss Mary Gardner Hunter, a daughter of William and Mary (Struthers) Hunter, and five children have come to bless this union: Elizabeth, now living three miles from Carroll, who married F. A. Myers and has one son, Vernon; Margaret, living four and one-half miles southwest of Carroll, who married Rollo Pascoe and is the mother of three children, Lois and Donald and Evon, twins; William, who is now a practicing physician at Wells, Minnesota; Matthew, at home, who married Ruby Ingram and has one daughter, Helen; and James, now engaged in the practice of law at Waterloo, Iowa. Mrs. Mary G. Barr was

born in Leeds county, Canada, near Smith Falls, May 24, 1845. Her parents were natives of Scotland, her father having been born in Paisley and her mother in Glasgow. The family came to Iowa in 1873 and located in Arcadia township, Carroll county, the mother being called from earthly scenes in the year following at the age of sixty-two. The father died in 1878, at the age of sixty-four. There were three children in the family, Robert, James and Mary. Robert Hunter, the paternal grandfather of Mrs. Barr, married Elizabeth Campbell in Scotland. They emigrated to Canada and there spent the remainder of their days. The maternal grandfather was James Struthers.

Mr. Barr of this review trained his children to habits of industry and usefulness, thus enabling them to become intelligent and progressive members of society, capable of assisting in the advancement of those with whom they are associated. He has always been a friend of education and good government and by his example has advanced the cause of peace and prosperity. A patriotic citizen of his adopted state, he has no reason to regret selecting Carroll county as his home, for here he has found friends and also a competency.

HERMAN F. BRUGGEMAN.

The attractiveness of Iowa as a place of residence is indicated by the fact that many of her native sons have remained within her borders, believing that her advantages and opportunities are equal if not superior to those to be secured in other parts of the country. Herman F. Bruggeman was born in this state, the place of his nativity being Arcadia township, Carroll county, and the date of his birth March 23, 1874. His father, Adolphus Bruggeman, was born in Westphalia, Germany, and came to the United States when about twenty-four years of age. He landed at New Orleans, Louisiana, and remained in that city for a few months, after which he made his way up the Mississippi to St. Louis, where he resided seven years, being there engaged in the bakery and confectionary business. He next went to Cumberland county, Illinois, where he took up the occupation of farming, and at the end of eight years there spent came to Carroll county, Iowa, two years before the subject of this sketch was born. Continuing in agricultural pursuits, he located on section 11, Arcadia township, on a tract of raw land, every acre of which he broke himself. He concentrated his efforts on its further development and cultivation, and, erecting good buildings upon the place, it was not long before he had a highly improved property. He became very successful in his agricultural enterprise, and at the time of his death was the owner of more than four hundred acres of valuable land. His death occurred in 1909. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Charlotte Stahlhut, passed away when her youngest son was but eighteen months old. In their family were six children, as follows: Augusta, who passed away in infancy; Emma J., the wife of

John Hofeldt, of South Dakota; Pauline, residing in Arcadia; Frank A., who is mentioned elsewhere in this volume; Louisa, whose death occurred at the age of three years; and Herman F., of this review.

At the usual age the last named entered the public school at Arcadia, and after mastering the branches of learning therein taught became a pupil in the high school, from which he was graduated in due season. He began agricultural pursuits on his own account when nineteen years of age, taking up his abode on his present farm of one hundred and eighty acres in Arcadia township. He at once began its improvement and has since made substantial progress, greatly advancing his individual interests through his well directed efforts and his close application to business affairs. He has brought his farm under a high state of cultivation and in addition to its operation also engages in raising stock, both branches of his business proving sources of substantial annual revenue.

Mr. Bruggeman was united in marriage when only twenty-one years of age, the lady of his choice being Miss Anna Kaspersen. Unto them have been born six children, as follows: Clara and Arthur, yet at home; Anna, deceased; and Elsie, Esther and Elmer, also still under the parental roof. In politics Mr. Bruggeman has been a life-long republican, giving stalwart support to that party although the honors and emoluments of office have had no attraction for him. He and his wife both hold membership in the German Presbyterian church, in the work of which they are helpfully interested, and they are both well known throughout this community, being held in the highest esteem by everyone. As the result entirely of his own efforts Mr. Bruggeman has attained a high degree of prosperity and his success is all the more honorable because of the high principles which have ever governed his life.

HENRY SCHENKELBERG.

America, whose name has become a synonym for opportunity, has long been the objective point for enterprising foreigners whose ambitious spirit has prompted them to seek broader advantages along business lines than could be offered by their native country. Among those who in young manhood sought a home and fortune in this country is numbered Henry Schenkelberg, who was born in the Rhine province, Germany, on the 29th of December, 1867. His parents, William and Catherine (Olbertz) Schenkelberg, were also natives of the fatherland and there spent their entire lives. In their family were ten children, as follows: Peter, at home; P. W., residing in Carroll county; Henry, of this review; Gertrude, Katherine and Christ, all of Germany; Father Schenkelberg, a priest of Charter Oak, Iowa; and Mat, W. P. and Bernard, who also remain in the old country.

Henry Schenkelberg spent the early period of his boyhood under the parental roof, and he remained a pupil in the parochial schools of his native country until fourteen years of age. At that early period of his life

he began providing for his own support and after working for others for about four years he left the fatherland and came to the United States, his passage being paid for by his brother P. W., who had already established his home in this country. He made his way at once to Carroll, Carroll county, Iowa, and for a time was employed as a farm hand in this locality. He was desirous, however, of engaging in business independently, and, possessing a determined spirit and resolute will, he labored earnestly and industriously, carefully saving his earnings until, in 1900, he had accumulated sufficient means with which to purchase his present home. This farm, located on section 25, Kniest township, consists of one hundred and sixty acres and is a well developed property, thoroughly equipped for successfully carrying on agricultural pursuits. He is a general farmer, practices rotation of crops, has closely studied soil and climatic conditions and the cultivation of the various cereals, so that his fields yield abundant harvests in return for the care and labor bestowed upon them.

In the year 1893 Mr. Schenkelberg was united in marriage to Miss Anna Petershon, born in this country of German parentage, and unto them have been born nine children, all yet at home, as follows: Mary, Theresa, Catherine, Bernard, Peter, Elizabeth, Henry, Anna and Hildegard.

Although the successful conduct of his agricultural enterprise has demanded much of Mr. Schenkelberg's attention he has, however, found time for outside interests and is now serving as secretary of the Mount Carmel branch of the Roman Catholic Protective Association of Iowa, and is general agent for the Iowa Mutual Insurance Company of Des Moines. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Catholic church at Mount Carmel, while his political support has ever been given to the democratic party. For four years he served as township trustee and is one of the public-spirited and active citizens of this community. He is a self-made man, and as the architect of his own fortune has builded wisely and well. He recognizes that the invariable law of destiny accords success to tireless industry when it is guided by sound judgment, and year after year he has carefully labored to win the substantial position which he now occupies, while the honorable methods which he has ever followed have commended him to the confidence, respect and good will of his fellowmen.

WILLIAM D. COYKENDALL.

A good farming property of one hundred and sixty acres in Union township engages the attention of William D. Coykendall, who was born in Clinton county, Iowa, on the 26th of December, 1859. He is a son of Daniel and Elizabeth (Scott) Coykendall, both natives of the state of New York. Daniel Coykendall was a son of Joel and Betsy (Driggs) Coykendall, the father a native of the Empire state. The mother was a daughter of Daniel Dow Driggs, a distinguished lieutenant of the war of 1812 who was wounded at Sacket Harbor. He married Minerva Steel whose

father was a soldier in the Revolutionary war. Both Mr. and Mrs. Joel Coykendall attained a ripe old age, making their home in the state of New York where he followed farming. To them were born seven children: Daniel, Joseph, Jane, Melvina, Elizabeth, Cyrus and Morris, three of whom, the first and the last two were volunteers in the Civil war. Daniel Coykendall was reared to manhood in the state of his birth, from whence he moved to Illinois, locating in the vicinity of Canton, Fulton county, where he engaged in farming. From there he removed to Iowa about 1857, settling in Clinton county, where he was residing at the breaking out of the war. He enlisted as a private in Company D, Twenty-sixth Iowa Volunteer Infantry and went to the front. His wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Scott Coykendall, was a daughter of Nathan Scott, in whose family were eleven children: William, George, Nathan B., Emily and Elizabeth, while the others died in infancy. To Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Coykendall were born eight children, five of whom attained maturity: Nathan, who is a resident of Harper, Kansas; Alice, the deceased wife of A. E. White; Edwin, who is living in Alexandria, Minnesota; William D., our subject; and Flora, the wife of S. J. Alger. The mother passed away in 1874, at the age of forty-nine years, following which the father made his home with his son William D. and his daughter, Mrs. Alger, until his demise, which occurred at the age of eighty-six years, on the 11th of December, 1910.

The early years in the life of William D. Coykendall were spent on the homestead where he was born in Clinton county, whose district schools provided him with an education. As the mother passed away when he was only fourteen years old, he knew little of home life during his youth, very soon thereafter going to work by the month as a farm hand. After he had acquired the capital and experience to enable him to begin to work for himself, he rented some land in Clinton county, which he cultivated for two years. In 1883 he came to Carroll county, locating within a mile of his present homestead. He first bought fifty-three acres which he operated for two years with such success that he was able to add to his tract another fifty-three acres. At the present time he owns one hundred and sixty acres, upon which he has placed a number of improvements.

On the 19th of October, 1881, Mr. Coykendall was united in marriage to Miss Sarah J. Bottomly, a daughter of John and Emma (Gaddis) Bottomly. Mrs. Coykendall was born in Newburyport, Massachusetts, and is of English extraction, her parents having emigrated from the mother country in childhood. They were married in Massachusetts, whence they migrated to Martin county, Minnesota, where they bought stock and intended to take up a claim, but located in Illinois instead. Mr. Bottomly passed away in Missouri in 1897, at the age of about seventy-one years, while the demise of his wife occurred in Kansas City in 1886, after she had passed the fifty-eighth anniversary of her birth. The paternal grandfather, John Bottomly, who was a farmer in England, took for his wife Sarah Tetlow, and to them were born thirteen children. Those who attained maturity were as follows: John, Seth, Robert, James, Mary, Elizabeth and Hannah. The maternal grandfather, Joseph Gaddis, was a native of Scotland, as the name

would suggest, his vocation being that of a sailor. He married Mary Gill and to them were also born thirteen children, eleven of whom reached maturity, namely: William, Joseph, James, Hannah, Mary, Isabel, Eleanor, Margaret, Emma, Jane and Sarah. Mr. Gaddis passed away in Providence, Rhode Island, but his wife, who survived him twenty-three years, was living in Hanover, Illinois, at the time of her demise. Mr. and Mrs. John Bottomly were the parents of seven children, four of whom lived to maturity: James; Sarah J., now Mrs. Coykendall; John C. and Mary Emma.

Mr. and Mrs. Coykendall are the parents of a son and a daughter: Alice, who married Cleveland M. Straight, of Bear Creek, Montana; and Claude, who graduated from the engineering department of Ames College in 1910, and is now following his profession in Memphis, Tennessee.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Coykendall affiliate with the United Brethren church of Carrollton, and politically he is a republican. He is meeting with success in his agricultural pursuits and is known as one of the substantial farmers of Union township.

FRANK G. RUST.

For nearly thirty years past the insurance business has presented a congenial occupation for Frank G. Rust, of Glidden, and for fifteen years he has discharged the duties of justice of the peace with a fairness and ability that have met with the approval of the entire community. He is a native of Columbia county, Wisconsin, born December 26, 1852, a son of Henry and Julia (Cameron) Rust. The father was born in Vermont and the mother in New York state. He learned the carpenter's trade but later turned his attention to farming, with which he was identified during the greater part of his life. In 1848 he went to southern Wisconsin where he continued for eleven years, at the end of which time he removed with his family to a farm about twenty-five miles east of St. Joseph, Missouri. He was on this farm at the time of the Civil war and assisted in raising a company of Union soldiers of which he served as captain for about a year. While he was in the army his father came west and moved the family of the son to Columbia county, Wisconsin, for safety. After the close of the war Henry Rust settled in Columbia county on a farm which his father had preempted from the government. There he died about 1884 at the age of fifty-six, but his wife still survives, being now seventy-nine years of age. He was a member of the Masonic order and was republican township chairman for a number of years. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Rust were five children, three sons and two daughters, all of whom grew to maturity, namely: Frank G.; Elizabeth, who married Alfred Ketchum, of Olmstead, Michigan; Harvey, who became county clerk at Waukesha, Wisconsin, and died in 1895 while holding that office; Cameron, who is a member of the wholesale grocery firm of Rust, Parker & Martin, of Duluth, Minnesota; and Flora, who married Harry Evans and is now deceased.

The paternal grandfather of our subject was Horace Rust, a native of Vermont. He was by trade a shoemaker and removed to Columbia county, Wisconsin, where he died at the age of eighty-three years. He was twice married. His second wife was Roxina Mills. Of their children six grew to maturity, Mills, Henry, Mary, Charles, Harvey and Lucille. The great-grandfather of our subject participated in the war of 1812 and the great-great-grandfather served in the patriot army of the Revolution. The emigrant ancestor came to America about 1640 and settled in Massachusetts, descendants of the family now being found in all the principal cities of the Union. The maternal grandfather of our subject was George Cameron, a native of Scotland. He came to America and took up his home in New York state, later removing to Walworth county, Wisconsin, where he died when he was about fifty-six years of age. The maiden name of his wife was Olive Murray and she lived to be upwards of eighty years of age. She was the mother of five children, John, Darius, Henry, Mary and Julia.

Frank G. Rust was reared on his father's farm in Wisconsin and attended the district schools, later possessing advantages of training in the high school of Randolph, Wisconsin. He began teaching at the age of seventeen and devoted his attention to this vocation several winters, working in the fields during the summer seasons. He lived at home until twenty-one years of age and then went to Rochester, Minnesota, where he was employed for two years in the wheat warehouse of Van Deusen & Company. At the close of the time named he returned to his old home in Wisconsin and was married, about a year afterwards entering the insurance business near Nielsville, in Clark county, Wisconsin, continuing there two years. Feeling the importance of seeking a more favorable location, he came to Glidden in the spring of 1882 and has ever since successfully engaged in the insurance business in this place.

On the 26th day of June, 1877, in Columbia county, Wisconsin, Mr. Rust was married to Miss Emma Brown, a daughter of Lewis Brown, and they have four children: Nellie, who died in 1895, at the age of seventeen years; George, a lawyer of Boise, Idaho, who married Maude Hubbard and has one son, Horace; Harvey, who went west about seven years ago; and Edward, who is now attending school at Buena Vista. The mother of these children died August 20, 1899, being then thirty-six years of age. In religious belief she was a Presbyterian. She was born in Columbia county, Wisconsin, her parents being pioneers of that region from New York state. They had twelve children, of whom the following are now living, Daniel, B. Webb, Hiram, Oscar, Luzerne, Emmeline, Lucinda and Sarah. On the 17th day of August, 1901, Mr. Rust was married to Miss Jennie Cook who was born and reared in Columbia county, Wisconsin, a daughter of William and Elizabeth (Dooly) Cook. To this union one son, William, was born. He is now filling the position of clerk in the First National Bank of Glidden.

Mr. and Mrs. Rust are members of the Presbyterian church. He belongs to Haggai Lodge, No. 369, A. F. & A. M., and was master of the lodge for several terms, being now its secretary. He is also a member of

Philo Lodge, No. 291, I. O. O. F. Politically he is a progressive republican and has taken an active interest in public affairs, having served as mayor of Glidden, and also for twenty-five years as member of the school board. He and his family occupy a comfortable home of which he is the owner in Glidden and he is also the owner of a quarter section of land in Aitkin county, Minnesota. Industrious, enterprising and thoroughly efficient in whatever he undertakes, his labors have been crowned with merited success and he ranks as one of the most useful of Carroll's citizens—a man who is ever governed by a true sense of honor and whose record reflects undimmed credit upon himself and his adopted county.

FREDERICK H. CULBERTSON.

At the age of thirty-two years Frederick H. Culbertson, of Carroll, has attained a gratifying measure of prosperity and is regarded as one of the substantial business men of the city. It is mainly through his own well directed energy that he has reached this condition of comparative financial ease. He was born in Richland township, Carroll county, May 16, 1879, a son of Robert Y. and Etta A. (Bell) Culbertson, the former a native of Philadelphia and the latter of Boston. She came west with her parents to Chicago, Illinois, when a child and he came with his parents to Princeton, Scott county, Iowa, in his boyhood. They were married at Princeton and there were three children in their family: Frederick H., the subject of this review; Frank, who died at the age of five years; and Clara Bell. Mr. Culbertson, Sr., came to Carroll county in 1875 and bought one hundred and sixty acres of land in Richland township to which he later added forty acres. In 1887 he moved to Carroll and went into partnership with Herbert A. Junod in the grain and coal business. In 1901 he and his son Frederick H. engaged in the same line of business under the title of R. Y. Culbertson & Son. They built a new elevator in 1903. The father passed away May 9, 1904, at the age of fifty-two years, and the mother is now living with her son at Carroll. David Culbertson, the paternal grandfather, was a native of Pennsylvania. After spending several years at Philadelphia, he located permanently in Scott county, Iowa, where he raised stock on a large scale. He was over eighty years of age at the time of his death. His wife was Mary Linn and she also lived to be more than eighty years old. Eight children brightened their home: Stephen D.; William L., now deceased; Robert Y., deceased; J. Augustus, deceased; James C.; Harry L.; Mary, now the wife of John H. Darrah; and Elizabeth C. Grandfather Bell on the maternal side was born in Concord, New Hampshire, and his wife was Eliza A. Fairbanks. They lived in Maine and also in Boston, following his profession as a physician and taking up their home in Chicago before the great fire of 1871. Dr. Bell died in Chicago at the age of sixty-eight. His wife came to Scott county, Iowa, where her death occurred in 1909, having arrived at the advanced age of ninety-four years. They had seven children,

namely: George, deceased; Leonard F.; Frank H., deceased; Josephine, now the wife of Charles Pinneo, Princeton, Iowa; Martha, deceased; Etta A.; and Adelaide, the wife of Albert F. Solbery, of Evanston, Illinois.

Frederick H. Culbertson was reared in Carroll from the age of seven years. He attended the public schools and graduated from the high school in 1897. Going to Omaha, he took a business course in one of the institutions of that city, after working for a while at the Trans-Mississippi Exposition. His first employment was with the Union Pacific Railroad as a stenographer, but he gave up this position and went into business with his father at Carroll in 1901, continuing in the same line after the death of the latter, in partnership with William E. Parsons, under the title of Culbertson & Parsons. In June, 1910, he purchased Mr. Parsons' interest and has since continued the business in his own name.

On the 16th day of June, 1909, Mr. Culbertson was united in marriage to Miss Marian E. Park, a native of Carroll and a daughter of David H. and Edith C. (Vette) Park. One daughter has blessed this union, Helen Adelaide. The father of Mrs. Culbertson was born in Scotland and came to America when he was about seven years of age. The mother was born near Marengo, Iowa, and has been a resident of Carroll for about thirty years. Mr. Park died in December, 1910, having then arrived at the age of sixty years. There were three children in the family: Marian E., now Mrs. Frederick H. Culbertson; Helen U.; and Fairybell, who died in infancy.

Mr. Culbertson is not identified with any religious denomination but his wife is a member of the Swedenborgian church. Fraternally he is prominently connected with the Knights of Pythias and the Modern Woodmen of America and politically gives his support to the republican party. He has strong military proclivities and is a member of Company D, Fifty-sixth Iowa Infantry, being now second lieutenant of that organization. He is genial and pleasing in manner and possesses traits which attract friends wherever he is known, while as a business man he ranks among the foremost in the community.

F. X. KASPARBAUER.

F. X. Kasparbauer, the owner of a productive tract of land comprising two hundred and forty acres on section 17, Eden township, devotes his time and energies to the pursuits of farming and stock-raising with excellent results. His birth occurred in Bavaria, Germany, in November, 1858, his father being Sebastian Kasparbauer, who spent his entire life in that country. He attended the common schools of his native land in the acquirement of an education and when a lad of twelve purchased an English dictionary in order to learn the language, for at that early age he had already determined that his future home should be America. He made an attempt to emigrate when a youth of seventeen but was sent back for mili-

tary service. He had been reared to the work of the farm and subsequently operated a tract of land which he had received from his uncle until 1890, which year saw the fulfillment of his long cherished plan. Disposing of his property in the fatherland, he set sail for the United States and after landing on American shores made his way direct to Carroll county, Iowa. In 1891 he located on a farm of two hundred and forty acres on section 17, Eden township, whereon he has resided continuously since. In connection with the tilling of the soil he has also devoted considerable attention to the raising of shorthorn cattle and Poland China hogs, meeting with a gratifying measure of success in both branches of his business. He likewise owns a farm of one hundred and ninety-six acres in Newton township, which is being operated by his son Paul. Mr. Kasparbauer is a director in the Farmers Bank of Templeton and also in the Farmers Elevator Company.

In 1882, while still a resident of Germany, Mr. Kasparbauer was united in marriage to Miss Frances Pfeffer, a daughter of Wolfgang Pfeffer, who was an agriculturist by occupation and spent his entire life in the fatherland. Unto our subject and his wife were born thirteen children, namely: Frances, who gave her hand in marriage to Frank Sturm, a farmer by occupation; Frank, who died in Germany while still but an infant; Joseph, who also died in infancy; Paul, who is married and has one child and who follows farming at Dedham in Newton township; and Rupert, Boniface, Herman, Sylvester, John, Frank, Peter, W. Alfred and Elenora, all at home.

Mr. Kasparbauer is a democrat in his political views but usually casts an independent ballot, supporting men and measures rather than party. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the German Catholic church. The hope that led him to leave his native land and seek a home in America has been more than realized. He found the opportunities he sought,—which, by the way, are always open to the ambitious, energetic man,—and making the best of these he has steadily worked his way upward. He possesses the resolution, perseverance and reliability so characteristic of his nation, and his name is now enrolled among the representative citizens of Carroll county.

JOHN H. CHEASEBRO.

John H. Cheasebro, who is now living at Carroll, has reached the patriarch's three score and ten years in the journey of life and is worthy of special mention in a history of Carroll county. He was for almost forty-four years engaged in railway service and a large part of the time in the responsible position of locomotive engineer. On account of his faithfulness he was retired on a pension October 1, 1908, and is now enjoying a well earned rest. He was born in Erie county, New York, February 17, 1841, a son of James and Eliza (Sherman) Cheasebro, both of whom were natives of New York. The father was reared in Erie county and learned the

shoemaker's trade. While still a young man he bought a farm, intending to devote himself to agricultural pursuits, but lost the farm by going security for a friend. He then engaged for ten years in the sawmill business near the village of Alden, New York. In 1856 he removed with his family to De Kalb county, Illinois, and followed farming a few years, then becoming a veterinarian and continuing in this vocation during the remainder of his life. He died in De Kalb county in the spring of 1880 at the age of sixty-three. The beloved wife and mother passed away in December, 1879, having reached the age of sixty-five years. In religious belief they were earnest members of the Universalist church. There were eleven children in their family, seven sons and four daughters, five of whom are now living: John H., of this review; Marvin D., of Wyoming; Charles D., of California; Rosette, the wife of J. M. Wheeler, of Clinton, Iowa; and Mary, now Mrs. William King, of Perry, Iowa. James L. Cheasebro, the paternal grandfather of our subject, was also a native of New York state and was of English descent. He engaged in farming but left his farm in 1812 and served in the army against England. There were five children in his family, Ira, Aurilla, James, Darwin and Horace. Grandfather Sherman on the maternal side was a native of New York state and was also of English descent. He was connected with the shoe manufacturing business and died in middle life. In his family were four children, Eliza, Euphemia, Ruth Ann and Hugh.

John H. Cheasebro lived in Erie county until fourteen years of age and received a common school education. He removed with his parents to Illinois and continued on the home farm until he arrived at the age of twenty. He worked on a farm two seasons for an uncle and then entered the United States marine service, in which he continued one year, when the organization to which he belonged was disbanded. Being attracted to the railway service he became a locomotive fireman on the Chicago & Northwestern Railway and two and one-half years later had made such advancement that he was promoted to the position of engineer. He continued in the railway service for about forty-four years, being retired on a pension October 1, 1908. He has been a resident of Carroll more than twenty-three years and has built a fine home at No. 702 North Main street in which he now resides. He also owns two hundred acres of good land in Calhoun county, Iowa.

On the 8th day of October, 1866, Mr. Cheasebro was united in marriage to Miss Mary Elizabeth Ingersoll, a native of Warsaw, New York, a daughter of Byron and Anna Ingersoll, both of whom were natives of the Empire state. The mother died at Commerce, Michigan, in her young womanhood and the father was afterwards twice married. Samuel Ingersoll, the paternal grandfather, was a native of New York state and removed to Michigan where he died well advanced in years. He was by trade a tanner and in 1812 served in the army of the United States. His wife was Sallie Chase and they had a family of eleven children. The maternal grandfather, Stephen C. Chase, was three times married. His first wife was Betsy Hogle. They were married July 15, 1821. He was married Novem-

ber 1, 1841, to Sally Price and on October 27, 1844, to Nancy Ingersoll. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Cheasebro: Jabez Byron, of Carroll, who married Nancy Skinner and has three children, Florence, Byron and Blanche; Ada Louise, of Stratford, Iowa, who married Dr. M. A. Beach and has two children, John Myron and Chester; and Frank and John, both of whom live at home.

Mrs. Mary E. Cheasebro, the beloved wife and mother, was called away in May, 1909, at the age of sixty-three years. She was a member of the Baptist church and a lady of many beautiful qualities of character which greatly endeared her to those with whom she was associated. Mr. Cheasebro is a man of unusual intelligence and discrimination and in the course of a busy life has never lost his interest in literature. He has a fine library and his books are his constant solace and delight. On account of his genial qualities and high character he is greatly esteemed by a wide circle of friends. He is a valued member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, with which he has been identified for many years, and politically has always been a republican, having cast his first vote for 'Abraham Lincoln as president of the United States.

L. HUENDLING.

L. Huendling, a well known representative of the Presbyterian ministry in Carroll county, has since 1883 served continuously as pastor of the German Presbyterian church in Wheatland township. For the past three decades he has also been identified with journalistic interests as the publisher of the paper called Ostfriesische Nachrichten. His birth occurred in Holte, Ostfriesland, province of Hanover, Germany, on the 31st of March, 1854, his parents being George and Dena (Hessenius) Huendling. Two of the ancestors of our subject, father and son, served in the ministry of the Reformed church in Germany, officiating as ministers of the same church in the same town for a period of one hundred and five consecutive years, or from 1650 until 1755.

L. Huendling obtained his early education in the public schools of the fatherland and in 1876 was graduated from the German Presbyterian College of Dubuque, Iowa. Three years later he was graduated from the McCormick Theological Seminary of Chicago, Illinois. From 1879 until 1881 he served as pastor of the German Presbyterian church in Wheatland township, Carroll county, Iowa, and during the following two years acted as an instructor in the German Presbyterian College at Dubuque. He then returned to the pastorate of the German Presbyterian church in Wheatland township and has there remained in charge continuously since, his labors proving a potent force in the moral development of the community. In 1881 he began the publication of a German newspaper, the Ostfriesische Nachrichten, published in the interests of Germans from Ostfriesland, a district of the province of Hanover. He has edited the paper for thirty

years and during that period its circulation has steadily grown until it now reaches over seven thousand subscribers.

On the 7th of July, 1880, at Oostburg, Sheboygan county, Wisconsin, Rev. Huendling was united in marriage to Nellie Daane, a daughter of Hon. Peter and Susanna (Ernisse) Daane. Her father was an officer in the United States army during the Civil war, serving from 1862 until 1865. He likewise represented Sheboygan county in the Wisconsin legislature. In the maternal line Mrs. Huendling is a descendant of a Huguenot family, named Clicquenot, which fled from France to Holland in the times of religious persecution. Rev. and Mrs. Huendling were the parents of the following children: George Peter, who wedded Miss Helen Eby; Susanna, who gave her hand in marriage to James Wykhuis; Peter Jacobus, who wedded Miss Helen Meyer; Herman William; Nellie; Dena Regina; and Dena Nellie, who was born on the 12th of April, 1895, and passed away on the 3d of September, 1898.

PETER NEU.

The life record of Peter Neu of Templeton, now deceased, is striking evidence of what may be accomplished by worthy ambition guided by clear and well defined purpose, and it would be difficult to name a citizen of Crawford county who has occupied a more honored place in the estimation of the people. He is a native of Germany, born at Dellan, Luxemburg, December 10, 1851, son of Philip and Kathrine (Rodesch) Neu. There were six children in the family of which he was a member, namely: Theodore, Herman, Charles, Nicholas, Peter and Margaret.

Peter Neu of this review received his early education in his native town and grew up under the sheltering influence of the paternal home. As he advanced toward manhood he became actuated with the desire to take advantage of the best opportunities available and decided to seek his fortune in America. Accordingly in 1868 he crossed the ocean and took up his residence in Mendota, La Salle county, Illinois, where he worked for wages on a farm. In 1880 he came to Iowa and secured employment as clerk in the Bennett hardware store at Carroll, and later in the Efferts general merchandise store. The latter establishment being destroyed by fire he came to Templeton in 1881 and entered the general merchandise business in his own name in which he continued about twenty-seven years. He was highly successful in his business affairs and foreseeing the advance in value of land invested extensively in farms in various parts of the country. His first purchase was the Hostetter place of two hundred and eighty acres in Eden township, to which he added two hundred and forty acres and later eighty acres, thus acquiring a valuable property of six hundred acres in that locality. He also bought two hundred and eighty acres in Audubon county, one hundred and sixty acres in Winnebago county and three hundred and twenty acres in Hand county, South Dakota, thus becoming the owner of

extensive holdings of valuable land, whose advance in value has fully vindicated his judgment.

In 1880 Mr. Neu was united in marriage at Peru, Illinois, to Miss Mollie Jackley, daughter of Xavier and Mary (Schaba) Jackley. Mr. and Mrs. Jackley were the parents of ten children, namely: Willis, John, Joseph, Gustave, Henry, Fred, Tony, Emma, Mary and Louise.

Ten children came to bless the union of Mr. and Mrs. Neu, six sons and four daughters, seven of whom are now living, namely: Louise, the wife of Frank V. Nockels of Carroll county and they have three children—John, Carl and Frank; Philip, who is now engaged in the general merchandise business at Templeton; Mary, at home; and Charles, Earl, Fred and Harold. Earl Neu was born January 2, 1894. He attended the public schools of Templeton and the high school at Carroll, thus receiving a good education which has assisted him greatly in his contact with the world. Later he took a course in the business college at Sac City. He clerked in his father's store several years and during the last four years has made his home at Carroll.

In 1909 Mr. Neu retired from active business but after a few months' rest visited the old scenes in Europe. His health, however, had become impaired and he returned to Iowa and on September 10, 1910, was called from earthly scenes at his daughter's house at Carroll. On the day of the funeral all business houses in Templeton closed in recognition of his worth. At the time of his death he was vice president of the Farmers Savings Bank of Templeton and president of the school board. Politically, he was allied with the republican party and although he was never a seeker of office he served one term with great acceptance to the people as mayor of Templeton. Starting in a strange country as a poor boy he became one of the foremost men in one of the leading counties of Iowa, and left a record to which his family and friends may ever point with pride. Mrs. Neu is living and makes her home at Templeton. She is a member of the Catholic church as was her husband. He always gave great credit to his wife for his advancement, ascribing his success very largely to her constant encouragement and support.

WILLIAM F. CARPENTER.

William F. Carpenter, cashier of the Bank of Manning, was born in Westfield, Massachusetts, on the 14th of August, 1856, and is a son of William and Amanda M. (Holman) Carpenter, the father a native of Gloversville, New York, and the mother of Lancaster, Massachusetts. The father, who was a Baptist minister, came west in the early days, locating in Iowa, and preached at Greenfield, Afton and later Corydon. He retired from the ministry several years prior to his death and he and Mrs. Carpenter settled in Lake City, where they both passed away. They were

the parents of two children: William F., who heads this sketch, and Helen M., the wife of Henry W. Crawford, of Lake City, Iowa.

The secondary education of William F. Carpenter was acquired in an academy in Franklin, New York, after the completion of which he began his career as a wage earner. His first position was a clerkship in a store in Sloansville, New York, which he retained for four years. In 1878 he accompanied his father to Iowa and they located on a farm in the vicinity of Orient, Adair county, which they cultivated for three years. In 1881 he went to Afton, Union county, where he held a position as bookkeeper for a year. On the 7th of November, 1882, he came to Manning to take the position of assistant cashier in the bank with Mr. Dutton, who later sold to Mr. Sutherland. He retained this position for three years, but then engaged in the real-estate and loan business with Mr. Bennett with whom he was associated for a year. They dissolved the partnership at the end of that time, Mr. Carpenter continuing alone for about two years thereafter. He subsequently became cashier in the Bank of Manning, withdrawing from this position when appointed postmaster of Manning, in which capacity he served for two and a half years. Resigning he removed to Des Moines where he was interested in a flour mill for a time. Returning to Manning he entered the service of Mr. Bennett as cashier of the German Savings Bank, where he remained until 1901 when he accepted the same position in the Bank of Manning, with which institution he continues to be identified.

Sloansville, New York, was the scene of the marriage of Mr. Carpenter and Miss E. Adella Crandall, a daughter of James H. Crandall, and one daughter, 'Anita M., who is still at home, was born to them. Mrs. Carpenter is now deceased and after her demise Mr. Carpenter was united to his present wife, formerly Miss Blanche Patton, a daughter of U. L. Patton, a well known resident of Manning.

Fraternally Mr. Carpenter is identified with the Masonic order, being a member of the blue lodge of Manning and the chapter at Carroll and he also belongs to the Order of the Eastern Star. During the period of his residence here he has held a number of official positions, among them being that of postmaster, mayor and justice of the peace, in which capacities he served efficiently.

MOSES M. CULVER.

Moses M. Culver, who is now living retired in Glidden, was born in Ontario, Canada, on the 15th of August, 1835, and is a son of Moses and Sarah (Merritt) Culver. The father was also a native of Canada, his natal day being the 25th of December, 1802. He was a son of 'Aaron Culver, a native of New Jersey, from which state he removed, in company with four of his brothers, to Ontario, Canada, where the brothers married four sisters and established quite a colony. Aaron Culver built and oper-



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ated the first grist mill in Ontario, continuing to be identified with this business until he passed away at the venerable age of eight-four years. He was the father of six children: David, Martha, Timothy, Moses, George and Aaron, all of whom are deceased.

Moses Culver was reared in his native town, remaining a member of the paternal household until he had attained his manhood at which time he was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Merritt, also of Ontario, and a daughter of Isaac Merritt. Subsequently Mr. Culver entered his father's mill, where he continued to work for fourteen years. At the expiration of that period he developed lung trouble and was compelled to withdraw from business, his demise occurring in 1835. Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Culver, in order of birth as follows: Daniel, who was born on the 2d of March, 1821, died on the 12th of April, 1821; Dudley, born on the 10th of February, 1822, died on the 23d of July, 1823; Levi, born on the 23d of September, 1823, died on the 6th of December, 1836; Loder, who was born on the 4th of November, 1825, died in 1900; Jane, born on the 29th of October, 1827, died on the 30th of May, 1841; Mary, born on the 19th of September, 1829, died in 1868; William, born on the 3d of September, 1831, died on the 19th of March, 1841; Nancy, born on the 2d of November, 1833, died in 1896; and Moses our subject. In 1842 Mrs. Culver was married to the Rev. William Appleford and they became the parents of two children: Ruth, who married Belford Slater of Ogle county, Illinois, and has four children; and Jane, who is deceased.

Moses Culver was reared at home acquiring his education in the common schools of Canada. At the age of fifteen years he came to Illinois, where he worked by the day until he had acquired the means to continue his studies and then entered the Mount Morris Seminary, where he was a student for a few terms, teaching in the meantime. In 1860, subsequent to his marriage, he removed to a farm of eighty acres which he had purchased in Carroll county, Illinois. He remained there engaging in general farming until 1866 when he sold his farm and removed to Nebraska. At that time the capitol was located at Omaha, but there was no certainty of its being the permanent seat of the state government, so Mr. Culver decided to locate at Lincoln. He purchased three hundred and twenty acres of land, about twenty-five of which he planted for a grove and in 1874, when the legislature was seeking a farm upon which to establish the state experimental station, it decided upon Mr. Culver's property, paying him fifty-five dollars per acre for his land, which at that time was considered to be an excessive price.

On October 11, 1860, Mr. Culver was united in marriage to Miss Katherine Lawrence, a daughter of John and Lydia (Johnson) Lawrence, the father a native of England, from which country he emigrated when a youth, and the mother of Canada. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Culver: Stella, who married the Rev. S. W. Lauck of Western Canada and has three children, Lorin, who is married and has one boy; Vera; and Edith, who is at home; John, also of Western Canada, who married Miss Addie Stevens and has four boys, Merritt, Eugene, Robert and

Lewis; and F. G., who is living in Glidden and married Miss Ella Wheeler and has four children, Emery, Jessie, Stella and Margaret. Mrs. Culver passed away in 1868, while they were living in Lincoln, Nebraska, in which city she is buried.

Mr. Culver's eldest son, John, has a very good start in life for a young man. He used to be a draftsman in the employ of the McCormick Harvester Company, which firm sent him to Paris in charge of their exhibit in 1900, but his health failed and he was compelled to seek outdoor employment and went to Western Canada, where he is farming.

On February 21, 1870, Mr. Culver was again married, his second wife being Miss Rachel Payne, a daughter of Henry and Jane (Boak) Payne, natives of West Virginia and the parents of eight children. One child, a boy, who died in infancy, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Culver. In 1875 they removed to Colorado where they resided for a year, when they returned to Iowa and settled in Glidden where he owned one hundred and sixty acres of land. They have resided here now for thirty-five years continuously, being among the old settlers of the town.

Mr. and Mrs. Culver do not affiliate with any particular church but give their support to all. In fact they are in full accord with anything that will tend to advance the moral worth of county, state and nation. In politics Mr. Culver is a republican but he has never been an office seeker. Both he and his wife are highly regarded in the town where they have lived for so many years, during which time they have noted the rapid progress and development of Carroll county, which has become one of the agricultural centers of the state.

EDWIN F. OLMSTEAD.

In a review of the business men of Carroll, proper mention should be made of Edwin F. Olmstead, a well known tinner and plumber who possesses the characteristics of industry and perseverance which lead to acknowledged success. He was born in Calhoun county, Iowa, August 18, 1873, a son of William and Clara (Robbins) Olmstead, both of whom were natives of Illinois. The father was reared on a farm in his native state and after reaching maturity came to Lake City, Iowa. Subsequently he removed to Carroll county and lived at Arcadia and Glidden. In 1875 he took up his residence at Carroll and ran a livery barn for five years. He then removed to Sheridan township and engaged in farming, but in 1887 returned to Lake City and went into the real-estate business, also handling organs and pianos. His wife now resides at Carroll. Edwin Olmstead, the paternal grandfather, was a native of New York and a settler of McHenry county, Illinois. There were four children in his family, Viseny, William, Esther and Silas. The maternal grandfather was John C. Robbins. He engaged for a number of years in stock-buying. He was married three times and has outlived all of his wives. Mrs. Clara

Olmstead, the mother of our subject, was the only child of John C. and Jane Robbins. William and Clara Olmstead were the parents of eight children, namely: Emma, now Mrs. H. A. Scott, of Rockwell City, Iowa; Edwin F., the subject of this review; Lulu, the wife of C. C. Struck, of Carroll; Ray, deceased; Ella, the wife of G. H. Townsend, of Carroll; Ezra P. Olmstead of Valley Junction, Iowa; and Clara and Grace, both of whom are living in Carroll.

Edward F. Olmstead was reared in Calhoun and Carroll counties, living most of the time in town. He secured good advantages of education in the public schools and in October, 1889, began learning the tinner's trade with which he has ever since been identified. On the 7th of July, 1910, he opened an establishment of his own on Main street in Carroll and is meeting with a fair share of success in his undertaking.

On the 1st day of June, 1895, Mr. Olmstead was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Metzger, a daughter of Charles C. and Carrie (Richter) Metzger. One son, Charles E., has been born of this union. Mrs. Olmstead was born at Grand Junction, Iowa. Her father was born in Germany and the mother in New York state. He came to America at the age of sixteen and took up his abode in eastern Iowa, subsequently becoming one of the early settlers of Grand Junction, where he died in 1905 at the age of sixty-five years. His wife is still living in Grand Junction. In their family were eight children, William F., Charles, Sarah, Frank, Theresa, Guy, Harry and Roy.

Mr. Olmstead began at his trade more than twenty years ago and by diligence and enterprise acquired the capital necessary to make an independent start as a tinner and plumber. He understands his trade in every detail and as he conscientiously aims to give satisfaction to his patrons, has attained a deserved reputation for reliability. In politics he adheres to the republican party.

JOHN FRANK MACKE.

John Frank Macke, for many years successfully engaged in farming and now living retired at Carroll, was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, February 4, 1848. He is a son of Bernard and Elizabeth (Albis) Macke, both of whom were natives of Oldenburg, Germany. The father served for three years in the German army after arriving at maturity and in 1843 emigrated to America, making his home for a short time at Cincinnati. Later he removed to Franklin county, Indiana, and engaged in farming. He lived to the advanced age of ninety-three years and passed away in 1907. His wife died forty-eight years previously, in 1859. They were both devout members of the Catholic church. The grandparents on the paternal side were Bernard and Agnes Macke. He was a carpenter and there were three children in their family—Bernard, Agnes and Mary. The maternal grandfather was Fred Albis, a farmer of Germany. Of his children three

came to America—Fred, Mary and Bernardina. Five children were born to Bernard and Elizabeth Macke, namely: John Frank, of this review; Mary, wife of Herman Harmeier of Hayman, Indiana; Bernardina, wife of Bernard Harmeier of Cincinnati, Ohio; Elizabeth, who became the wife of John Grundemeier and is now deceased; and Bernard, also deceased.

John Frank Macke removed with his parents when he was a lad of seven years to Franklin county, Indiana. He began working for himself at the age of eleven, thus becoming early acquainted with hard labor. After reaching manhood he went to Stearns county, Minnesota, and worked at Melrose two years, coming to Carroll county, Iowa, a year later, where he rented land. Subsequently he purchased eighty acres in Eden township, which he improved and after a few years acquired eighty acres adjoining, thus making a farm of one hundred and sixty acres, which under his management became highly productive. He lived for several years at Templeton but since 1907 has made his home at Carroll.

January 27, 1871, in Minnesota, Mr. Macke was united in marriage to Miss Julia Ann Boos, daughter of John and Mary (Kreier) Boos, and to this union fifteen children were born, eight of whom are now living, namely: Elizabeth of Templeton, who married John Vollmer and they have five children—Ellen, Mabel, Etta, Leola and Julia; Michael, a farmer of Eden township, who married Anna Stein and they have four children—Chloris, Julia, Edwin and Lawrence; Anna of Sioux City, Iowa, who married John Foster and they have seven children—Arthur, Joseph, Herbert, Hazel, Marie, Harold and Anna; Mary of Templeton, who married Frank Vollmer and they have eleven children—Bertha, Florence, Maggie, Joseph, Michael, Loretta, Marie, Clara, Isabel, Leo and Charles; Joseph, a farmer near Templeton, who married Maggie Trecker and they have four children—Frank, Joseph, Michael and Leo; John, who married Rose Broderick and is now managing a store in Templeton for his father; William, who assists his brother in the store; and Charles, who is connected with a furniture store in Carroll. The mother of these children passed away May 28, 1893, having then arrived at the age of forty years. She was a native of Utica, New York, and her parents were natives of Germany. They came to Carroll county in 1876 and located in Eden township. The father is deceased but the mother is now living in Carroll and has arrived at the age of eighty-seven years. On the 22d day of February, 1897, Mr. Macke was married to Mrs. Margaret Deitring, who was born at Dubuque, Iowa, widow of Bernhard Deitring and daughter of Joseph and Johanna (Hanisch) Buchheit. The father of Mrs. Macke was a native of Louisville, Kentucky, and the mother of Westphalia, Germany. They came to this country and settled at Dubuque, where the mother died November 4, 1904, being then sixty-two years of age. The father is now living in Sioux City, Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. Macke are members of the Catholic church and sincere believers in its teachings. He is identified with the Roman Catholic Mutual Protective Society, and politically, gives his support to the democratic party. He has not sought public office, but served most acceptably

for six years as township trustee and for fourteen years as roadmaster. He has led an active and useful life and now enjoys in a large degree the regard of his associates and of all with whom he comes into contact.

WILBUR H. PORTER.

Among the native sons of Illinois who are well established in Iowa is Wilbur H. Porter, assistant cashier of the First National Bank of Glidden and also now filling the office of mayor of the town. He was born in La Salle county, Illinois, June 15, 1877, a son of Erwin and Amanda E. (Sellers) Porter, both of whom were natives of Ohio. The father was reared in the Buckeye state and after arriving at manhood moved to La Salle county, Illinois, where he engaged in farming. Later he came with his family to Carroll county, and established his home upon three hundred and sixty acres of land in Glidden township, which he improved and provided with most of the modern conveniences. Here he lived until 1900, when he took up his residence in Glidden, but after three years he and his wife removed to Guthrie, Oklahoma, where they now reside. They are both members of the Presbyterian church. In their family were eight children: Anna, the wife of George P. Halsted, of Guthrie, Oklahoma; Alice L., who died at the age of eighteen years; Wilbur H., of this review; Clifford R. and Roy E., both of whom are of Guthrie; Zella E., who is engaged in teaching in the public schools of Guthrie; Earle S., a graduate of the University of Oklahoma; and one who died in infancy. The paternal grandfather of our subject was Robert Porter, a native of Ohio and by occupation a farmer. There were eight children in his family, Mary, Maggie, David, Cyrus, Mattie, William, Amanda and Erwin. The maternal grandfather was also a native of Ohio and in his family were three children, William, Amanda and Alice.

Wilbur H. Porter came from La Salle county, Illinois, to Iowa with his parents at the age of thirteen and has ever since made Carroll county his home. He was reared on his father's farm and after securing his preliminary education in the public schools of Glidden went to Dixon, Illinois, and took a course at the Dixon Business College, which proved of great practical benefit to him in after years. After returning home he engaged as clerk in grocery stores for several years until the fall of 1901, when he entered the First National Bank as bookkeeper. After being connected with this institution for eighteen months he was appointed assistant cashier, which position he has filled to the general satisfaction of the officers and patrons of the bank. He is the owner of one hundred and forty acres of land, which is located near Elgin, in Morton county, North Dakota, and in business affairs has shown a judgment that has produced very satisfactory returns.

On the 15th of June, 1904, Mr. Porter was married to Miss Jennie Walter, a native of Pennsylvania and a daughter of Henry A. and Alice

(Adams) Walter. The parents were also born in the Keystone state but came to Glidden, Iowa, about 1885, where they took up their permanent residence. The father was accidentally killed by the cars at Glidden on the 7th of March, 1911. He had arrived at the age of seventy-two years, three months and four days. The mother still lives at the old homestead in Glidden. There were five children in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Walter, Harry, Jennie, Alice G., Charles C. and Effie. Henry A. Walter was twice married, his first wife being a Miss Felmley, and to this union two children were born: Emma, who is the wife of C. M. Fout, of Worland, Missouri; and Annie, who married Harvey Keubler and lives near Lanesboro, Iowa. Mr. Walter was a man of sturdy character and a brave and loyal citizen. He served as a private in the Civil war in Company I, One Hundred and Sixty-eighth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry.

Mr. Porter and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church, of which he is an elder. In politics he is a staunch supporter of the platforms and candidates of the republican party. He served as recorder of Glidden for six years. He was elected mayor in 1910 and is now in the second term in that office. Possessing an attractive address and also the ability to make friends, he has a large circle of acquaintances in Carroll county and is recognized as one of the substantial and progressive men of the county, for whom the future is bright with promise.

SAMUEL DAVIS HENRY.

Samuel Davis Henry, editor and proprietor of the Coon Rapids Enterprise and also for many years postmaster of Coon Rapids, was born in Shelby county, Indiana, October 10, 1854. He is a son of John D. and Mary (Cleaver) Henry, both of whom were born in Kentucky. The father was a carpenter by trade but devoted his attention during the principal part of his life to farming. He took up his residence in Shelby county, Indiana, but in 1868 removed to Ottawa county, Kansas, where he engaged in agriculture. In 1884 he retired from active labor, making his home at Coon Rapids. He is now eighty-five years of age. His wife died in 1863, at the age of thirty-five. She was a Quaker but he is a pronounced believer in Spiritualism. At the time of the Civil war he served for one year in the Union army. There were six children in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Henry, three of whom grew to maturity, namely: Almira, who married George Casson and is now deceased; Samuel Davis, of this review; and Lyman, who is publisher of the Daily Herald of Charles City, Iowa. The paternal grandfather of our subject was Samuel Henry. In his family were two sons and a daughter, the names of the sons being John D. and James. The grandfather on the maternal side was a wagon maker and a general mechanic. He and his wife lived to be well advanced in years and both of them died in Indiana.

Mr. Henry of this review was fourteen years of age when he removed with his parents to Kansas and in the common schools of the Sunflower state received his preliminary educational training. His early education, however, has been supplemented by extensive reading and by observation, inquiry and contact with the world, so that today he is one of the best informed men on many subjects to be found in this part of the state. In 1874 he went to Des Moines, Iowa, where he followed the flour miller's trade. In 1883 he became associated with his brother, Lyman, and they purchased the Coon Rapids Enterprise. In 1884 he acquired the interest of his brother in the paper and has since conducted it in his own name. The paper is published weekly and has a general circulation in the county, being one of the well established republican organs of Iowa. Mr. Henry has prospered financially and is the owner of the Coon Rapids Electric Light Plant and the Coon Rapids Garage. He is also a stockholder in the Bank of Coon Rapids.

On the 3d of October, 1876, Mr. Henry was married to Miss Mary E. Stimson, who was born at Hartford, Iowa, and is a daughter of William R. Stimson. The parents were both natives of Ohio and settled at Hartford, this state. The father served in the Civil war for three years, being wounded while discharging his duties as a defender of the Union. He died in Ohio but the mother is still living and makes her home at Dayton, Ohio. In politics Mr. Henry is a stalwart republican and has given his earnest adherence to that party ever since he cast his first ballot. He was appointed postmaster of Coon Rapids by President McKinley in 1897 and was reappointed by President Roosevelt, serving as postmaster until May 20, 1911, almost fourteen years. He has discharged the responsibilities of the office in a manner that has met the hearty approval of the officials at Washington and of the people of Coon Rapids. He lost his wife by death in 1898, and in June, 1911, was married to Miss Josephine C. Sever at Des Moines, Iowa.

GEORGE E. RUSSELL.

One of the highly successful farmers of Carroll county is George E. Russell, who is now living retired at Carroll in the enjoyment of ease which he earned by many years of highly directed effort. He comes of good New England ancestry and was born in the town of Cornville, Somerset county, Maine, June 12, 1843, son of Alden and Hanna (Hilton) Russell, both of whom were natives of the Pine Tree state. The father was a farmer and died in Skowhegan, Maine, in 1907 at the age of eighty-four years, his wife having passed away at the age of seventy-two. He was for many years a member of the state militia and he and his wife were identified with the Methodist church. Of their family five attained maturity, namely: George E., of this review; Horace B., who still makes his home at Cornville, Maine; Clara A., wife of Frank Bell of Los Angeles,

California; Emma A. and Edwin C., twins, the former of whom is the wife of Lysander Robinson of North Ansen, Maine, and the latter is deceased. Jesse Russell, the paternal grandfather of our subject, was the head of a family of seven sons and three daughters, namely: William, Eastman, Josiah, Charles, Augustus, Alden, Jesse, Sarah, Frances and James. The maternal grandfather, Daniel T. Hilton, was a native of New Hampshire, and a very wealthy man, being owner of land covering two townships. His wife, whose maiden name was Phoebe Hilton, was of English descent. He passed away at the age of sixty-two years, but his wife lived until she was about eighty. Of their children the names of the following are known: Elbridge, Joseph, Hannah, Jane, Alice and Mahala.

George E. Russell was reared on his father's farm near Cornville, and educated in the district schools and at Athens Academy. In 1863, being then twenty years of age, he came west to Cairo, Illinois, and worked in saw mills, getting out lumber for the Union army. In 1864 he went to Minneapolis, Minnesota, and became manager of the Minneapolis corporation, having authority from the city to act as marshal and to make arrests. From Minneapolis he returned to his native state and was married, after which he started west with his bride and stopped in Logan county, Illinois, where he rented land and engaged in farming and stock-raising for six years. In 1874 he arrived in Carroll county, Iowa, and purchased two hundred and forty acres north of Arcadia. He cultivated this farm for fourteen years and then disposed of it and for two years engaged in the dry-goods business with John F. Grote at West Side, Crawford county. After giving up this business he purchased two hundred and forty acres in Carroll, now Maple River township, Carroll county, and later acquired three hundred and twenty acres in Crawford county, northwest of Denison, one hundred and sixty acres in Holt county, Nebraska, and two hundred and eighty acres in Wagner county, Oklahoma, becoming known as one of the most prosperous farmers in this county. In 1903 he removed to Carroll, and has since resided in one of the attractive homes of this city.

On the 15th day of January, 1867, Mr. Russell was united in marriage in Maine to Miss Abbie A. Judkins, who was born at Athens, Maine, May 24, 1846, daughter of John S. and Sarah C. (Butler) Judkins. To this union three children were born, two of whom died in infancy. Charles Melville, the surviving son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell, is a farmer and breeder of Polled Angus cattle. He lives in Carroll township, a mile and one-half north of the city, and has become very successful in his business. He married Lillie M. Fowler, and to this union two children have been born—Byron A., and Grace.

The parents of Mrs. George E. Russell were natives of Maine, the mother having been born at Cornville and the father in Palmyra. He was a farmer and merchant and he and his wife were consistent members of the Methodist church. There were ten children in their family, five sons and five daughters, namely: Henry, William, LeRoy, Sylvanus, Martin Van Buren, Sarah, Isabella and Arabella, twins, Hannah and Abbie.

The five sons were all soldiers of the Civil war and each of them served for more than three years. The paternal grandfather of Mrs. Russell was Ebenezer Judkins. He was a native of Palmyra, Maine, and was by trade a carpenter. His wife was Betsy Shaw, and there were ten children in their family—Benjamin, John, Samuel, Ebenezer, Pluma, Betsy, Harriet, Sophia, Clifford and Sarah. The maternal grandfather was Benjamin Butler, a cousin of General Benjamin Butler of the Civil war and a descendant of General Henry Butler of the Revolutionary war. His wife was Hannah Hilton, a cousin of Mr. Russell's grandfather Hilton. Of their family the following may be named: Sarah, Isabella, Mary, Abigail, Hannah, Elizabeth, Joanna, Joseph, Henry and Benjamin Franklin, the latter of whom was known as Frank. Edward Hilton, who was an ancestor of both Mr. and Mrs. Russell, came from London, England, in 1623, and was the first magistrate of Massachusetts in 1641. His son Edward married Ann Dudley, granddaughter of Thomas Dudley, second governor of Massachusetts colony. The mother of Ann Dudley was Mary Winthrop, daughter of John Winthrop, first governor of Massachusetts.

Mr. Russell throughout his life has shown traits of energy, persistence and cool judgment so necessary in the accomplishment of important undertakings, and has at all times aimed to be just and fair in his dealings with others. As an intelligent and respected citizen he occupies an enviable position in the community. He and his wife are valued members of the Presbyterian church. Politically, he is identified with the republican party, and although he has not sought office he has served as county supervisor. Fraternaly he is connected with Signet Lodge, No. 264, 'A. F. & A. M., and Copestone Chapter, No. 78, R. A. M., both of Carroll. Mrs. Russell is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and also is matron of Signet Chapter, No. 1, Order of Eastern Star. She has been president of the Ladies' Aid Society of the Presbyterian church a number of years.

HENRY SIEVE.

Germany has furnished a valuable class of citizens to the new world, a large portion of whom have found their way to Iowa. They have brought with them from the old country the sturdy characteristics of their nationality and in the great majority of cases have attained success in the management of varied business affairs. Among those who have directed their efforts along agricultural lines is Henry Sieve, one of the prosperous and progressive farmers of Carroll county. Born in Oldenburg, Germany, on the 20th of February, 1867, he is a son of Joseph and Mary (Theman) Sieve, also natives of the fatherland, where they still make their home. In their family are nine children, as follows: 'August, of Noble county, Minnesota; Henry, of this review; George, Clemens and Gottfried, also

residing in Noble county, Minnesota; Garrett, Ross and Frank, who live in Germany, and Mary.

In the common schools of the fatherland Henry Sieve acquired his education and when only seventeen years of age came to the United States, determined to take advantage of the opportunities offered in the new world to ambitious and enterprising youth. He first located in Minnesota, but that remained his home for only one year, after which he made his way to Carroll county, Iowa, and here took up the occupation of farming. He purchased a tract of land about three miles north of Arcadia, in Arcadia township, and here he resides, concentrating his entire attention upon its further cultivation and development. He is the owner of one hundred and sixty acres of land, upon which he has placed many improvements, introducing all of the accessories and equipment for the successful conduct of a farming enterprise. Since coming into his possession he has reaped bountiful harvests from the fields, which, from year to year, have enabled him to place himself in prosperous circumstances. He farms by modern principles and his land is as well kept and productive as any in the township.

In 1890, when but twenty-three years of age, Mr. Sieve was married to Miss Catherine Neihaus, and unto this union have been born the following children: Joseph, Herman, George, Louisa, Paulina, Clemens and Cecelia, all at home. The parents hold membership in the Catholic church and Mr. Sieve gives his political allegiance to the democratic party. His life has been quietly spent for he has never desired to figure prominently in the public life of the community, although he has ever made the interests of his adopted country his own. He has never regretted his decision to seek a home in the new world, for here he has found the opportunities which he sought and in their wise utilization has met with gratifying success.

HENRY MEYERS.

A native son of Iowa and one of its successful business men and farmers, Henry Meyers is now living retired at Carroll in the enjoyment of a handsome competence which he acquired by many years of industry. He was born in Dubuque county, Iowa, February 28, 1849, a son of Christopher and Mary (Eslinger) Meyers, both born in Westphalia, Germany. The father was reared in the old country and after arriving at manhood came to America and worked in the coal mines of Pennsylvania. He was married in the Keystone state and subsequently settled in Dubuque county, Iowa, where he purchased two hundred acres of government land. He was a good farmer and by his well applied labor largely increased the value of his property. He passed away about thirty years ago, at the age of sixty-five, and Mrs. Meyers died a number of years later, being also about sixty-five years of age. The father was a con-

sistent member of the Lutheran church, while the mother was a Catholic. There were fourteen children in their family, nine sons and five daughters, eight of whom are now living, namely: Henry, of this review; John and Christ, twins, both living in Carroll county; Albert, who lives on the family homestead; Peter and Benjamin, both of Dubuque county; Catharine, the wife of Peter Clemens, of Dubuque county; and Elizabeth, now Mrs. Bernard Jordan, also of Dubuque county. The paternal grandfather passed his entire life in Germany and was twice married. The maternal grandfather came to America and was one of the pioneers of Dubuque county, Iowa. He had one son and several daughters.

Henry Meyers was reared on his father's farm and attended the district schools. He continued at home until he had reached the age of manhood and his father then gave him one hundred acres of land in Chickasaw county, Iowa. After improving the land he sold it and in 1876 came to Carroll county and purchased one hundred and sixty acres in Roselle township. He was very successful as an agriculturist and stock-raiser and added one hundred and sixty acres to his farm, also acquiring eighty acres in Eden township, all of which he brought to a high state of cultivation. In 1906 he removed to Carroll, having purchased a handsome residence, and has since lived retired in that city. He has disposed of all his land except one hundred and sixty acres.

On the 26th of February, 1871, Mr. Meyers was united in marriage to Miss Nellie Rosauer, who was born in Cologne, Germany, October 2, 1850, a daughter of Joseph and Nellie (Demmer) Rosauer. Ten children came to brighten the home of Mr. and Mrs. Meyers, three of whom died in infancy. Joseph, the eldest, is a graduate of the State Agricultural College at Ames and of the law department of the State University at Iowa City. He was admitted to the bar and practiced in Carroll several years, then moving to Spokane, Washington, and later taking up his residence in Texas. He married Celia Wolfe, of Carroll, and they have one daughter, Rita. Frank, the second in order of birth, is a graduate of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Chicago and is a successful practicing physician of Dubuque, Iowa. Louis passed away at the age of eighteen years. Harry graduated from the Carroll high school and the Denver Dental College and is now practicing dentistry in the city of Denver, Colorado. Caroline married Joseph Arts, vice president of the German-American Bank of Carroll and they have three children, Baldwin, Bernardette and Louisa. Adelaide became the wife of Maurice Wolfe, of Carroll, and they now reside in Jerome, Idaho, and have two daughters, Helen and Maxine. Olive lives at home and is a school-teacher of Carroll county.

The parents of Mrs. Meyers were born in Cologne, Germany, and in 1853 came to America and spent the first two years in New Orleans, Louisiana. They then moved to Mendota, Illinois, where they lived until 1864, when they took up their residence in Floyd county, Iowa. Mr. Rosauer passed away at the home of his son at Danbury, Iowa, in June, 1911, aged eighty-nine. His wife died in 1888, having arrived at the age of sixty-four. Seven of their children grew to maturity, namely: Kate,

Mary and Carrie, all of whom are deceased; Nellie, now Mrs. Henry Meyers; Lizzie, who lives near Coon Rapids, Iowa; and Peter and Joseph, both of whom live at Danbury, Iowa. Henry Rosauer, the paternal grandfather, married Nellie Kiper in Germany, came to this country and established their home in Floyd county, Iowa. He died at the age of sixty-three, while the wife passed away in her eighty-ninth year. They had two sons, Joseph and Henry. Peter Demmer, the grandfather on the maternal side, married Christina Demmer and they had two daughters, Nellie and Mary.

Politically Mr. Meyers is in hearty accord with the democratic party whose principles appeal to him as being essential to the preservation of the republic. He is a genuine friend of education, as is shown by the rare advantages possessed by his children, and he served very acceptably as a member of the school board. In religious belief he and his wife adhere to the Catholic church and are earnest followers of its teachings. In business affairs Mr. Meyers has always been governed by upright principles and is greatly esteemed as an intelligent and progressive citizen of the commonwealth.

ALEXANDER TUEL.

Alexander Tuel, who passed away on his farm on section 20, Union township, on the 8th of December, 1908, was successfully identified with general agricultural pursuits throughout his active business career. His birth occurred in Monroe county, Ohio, on the 23d of December, 1847, his parents being William and Margaret (Knight) Tuel, both of whom were natives of West Virginia. The father was born on the 26th of September, 1824, while the mother's natal day was February 14, 1828. They were early settlers of Ohio and came to Lee county, Iowa, about 1861, while the year 1865 witnessed their arrival in Carroll county. They took up their abode in Union township and William Tuel here followed farming until called to his final rest on the 27th of December, 1902, when seventy-eight years of age. His widow still survives him and resides with her son William at Coon Rapids. Mr. and Mrs. William Tuel had a family of thirteen children, namely: Alexander, of this review; Malissa and Eli, both of whom are deceased; Ezekiel; Mary E.; Almira, who has passed away; Brookens; Andrew, likewise deceased; Luther; Viola; Richard; Margaret, who has passed away; and William Henry.

Alexander Tuel lived in Ohio until about fourteen years of age and grew to manhood in Lee and Carroll counties of Iowa. He obtained his education in the district schools and after putting aside his text-books turned his attention to general agricultural pursuits, in which he was actively engaged throughout his entire business career. In the work of the fields he met with success, annually gathering bounteous crops which found a ready sale on the market.

Mr. Tuel was twice married, his first wife bearing the maiden name of Mattie C. Bagley. On the 23d of September, 1877, he wedded Miss Almira Chevalier, who was born in Mahaska county, Iowa, on the 4th of August, 1858, her parents being John F. and Elizabeth (Hetzer) Chevalier, natives of Meigs county, Ohio. They became early settlers of Mahaska county, Iowa, and subsequently removed to Colfax, Washington. John F. Chevalier, who has now attained the age of eighty years, still resides at Mount Hope, Washington, where his wife passed away in November, 1910, when seventy-six years old. They were the parents of twelve children, as follows: Cyrinthia; Mrs. Almira Tuel; Philena and Philura, twins; Elizabeth; Arizona; John Franklin; Vernile; Martha Belle; Homer; and Minnie and Seldon, who are deceased. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Tuel were born thirteen children, as follows: Leonard, who wedded Miss Muzetta House and has two children, Reginald Clayton and Howard Arnold; Geneva, who died when about nine years of age; Oscar, who married Miss Ethel Bell, by whom he has one child, Hildah; Anna, who died when but six years old; Ottie, who died at the age of four; Eugene, who married Miss Elsie Knight and has three children—Kenneth, Velma and Beulah; Ina May, who gave her hand in marriage to Earl Johnson, by whom she has two children, Gerald and Clara; Nellie Fay, who is the wife of Albert Carpenter; and Reece, Edna Opal and Venus, all at home; Hildah Ethel, who died in childhood; and Charles, also at home.

Mr. Tuel gave his political allegiance to the democracy for many years but subsequently became a republican. He was a stanch friend of the cause of education and served as school director for a number of years. Fraternally he was identified with the Masons, belonging to Charity Lodge, A. F. & A. M. His demise, which occurred on the 8th of December, 1908, when he had attained the age of sixty-one years, was the occasion of deep and widespread regret, for he had won an extensive circle of friends throughout the community. His widow is also widely and favorably known here, her many excellent traits of heart and mind having endeared her to all with whom she has come in contact.

JOHN WALDRON.

A native son of the Buckeye state but since his early manhood a resident of Iowa, John Waldron, of Glidden, clearly deserves a place in a work presenting a record of prominent citizens of Carroll county. He was born on a farm in Ohio, November 7, 1833, a son of Isaac and Sarah (Anderson) Waldron, the former of whom was born in New Jersey and the latter in Ohio. They had seven children: Harriet, who married Samuel P. Bordus and is now deceased; Clara, who became the wife of John Rosencrans and is also deceased; Emeline, who is the wife of A. J. Loudenback, of Glidden; Josiah, who is deceased; John, the subject of this review; Elizabeth, who became the wife of William R. Short, of Mansfield, Mis-

souri; and Albert, who died in his boyhood in Cass county, Michigan. The father resided with his family for a time in Michigan but in the fall of 1855 came to Greene county, Iowa, where he engaged in farming. His first wife, the mother of our subject, died in 1845, being then upwards of forty years of age. She was a consistent member of the Methodist church. The second wife of Mr. Waldron was Eliza Mott and they had several children. He died at Glidden after reaching the age of seventy-five. The grandfather of our subject on the paternal side was Francis Waldron, who was also a farmer. The names of three of his children are known—Garret, John and Isaac.

John Waldron, whose name stands at the head of this sketch, was taken by his parents to Cass county, Michigan, when he was three years of age and continued in that state until he arrived at his majority. In 1855 he came to Greene county, Iowa, and assisted his father in opening up the farm. Not desiring to devote his attention to agricultural pursuits, he learned the jeweler's trade and gunsmithing. Over forty years ago he settled at Glidden and engaged in the jewelry business, in which he continued for many years, being obliged to retire from active work on account of losing his eyesight in 1892. For a quarter of a century he was known as the "Glidden Jeweler" and was one of the most popular jewelry men in this part of the state. He has lived retired for seventeen years except for three years and eight months, during which time he ran the telephone system in Glidden.

On the 4th of November, 1857, Mr. Waldron was married to Miss Cecelia Chambers, a daughter of Herman and Harriet (Elmer) Chambers, and to this union nine children were born, five of whom survive, namely: Alvah E.; Sherman T.; Delos E., who lives at Glidden; Josiah E., of Des Moines; and Ida May, who is the wife of F. P. Briggs, of Glidden township. Mrs. Waldron was born in the town of Dix, Chemung county, New York, August 15, 1838. She removed with her parents at eleven years of age to Kane county, Illinois, where the family spent several years. In the fall of 1854 they came to Greene county, Iowa, and afterward to Carroll county, finally locating at Glidden. The father died in his eighty-ninth year and the mother lived to the age of ninety years, six months and fifteen days. Mr. Chambers was a printer by trade and also engaged as a carpenter and joiner. He was a great lover of books and throughout his life was a constant reader and student.

Politically Mr. Waldron is a republican, having cast his first vote for Abraham Lincoln as president of the United States. He was for many years prominent in local affairs and served as mayor of Glidden and for two years as member of the city council. He and his wife are sincere believers in the Christian religion and are members of the Presbyterian church. Although he has been sorely tried in the school of affliction, his faith in a divine providence has remained unshaken. He remembers the time when the deer and elk roamed at large in Greene county and the country teemed with game of all kinds. He was a violinist and played for country dances, being one of the musicians at the time of the first public

celebration at Jefferson, Iowa. For more than fifty-six years a resident of Iowa, he is recognized as one of the pioneers who assisted so nobly in redeeming the wilderness and making the state a safe and pleasing abode for tens of thousands who have here found homes and friends.

JAMES EDWARD DAVIDSON.

James Edward Davidson, an agriculturist residing on section 27, Union township, was born in Windham county, Vermont, on the 14th of April, 1853. His parents, Lewis and Fanny (Monroe) Davidson, were both natives of Vermont. The paternal grandfather was likewise born in the Green Mountain state, where both he and his wife passed away. They had two children, George and Lewis. The latter learned the carpenter's trade and became an early settler of Du Page county, Illinois, where his demise occurred when he had attained the age of sixty-three years. His wife, who survived him for a number of years, passed away in Pierce county, Nebraska, at the age of seventy-three. Unto them were born five sons and five daughters, as follows: Aurelius; Martha; Riley; Lorette, who gave her hand in marriage to Henry King; Henrietta; Elizabeth; Welcome; James Edward, of this review; Eldora, the wife of Eli Smith, of Norfolk, Nebraska; and Henry, living in Plainview, Nebraska.

James E. Davidson was reared to manhood on a farm in Windham county, Vermont, and attended the district schools in the acquirement of an education. After attaining his majority he left the parental roof and started out in life on his own account, securing employment by the month as a farm hand. In 1875 he removed westward to Illinois and for three years thereafter was employed as a traveling salesman in Du Page county. Subsequently he came to Iowa and followed farming in Benton county for three years. On the expiration of that period he came to Carroll county and purchased and located on a tract of eighty acres of raw prairie land north of Glidden, turning his attention to the development and improvement of the property. After disposing of the place he bought a farm of one hundred and sixty acres six miles south of Glidden, which is still in his possession, as is also another quarter section of land which he later purchased. In the spring of 1910 he rented the farms and bought his present home place just north of the corporate limits of Coon Rapids, where he owns a ten-acre tract of land.

Mr. Davidson has been married twice. On the 10th of May, 1877, he wedded Miss Cora Thorne, a native of Benton county, Iowa, and a daughter of Leander and Elizabeth (Thorne) Thorne, who were born in Maine and became early settlers of Benton county, this state. By that union there were three children, namely: William, who died as the result of an accident when a lad of eight years; Irvin, an agriculturist of Richland township, who married Lola Wier and has three children—Gertrude, Harold and Ethel; and Lilly, living in Richland township, who is the wife of

Thomas Elliott and has one child, Laura. Mrs. Cora Davidson passed away in June, 1891, and on the 6th of February, 1894, Mr. Davidson was again married, his second union being with Mrs. Liona Lovell, whose birth occurred in Union township, Carroll county, Iowa, on the 4th of March, 1864. She was the widow of Washington Lovell and a daughter of Squire Armstrong and Catharine A. (Morris) Davis, who are mentioned at greater length on another page of this work. By his second wife Mr. Davidson has one son, Charles.

In politics Mr. Davidson is a republican, loyally supoprting the men and measures of that party. In religious belief both he and his wife are Friends. They are worthy representatives of that class of citizens who lead quiet, industrious, honest and useful lives and constitute the best portion of a community.

WILLIAM C. SAUL.

It has been sixteen years since William C. Saul began the practice of law at Carroll and the test of time has demonstrated that he made no mistake when he decided to apply himself to the legal profession. He now enjoys a large clientage and an income that assures him of a competency for himself and family. He was born at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, December 21, 1862, and is a son of James Saul. The father was born in County Wicklow, Ireland, and is of English descent, and his father, Thomas Saul, was an excise man of the English government. James Saul learned the shoemaker's trade in his native country but, believing that America possessed advantages he could scarcely hope to find on the Emerald isle, came to the United States in 1849 and lived a while in New Jersey. Early in the '50s he arrived in Cedar Rapids, where he followed his trade, accumulating sufficient capital to purchase land in Iowa county, upon which he took up his residence. In 1879 he removed to Crawford county and engaged successfully in farming until 1900, when he retired with his wife at Denison. He has for many years been a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he was formerly an officer. Politically he gives his support to the republican party. The maiden name of the mother of our subject was Maria Charles. She was born near Belfast, Ireland, and came to the United States with her mother about 1849. She was married in New Jersey to Mr. Saul, is a member of the Methodist church, and is now seventy-five years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Saul are the parents of six children: Thomas, who is engaged in the van and moving business at Fargo, North Dakota; Margaret, the wife of John McLean, a farmer of Liberty, Nebraska; James C., of Denison, Iowa, engaged in ranching in Wyoming; William C., of this review; and Henry C. and Willard A., twins, who are interested with their brother in the Wyoming ranch near Douglas.

William C. Saul attended the public schools in his boyhood and later was a student at Cornell College at Mount Vernon. He taught school sev-



FOUR GENERATIONS

This group is composed of James Saul, of Denison, an Iowa pioneer; his son, W. C. Saul, an attorney at Carroll; his grandson, W. I. Saul, the editor of The Carroll Herald, and his great-grandson Robert I. Saul. The combined age of this group is one hundred and fifty-eight years.

eral terms and for eleven years was identified with the United States railway mail service. In the meantime he had taken up the study of law under Judge F. M. Powers, of Carroll, and in 1895 was admitted by examination to the bar of this state. He has since engaged in practice at Carroll and is known as one of the most prominent members of the Carroll county bar. He has been interested in much important litigation in this part of the state and is now serving as general attorney for the American Nobles, a widely known fraternal organization of Waterloo. About 1895 he opened a set of abstract books and has since conducted what is known as the Carroll County Abstract Company. He is the owner of lands in Canada and in his business as well as his professional work has met with gratifying returns.

On the 9th of July, 1885, Mr. Saul was married to Miss Elida J. Thomas, who was born at Eagle, Wisconsin, November 27, 1862, a daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth Thomas. The parents are living on a farm near Dow City, in Crawford county, Iowa. The family is of Welsh ancestry. Mr. and Mrs. Saul have five children: W. Irving, who is editor of The Carroll Herald of which our subject is the owner; Leslie T., who was engaged in the study of law but is now a cadet at West Point; Lois E., Donald S. and Dean E., all of whom are attending school. W. Irving Saul was born at Denison, January 25, 1887, and married Miss Leola Williams. They have two children, Helen and Robert.

The record of Mr. Saul cannot fail to prove an incentive to ambitious young men who are desirous of accomplishing a worthy object in life and are obliged to depend upon their own exertions while doing so. He allowed no obstacles to dampen his ardor or to stand in the way of his advancement and by courage, self confidence and force of character has won a position among the acknowledged leaders in Carroll county. He and his wife are connected with the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he is an active worker, being a member of the board of trustees. Fraternally he is identified with the Masonic order, the Knights of Pythias, the Modern Woodmen of America and other organizations whose object it is to promote good fellowship among men. In politics he gives his support to the republican party.

DELOS E. WALDRON.

Delos E. Waldron, the cashier of the First National Bank of Glidden, has been connected with that institution for a quarter of a century and has served in his present capacity since 1892. His birth occurred on the 17th of March, 1867, in Greene county, Iowa, on the Greene and Carroll county line. His parents, John and Cecelia (Chambers) Waldron, are natives of Ohio and New York respectively. The paternal grandfather, Isaac Waldron, was a farmer by occupation and took up his abode among the earliest settlers of Greene county, Iowa. He died in Glidden when past middle

life. He was twice married and by his first wife had the following children: Joseph, John and Emeline. Unto him and his second wife were born three sons and a daughter, namely: Philo, Eli, Robert and Sarah. Hiram W. Chambers, the maternal grandfather of our subject, was a native of New York and a shipbuilder by trade. Removing westward, he settled in Illinois and about 1859 came to Iowa, locating in Greene county, where he became identified with general agricultural pursuits. His demise occurred in Glidden when he had attained the age of eighty-nine years. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Harriet Elmer, was ninety-two years of age when she passed away in Glidden. Their children were four in number, namely: Losey C., Alvah, Cecelia and Ida.

John Waldron, the father of Delos E. Waldron, was an early settler of Michigan and came to Iowa in 1855, settling in Greene county on a tract of land adjoining Glidden township, Carroll county. He homesteaded and improved a farm and continued to reside thereon until 1870, when he took up his abode in Glidden and embarked in the jewelry business, successfully conducting an enterprise of that character until 1892, when he was stricken blind and was obliged to retire. In the early days he enjoyed an enviable reputation as a violinist and his services were in demand at all the dances in the neighborhood. For two terms he served as mayor of Glidden, exercising his official prerogatives in support of many measures of reform and improvement. The period of his residence in this part of the state now covers fifty-six years and he has long been widely known throughout the community as one of its most substantial and respected citizens. He is now sixty-eight years of age. Both he and his estimable wife are Presbyterians in religious faith.

Delos E. Waldron, whose name introduces this review, was born on his father's farm in Greene county and has resided in Glidden since three years of age. He attended the public schools in the acquirement of an education and is a graduate of the Glidden high school. Since putting aside his text-books he has been continuously identified with the First National Bank, which he entered in the capacity of bookkeeper when the institution was known as the Glidden Bank. In 1892 it was incorporated as the First National Bank, with a capital stock of fifty thousand dollars. The institution was originally established in 1877. Mr. Waldron has been connected therewith since 1886 and in 1892 was promoted from the position of assistant cashier to that of cashier, which he has held to the present time. He is a man of keen discernment and sound judgment and his executive ability and excellent management have brought to the institution with which he is connected a large degree of success.

On the 17th of September, 1895, Mr. Waldron was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary H. Moorhouse, a native of Walworth county, Wisconsin, and a daughter of Edward and Lucy (Pettit) Moorhouse. Her paternal grandfather, a native of the state of New York, was overseer of a woolen mill. Unto him and his wife were born five children: Abram, William H., Isaac, Edward and Hannah. The parents of Mrs. Waldron removed from New York to Walworth county, Wisconsin, and remained residents of

that state until 1901, when they came to Iowa, settling in Newell. While living there Edward Moorhouse made a trip back to Walworth county and passed away at Elkhorn when fifty-seven years of age. His widow yet resides at Newell, Iowa. They were the parents of three children, namely: Mary H., Lulu and Percy. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Waldron have been born two children, Marion and Erwin.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. Waldron has loyally supported the men and measures of the republican party. For six or eight years he served as city clerk, proving a faithful and capable official. His wife is an Episcopalian in religious faith. In the community where his entire life has been spent Mr. Waldron is widely and favorably known, the circle of his friends being almost coextensive with the circle of his acquaintances.

WILLIAM S. KNEPPER.

A well known citizen of Carroll, William S. Knepper has been identified with the agricultural interests of this section of the state during a large part of his life and is recognized as one of the substantial men of the county. He is a native of Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, born April 11, 1849, a son of Adam and Catharine (Small) Knepper, both of whom were born in the Keystone state. The father came to Iowa in 1849 and settled in Linn county, becoming the owner of three hundred and sixty acres of land. He passed away in 1861 at the age of fifty-one, his wife dying two years later at the age of forty-nine years. They were both members of the United Brethren church and were greatly esteemed on account of their many estimable traits of character. There were eight children in their family, the subject of this review being the only one now living, all of the others having died when young except one who was called away at the age of seventeen. The family of the grandfather on the paternal side consisted of three sons and two daughters, all of whom are deceased. The maternal grandfather was a farmer in Pennsylvania and had three sons and three daughters, Samuel, Daniel, Jeremiah, Elizabeth, Susan and Catharine.

William S. Knepper does not remember when he came to Iowa, as he was only six months old at the time. He grew to manhood in Linn county and received his early education in the district schools. After the death of his parents he lived with a guardian, C. S. Hendricks, and after arriving at his majority fell heir to a farm which his father acquired and devoted his attention for three years to agriculture and stock-raising. He then engaged in the mercantile business at Solon, Johnson county, for four years, after which he came to Carroll county and bought two hundred and forty acres in Carroll (now Maple River) township, four miles west of Carroll, and lived there five years. In 1881 he moved to Carroll and in 1902 built a commodious and beautiful home. Almost ever since he came

to the city he and his wife have kept boarders and their home is one of the most popular places of the kind in Carroll.

On the 12th day of May, 1869, Mr. Knepper was united in marriage to Miss Henrietta Nicholson, a native of Johnson county, Iowa, and a daughter of Henry and Maria (Lyon) Nicholson. Two children have blessed this union, William Walter and Catharine Leo. William Walter is a bookkeeper for Allen Brothers, wholesale grocers of Omaha, Nebraska. He married Ura Wahl and is the father of four children, Vera, Vergil, Ida and Frank William. Catharine Leo is the wife of John McNeill and they live in Arkansas City, Kansas. The father of Mrs. Knepper was born in Indiana and the mother in Pennsylvania. They came west and lived in Johnson county, Iowa, and later took up their home in Carroll county where they continued during the remainder of their days. The mother passed away at the age of sixty-five and the father at the age of eighty-six years. They had eleven children, Elizabeth, Frances, Joshua, Sarah, Henrietta, Anna, Matilda, Benjamin, William, Allen and May.

Mr. Knepper is not directly connected with any religious denomination, but his estimable wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Politically he has ever since casting his first ballot supported the principles and candidates of the republican party. He is a genial and intelligent gentleman of large experience and affairs and enjoys a wide acquaintance in Carroll county. Socially he and his wife are prominent in Carroll where they have made their home for thirty years.

EDWARD CLARENCE HAVENS.

It has been through unwearied application and many years of earnest endeavor that Edward Clarence Havens has attained a position as one of the flourishing merchants of Glidden. A clear insight into the business which he chose as his vocation and its possibilities has also assisted him and there are few men of his age in Carroll county whose opinion in business affairs commands more respect than that of Mr. Havens. He is a native of Glidden, born March 14, 1872, a son of James Orrin and Miriam C. (Evans) Havens, both of whom were born in New York state. The father of our subject was reared in New York and in his young manhood lived in Chicago and Waukegan, Illinois, where he was a clerk. He came to Glidden from Waukegan and engaged in the furniture business. Subsequently he operated a fruit farm in Glidden township, retiring to Glidden two years before his death. He was a member of the Presbyterian church, his wife, who survives him, also being connected with that organization. At the time of the Civil war he served in the Ninety-sixth Illinois regiment, becoming captain of his company. He took an active interest in politics and for about twenty years was clerk of Glidden township. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Havens: Lottie, the wife of J. W. Hazelton, of Carroll county; George Lester, of Pierre, South Dakota;

Minnie Esther, who married H. A. Towne, of Perry, Iowa; and Edward Clarence.

Mr. Havens of this review was reared on his father's farm in Glidden township and secured his early education in the district and public schools. Not being attracted to farming as an occupation he started in business life as a clerk for McNaught & Son and later served in a similar capacity in the drug store of William E. Foster for seven years and then went to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. After one year, however, he returned to Glidden and became connected with Halstead Brothers, grocers, and in 1906 bought out the establishment. He has since added general merchandise and by close attention to the wants of the people and a thorough knowledge of his business he has succeeded in establishing a lucrative and growing trade which yields a handsome revenue. He is the owner of one hundred and sixty acres of good land in Roberts county, South Dakota.

On the 25th of October, 1905, Mr. Havens was married to Miss Mary Elizabeth Kyle, a native of Pennsylvania and a daughter of Charles Kyle. The union of Mr. and Mrs. Havens has been blessed by the birth of a daughter, Virginia Elizabeth. In political belief he yields his allegiance to the republican party and religiously he and his wife adhere to the Presbyterian church. They have many friends in Glidden and enjoy the confidence and respect of all with whom they come in contact. Throughout his life Mr. Havens has been identified with the mercantile business and his history is an excellent illustration of what may be accomplished by an unalterable purpose and wisely directed effort.

FRANCIS WILLIAM ANDERSON.

Francis William Anderson, a representative and progressive agriculturist of Carroll county, makes his home on section 6, Union township. His birth occurred in Benton county, Iowa, on the 1st of September, 1865, his parents being David and Phoebe (Haynes) Anderson, both of whom were natives of Ohio. His paternal grandfather, Samuel Anderson, was likewise born in the Buckeye state and came of German ancestry. By occupation he was a farmer. He wedded Miss Matilda Cutchall and they became early settlers of Benton county, Iowa, there passing away when well advanced in years. Their children were fifteen in number, namely: James, Matilda, William, Marion, David, Robert, Lewis, George, Samuel, Mary, Sarah, Caroline, Rebecca, Jane and Bitha. Joseph and Sarah (Minor) Haynes the maternal grandparents of our subject, were also early settlers of Benton county, Iowa. Their children were as follows: Dennis, Charles, Hiram, Phoebe, Alma and Mary. Both the father and mother of Francis W. Anderson were numbered among the early settlers of Benton county, Iowa, where their marriage was celebrated in 1857. David Anderson, who was a carpenter by trade, passed away in that county in 1902, when sixty-

six years of age. His wife died in early womanhood, her demise occurring in 1867.

Francis W. Anderson was reared in the home of his paternal grandmother in Benton county, Iowa, having lost his mother when but two years of age. He attended the district and public schools in the acquirement of an education and when nine years old removed to Blairstown, where he remained until a youth of twelve. At that early age he began working by the month as a farm hand, being thus employed for a period of twelve years. General agricultural pursuits have claimed his attention throughout his entire business career and he is now the owner of a fine farm of over two hundred acres on section 6, Union township, annually gathering rich crops which find a ready sale on the market.

Mr. Anderson has been married twice. On the 4th of March, 1887, he wedded Miss Anna Sharp, a daughter of Rev. John and Amanda Sharp. She died a year later, however, and on the 19th of November, 1890, Mr. Anderson was again married, his second union being with Miss Cora Davis, a native of Union township, this county, and a daughter of Squire Armstrong and Catharine A. (Morris) Davis, who are mentioned at greater length on another page of this work. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson now have two children, Roy A. and Lina M.

In politics Mr. Anderson is a republican, loyally supporting the men and measures of that party. For a number of terms he served as a school director. Fraternally he is identified with the Modern Woodmen of America, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the United Brethren church, to which his wife also belongs. Mr. Anderson is a member of the building committee which is at present erecting a new house of worship. At all times his life has been active, useful and honorable and it is his genuine personal worth that has gained for him the favorable position which he occupies in the regard of those who know him.

CHARLES OSWALD.

Among that worthy class of foreign-born residents of Iowa whose industry and sturdy qualities have added much to the financial worth and development of Carroll county is numbered Charles Oswald who, coming to the United States in early manhood, in the hope of finding better business advantages here than were offered in the old world, found the opportunities which he sought and in their wise utilization has attained gratifying success. He was born in Belgium, on the 3d of November, 1860, a son of Henry and Mary (Haas) Oswald. The parents were natives of the same country and there spent their entire lives. Charles Oswald was the second in order of birth in a family of five children, the others being as follows: Jacob, who yet resides in Belgium; John B., who came to the United States with his brother Charles and now makes his home in Jones county, Iowa; and Mary and John, also of Belgium.

Charles Oswald remained a resident of his native land until 1884, in which year he came to the United States, determining to seek the opportunities for advancement along business lines which this country offered to ambitious and enterprising young men. A poor man, he had little more than his strong physique and resolute will—characteristics of his race—but he was full of determination and at once set about earning his own living. He spent six years at Monticello, Jones county, Iowa, after which he removed to Benton county, Iowa, residing there for two years. In 1892 he arrived in Carroll county and here located upon the farm in Kniest township which still remains his home. He owns one hundred and twenty acres of rich, well cultivated land, and in the midst of his farm he has erected substantial and commodious buildings, while the general appearance of the place speaks in no uncertain terms of a life of industry, perseverance and thrift on the part of the owner. He has proved an alert, wide-awake and enterprising man, who keeps thoroughly in touch with modern methods of agriculture, and his well directed efforts have been well rewarded by a substantial degree of prosperity. He has also found time to cooperate in other interests and is now the vice president of the Mount Carmel Mutual Fire & Lightning Insurance Association.

Mr. Oswald was married, in 1890, to Miss Elizabeth May, who was born in Dubuque county, Iowa, and unto them have been born eight children, as follows: Mary, Henry G., Peter, Apolina, Wendling, Leo, Clara and Marcella, all yet at home. The parents hold membership in the Catholic church at Mount Carmel, and Mr. Oswald belongs to the Roman Catholic Protective Association of Iowa, of which he is president of the local branch of that order at Mount Carmel. In politics he has given his support to the democracy since becoming an American citizen, and for three terms he served as township trustee, while for six years he acted as school director. Although born across the water, he has ever been loyal and public-spirited in his support of American laws and institutions and has ever been found a stalwart advocate of progress and advancement along material, intellectual and moral lines. He is a self-made man who, depending upon his own resources entirely, has worked his way upward, proving the force of his character and the extent of his energy and business ability in the gratifying success which he has achieved.

THOMAS CAREY WOLFE.

The owner of five hundred and sixty acres of land in Carroll county, Iowa, Thomas Carey Wolfe may justly be named as one of the prosperous citizens of the county. For twelve years past he has lived in a beautiful home in Carroll in the enjoyment of the society of his family and friends, at the same time directing affairs upon his farms. He was born in County Kerry, Ireland, in 1845, a son of Maurice and Ellen (Carey) Wolfe, both of whom were natives of the Emerald isle. The father came to America

and engaged in farming in La Salle county, Illinois. In 1860 he settled in Clinton county, Iowa, and died there April 1, 1879, at the age of seventy-nine, his wife having passed a number of years previously. They were both devout members of the Catholic church. There were twelve children in their family, eleven of whom grew to maturity, namely, James, Ellen, Maurice, John, Mary, Margaret, Thomas C., Johanna, Richard, Catharine and Bridget.

Thomas Carey Wolfe came to America with his parents and was reared to fifteen years of age in La Salle county, Illinois. He then moved with his family to Clinton county, Iowa. He received his education in the district schools and assisted his father upon the home farm until after arriving at maturity. At the age of twenty-four years he came to Carroll county and purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land in Eden township, near Templeton, managing his affairs so ably that as the years passed he became one of the large landholders of that section, owning seven eighty-acre tracts, which includes some of the best land in the county. He moved to Templeton in 1883 and continued there until the 4th of May, 1898, since which time he has occupied a beautiful home in Carroll.

On the 14th of February, 1874, Mr. Wolfe was united in marriage to Miss Mary Ann James, who was born on a farm eight miles from Berlin, Wisconsin, a daughter of Joseph and Cecilia (Finnerty) James. The father was born at Newcastle-upon-Tyne, England, and the mother in County Mayo, Ireland. The family came to America and after living for a while in Massachusetts removed to Wisconsin, where Mr. James cleared and improved a farm. Subsequently he came to Iowa and took up his residence in Poweshiek county, settling in Roselle township, Carroll county, in 1869. He died at Stuart, Iowa, in November, 1903, at the age of sixty-eight, and his widow is still living at that place. They had six children, John, Mary Ann, Celia, Joseph, Jane and David. Joseph James, the paternal grandfather, married Jane James. He died well advanced in years in Carroll county, Iowa. There were five children in their family, Eunice, Ann, Elizabeth, Joseph and Fannie. Thomas Finnerty, the grandfather on the maternal side, was a farmer. He died in his early manhood. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Wolfe was brightened by the arrival of nine children: Cecelia, now deceased, who became the wife of Joseph H. Meyers and had one child, Rita Marie; Ella, who died in infancy; Ann, who now lives at home; Joseph, a clerk in the postoffice at Carroll, who married Kate Meyers and has one child, Virgil; Maurice, a carpenter by trade, now engaged in farming at Jerome, Idaho, who married Adda Meyers and has two children, Helen and Maxine; Florence and Thomas, both of whom are at home; Edmund, now engaged as a stenographer; and John, a clerk in a dry-goods store at Omaha, Nebraska. Mr. and Mrs. Wolfe were reared in the Catholic church and are staunch upholders of the faith. Politically he gives his support to the republican party, believing that its principles are conducive to the welfare of the nation. He is a true friend of education and served many years as member of the school board, filling the offices of its treasurer and president. At Templeton he was a member of the city council

and discharged his duties so acceptably that he was elected mayor of the town. This position he resigned when he removed to Carroll. He deserves much credit for the record he has made, advancing through his own efforts from a humble position until he has become one of the prominent men of this section.

JOHN W. SMITH.

A spirit of self-reliance and an unalterable determination to accomplish an honorable purpose have been controlling elements in the life of John W. Smith, cashier of the Bank of Coon Rapids. He belongs to the class of men who win recognition in any line of business or in any profession on which they concentrate their energies—a class that leads in city, state or nation and is largely responsible for the prosperity the country now enjoys.

Mr. Smith was born in Poweshiek county, Iowa, January 6, 1872, a son of Richard and Christina (Head) Smith, both of whom were natives of Ohio. The father was reared on a farm and then learned the harness-making and saddlery trade, but after working at his trade a few years returned to farming as his vocation. He and his wife came to Poweshiek county, Iowa, and in 1883 moved to Audubon county, ten years later taking up their residence at Indianola where they are now living retired. They are both earnest members of the Methodist Episcopal church. In their family were eleven children, the following of whom grew to maturity, namely: Edgar A., a resident of Ackworth, Iowa; Oran J., of Indianola; Richard L., of Ladora; Elva C., who married Barton Morrison, of Girard, Kansas; William H., of Marshfield, Oregon; John W., of Coon Rapids, Iowa; and Charles C., of Panora.

The paternal grandfather of our subject, Wesley Smith, was the head of a family of nine children, Henry, John, Acquilla, Cleaton, Wesley, Richard, Russell, Elijah and Catharine. The maternal grandfather was William Head, a native of Ohio and by occupation a farmer. He and his wife came to Poweshiek county, Iowa, and subsequently moved to Greene county, settling at Jefferson where they spent the remainder of their days. Of their children seven grew to maturity, Joseph, Christina, Mahlon, Albert, Caleb, Sarah and Aaron.

John W. Smith made his home in Poweshiek county until he was eleven years of age and there received his preliminary school training. He removed with his parents to Audubon county and continued his attendance at the public schools, also becoming a student at Simpson College where he remained two years. He taught school in the country several terms and for one year filled the position of bookkeeper in the State Savings Bank of which Abraham Dixon was proprietor. After retiring from this position he served for eighteen months as bookkeeper and cashier under John Lee in the Valley Bank. In February, 1902, he associated with Warren Garst in organizing the Bank of Coon Rapids of which he has ever

since been cashier. The bank has been ably conducted and is recognized as one of the substantial financial concerns of the county.

On the 25th of December, 1898, Mr. Smith was united in marriage to Miss Emma Zavitz, a native of Cedar county, Iowa, and a daughter of Abraham and Catharine (Camberling) Zavitz. To this union three children have been born, Forrest, Gerald and Kathryn. The father of Mrs. Smith was born in Canada and the mother in Pennsylvania. They came to Iowa and settled in Cedar county. Mr. Zavitz was a soldier in the Civil war and died in 1892 from the effects of a gunshot wound which he received in the arm many years before while gallantly fighting for his country. His widow still survives and lives with her daughter in Coon Rapids. They had seven children all of whom are living, Abraham, Harriet, Ena, Ida, John, Emma and Edward.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith are members of the Coon Rapids Methodist Episcopal church and active workers in its behalf. He belongs to Charity Lodge, No. 187, A. F. & A. M., and also to the Ancient Order of United Workmen. Politically he is in hearty sympathy with the principles and candidates of the republican party. He takes a great interest in the education of the young and for three years past has served as president of the school board, having also filled the office of chief of the fire department for two years. By the faithful discharge of every responsibility he has gained the confidence of the people of Coon Rapids and the surrounding region and is numbered among the most substantial and progressive citizens of the county.

JOHN B. BAEUMLER.

John B. Baeumler, the pastor of St. Augustine's Roman Catholic church of Halbur, established that parish in June, 1901, and has been a potent factor in its wonderful growth during the intervening ten years. His birth occurred in Bavaria, Germany, on the 21st of August, 1867, his parents being John and Margaret (Boyer) Baeumler. The father, born and reared in the province of Brevania, was a farmer by occupation and passed away when our subject was but three years of age. The mother of Father Baeumler still survives at the age of seventy-five years and makes her home in Germany. Her second husband was M. Hagler, who is also deceased.

John B. Baeumler remained under the parental roof until eleven years of age. He spent seven years in the parochial schools and when a youth of thirteen began earning his own livelihood. In 1882, when fourteen years of age, he crossed the Atlantic to the United States, locating at St. Lucas, Fayette county, Iowa, where he worked as a farm hand for six years. Subsequently he spent two years as a student in St. Francis Seminary near Milwaukee and then entered St. Lawrence College at Mount Calvary, Wisconsin, from which institution he was graduated with honors. During the following two years he studied philosophy in St. Joseph's College at

Dubuque, Iowa, and then returned to St. Francis Seminary for a three-years course in theology. In June, 1897, he was ordained to the priesthood and given an assistant pastorate in the Holy Ghost church of Dubuque, Iowa, under Rev. Father Feuerstein. At the end of four months he went to Le Mars, Iowa as assistant pastor, serving in that capacity for two years and eight months. In June, 1901, he came to Halbur, Iowa, and began the work of establishing St. Augustine's parish. He opened the schools and parsonage in December, 1901, and the fine new church in 1904. The parish was organized with fifty-two families and today has eighty-one, while eighty-five children are in attendance at the schools. Upon arriving here Father Baeumler immediately undertook the task of building a church and schools. The Halbur parish was taken from the Roselle parish (a division being made by Archbishop Keane of Dubuque) and Bishop Garrigan of Sioux City dedicated the new church. The schools were erected at a cost of seven thousand dollars and the church building cost thirteen thousand nine hundred dollars, while the following expenditures were made for church furnishings: decorations, one thousand two hundred dollars; altars, seventeen hundred dollars; pews, nine hundred dollars; furnaces, four hundred and fifty dollars; bells, four hundred and fifty dollars; vestments, banners, statues, etc., twenty-one hundred dollars. The parsonage was constructed at a cost of thirty-three hundred and fifty dollars. On first coming here and with absolutely no funds Father Baeumler negotiated for eight acres of land and began to build. Ten years later the entire indebtedness on the property and buildings had been discharged. Father Baeumler gave his personal attention to the work, overseeing all of the building. He has labored earnestly and zealously to do the work assigned him by his church and in a single decade has performed a mighty task. The schools are under the charge of three Franciscan Sisters of La Crosse, Wisconsin. Father Baeumler is a member of the Roman Catholic Mutual Protective Society of Iowa.

JOSEPH C. SCHWALLER.

After spending his entire life in Iowa Joseph C. Schwaller of Carroll is especially interested in this state and has proven one of its worthy and progressive citizens. He was born on a farm near Gutenberg, Clayton county, Iowa, July 21, 1855, and is a son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Weber) Schwaller, the former of whom was born in Switzerland and the latter in Germany. The father came to America in 1862 and was naturalized as a citizen as soon as he could secure the papers. He settled in Clayton county, Iowa, starting with forty acres of land, to which he added as his resources increased until he acquired fifty-eight acres. After improving his farm and thus largely enhancing its value he disposed of it and in 1874 bought one hundred and sixty acres in Roselle township, Carroll county. Subsequently he purchased forty acres adjoining, thus becoming the owner of one

of the beautiful farms of the township. He and his wife are now living in Carroll with the subject of this review. They are both sincere members of the Catholic church. Of seven children in their family five grew to maturity, namely: Joseph C.; William, deceased; August, of Fordyce, Nebraska; Henry, who now lives upon the old homestead; and Elizabeth, of Carroll. The grandparents on the paternal side both died in Switzerland, but the grandparents on the maternal side came to America. They lived for a number of years in Ohio, but finally located in Clayton county, Iowa, where they spent their declining years. There were five children in their family.

Joseph C. Schwaller was educated in the district and parochial schools and the Gutenberg High School. He lived in Clayton county until nineteen years of age and then came to Carroll county with the other members of the family. He taught school a number of terms but was not entirely satisfied with this vocation and accordingly learned the watchmaker and jeweler's trade, which he has ever since followed. In 1902 he built a beautiful residence at No. 520 South Clark street in Carroll, into which he moved in December of the same year. He maintains his place of business in his private home. He came into possession of the old homestead which he sold to his brother Henry, but has not entirely relinquished his agricultural interests, as he owns three hundred and twenty acres of land east of Lethbridge in Alberta province, Canada. For twenty years or more he filled the position of secretary of the Mutual Fire and Tornado Insurance Company of Carroll county.

Mr. Schwaller still enjoys single blessedness but has never taken kindly to hotel life and appears well satisfied with his own home, which is supplied with every comfort and convenience that could be desired. He is a member of the German Catholic church and politically is in sympathy with the democratic party. He is a quiet, unassuming man, and is highly respected on account of his irreproachable character. Although his place of business is in the extreme southern part of the city he receives more work in watch repairing than he can readily perform.

DAVID F. EVERTS.

A well known citizen of Glidden, who for nearly twenty years has been officially connected with the banking interests of the town, is David F. Everts, president of the Farmers Bank. He was born in Hinsdale, Cattaraugus county, New York, on the 25th of September, 1846, and is a son of Charles and Angeline (Kemory) Everts. The father was a native of Plainfield, Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, born in the 20th of November, 1818, and the mother of Tompkins county, New York, her natal day being the 18th of August, 1823. In their family were four sons and three daughters, in order of birth as follows: John N., Sarah E., David F., Clara E., Peter, Charles W. and Mary E.

David F. Everts was reared at home, acquiring his education in the public schools of his native town. Being desirous of trying life in the west and feeling confident that it afforded better opportunities for young men, he left the parental roof at the age of eighteen years and came to Iowa, locating in Scott county on the 23d of September, 1864. On the 25th of June, 1873, he bought one hundred and sixty acres of land on section 29, Richland township, Carroll county, which he immediately began to cultivate. He met with such excellent success in his efforts in this direction, that he was later able to add another eighty acres to his holdings. Mr. Everts continues to be engaged in farming but is especially interested in stock-raising, giving a great deal of attention to thoroughbred shorthorn cattle and Poland China hogs. In 1892 he was elected director of the First National Bank of Glidden, which position he resigned at the expiration of eight years, when he became president of the Farmers Bank of Glidden. He has ever since been the head of the latter institution, during which time he has fully demonstrated his efficiency in that direction.

On the 14th of December, 1873, Mr. Everts was united in marriage to Miss Edith Hickson, who was born in Scott county, Iowa, on the 17th of May, 1852. Unto them have been born two sons and three daughters: Thomas W.; Joseph H.; Hattie E., the wife of George Blinn; Hannah L., who married Thomas Ribble; and Edith A., the wife of Charles Corbin.

In matters of citizenship Mr. Everts is public-spirited and progressive. He takes an active and helpful interest in local politics and served for six years as treasurer of Richland township and he has also been a school director. Reliable and trustworthy, he is well adapted to the position he is now filling, as the stability of any financial institution depends upon the confidence of the public in its officers.

TAYLOR GUY.

A native of Massachusetts, Taylor Guy, now living retired at Carroll, was early attracted to Iowa and in this state he has made an excellent record, attaining years ago a handsome competence. He was born in Warren, Worcester county, Massachusetts, December 5, 1853, a son of John and Susan (Taylor) Guy, record of whom appears elsewhere in this work. He lived in Massachusetts until twelve years of age and in Clinton county, Iowa, for five years, then coming to Carroll county where he has since principally made his home. He was reared under his father's roof and gained his early education in the district schools. He continued at home and assisted his father until he arrived at manhood and then began farming upon his own account on land which he rented from his father. After two or three years he purchased eighty acres in Eden township which he greatly improved, so that it became one of the most valuable farms of the size in this section. In the fall of 1895 he moved to Atlantic, Cass county, Iowa, and lived retired several years, but since 1900 has made his home at

Carroll. He built a beautiful residence at No. 910 North Main street, which is provided with modern improvements and is one of the attractive homes of the city. As a business man he was highly successful and accumulated four hundred and forty acres of land, part of which he sold off, being now the owner of one hundred and sixty acres in this county.

On the 1st day of January, 1877, Mr. Guy was united in marriage to Miss Martha J. Perry, a daughter of John and Linda Perry. She was called away eleven months later and on the 1st of June, 1881, Mr. Guy was again married, the lady of his choice being Miss Alice Campbell, who was born in La Salle county, Illinois, a daughter of Abel and Eliza (Findley) Campbell, both natives of Pennsylvania. They removed to La Salle county, Illinois, about 1878 and came to Carroll county, settling at Templeton, where the father died at the age of eighty-four years. The mother died at Atlantic, at the age of eighty-two and her body now reposes beside that of her husband in the cemetery at Templeton. There were eleven children in their family those beside Alice being: Caleb; Walker, who lost his life in the Civil war; William, now living at Missouri Valley, Iowa; Hamilton, of Anita, Iowa; Mary, who lives in Kansas City, Missouri; Jennie, of Gerry, Oklahoma; John, of Streator, Illinois; Albert, who lives in Kansas; Morgan, of South Dakota; and Newton C., of Humboldt, Nebraska. Mrs. Alice Guy, the second wife of our subject, died June 30, 1910, having then arrived at the age of fifty-two years. She was a woman of many admirable traits of character, who was greatly admired by a wide circle of friends in this community. George Guy and his family make their home with Mr. Guy, the subject of this review. The brother, George, married Alveretta Hart, a daughter of J. W. and Rebecca (Dierduff) Hart, and they have two children, John Clifford and Ione.

Mr. Guy of this review votes in support of the candidates and principles of the republican party, but has never been an office seeker, as his interest has been centered in his business. He became a thorough farmer and displayed an ability in the various branches of agriculture and stock-raising that yielded liberal returns. On account of the good qualities he has shown in the various relations of life he has many friends in Carroll and Carroll county.

JAMES A. FLANSBURG.

The career of James A. Flansburg, freight and ticket agent of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway at Glidden, presents an interesting illustration of the effect of well applied industry in the accomplishment of a worthy object in life. He has held the position he now fills since 1893 and is known as one of the thoroughly capable agents of the Northwestern Railway system. He was born in Albany, New York, May 22, 1861, being a son of Walter and Mary (Furman) Flansburg, both of whom were natives of the Empire state. The father was reared near Albany, his father being

one of the pioneers of that section. Walter Flansburg removed to Illinois in 1846 with his brother James and purchased government land in Stephenson county, two miles from Freeport. On account of illness he sold out and returned to New York, leaving his brother in Illinois. He engaged in farming in New York state and also at the shoemaker's trade until 1866, when he came with his family to Iowa and took up his home in Cedar county, two miles north of Clarence, where he acquired one hundred and sixty acres of good land. He died upon his farm in 1907, at the age of eighty-six, his wife passing away at the age of eighty-four years. They were both members of the Methodist church. They had twelve children, eleven sons and one daughter. The sister was the firstborn and died at the age of five years. The other members of the family were: Wesley, who died at the age of twenty-eight; Oscar, who died at the age of forty-two; Orlando, now living at Clarence; Robert J., of Yale, Iowa; James A., subject of this review; Elmer, of Mechanicsville, Iowa; Hiram F., of Springville, Iowa; Garrett V., of Minnesota; Walter, of Mechanicsville; William, who died at the age of seventeen; and Ira, who died in infancy. William Flansburg, the paternal grandfather, was one of the pioneers of Albany county, New York, and was a farmer and shoemaker. He lived to the age of ninety-three years and among his children were James, William, Peter, Walter and Jane. Grandfather Furman on the maternal side was also a native of New York and a farmer. Of his children the names of three were Mary, Storm and Robert.

James A. Flansburg came to Iowa with his parents at the age of five years and was reared on his father's farm in Cedar county. He attended the district schools and also possessed advantages of education at the public schools of Independence, graduating from the Independence high school in 1879. He followed the carpenter's trade for three years and then, in 1882, became connected with the Chicago & Northwestern Railway office at Clarence, continuing one year, after which he went to Baldwin, Jackson county, Iowa, as telegraph operator and agent for the same line. After a short time he was transferred to Onslow, where he continued two years. He was then transferred to Lowden, Iowa, remaining there until 1891. For the past twenty years he has been freight and ticket agent and operator at Glidden. Possessing a gentlemanly address and marked ability in his business, he is unusually efficient and is one of the popular citizens of Glidden.

On the 25th of May, 1882, Mr. Flansburg was married to Miss Genevieve Ferguson, who was born near Clarence and is a daughter of Joseph P. and Persis (Delamater) Ferguson, the father being a native of Indiana. He died at Clarence, at the age of seventy-six years, but the mother is still living at that place. They had seven children, four of whom survive, Mamie, Genevieve, Josie and Joseph P. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Flansburg, Dovie Veva and Joseph Earl. Mr. Flansburg is not connected with any religious organization but his wife is a valued member of the Methodist Episcopal church. He is identified with Haggai Lodge, No. 291, A. F. & A. M. of Glidden, Iowa, and Copestone Chapter, No. 78,

R. A. M., of Carroll, Iowa, also holding membership in the Modern Woodmen of America, the Homesteaders and the Order of Railroad Telegraphers. Politically he gives his allegiance to the republican party and, although he has not sought public office, has served as member of the council at Lowden and Glidden, also as town clerk at Lowden. He has ever been active and competent in his work, either as a public official or in business affairs, and both he and his wife are highly respected by the entire community.

MARTIN V. TATE.

Martin V. Tate, living on section 24, Warren township, has resided on his present farm since 1883 but put aside the active work of the fields in 1908 and has since enjoyed honorable retirement. His birth occurred in Jennings county, Indiana, on the 4th of October, 1839, his parents being Enos and Sarah (Thomas) Tate, who were natives of Kentucky and Indiana respectively. The father, in company with his three brothers, John, James and William, removed from Kentucky to Indiana, taking up his abode among the earliest settlers of Jennings county. There he followed farming and made his home until called to his final rest in 1845. His wife long survived him, passing away in Oregon five years ago. Their children were as follows: George Washington Tate, whose demise occurred in Oregon in 1906; Elizabeth, who was the wife of James Hueston and died in southern Iowa thirty-five years ago; Louisa, who passed away in Oregon, first gave her hand in marriage to John Briner and subsequently wedded William Rodman; Martin V., of this review; Sarah Jane, who was the wife of John Cameron and died twelve years ago; Mary Ellen, who is the wife of Samuel Laman, an agriculturist of La Fayette, Oregon; and Julia, the wife of Colonel Smith, of La Fayette, Oregon.

One year after her husband's demise Mrs. Sarah Tate located on a farm in Keokuk county, Iowa, where our subject remained until 1862, when he went to the front in defense of the Union as a member of Company H, Thirty-third Iowa Volunteer Infantry, having enlisted at South English, Iowa. He remained in the army for three years and participated in numerous engagements, including the battle of Jenkins Ferry in Louisiana. On the expiration of his term of service he was mustered out at New Orleans and when hostilities had ceased returned home with a creditable military record, having never faltered in the performance of any task assigned him. He resumed farming in Keokuk county and in 1883 came to Carroll county, locating on section 24, Warren township, where he has resided continuously since. On first coming here he purchased a quarter section of land, sold eighty acres of it and later bought another quarter section near Manning, while subsequently he purchased a quarter section adjoining his homestead. He now leases the property to his two sons and has lived retired for the past three years. The sons carry on general farming and also raise and



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feed hogs. Four acres are planted to fruit, the land is well tilled and the farms are highly improved in every particular. The old California trail crosses Mr. Tate's farm. The "forty-niners" came west along this trail, and for years after Mr. Tate took up his abode on his present homestead, wagon trains passed through his lands en route to Carroll. The divide here is the highest point in the state. Mr. Tate had chosen Iowa as a permanent location because of the fact that his father had been west years before and the black soil of this state had struck his fancy. His mother had two brothers in Keokuk county and urged her husband to locate there while en route west.

On the 5th of November, 1868, at Mount Pleasant, Iowa, Mr. Tate was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary Jane Hueston, a daughter of Jabos and Eliza (Hale) Hueston, who were at that time residents of Henry county, Iowa. The father passed away at Clarinda, Page county, while the mother's demise occurred in Henry county. Unto our subject and his wife were born four children. Eliza is the wife of Samuel Keat, an extensive farmer and stockman of Warren township, Carroll county, by whom she has eight children: Harry, John, Mabel, Emma, Albert, Arthur, Nellie and Georgia. Albert wedded Miss Lois Lathrop, a daughter of Calvin and Louisa Lathrop. Her father died in Nebraska, but her mother is still living at Red Oak, Iowa. Albert Tate resides on one of his father's farms. Unto him and his wife has been born one child, Arlo. Mary Ellen Tate passed away when a maiden of eight years. Luther, an agriculturist of Warren township, resides with his parents.

Mr. Tate is a republican in politics and has served as school director for three terms, while for six years he held the office of trustee of Warren township. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Christian church, while his wife belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church. He is likewise an honored member of McPherson Post, No. 33, G. A. R., at Manning, Iowa. The evening of life finds him looking back upon an active, useful and honorable career, happy in the regard and esteem of all with whom he has been associated.

EMANUEL CONNER.

The agricultural interests of Carroll county find a worthy representative in Emanuel Conner, who is the owner of over three hundred acres of rich and productive land within its borders and makes his home on section 7, Union township. His birth occurred in Monroe county, Ohio, on the 4th of June, 1854, his parents being George and Melissa (Sigler) Conner, who were likewise natives of the Buckeye state. His paternal grandfather was also born in Ohio and reared a family of four children, namely: David, George, Lucy and Felix. John Sigler, the maternal grandfather of our subject, was a native of Ohio and a farmer by occupation. Both he and his wife, who bore the maiden name of Rachel Hoskins, lived to attain

a ripe old age and were buried in Carrollton cemetery of Union township. Unto them were born ten children, namely: Martin, Jack, Melissa, Jane, Jerry, Emanuel, Narcissus, George, Francis M. and John W.

George Conner the father of Emanuel Conner, was reared in Ohio and followed steamboating on the Ohio and Mississippi rivers. In 1852 he removed to Lee county, Iowa, and turned his attention to general agricultural pursuits. In 1855 he and his brother John walked from Lee county to Panora in Guthrie county and entered a tract of land east of old Carroll. They believed the locality unfit for habitation at that time and did not settle here until 1862, George Conner taking up his abode in Richland township, Carroll county, in October of that year. He first came into possession of a farm of eighty acres and augmented his holdings by additional purchase as his financial resources increased until at the time of his death he owned between twelve and thirteen hundred acres. When he passed away in 1900, at the age of seventy-one years, the community mourned the loss of one of its most substantial and respected citizens. His widow still survives him and has attained the age of about seventy-six. Both Mr. and Mrs. George Conner were Methodists in religious faith. Unto them were born ten children, eight sons and two daughters, as follows: Emanuel, of this review; Luther, who is a resident of Watertown, South Dakota; John, who is deceased; Buchanan, living in the state of Washington; Clarinda, the wife of William Foxworthy, of Glidden, Iowa; Frank, of Union township; Ezeriah; Narcissus, the wife of Harry Piper, of Union township; Oliver, who makes his home in Richland township; and Loxie.

Emanuel Conner was but an infant when his parents first came to this state. The period between his tenth and twenty-first years was spent on his father's farm in Carroll county. In the acquirement of an education he attended the district schools. During the first year following his marriage he cultivated rented land and then purchased a tract of eighty acres on section 5, Union township, partially improving the property. After disposing of the place he bought twenty acres on section 7, which he later sold, again purchasing his previous farm. Subsequently he bought forty acres of his present farm and later came into possession of a tract of about eighty acres, which he received as his share of his father's estate. He also owns one hundred and twenty acres in Newton township and another farm of sixty-eight acres in Union and Newton townships, so that his landed holdings aggregate over three hundred acres. His undertakings as an agriculturist have been attended with a gratifying measure of success and have won him a place among the prosperous and representative residents of the community.

On the 22d of July, 1876, Mr. Conner was united in marriage to Miss Jennie Grace, who was born in Scott county, Iowa, on the 5th of January, 1858, her parents being John and Jennie (Monroe) Grace, natives of Pennsylvania and Ohio respectively. Her paternal grandfather was a native of Pennsylvania and a farmer by occupation. Unto him and his wife were born fourteen children, namely: Eunice, Catharine, John, Nelson, Mary, Eliza, Sarah, Jackson, Hannah, Michael, Daniel, Lois and two others. Mrs.

Conner was one of two children who lived to maturity, her brother being George. Her father, John Grace, was twice married, his first union being with Miss Phila Pearsall, by whom he had four children: Emily, Sarah, Phoebe and William. Mrs. Jennie (Monroe) Grace was also twice married and by her first husband had three children: Harriet, Frank and John. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Conner has been blessed with four children. Effie, who gave her hand in marriage to Richard Tuel, is now the mother of six children: Hazel, Gladys, Bonnie, Iris, John and Marjorie. Belle, the wife of E. O. Sigler, now has four children: Inez, Velma, Ralph and Floyd. Ethel is the wife of Zen Bradley, by whom she has one child, Duane. Alma is at home.

Mr. Conner is a republican in politics and has held the offices of school director and township trustee for a number of years. He is a worthy exemplar of the Masonic fraternity, belonging to Charity Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Coon Rapids. Both he and his wife have accepted the faith of the United Brethren church. Mr. Conner is a typical western man, possessing the spirit of enterprise which has been the dominant factor in upbuilding this section of the country, and in Carroll county he has made an excellent record, gaining for him the trust and confidence of all with whom he has come in contact or who know aught of his history.

HYMAN KRENSKY.

Hyman Krensky, who is well known as a business man of Carroll and also as an active worker in the Masonic fraternity, is a native of Be Elestock, Russia. He was born April 3, 1862, a son of Abraham and Hannah Krensky. His father was a cloth dealer and ran freight wagons from Be Elestock to Moscow, St. Petersburg and Warsaw. He died in 1882 at the age of sixty-two, his wife having passed away in 1858, being then fifty years of age. There were five children in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Krensky, three of whom are now living, namely: Moses, of Be Elestock; Jessie, the wife of Leaza Goldberg, also of Be Elestock; and Hyman, the subject of this review. The paternal grandfather was Moses Krensky whose wife was Fanny Krensky. He was a cashier for forty years for a man named Zabladosky who was very wealthy and was a large dealer in timber. Among the children of Mr. and Mrs. Krensky were Abraham, Zippara, Samuel, Jacob, and Joseph B., the last of whom died when young.

Hyman Krensky was reared in his native town and received his education there. After reaching maturity he became foreman of a tract of timber land for his father until his father died. He then engaged in brick and timber business for himself. In 1883 he was married and five years later, being a man of ambition and courage who believed that larger opportunities awaited honest effort in America than he could expect to find in Russia, came to this country, landing at New York in January, 1888. His

financial resources were exceedingly limited and he started at the bottom of the ladder at Bethlehem, Connecticut, as a peddler of tinware, carrying his merchandise upon his back. Later he worked in a hat factory for a dollar a day and then went to Newark, New Jersey, where he found employment in a lead factory. On December 20, 1888, he arrived at Carroll, Iowa, and from this place went to Auburn, in Sac county, and peddled for three years in that section. His wife came from Russia with the son Moses, who was then five years old, and they moved to Elm Grove, Calhoun county, and engaged in farming for three years, also for one year in Leake Creek township and four years in Jackson township, in the same county. In 1900, having attained a competency, he sold out and located at Carroll, where he has since successfully engaged as a dealer in hides, furs and scrap iron.

In 1883 Mr. Krensky was united in marriage in Russia to Miss Rebecca Gruzofsky, a daughter of David and Gittel Gruzofsky. Her father came to America in 1893 and his wife arrived about three years later. They are now living in Chicago and keeping a grocery store. There were six children in their family, Charles, Ezra, Rebecca, Lena, Ida and Yenta. Four sons came to bless the union of Mr. and Mrs. Krensky, Abraham Moses, Jacob Milton, Samuel Harris and Joseph Louis.

Mr. and Mrs. Krensky are sincere believers in the Old Testament and are members of the Hebrew church. Fraternaly he is connected with Signet Lodge No. 264, A. F. & A. M., and Copestone Chapter No. 78, R. A. M. His son Moses is also a member of the Masonic order and is secretary of the chapter. Politically Mr. Krensky casts his ballot in support of the democratic party. He came to America a poor man, but in addition to his flourishing business is now the owner of a fine residence at Clark and Sixth streets, also of a residence at the corner of Seventh and Court streets and a business house on East Fifth street, having by his industry and good management accumulated a competency. He is enterprising and public-spirited and takes a great interest in the general welfare and advancement of the community, hence he is numbered among the highly respected citizens of Carroll.

JOHN HOFFMANN.

John Hoffmann, who for more than twenty years has been identified with the lumber business in Manning, was born in the province of Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, on the 23d of November, 1848, and is a son of John and Frauke (Thede) Hoffmann. The parents were also natives of Schleswig-Holstein, the birth of the father having occurred on the 3d of December, 1818, and that of the mother on the 23d of March, 1818. Accompanied by his wife and family John Hoffmann emigrated to the United States in 1866, arriving here on the 3d of July. They located in Scott county, Iowa, where the father worked as a farm hand for three

years, although in the old country he had followed the carpenter's trade. In 1869 he bought forty acres of land which he cultivated for five years and then disposed of to come to Carroll county. Here he purchased eighty acres in Washington township, continuing its cultivation until his retirement about 1884, when he and his wife removed to Manning. Here he passed away on the 6th of February, 1889, while the mother survived until the 11th of December, 1896. They were both members of the German Lutheran church, and his political support Mr. Hoffmann accorded the democratic party. They were the parents of six children: Margaret, the wife of Henry Severs; Wiebke, who married Christian Grube; John, who is our subject; Carson; Frauke, the wife of Henry Herman; and Henry a retired business man. All are now residents of Manning.

The education of John Hoffmann was acquired in the schools of Germany, after the completion of which he became a sailor on the Eider river. He emigrated to the United States with his parents, being at that time eighteen years of age, working as a farm hand until the fall of 1875. Coming to Carroll county at that time he became associated with George Tank, and for six years thereafter they ran a threshing outfit. In 1881 they also engaged in the lumber business, which enterprise they conducted in partnership until 1897, when Mr. Tank withdrew from the company. Mr. Hoffmann then took his sons into the business with him, continuing under the firm name of Hoffmann & Sons.

Mr. Hoffmann was married on the 30th of August, 1871, to Miss Magdalena Tank, a daughter of Christian and Franke (Lutze) Tank, of Manning. Both Mr. and Mrs. Tank were natives of Schleswig-Holstein, the father's natal day having been the 1st of December, 1826, and that of the mother the 1st of May, 1828. The father engaged in farming in the old country until 1868, when he emigrated with his wife and family to the United States, locating in Scott county, Iowa. He continued to follow agricultural pursuits there until 1875, at which time he removed to Carroll county, purchasing one hundred and sixty acres of land in Washington township. He retired to Manning about 1887, and there he passed away on the 28th of November, 1907, but his wife survived until the 28th of October, 1909. They were both members of the Lutheran church, and in politics he was a democrat. He served for three years in the German army, participating in the war of 1848. To Mr. and Mrs. Tank there were born four children: George, who is a resident of Manning; Magdalena, now Mrs. Hoffmann, who was born in Schleswig-Holstein on the 4th of September, 1855; Christian, who is a resident of Washington township; and Caroline, the wife of August Schroeder, of Crawford county.

The family of Mr. and Mrs. Hoffmann numbering ten, of whom four are deceased, are as follows: Herman, who is living in Manning; Henry and Amelia, both of whom are deceased; Clara, the wife of A. W. Wheeler, of Hanford, California; Henry, who is engaged in the hardware business in Harlan, Iowa; Rosa, who is at home; John and Louis, deceased; and Frank and Harry, also at home. On the 14th of October, 1878, Mr. Hoff-

mann's house in Washington township was destroyed by a tornado, at which time his son Henry was killed.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoffmann affiliate with the Lutheran church; fraternally he is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Rebekah Lodge. Politically he is a democrat, and for fourteen years he served as a member of the town council. He was also on the school board for one term and a school director of the township for two terms. Mr. Hoffmann has always directed his life in accordance with high ideals of activity and integrity, and is esteemed as one of the progressive citizens of the community.

JOSEPH VONNAHME.

The family of which Joseph Vonnahme is a representative has long been established in Carroll county and is one of the honored and respected families of this district. The first of the name to locate within the borders of this county was Bernard Vonnahme, the father of our subject, who was born in Westphalia, Germany, and about the year 1868 came to the United States. He first located in Illinois but later, in the early '70s came to Iowa, locating in Carroll county, purchasing a tract of unimproved land on section 16, Kniest township. There he established his home and for a number of years followed the occupation of farming. He was one of the earliest settlers of this township, and from the first took an active and helpful part in public affairs, being numbered among the most valued and respected citizens of this community. He was a strong advocate of advancement and progress in local affairs and was the first president of the Mutual Fire Association, of which he was one of the founders. He also possessed a deeply charitable nature and constantly sought the best interests of his fellowmen. He aided in building three Catholic churches in Carroll county, and was himself an exemplary member of that denomination, while his political allegiance was given to the democratic party. His death occurred in 1905, and his remains were interred by the side of his wife at Mount Carmel, who had passed away in 1896. Like her husband she was born and reared in Germany, and was a lady of excellent traits of character. Their family numbered seven children, namely: Joseph, of this review; Anton, a farmer of Kniest township; Mary, a sister of the La Crosse Order, at La Crosse, Wisconsin; Frank, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this volume; John, a resident of Wheatland township; Henry, who operates the old homestead and is also mentioned on another page of this history; and Agatha, who makes her home with her brother Henry.

Joseph Vonnahme, whose name introduces this review, was born in Delaware county, Iowa, April 29, 1869, and during his infancy was brought to Carroll county. He received his education in the Catholic schools of this neighborhood and for several years during the period of his youth engaged in herding cattle. He remained at home until twenty-seven years of age,

when he took up agricultural pursuits on his own account, and for two years operated his present farm as a renter. He then purchased the tract, consisting of one hundred and ninety-nine acres, and here he has since engaged in general farming. He has greatly enhanced the value of his property by introducing many modern improvements, and it is now one of the desirable farms of the township. Prosperity has attended his efforts throughout the intervening period and as his financial resources have increased he has added to his holdings until he now is the owner of considerable real estate in Nebraska and South Dakota.

Mr. Vonnahme was married, in 1897, to Miss Mary Becker, and unto this union have been born eight children, as follows: Bernadine, John, Rosa, Frank, Mary and Aloysius, all at home; Henry, deceased; and one who passed away in infancy. The parents hold membership in the Catholic church at Mount Carmel, and Mr. Vonnahme belongs to the Roman Catholic Protective Association. His political faith is that of the democracy and although he is not an active politician, he takes the deep interest in public affairs that all true Americans feel, keeping himself well informed regarding the paramount issues of the day and at all times stanchly supporting the candidates and principles of his party. He is a man who is in every way aggressive and his industry and high moral character merit the confidence and respect of his fellowmen.

HENRY R. PASCOE, M. D.

Although he began practice less than five years ago Dr. Henry R. Pascoe has attained a well established reputation as one of the conscientious and capable physicians of Carroll. He was born in Grant county, Wisconsin, November 28, 1877, a son of John B. and Phillippa (Williams) Pascoe, both of whom were natives of Grant county. The father came to Carroll county, Iowa, in 1878 and settled in what is now Carroll township. He purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land which he greatly improved and to which he later added eighty acres, making a beautiful farm of two hundred and forty acres. He also owns one hundred and sixty acres in Calhoun county near Rockwell City. Henry Pascoe, the paternal grandfather, was a native of England. He came to America and settled in Grant county, Wisconsin, at an early day. He died at Cuba City, Wisconsin, in 1891, being then seventy-two years of age. The maiden name of his wife was Grace Bowden. She is still living and has arrived at the advanced age of eighty-eight years. There were seven children in their family—John B.; Harriet, widow of William Stephens; Mary, widow of Richard Stephens; Annie, wife of George Ralph; William; Samuel; and James. The maternal grandfather was Nicholas Williams, also a native of England. He engaged in mining in the old country and later came to America and became a farmer of Grant county, Wisconsin. He died at the age of eighty-three. His wife, whose maiden name was Mary Will-

iams, passed away at the age of eighty-five. Their children were Sarah, who became the wife of W. G. Tregloan, and is now deceased; Mary, widow of Thomas Osborne; Emma, widow of John Varker; Phillippa, mother of our subject; Thomas; Hannah, now Mrs. John Ralph; John M.; Ella, who married D. C. Kinsman and is now deceased; and Mildred, wife of E. J. Rogers. Four sons were born to John B. and Phillippa Pascoe, namely: Henry R., of this review; Rollo N., J. Howard, and James Arthur, all of whom live in Maple River township, Carroll county.

Henry R. Pascoe was brought by his parents to Carroll county in his infancy and was reared upon his father's farm. He received his preliminary education in the district schools and later attended Simpson College at Indianola, Iowa, graduating in 1902. Having decided upon the study of medicine he entered the medical department of the Northwestern University at Chicago, from which he was graduated in 1906, with a degree of M. D. He has since engaged in practice at Carroll. It was not long after he established himself in this city before his ability received recognition and he soon gained a liberal share of patronage. He maintains offices in the Masonic Temple.

On the 17th day of October, 1906, Dr. Pascoe was united in marriage to Miss May Larimer, a native of Chariton, Lucas county, Iowa, daughter of G. W. and Emma (Ward) Larimer. There were four children in the family of which she was a member—Guy Wayne, May, Edith and Robert. Two children came to brighten the home of Dr. and Mrs. Pascoe, namely: Paul L., and Phyllis Harriet.

Dr. Pascoe belongs to the modern school of practitioners and is thoroughly up-to-date in everything pertaining to his profession. He has a comprehensive knowledge of the principles upon which the practice of medicine is based and few men of his age are able to make a more satisfactory application of these principles—hence his patrons are steadily increasing in number. He and his wife are valued members of the Methodist church and politically, he is identified with the republican party. Fraternally, he holds membership in Signet Lodge No. 264, A. F. & A. M.

GILBERT EATON.

Gilbert Eaton, one of the representative and respected residents of Glidden, has been successfully engaged in the furniture and undertaking business here for the past thirty-six years. His birth occurred in Windham county, Connecticut, on the 19th of August, 1840, his parents being Horace and Mahala (Doty) Eaton, natives of Connecticut and Vermont respectively. His paternal grandfather, Ebenezer Eaton, was also a native of Connecticut and a farmer by occupation. He died in middle life. Unto him and his wife, Mrs. Sybil Eaton, were born the following children: Horace, Joseph P., Edwin, Samuel, Henry, Eben, William, Sarah, Lucy

and Eliza. The maternal grandfather of our subject was born in Vermont and also followed farming as a life work.

Horace Eaton, the father of Gilbert Eaton, was a wool sorter. He died at Wilsonville, Windham county, Connecticut, in 1896, when eighty-nine years of age, passing away in the faith of the Congregational church. By his first wife, who died at the age of thirty-four years, he had four children, namely: George, Gilbert, Horace and Edward. By his second wife, who bore the maiden name of Eleanor Young, Horace Eaton had two children: Albert, who is deceased; and Ellen, the wife of Charles Kelly, of Wilsonville, Windham county, Connecticut.

Gilbert Eaton was reared at Wilsonville, Windham county, Connecticut, and obtained his education in an academy. After putting aside his text-books he entered the woolen factory of his uncle Joseph, being thus employed for some years. Subsequently he enlisted in Company K, Seventh Connecticut Volunteer Infantry, remaining with that command for three years and ten months and holding the rank of first sergeant. At the battle on Melvin Hill, near Richmond, he received a gunshot wound in his left shoulder. He likewise participated in the engagements of Port Royal, South Carolina, Olustee, Florida, Fort Fisher, North Carolina, and Morris Island and went with Butler up to Richmond. After returning from the war he removed to Illinois, settling in De Kalb county. In 1870 he came to Iowa and made his home in Calhoun county until 1875, which year witnessed his arrival in Glidden, Carroll county. Here he has resided continuously since, conducting an extensive furniture and undertaking establishment. He has built up a large and profitable business and is widely recognized as one of the substantial and leading citizens of the community.

As a companion and helpmate on the journey of life Mr. Eaton chose Miss Martha A. Curtis, a native of Douglass, Massachusetts, and a daughter of Bryant and Patience Curtis, who were likewise born in that state. Removing to Illinois, they spent the remainder of their lives in De Kalb county, both attaining a ripe old age. Their children were seven in number, namely: Joanna; Sarah; Mary; Martha; Elijah; David, who died in a Confederate prison as a Union soldier; and Nathan. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Eaton have been born eleven children. David C., a carpenter and builder of Glidden, wedded Miss Sylva Rigdon, by whom he has five children. Lilly passed away when three years of age. Mary Jessie, residing at Dunlap, Iowa, is the wife of George Gleason and has four children: Edward, George, Irvin and Curtis. Frank, a carpenter and builder of San Francisco, California, has one son, Frank, Jr. Junia is employed in his father's store. Jason is the secretary and treasurer of the Western Newspaper Union in the city of Oklahoma. Rudolph is the secretary and treasurer of Eastman Brothers' paint house at Oklahoma. Edward, a stenographer employed at Shawnee, Oklahoma, has one son, Donald. Horace G., a rural mail carrier in Glidden, Iowa, married Miss Jennie Bell and has three children: Wilbur, Belle and Robert. Elva is employed

as clerk in a drug store of Kansas City. Myra is the wife of Dr. E. R. Stealy, of Dunlap.

Mr. Eaton is a republican in politics and for several years served as justice of the peace in Calhoun county. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, to which his wife also belongs. Fraternally he is identified with the Masons, belonging to Haggai Lodge, No. 369, A. F. & A. M., of Glidden, Iowa; and Copestone Chapter, No. 78, R. A. M. He also maintains pleasant relations with his old army comrades through his membership in N. P. Wright Post, G. A. R., of Glidden. Upright and honorable in all the relations of life, his word is considered as good as his bond, and he has the entire confidence and respect of those with whom he comes in contact either in business or social affairs.

WILLIAM HUMPHREY, D. D. S.

Dr. Humphrey opened an office in Carroll, March 15, 1888, as a young dentist. He soon attracted a lucrative patronage and has for many years been one of the leading dental surgeons of the city. He was born in Whiteside county, Illinois, April 22, 1862, a son of Erastus B. and Sarah (Paschal) Humphrey, the former of whom was born at Lancaster, New York, and the latter in Whiteside county, Illinois. The father learned the machinist's trade to which he devoted his attention for a number of years. He moved to Canada and thence to Illinois and engaged in farming in Whiteside county. In 1900 he came to Clinton where he has since lived retired. He and his wife are identified with the Methodist church and are active workers in its behalf. Nathaniel Humphrey, the paternal grandfather, was born in Vermont and was a cooper, also becoming a tavern keeper. He served as a drummer boy in the war of 1812. There were eight children in his family, seven of whom grew to maturity, Albert, Charles, Mary, George, Porter, Erastus and Sarah. The maternal grandfather, John Paschal, was a native of West Virginia and an early settler of Illinois, being one of the four earliest arrivals in Whiteside county. He was married to Nancy Shael and they had eight children, David, Benson, Jane, Frank, James, Sarah, Annie and John. Nine children came to brighten the home of Erastus B. and Sarah Humphrey, six of whom survive, namely: William, the subject of this review; Albert, now living in Chicago; Frank, of Clinton; Alice, who is the wife of Charles Tracey, of Eads, Colorado; Charles, a dentist, who is engaged in practice at Grand Junction, Iowa; and Rollin, a druggist of Elliot, Iowa.

William Humphrey was reared until the age of fourteen on his father's farm and then went to Morrison, Illinois, where he continued until he attained the age of manhood. He attended the district schools, Morrison High School and the Dixon (Illinois) College, later becoming a student in the dental department of the Iowa State University from which he was

graduated with the degree of D. D. S. in 1889. He has since actively engaged in practice at Carroll.

On the 28th of February, 1888, Dr. Humphrey was united in marriage with Miss Estella M. Blue, a native of Whiteside county, Illinois. Her father was born in Scotland. He came to this country when nine years of age and in 1849 yielded to the gold excitement and crossed the plains to California. Returning, he organized a party which left Illinois in the spring of 1851 and became lost in a great blizzard in Kansas. All of the party are supposed to have starved or frozen to death except Mr. Blue who was found by Indians and thus his life was saved. He served for four years in the Civil war, during a portion of which time he was a prisoner in Libby prison at Richmond, Virginia. The mother of Mrs. Humphrey passed away when the daughter was quite young but the father lived to be well advanced in years. There were three children in the family: Nettie, who married George Horner; Estella M., who became the wife of William Humphrey; and Lottie, now Mrs. George Fitzsimmons. Daniel Blue, the grandfather on the paternal side, was a native of Scotland and became one of the early settlers of Whiteside county, Illinois. Three children were born to Dr. and Mrs. Humphrey, Glen Herbert, Helen Adella and William Rollin.

Dr. Humphrey and his wife are members of the Methodist church and both have taken active part in all the different departments of church work. During nineteen years of his residence in Carroll, Dr. Humphrey has filled the position of superintendent of the Methodist Episcopal Sunday school. Mrs. Humphrey has given much attention to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. The demand for her as a speaker in behalf of this organization being state-wide. He belongs to Signet Lodge No. 264, A. F. & A. M., and Copestone Chapter No. 78, R. A. M., and is also identified with Carroll Lodge No. 279, I. O. O. F. Politically he gives his support to the republican party and although he has not sought public office he served for seven years as a member of the school board of Carroll. As is indicated by this review, Dr. Humphrey is a public-spirited and highly useful citizen, assisting most earnestly in the training of the young and also contributing his part toward the promotion of friendly relations between his fellows.

JOSEPH SCHWEERS.

Joseph Schweers, whose entire life has been devoted to that occupation which George Washington described as "the most useful as well as the most honorable" a man can follow, is one of the prosperous and progressive farmers of Carroll county. He is one of Iowa's native-born citizens, his birth having occurred in Dubuque county on the 19th of March, 1856. His parents, Herman and Elizabeth (Kremer) Schweers, were both born in Oldenburg, Germany, where they were reared and mar-

ried, and about 1846 they sought a home in the new world, locating first in Cincinnati, Ohio. Later they came to Iowa, taking up their abode in Dubuque county, where they passed their remaining years. The father was a sailor in the old country, but after arriving in the United States took up the occupation of farming. He passed away in 1889, but his wife still survives, making her home in Dubuque county, at the remarkable age of ninety-four years. In their family were several children, including three sons who are all living, as follows: Henry, a resident of Dubuque county, Iowa; Joseph, of this review; and Clem, also of Dubuque county.

Joseph Schweers is indebted to the German schools of his native county for the educational privileges employed during the period of his boyhood and youth, and his practical training was acquired in the work of the home fields. He early learned the best methods of tilling the soil and caring for the crops, and so, when he took up farming on his own account at the age of twenty-two years, he was well equipped for the successful conduct of an independent enterprise. Upon leaving the home farm he made his abode on a tract of land in Dubuque county, which he continued to operate until about twenty-two years ago when, in 1889, he came to Carroll county, Iowa, purchasing the farm in Arcadia township, now his home. About seventeen years ago a disastrous fire swept away all of the out-buildings on the place and also a fine new barn. He has since built substantial and commodious new buildings, and the farm, which consists of two hundred and forty acres, is under a high state of cultivation. He has introduced all of the modern equipment and accessories to be found on a model farm, and the fields, under his careful direction, yield abundant harvests annually.

On the 2d of July, 1878, Mr. Schweers was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Mescher, and they now have two sons: Herman, mentioned below; and Alfonso, yet at home. They also have an adopted daughter, Cora, now the wife of Fred Mescher, of Washington township. The family are all consistent members of the Catholic church and are well known in the community in which they reside. Mr. Schweers gives his political allegiance to the democracy and for ten or twelve years served as township trustee. He was also school director for a time, the cause of education finding in him a stalwart champion. He is an active and willing worker for the upbuilding and advancement of the county in other lines also and stands high in the regard of all who know him for the honorable and upright principles which govern his career.

HERMAN J. SCHWEERS.

Herman J. Schweers, who is numbered among the younger representatives of agricultural pursuits in Arcadia township, was born in Dyersville, Dubuque county, Iowa, on the 20th of June, 1879, a son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Mescher) Schweers. His education, which had been begun

in Dyersville, was continued in the public schools of Carroll county after the removal of his parents to this county, and later he received the benefit of a course at the college in Denison, Iowa. He remained at home until about six years ago, when he started out for himself, taking up his abode on his present farm, adjoining his father's place on the north. He now owns one hundred and sixty acres of rich land upon which he has made many improvements, and the neat and well ordered appearance of his farm bespeaks a spirit of enterprise and progress which has been one of his salient characteristics.

Mr. Schweers was married, on the 8th of February, 1905, to Miss Celia Pape, and unto them have been born three children, Viola, Marcella and Clarence. The parents are members of the Catholic church and Mr. Schweers gives his political support to the democratic party. He is now serving his second term as township trustee, and is one of the public-spirited citizens of this locality, indorsing all measures and matters which have for their object the advancement and development of the community.

FRANK CONNER.

Frank Conner, who devotes his attention to general agricultural pursuits with excellent results, is the owner of three hundred and twenty acres of valuable land in Union township and makes his home on section 5. He is numbered among the worthy native sons of Carroll county, his birth having occurred in Richland township on the 26th of April, 1865. His parents, George and Melissa (Sigler) Conner, were both natives of Ohio. The father was reared in that state and followed steamboating on the Ohio and Mississippi rivers. In 1852 he removed to Lee county, Iowa, and turned his attention to general agricultural pursuits. In 1855 he and his brother John walked from Lee county to Panora in Guthrie county and entered a tract of land east of old Carroll. They believed the locality unfit for habitation at that time and did not settle here until 1862, George Conner taking up his abode in Richland township, Carroll county, in October of that year. He first came into possession of a farm of eighty acres and augmented his holdings by additional purchase as his financial resources increased until at the time of his death he owned between twelve and thirteen hundred acres. When he passed away in 1900, at the age of seventy-one years, the community mourned the loss of one of its most substantial and respected citizens. His widow still survives him and has attained the age of about seventy-six. Both Mr. and Mrs. George Conner were Methodists in religious faith.

Unto them were born ten children, eight sons and two daughters, as follows: Emanuel, a sketch of whom appears on another page of this work; Luther, who is a resident of Watertown, South Dakota; John, who is deceased; Buchanan, living in the state of Washington; Clarinda, the wife of William Foxworthy, of Glidden, Iowa; Frank, of this review;

Ezeriah; Narcissus, the wife of Harry Piper, of Union township; Oliver, who makes his home in Richland township; and Loxie.

Frank Conner was reared in Richland and Union townships and attended the district schools in pursuit of an education. He remained under the parental roof until the time of his marriage and then started out as an agriculturist on his own account, cultivating rented land for several years. Subsequently he bought a tract of forty acres in Union township and as his financial resources increased, owing to his untiring industry and capable management, he extended the boundaries of his farm by additional purchase until it now embraces three hundred and twenty acres. He has brought the place under the highest state of cultivation, so that the fields, now rich and arable, annually bring forth large crops. In all of his business affairs he is alert and enterprising, meeting with the measure of success which always rewards earnest, persistent and well directed labor.

On the 26th of February, 1886, Mr. Conner was united in marriage to Miss Emma Trucks, a daughter of Abraham and Melissa Trucks. They have the following children: Mamie, living in Union township, who is the wife of George Smith and has one son, Frank; George Abraham; Elsie; Bessie M.; Cora Edith; and Lena Velma.

Mr. Conner gives his political allegiance to the republican party, loyally supporting its men and measures. The cause of education finds in him a staunch champion and for a number of years he served as school treasurer and director. He belongs to Charity Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Coon Rapids, and is also connected with the Modern Woodmen. He has resided within the borders of Carroll county from his birth to the present time and that his life has ever been upright and honorable is indicated by the fact that the associates of his boyhood and youth are still numbered among his staunch friends and admirers.

CHARLES RETTENMAIER.

A spirit of enterprise and progress actuates Charles Rettenmaier in all that he does. He has worked diligently and persistently to develop and improve his farm and his well directed efforts along agricultural and stock-raising lines are meeting with gratifying success. He was born in Blackhawk county, Iowa, on the 13th of September, 1862, a son of Joseph and Mary (Berger) Rettenmaier, both natives of Germany, the former of Wurtemberg and the latter of Rhinefeldt.

The father came to America in 1854 and was numbered among those sons of the fatherland whose efforts were potent forces in furthering the development and improvement of the great commonwealth of Iowa. He located first in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, where he worked on the canal for a time, and later went to Freeport, Illinois. In that city he was married, after which he took up his home in Blackhawk county, Iowa, in 1869.

where he purchased a farm and was engaged in agricultural pursuits until 1874. In the latter year he came to Carroll county, locating on what continues to be the old Rettenmaier homestead. At that time Kniest township was largely raw prairie land, with practically no buildings within its borders, and Joseph Rettenmaier found himself confronted with the arduous task of converting the unimproved ground into productive fields. His industry and perseverance, however, never faltered until he had accomplished this task, and at the time of his death he was the owner of three hundred and sixty acres of rich and finely cultivated land. He was one of the earliest settlers in this portion of the county and was closely identified with its growth and development for a number of years. He served as county supervisor for two terms and was also township trustee. He gave his political allegiance to the democratic party and held membership in the Catholic church of Mount Carmel. His death occurred in 1887, his remains being laid to rest in the cemetery at Mount Carmel. He is yet survived by his wife, who makes her home in Carroll, Iowa. In their family were eight children, as follows: Lena, the wife of Joseph Rhinehardt, of Wagner, South Dakota; Charles, of this review; David, residing in Carroll, Iowa; Lizzie, the widow of John Gising, also of Carroll; Kate, residing with her mother in Carroll; Frank, engaged in the drug business at Carroll; Mary, the deceased wife of Edward Thurliman; and Joseph, also a druggist of Carroll.

Charles Rettenmaier was reared to manhood on the home farm in Blackhawk county, and in the district schools of that locality he received his education. His training for farm labor was not meager, for he remained at home, assisting his father in the work of the fields, until twenty-five years of age. Lessons of industry, thrift and integrity were early impressed upon his mind and have constituted factors in his success since that time. Upon entering the business world on his own account he located on a farm across the road from his father's home and there engaged in agricultural pursuits as a renter until the capital which he had been able to save made it possible for him to invest in farm land of his own. In 1900 he purchased his present place, which he has brought under a high state of cultivation, and now owns four hundred acres, all in Kniest township, which in their well kept and neat appearance denote a life of industry, enterprise and thrift on the part of Mr. Rettenmaier. He gives considerable attention to his live-stock interests and has gained a reputation throughout the township as a raiser of high grade stock.

Mr. Rettenmaier laid the foundation for a happy home life of his own through his marriage, November 24, 1887, to Miss Katie Maus, and unto them have been born twelve children: Mary, the wife of Frank Snyder, of Kniest township; and Anna, Rosa, Albert, Edward, Martin, William, Walter, Leona and Marcus, all yet at home; and two who are now deceased.

The religious belief of Mr. Rettenmaier is indicated by his membership in the Roman Catholic church of Mount Carmel, and he also belongs to the Roman Catholic Protective Association. He gives his support polit-

ically to the democratic party, but has never sought nor desired office, preferring to give his undivided attention to his business affairs, in which he has met with well merited success. He is well insured in the Bankers Life Insurance Company of Des Moines, Iowa, and is one of the most enterprising men in this part of the county. His transactions being conducted on the basis of honesty, and being a man of high morals, he is known throughout the community as an excellent farmer and worthy citizen.

CHARLES NEU.

Charles Neu, who came to Carroll in 1881 and passed away here on the 2d of November, 1896, gained an enviable reputation as one of the enterprising and successful business men of the city. His birth occurred in Luxemburg, Germany, on the 27th of June, 1848, his parents being Philip and Catharine (Rodesch) Neu, who are mentioned at greater length on another page of this work in connection with the sketch of Nicholas Neu, a brother of our subject. Unto them were born six children, five of whom grew to maturity and came to America, namely: Peter, who is deceased; Margaret, who is the wife of John Thill and resides in Bellevue, Iowa; Charles, of this review; Nicholas, of Carroll; and Peter, who has likewise passed away.

Charles Neu spent the first eighteen years of his life in the fatherland and came to America in 1866, locating in Lasalle county, Illinois, where he resided for five years. He next spent two years at Lake Superior, Michigan, and then removed to Colorado, where he was engaged in mining for a similar period. Subsequently he returned to Germany on a visit, spending three months in that country. Again making his way to La Salle county, Illinois, he remained there until 1881, which year witnessed his arrival in Carroll, Iowa. Here he continued to reside throughout the remainder of his life, passing away on the 2d of November, 1896, when forty-eight years of age. Following his arrival here he was employed by J. R. Whitney in the wholesale fruit business, while subsequently he was identified with the wholesale liquor business for eight years. Later he embarked in business as a dealer in grain and stock, carrying on operations along those lines until he passed away.

On the 6th of March, 1881, Mr. Neu was united in marriage to Miss Rosina Mary Adelhelm, who was born in Wittenberg, Germany, on the 14th of December, 1852, her parents being Frederick and Johanna (Haage) Adelhelm. Her paternal grandfather, Christian Adelhelm, passed away in Germany. Unto him and his wife, who died in early womanhood, were born three sons and two daughters, as follows: Frederick, Christian, Fredericka, Carolina and Jacob. John Haage, the maternal grandfather of Mrs. Neu, died in Germany in middle life. Mrs. Neu was but fourteen months old when she lost her father and in 1857 was brought to America by her widowed



Mrs Mary R Ann Charles New

mother with the two other children of the family. These were Hannah Carolina (now deceased) and Christian Frederick, the latter a stepson. They spent three months in Burlington, Iowa, and then removed to La Salle county, Illinois, where Mrs. Johanna Adelhelm wedded Michael Miller, whose demise later occurred in that county. Following her daughter's marriage, in 1881, Mrs. Miller came to Carroll, Iowa, and here passed away on the 14th of September, 1894, when seventy-seven years of age.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Neu were born five children, as follows: Philip Charles, who wedded Miss Ella Skidmore and is engaged in the furniture business at Carroll; Freddie William, who died in infancy; Johanna Carolina, at home; Hilda Maria, who passed away on the 23d of August, 1909, at the age of twenty-three years and six months; and Arthur N., a high school student. The father of these children was a Catholic in religious faith, while the mother is a Lutheran. Mrs. Neu has made her home in Carroll for three decades and has a host of warm friends here.

DER MANNING HEROLD.

In the thriving little town of Manning, where since the year 1882 the German Shooting Association had been in existence, there appeared a German theatrical troupe under the management of the highly endowed director, Berthold Kraus. This was in the winter of 1893. Mr. Kraus, seeing a good opportunity to settle down to quiet and peaceful married life among his countrymen, determined to establish a German newspaper and, setting himself to this task, at once made arrangements to secure a plant. On the 2d of February, 1894, therefore, there appeared the first edition of Der Manning Herold, which has been successfully published continuously since in its usual form and style save for one week in February, 1894, when a disastrous fire destroyed the plant, leaving only a few type, just sufficient to set up one page about nine by sixteen inches. Mr. Kraus was an active and ambitious man and this incident did not discourage him. More energetically than before did he take up the work of building up the business and Der Manning Herold continued growing in circulation and is today the most popular German newspaper in the state of Iowa, while its plant is one of the best equipped. German and English job work is a specialty of the office and reasonable prices are charged for all work, which is also guaranteed to be satisfactory.

The first proprietor, Berthold Kraus, was born January 4, 1865, in the city of Prague, Austria, and after his graduation from the home school his parents, notwithstanding somewhat limited financial resources, sent him to the gymnasium in Saaz. He possessed a studious nature and scholarly tastes, and was a great lover of the works of Schiller and Goethe and of other literary writings. It was his interest in these perhaps that led him later to enter the histrionic profession. In 1883 he crossed the ocean, arriving in America as a penniless young man. Going to Cleve-

land, Ohio, he was there employed in a store for six months, while subsequently he engaged in farm work and was also employed for a time as a section hand. Eventually he reached Chicago and there began his connection with the stage. From 1890 until 1894 he was director of his own theatrical troupe. At length, as previously stated, he arrived in Manning and, notwithstanding many difficulties which he had to encounter and overcome, he established the German paper, which he continued to publish until his death. Just in his prime, when he had overcome the financial difficulties and placed his business upon a paying basis, he was called to a higher sphere. This man of poetic and scholarly tastes and artistic ability, who had established himself as a successful and progressive journalist, passed away on the 15th of June, 1907.

Among his many friends and admirers who so deeply mourned his loss was a young German farmer by the name of Peter Rix, who regarded it as his duty to care for the business that had been built up by Mr. Kraus. For the sake of his deceased friend, who had so faithfully labored for the interests of the Herold and for the welfare of his country people, prompted thereto by a desire to benefit the German citizens and also prompted thereto by his love of his mother tongue, Mr. Rix took up the work of publishing the paper when it seemed to him that its welfare was becoming dubious. He took charge of the business on the 1st of September, 1907, and managed the paper successfully until the 1st of September, 1910, when he sold out to Paul F. Werner, who had been associated with him on the paper for almost three years, and Carl Hasselman, of Davenport. These two gentlemen are the present owners. Mr. Rix conducted the Herold on the same basis as his predecessor had done and in certain ways improved the whole plant. It was his purpose to find the right men for conducting the business and he feels at present that he has succeeded in this. Der Manning Herold is regarded by its readers today as good a German newspaper as it was under the original ownership and its policy is also indorsed by its patrons. In politics it has independent democratic tendencies, such having been its political attitude from the beginning. A liberal patronage is today accorded it and the paper reflects credit upon those who have had to do with its conduct, its many patrons and the community at large.

JOSIAH CODER.

Josiah Coder, the cashier of the Farmers Bank at Glidden, has for the past ten years been associated with D. F. Everts and W. A. Kelly in the conduct of that institution. His birth occurred in Hancock county, Ohio, on the 20th of July, 1854, his parents being Samuel and Catharine (Hough) Coder, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania. His paternal grandfather, John Coder, was a native of Germany who emigrated to America and settled in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania. He died in Ohio when

well advanced in years. Unto him and his wife, Mrs. Mary Coder, were born quite a number of children. Andrew Hough, the maternal grandfather of our subject, was born in Pennsylvania and followed farming as a life work.

Samuel Coder, the father of Josiah Coder, was successfully engaged in general agricultural pursuits throughout his active business career. He came to Carroll county, Iowa, in 1873 and settled in Sheridan township, where he purchased and improved a farm of one hundred and sixty acres, continuing to reside thereon until within a year of his demise. He died at Glidden in 1894, when sixty-eight years of age, passing away in the faith of the Methodist church, of which his widow is also a member. Unto them were born three sons and six daughters, as follows: Levi J., who is deceased; Cyrus, who is a resident of Windom, Minnesota; Mary E., who is the wife of J. H. Dickey and lives in the city of Oklahoma; Josiah, of this review; Delcena, the wife of Ames Hollister, of Lake City, Iowa; Hattie, the deceased wife of Howard Shutes, of Minot, North Dakota; Susie M., the wife of Zimri Barrett, of Britt, Iowa; Lydia A., the wife of Lester Hamm, of Glidden, Iowa; and Sarah A., the wife of J. M. Streeper, who lives at Sawyer, North Dakota.

Josiah Coder was a resident of Jones and Jackson counties of this state before coming to Carroll county in 1868. He was reared to the work of the farm and attended the district schools in the acquirement of an education. He began teaching school when a youth of fifteen and taught for twenty-one terms of four months each, imparting clearly and readily to others the knowledge that he had acquired. On abandoning educational interests he became a partner in the firm of Dickey & Coder, general merchants, being thus engaged in business for fourteen years. Subsequently he spent eight years in the First National Bank of Glidden, while for the past ten years he has been associated with D. F. Everts and W. A. Kelly in the control of the Farmers Bank of Glidden, a private institution, which was organized in 1900 with a capital stock of twenty thousand dollars. He is a courteous and popular official of the bank and his ability is a recognized feature in its successful management. In addition to his financial interests he owns one hundred and sixty acres of land in Richland township and also has a nice home in Glidden.

On the 18th of September, 1883, Mr. Coder was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary A. Rummell, a native of Olin, Iowa, and a daughter of Andrew and Margaret (Walker) Rummell, who were born in Pennsylvania and Ohio respectively. Her paternal grandfather, George P. Rummell, was a native of Pennsylvania and worked as a tanner in early manhood, subsequently becoming an agriculturist. Unto him and his wife, who bore the maiden name of Mary Stouffer, were born the following children: Jacob, John, Andrew, George, Josiah, David and Nancy. William Walker, the maternal grandfather of Mrs. Coder, was a native of Pennsylvania and a farmer by occupation. Unto him and his wife, who bore the maiden name of Eve Brubaker, were born ten children, namely: Eli, Mary, Margaret, Catharine, William, Elizabeth, Daniel, Jane, John and one who

died in infancy. Andrew and Margaret (Walker) Rummell were Presbyterians in religious faith. They were the parents of eight children, as follows: Mrs. Josiah Coder; Elizabeth J., the wife of F. E. Somers; George W.; Nancy C., the wife of Charles Field; Ada A., who died in infancy; Nellie V., assistant cashier of the Farmers Bank of Glidden; Frank W., who is a resident of Hale, Iowa; and Roy C., living in Olin, Iowa.

Mr. Coder is a republican in politics and his fellow townsmen, recognizing his worth and ability, have called him to positions of public trust. He has held various township offices and served as mayor of Glidden for two years. Fraternally he is identified with the Masons, belonging to Haggai Lodge, No. 291, A. F. & A. M.; Copestone Chapter, No. 78, R. A. M.; and Jefferson Commandery, K. T. He is also a member of Philo Lodge, No. 291, I. O. O. F. In all the relations of life he has proven himself a man of genuine worth and straightforward purposes and his progress in business has been the direct result of energy, intelligently applied.

CHRIS H. REESE.

Although comparatively a new arrival in Carroll county, Chris H. Reese, editor and manager of the Carroll Times, has made a highly favorable impression and ranks among the public-spirited and enterprising citizens who are to be found in the advance line in everything pertaining to the permanent interests of the county. Born of German parents in Denmark near Veile, his eyes first opened to the light of day June 21, 1881. He is a son of Chris M. and Maria (Skou) Reese, both of whom were natives of Schleswig-Holstein, Germany. The father was a contractor and builder. He came to America in 1889 and after spending two years at his trade at Marinette, Wisconsin, brought his family to this country and settled at Storm Lake, Iowa, where he continued in his trade. He is now living in Buena Vista county, Iowa, and is engaged in farming. He and his wife are sincere members of the Lutheran church. There were eight children in their family, five sons and three daughters, namely, Chris H., Christine, Nels, George, Peter, Nettie, Alma and Henry. The grandfather on the paternal side was a native of Schleswig-Holstein and a farmer. He died in Denmark. The maternal grandfather was Niels Skou, also a farmer, and his wife was Hannah Winter. They both died in Denmark, having reared a large family.

Chris H. Reese arrived in the new world at the age of ten years. He grew to manhood at Alta, in Buena Vista county, Iowa, and possessed advantages of attendance at the public schools. At the age of fourteen he began learning the printer's trade and is an all-around printer, having ever since been identified with the business. He published the Alta Observer for a short time, being then the youngest editor in the state. He later

edited and managed several papers in the northwestern part of Iowa and in 1910 came to Carroll and purchased stock in the Carroll Times of which he has since been editor and manager. The paper is one of the well established publications in this part of the state and under his management its circle of readers is steadily increasing.

On the 14th of September, 1902, Mr. Reese was united in marriage to Miss Pearl Rucker, who was born at Cerro Gordo, Illinois, a daughter of James A. and Josephine (Merritt) Rucker, also natives of Illinois. The mother died at Cerro Gordo in 1892 but the father is still living and makes his home at Ramona, South Dakota. They had eight children, Bessie, Bert, Pearl, Louis, Orville, George, Hazel and Mont. Three children came to bless the union of Mr. and Mrs. Reese, Marion, James and Creston.

Mr. Reese is not identified with any religious denomination but his wife is a consistent member of the Presbyterian church. Fraternally he is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias. In politics he adheres to the democratic party and is an active worker and writer in its behalf. He is a man of good judgment, thoroughly alive to the possibilities of Carroll county and one who has the ability, energy and persistence so necessary in the accomplishment of worthy ideals. His friends prophesy for him a brilliant future as editor of the Carroll Times.

LUCIEN M. LYONS.

Lucien M. Lyons, president of the First National Bank of Glidden and one of the honored survivors of the Civil war, is a native of New York state. He was born in Chenango county, December 12, 1843, the only child of Leander P. and Lucy 'A. (Hakes) Lyons, both of whom were natives of the Empire state. The father was reared in Madison county, New York, and was a blacksmith by trade. He served as captain in the Civil war and gave up his life for his country on the battlefield of Gettysburg. His wife survived him many years and died at Glidden in 1902, having arrived at the venerable age of eighty-three. She was a member of the Baptist church. The grandfather on the maternal side was Solomon Hakes who was born in Connecticut and was of English descent. He married Fanny Swan and they moved from Stonington, Connecticut, to Chenango county, New York, where they passed the remainder of their days. Of their children Charles, George, Fanny, Polly and Lucy grew to maturity.

Mr. Lyons of this sketch was reared in Chenango county until about twelve years of age and then went to Chautauqua county, New York, where he lived several years. He attended the district schools and for a short time was a student in an academy at Cazenovia, New York. At the age of seventeen he responded to the call of President Lincoln and enlisted in Company K, Ninth New York Cavalry, in which he served

during the entire war, covering a period of more than four years. He was slightly wounded in the leg at the siege of Yorktown, Virginia, and his hearing was badly affected by the heavy cannonading in the battles and sieges in which he took part. He participated in all the important battles of the Army of the Potomac and was with General Sheridan on the celebrated raid in the Shenandoah Valley. At the time of his discharge he was serving as a non-commissioned officer. After the war, like thousands of his army companions, he felt the need of a wider field than was presented at his old home. Accordingly, he came west and since 1868 has been a resident of Glidden, Iowa. He purchased a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Richland township and another farm of one hundred and twenty acres in Calhoun county, but disposed of these places and purchased and sold land until he became the owner of about three thousand acres. He is now an extensive owner of lands in Texas, Oklahoma, Canada and elsewhere. He served as postmaster and express agent at Glidden for a number of years and also conducted a private bank. Later he became connected with the First National Bank, of which he has been president since 1907. In the field of finances as well as in that of general business he has shown an ability and discernment that have yielded highly satisfactory returns.

In September, 1876, Mr. Lyons was married to Miss Anna E. Jenney, who was born in Chautauqua county, New York, the only daughter of Duty L. and Eunice (Lewis) Jenney. After thirty years of happy married life the beloved wife died in 1906, having arrived at the age of sixty years. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, as is her husband, and was a woman of many estimable traits of mind and character which greatly endeared her to her associates and acquaintances. Politically Mr. Lyons is an adherent of the republican party and while he has never urged his claims for public office, he served for four years most acceptably as mayor of Glidden. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, being connected with W. E. Wright Post of Glidden. As a young man he received a rude introduction to the world in the battles and campaigns of the rebellion, but has never regretted the part he took in establishing the Union, thus securing peace at home and respect for the flag in whatever part of the globe it may be unfurled. Honored and respected throughout Carroll county and wherever his name is known, Mr. Lyons belongs among the representative citizens who constitute the true basis and hope of the republic.

J. C. PRUTER.

On the streets of the flourishing little town of Arcadia there is no more familiar figure, perhaps, than that of J. C. Pruter, financier and capitalist. He is one of Germany's contributions to the citizenship of Iowa, his birth occurring in Kiel, that country, on the 6th of August,

1866. His parents, C. and Anna (Fehrs) Pruter, were both natives of Holstein, Germany, who came to the United States in January, 1881. The father, who had served one year in the Prussian and Danish war of 1848, conducted a delicatessen store in the fatherland and also later served as clerk of the court. After arriving in this country, however, he learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed in Arcadia, Iowa, until his death, in 1908, with the exception of three years spent in Davenport, Iowa. He was laid to rest in Arcadia cemetery and his wife passed away five years ago. The subject of this review is the youngest in a family of two sons and two daughters, the others being: Henry, a general merchant of Orange, Texas; Amanda, who married Charles Wunder, of Wolcott, Iowa; and Johanna, the deceased wife of G. C. L. Berger.

In the common schools of Germany J. C. Pruter acquired a good education, passing through the consecutive grades until his graduation from the high school. He was a youth of fifteen years when he accompanied his parents on their removal to the United States, and shortly afterward he crossed the threshold of the business world, his first employment being in a drug store at West Side, Crawford county, Iowa, where he continued for six months. He then came to Arcadia and for three years worked in a general store here, after which a year was spent in clerking in a general store at Wolcott, Scott county, Iowa. Returning to Arcadia he entered a general store here, in which he clerked for about three years, when he formed a partnership with Messrs. Hoch and Rottler, under the firm style of Hoch, Rottler & Pruter, general merchants, conducting a merchandising business until 1901. In that year the firm dissolved and Mr. Pruter entered the banking business, in which line the firm had been engaged to a limited extent in connection with their mercantile enterprise. In the little office room where he finished up and closed the business of the company his new undertaking had its inception, and from that humble beginning it has steadily grown until today he is the sole owner of the private bank known as the bank of Arcadia. The business has been expanded from time to time, the building enlarged by various additions, and today it is one of the most substantial and successful moneyed institutions of Arcadia township. As he has prospered Mr. Pruter has acquired other interests and today he is the owner of a fine farm of one hundred and sixty acres near Aspinwall, Crawford county, Iowa, and also devotes much attention to the fire insurance business. In the conduct of his affairs he manifests a shrewd sagacity and sound judgment which precludes rash speculation and has won for him the confidence and trust of a large and constantly growing patronage.

In 1889 Mr. Pruter was united in marriage to Miss Emma Mohr, and unto this union have been born two children, Vernon and Lucille. In the line of his business interests Mr. Pruter belongs to the Iowa Bankers' Association and also to the Private Bankers Association, while in his political views he is a republican. He is now serving efficiently as school treasurer and also as a member of the town council. His interests are closely identified with those of the community in which he lives and he ever casts

the weight of his influence on the side of progress, advancement and improvement. The steps in his orderly progression are plainly visible, each marking a distinct advance toward the goal of prosperity, until today, in the very prime of manhood, he has attained a foremost position among the most prominent and substantial business men of this part of the county.

NICHOLAS NEU.

Nicholas Neu, a retired agriculturist residing at No. 914 North Court street in Carroll, was long and successfully identified with agricultural interests and is still quite an extensive landowner of this county. He is a stockholder and director in the Carroll Trust & Savings Bank and is likewise active in the control of other business institutions. His birth occurred in Luxemburg, Germany, on the 27th of March, 1850, his parents being Philip and Kathrine (Rodesch) Neu, who were likewise natives of that country. His paternal grandfather, Philip Neu, followed farming as a life work and passed away in Germany when well advanced in years. Unto him and his wife, who bore the maiden name of Kathrina Petry, were born two sons and two daughters, namely: Philip, Theodore, Kathrina and Margaret. The maternal grandfather of our subject, who was a farmer and hotel keeper, passed away in Germany at a ripe old age. He was the father of eleven children, all deceased.

Philip Neu, the father of Nicholas Neu, was successfully engaged in business as a farmer and stock dealer and passed away in Germany when forty-seven years of age. His wife, surviving him, emigrated to America in the early '80s and died at Templeton, Iowa, when eighty-two years of age. Both were Catholics in religious faith. They were the parents of five sons and one daughter, as follows: Peter D., who came to the United States during the Civil war and was never heard from again; Theodore, who is deceased; Margaret, the deceased wife of John Till, of Bellevue, Iowa; Charles, who has also passed away; Nicholas, of this review; and Peter, deceased.

Nicholas Neu was reared in Luxemburg, Germany, and there acquired his education. He grew to manhood on his father's farm and became familiar with the business of stock-raising and grain buying. In the fall of 1867, having determined to establish his home on this side the Atlantic, he emigrated to the United States and settled in Troy Grove, La Salle county, Illinois, where he continued to reside until 1880. In that year he came to Carroll county, Iowa, purchasing and locating on a farm of three hundred and twenty acres in Arcadia township. He brought the fields under a high state of cultivation and improvement and extended the boundaries of the place by an additional purchase of one hundred and twenty acres. Subsequently he disposed of the property and, putting aside the active work of the fields, took up his abode in Carroll. He now owns three quarter sections in Richland township, Carroll county, and also has

large tracts of land in Nebraska and South Dakota. Financial interests have also claimed his attention. He is a stockholder and director in the Carroll Trust & Savings Bank and is active in the control of other business institutions.

On the 6th of April, 1869, Mr. Neu was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary Fünfsinn, who was born in Troy Grove, La Salle county, Illinois, on the 16th of November, 1851, her parents being Henry and Kathrina (Rodesch) Fünfsinn, the former a native of Prussia and the latter of Luxemburg, Germany. Emigrating to America, they settled in La Salle county, Illinois, on the 3d of March, 1850. Henry Fünfsinn there passed away in 1891, when seventy years of age, while the demise of his wife occurred in 1909, when she had attained the age of eighty-one. They were the parents of the following children: August, Peter, Mary, John, Katie, 'Anna, Henry, Rosa and Maggie. Mr. and Mrs. Neu have six children, namely: Katie, who is at home; Peter H., an agriculturist by occupation; Maggie Margaret, living in Carroll, who is the wife of William Heiman and has one son, Walter; Philip D., a merchant of Templeton, Iowa, who wedded Miss Agnes Dunck, who followed the profession of teaching in Carroll county for eight years and who is now the mother of two children, Harold N. and Ruth Ida; August H., living in Templeton; and Ida, who is still under the parental roof.

In politics Mr. Neu has always been a staunch republican. He served as secretary of the school board in Arcadia township for fourteen years and while residing in Illinois held the office of tax collector. He belongs to the Roman Catholic Protective Society and is also a faithful communicant of SS. Peter and Paul's Catholic church, of which his wife is likewise a member. Coming to the United States in early manhood and wisely utilizing the opportunities offered in a land unhampered by caste or class, he has since worked his way steadily upward from a position of comparative obscurity to one of prominence and prosperity, being now numbered among the most substantial and esteemed citizens of Carroll county.

ROBERT Y. DICKSON.

Robert Y. Dickson, who is living on the old homestead at Glidden, was born December 4, 1862, and is a son of Robert and Sarah (McGinnis) Dickson. The Dickson family is traced to Robert and Phoebe Dickson, the former of whom was a native of Germany and the latter of New Jersey. Robert Dickson engaged in farming in Kentucky until 1822, when he removed with his family to Illinois, traveling down the Ohio river and up the Wabash in boats which were built by the men of the party from trees which they cut down on the banks of the Ohio river. They landed on the Illinois side of the river opposite Vincennes and took up their residence on wild land in Vermilion county, the first year clearing about ten acres of timber, out of which they erected a comfortable home and other build-

ings. Robert Dickson died about 1825, after becoming well established in Illinois. In his family were nine children: Robert, James, John, David, Andrew, Moses, William, Jane and Margaret.

Amos Dickson was born in Kentucky in 1804 and removed to Illinois with other members of the Dickson family in 1822. Six years after arriving at his new home he was married to Rachel Pettis, a daughter of Benjamin and Mary (Davis) Pettis, both of whom were natives of Tennessee. Mr. Pettis served in the war of 1812 and participated under General Jackson in the battle of New Orleans. Amos Dickson became a successful farmer of Champaign county, Illinois, and died in 1881, his wife having been called away in 1862. They were the parents of nine children: Robert, Sr.; Benjamin and America, both of whom are deceased; John, who is now living in Illinois; Andrew, who was a valiant soldier for the Union at the time of the Civil war and is now deceased; Nancy Jane, who is also deceased; Martha, who is living in Illinois; and Phoebe Jane and Mary Jane, both of whom have also passed away.

Robert Dickson, the father of our subject, was born in 1830 and remained under the parental roof until he was twenty-two years of age. He possessed advantages of education in the pioneer schools of his native state and as he grew to manhood became thoroughly familiar with the various details of agriculture and stock-raising. He engaged in farming on his own account for two years, at the end of which time he was married and, believing that conditions were more favorable west of the Mississippi river, he and his wife came to Carroll county, Iowa, in 1855 and located on one hundred and sixty acres, which became the family homestead. In 1876 he left his wife in charge of the home farm and went to Kansas, where he proved up on two hundred and forty acres of land. He then returned home and has since made his residence in this county. He became the owner of about one thousand acres of land in Carroll county, portions of which he has sold off at various times so that now he has left two hundred and eighty-five acres, a large part of which is under an excellent state of cultivation. Mr. Dickson lost his wife in 1896 and he now makes his home with his son Robert Y. There were seven children in his family: David, the eldest, is married and lives in Oklahoma. In his family were five children, two of whom survive, his eldest daughter, Edith, being a nurse in the Methodist Hospital at Omaha. Annie, the second in order of birth of the children of Mr. and Mrs. Dickson, is married and lives in Arkansas. She has two children, Gladys and Robert. America, the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dickson, is deceased. Ella had four children and has also passed away. Robert Y., the subject of this review, is the fifth child in order of birth. Sherman and Alice are both deceased. The old log house which Mr. Dickson built upon arriving in Carroll county is still standing on the home farm and is one of the interesting landmarks of this section.

Robert Y. Dickson was reared under the friendly shelter of the parental home and received his education in the district schools. He has continued on his father's farm and from his earliest recollection has been

actively identified with agriculture and the raising of live stock. For a number of years he has been in charge of the home place, which he has managed with excellent results, the appearance of the farm indicating that he understands his business thoroughly and is making a success of it.

On the 10th of November, 1887, Mr. Dickson was married to Miss Hannah M. Eilts, a daughter of Henry and Mary Eilts, both of whom were born in Germany. They had ten children: Mary; Hannah, who is now Mrs. Robert Y. Dickson; Minnie, John, Henry, Bertha, Lizzie, Annie, Tillie and Albert. All of the children of Mr. and Mrs. Eilts are living and they are all married. Four children came to bless the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dickson: Mabel, who is married; and Clarence, Ernest and Opal.

Politically Mr. Dickson is in thorough sympathy with the republican party, whose candidates he has supported ever since he cast his first ballot. He is friendly to all religious organizations but is not connected with any of them; his wife, however, is a sincere member of the Lutheran church. He has been an industrious, straightforward and public-spirited citizen and has set an example in life that is well worthy of emulation. He is respected by all who know him and can claim many friends throughout a wide section in Iowa.

FRANK VONNAHME.

Frank Vonnahme, a prosperous agriculturist and highly respected citizen of Kniest township, Carroll county, where he engages in general farming and stock-raising, was born in this township on the 29th of November, 1874, a son of Bernard and Gertrude (Ehrig) Vonnahme. The parents were both natives of Germany, but were married in eastern Iowa, to which state the father came in 1868. Later they took up their abode in Carroll county on a farm on section 16, Kniest township, upon which their son Henry now resides, and there the father engaged in agricultural pursuits until his death, which occurred in 1905. He was one of the prominent and influential residents of this community and was highly respected and esteemed for his sturdy manhood and sterling worth. He was one of the founders of the Mutual Fire Association and served as its first president and also helped to build three Catholic churches in Carroll county. His wife passed away in 1896, and both were laid to rest in the cemetery at Mount Carmel. Their family consisted of seven children, namely: Joseph, a resident of Kniest township; Anton, living on his own farm in Kniest township; Mary, a sister of the La Crosse Order, at La Crosse, Wisconsin; Frank, of this review; John, whose home is in Wheatland township; Henry, operating the old homestead, whose sketch appears on another page of this volume; and Agatha, residing with her brother Henry.

The period of his boyhood and youth was quietly passed by Frank Vonnahme on his father's farm in Kniest township, and in the public

schools of Mount Carmel he received a good education. Thorough practical training also came to him, for at an early age he began working about the farm, and therefore, when he attained his majority, his preparation well qualified him for entrance into the business world. He remained at home until twenty-three years of age, and then took up agriculture on his own account, removing to the farm upon which he now resides, consisting of two hundred acres located in Kniest township. The soil of his farm is very fertile and his place is highly improved and provided with every convenience with which to successfully carry on his occupation, and aside from doing a general farm business he pays considerable attention to his live-stock interests, being widely known throughout this locality as a raiser of blooded stock. He has been successful in both undertakings and his industrious habits and good business ability have enabled him to attain a place of independence in the business world.

Mr. Vonnahme was married, in 1900, to Miss Elizabeth Stork, and unto them have been born five children: William, Edward, Mary, Leonard and 'Albert, all at home. The parents are both members of St. Mary's church at Mount Carmel, while in politics Mr. Vonnahme gives stalwart allegiance to the democracy, having served for five terms as assessor of Kniest township. For four years he has held the position of secretary of the Mutual Protective Association, insuring against fire and lightning, and is himself insured in the New York Life Insurance Company. He is numbered among the progressive and wide-awake business men of Kniest township, always on the alert for and ready to incorporate modern methods in the conduct of his affairs, and his industry and enterprise have not only enabled him to attain prosperity but have won him a high place in the respect and confidence of his neighbors.

THOMAS D. PARKHOUSE.

Thomas D. Parkhouse, who for the past six years has been engaged in the automobile business in Manning, was born in Tama county, Iowa, on the 6th of May, 1873, and is a son of Thomas and Sarah (Scobel) Parkhouse. The parents are natives of England, from which country they emigrated to the United States, locating in Tama county in the early days of the war. The father was for many years identified with agricultural pursuits there, but is now living retired. Ever since he became a naturalized citizen of the United States Mr. Parkhouse has given his political support to the republican party. The family of Mr. and Mrs. Parkhouse numbers four: William, who is a resident of Trayer, Iowa; Thomas D., our subject; Charles, who is living in Redfield, Iowa; and Anna, the wife of John McFarlan, of Wisconsin.

Reared on the homestead of his parents Thomas D. Parkhouse acquired his education in the common schools of Tama county. When he had attained to such knowledge as was deemed essential to enable him to assume

the heavier responsibilities of life he left his studies and entered a harness shop to learn the trade. He served his apprenticeship in Trayer, where he remained until the spring of 1895 when he came to Manning and engaged in the harness business. He continued in this line with growing success until 1905 when he became agent for the Auburn automobile. Soon thereafter he established a garage and repair shop which he is still conducting.

On the 16th of February, 1898, Mr. Parkhouse was married to Miss Pearl Parish, a daughter of Henry and Emma (Cooley) Parish, residents of Manning, Iowa, and beside Mrs. Parkhouse parents of the following: Effie, who is the eldest member of the family; Clarence, who is a resident of Omaha, Nebraska; Earl, living in Manning; George, also of Manning; Floyd and Wilbur, both at home; Emma, who is living in Omaha; and Campbell, of Manning. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Parkhouse has been brightened by the advent of four sons: Ralph; Floyd, who is deceased; Harold; and Lyle.

Fraternally Mr. Parkhouse is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, while his political support is given to the republican party.

FRANK H. HILLEMAYER, D. D. S.

For eleven years past in the active practice of dentistry at Carroll, Dr. Frank H. Hillemeier has gained a reputation throughout a wide section in this part of the state and is one of the acknowledged experts in his specialty. He is a native of Shellsburg, Wisconsin, and was born August 27, 1873, a son of Frank and Mary (Luening) Hillemeier. The father was born at Potterborn, Germany, and the mother at Galena, Illinois. He came to America at the age of thirteen and grew to manhood at Galena. He then moved to Shellsburg and engaged in the grocery and dry-goods business, being a resident of the town about thirty years. He died in 1887, at the age of forty-eight, his wife surviving until 1907 when she passed away at the age of sixty-three years. They were both members of the Catholic church. He was one of the prominent citizens of Shellsburg and served as a member of the city council and also as mayor of the town. There were ten children, five sons and five daughters, in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Hillemeier, namely: Regina, the wife of Edward Meller, of Webster City, Iowa; Mary, the widow of James Roberts, of Shellsburg; Minnie, the wife of J. J. Jammieson, a resident of Shellsburg and president of the First National Bank of that place; Carrie, one of the Franciscan Sisters, of Zanesville, Ohio; Frank H., of this review; William, who is now engaged in the practice of medicine at Chicago; August, of Minneapolis, Minnesota; Joseph, an electrician of St. Louis, Missouri; Louisa, who is now living at Shellsburg; and Albert, of Janesville, Wisconsin. The grandparents on the maternal side were Anton and Theresa Luening. They came to America and settled at Galena where the head of the family en-

gaged in farming. He died at the age of ninety and his wife passed away in her eightieth year. They had seven children, 'Anton, Herman, Frank, Mary, Emma, Louisa and Regina.

Frank H. Hillemeier was reared at Shellsburg and received his early education in the parochial and public schools. In 1885 he graduated from the high school and then for several years engaged in clerking in one of the stores of the town. Having decided to follow a professional career, he took up the study of dentistry and in 1900 was graduated at the Chicago College of Dental Surgery with the degree of D. D. S. He came to Carroll and has since practiced with marked success in this city.

On the 23d of August, 1903, Dr. Hillemeier was united in marriage to Miss Hannah T. Mauger, who was born at Mineral Point, Wisconsin, a daughter of Joseph and Theresa Mauger, the former of whom was born in Germany and the latter in America. They were pioneers at Mineral Point and both are now deceased. There were five children in their family, Thomas, William, Joseph, Hannah and Fannie. Three children have come to bless the union of Dr. and Mrs. Hillemeier, Frank J., Mary and Lois.

Dr. Hillemeier and his wife are members of the Catholic church in whose teachings they were both reared. He is identified fraternally with the Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Order of Foresters and is chief ranger of the latter order in Carroll. Politically he is not identified with any party, preferring to vote for the man rather than in support of any political organization. His clientage is not restricted to Carroll, as he is well known in Carroll and adjoining counties, and through his skill, high character and excellent social qualities has attracted many friends who repose in him their unreserved confidence.

CLAUS J. GRUBE.

Claus J. Grube, a well known retired farmer now living in Manning, was born in the province of Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, on the 24th of February, 1845. He is a son of Detleff and Anna (Miller) Grube, natives of the same province, the father having been born in 1817 and the mother in 1813. The father, who was a laborer, emigrated to the United States with his wife and family in 1865, locating in Davenport, Iowa, where he died the same year. The mother continued to make her home there until 1873 when she accompanied her son Christian to Carroll county, where she was residing at the time of her demise in 1878. The parents were both members of the Lutheran church. Mr. and Mrs. Grube were the parents of the following children: Christian, who was born in the province of Schleswig-Holstein on the 18th of March, 1842, now a resident of Manning; Claus J., our subject; Henry, who is deceased; Mary, also deceased; and Sophia, the wife of William Kusel, of Manning.

Claus J. Grube, who was a young man of twenty years when he set foot in the United States, acquired his education in the common schools

of his native province. During the early years of his residence in Iowa he worked as a farm hand in the vicinity of Davenport, during which time he managed to save sufficient capital to enable him to set out for himself, so he rented a farm which he operated for several years. In 1874 he went to Crawford county, purchasing some land which he cultivated until his retirement in 1888, since which time he has made his home in Manning.

The 20th of September, 1867, was the wedding day of Mr. Grube and Miss Catherine Struve, a daughter of Hans and Margaret Dorothea (Kuehl) Struve. Mrs. Grube was born in Schleswig-Holstein on the 22d of January, 1850, and there she was also reared and educated. Her parents passed their entire lives in that province, where the father followed the trade of wheelwright in connection with which he farmed, his entire attention being given to the latter activity during the later years of his life.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Grube hold membership in the Lutheran church, while fraternally he is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Ever since granted the right of franchise by naturalization Mr. Grube has given his support to the men and measures of the democratic party, and has held various township offices. He and his wife are now enjoying in the evening of life the ease and comfort which is the well merited reward of their earlier toil and self-denial, by which means they acquired a competence which now provides them with all of the necessities and many of the luxuries of life.

AUGUST T. STAAK.

August T. Staak, who came to Carroll in 1875, remained one of the substantial and esteemed citizens here until called to his final rest on the 12th of July, 1909. His birth occurred in Mecklenburg-Schwerin, Germany, on the 4th of April, 1844, and his parents passed away in that country. He crossed the Atlantic to the United States in 1861 and a few months after his arrival in the new world enlisted for service in the Civil war, joining the Fifty-seventh Illinois Volunteer Infantry when not yet eighteen years of age. He served as a private for over four years and while in the army did a good deal of nursing. He had obtained a good education in the schools of the fatherland and also became an excellent English scholar. After returning from the war he began work as a farm hand and while thus employed lost one of his feet, the accident being caused by a threshing machine. Settling in La Salle county, he was married in Ottawa and subsequently removed to Iroquois county, spending several years in Chebanse. He next resided at Papineau for a few years and then came to Carroll county, Iowa, in 1875, making his home in Carroll until he passed away on the 12th of July, 1909, at the age of sixty-five years, three months and eight days.

On the 28th of December, 1867, at Ottawa, Illinois, Mr. Staak was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary Catharine Collison, who was born on the

5th of October, 1843, twelve miles from Paris, France. Though her parents were English people, she first learned to speak the French language and afterward became familiar with the English and German tongues, both of which she speaks fluently. Her father, William Collison, was born on the 24th of May, 1817, within five miles of Leeds, England. He wedded Miss Ann Chappel and they emigrated to America in the winter of 1846-7, settling in Cook county, Illinois, on the old plank road, eight miles north of Chicago, where they purchased a farm of forty acres. Later William Collison removed with his family to La Salle county, Illinois, and began farming near Ransom, where his wife passed away on the 24th of August, 1864, her remains being interred at Ottawa. In 1876 Mr. Collison came to Iowa, settling five miles west of Carroll, where his demise occurred in 1903, when he had attained the age of eighty-seven years. Unto him and his wife were born the following children: John, who is now a resident of Ottawa, Illinois; Mrs. Staak; Joseph and Frederick, living in Carroll county, Iowa; Sarah, the wife of William Hamilton, of Grand Ridge, Illinois; Jane, the wife of John Higgins, of Brayton, Greeley county, Nebraska; Elizabeth, who is the wife of Hugh Morgan and resides four miles west of Carroll; and Frank, living four and a half miles west of Carroll.

Mr. and Mrs. Staak were the parents of eleven children, six of whom are yet living. William, a drayman of Carroll, wedded Miss Ida Yegge, by whom he has a son, Harold A. On the 3d of August, 1895, he enlisted in the army and served throughout the Spanish-American war, reenlisting twice and spending fourteen months in the Philippine Islands. Clara, living in Boone, Iowa, gave her hand in marriage to John F. Yegge, by whom she has six children: Arthur, Raymond, Genevieve, Agnes, Paul and Joseph. Frank T., a baker of Marseilles, Illinois, wedded Miss Mary Ragan, and has one son, Charles James. Sarah J., who makes her home at Fort Jones, California, is the wife of John Kehrer and the mother of four children: Paul, Augustine, Louisa and Joseph. John, a baker living at Sioux Rapids, Iowa, married Miss Lillian Hodge and has one daughter, Irene. Joseph, proprietor of a bakery at Carroll, married Miss Agnes Hines, of Marseilles, Illinois. Mrs. Mary C. Staak has now made her home in Carroll for thirty-six years and enjoys a wide and favorable acquaintance here.

MANLEY TURNER.

The ranks of Civil war veterans are fast becoming decimated. Year by year many respond to the last roll call, and it is fitting that while some of the boys in blue survive they should be honored by their fellow townsmen for the service which they rendered to the country during the darkest hour in all its history. Mr. Turner is among those who for more than four years did active duty on southern battlefields, and in days of peace he has been equally loyal to his country. At present he is living retired but for many years was a progressive farmer of Richland township, and is num-



MR. AND MRS. MANLEY TURNER

bered among the oldest settlers in this district. He was born in Rochester, New York, on the 1st of May, 1843, a son of Charles M. and Hannah (Tiney) Turner, both natives of Scotland. Mr. Turner's great-grandfather served under Admiral Paul Jones in the Revolutionary war. The father, who was by trade a mechanic, came to America in early life, locating first in Rochester, New York, and in 1844 removed to Toledo, Ohio. The subsequent history of himself and his wife are unknown. Their family consisted of six children of whom the subject of this review was the only son.

Manley Turner was reared under the direction of Ephraim Hinkle, the period of his boyhood and youth being passed for the most part on a farm in Lucas county, now a part of the present site of Toledo. At an early age he took his place in the fields, as soon as he was old enough to handle the plow, and when the crops were all harvested in the autumn he had the opportunity of attending the district school, the session of which covered little more than the winter months. He was but eighteen years of age at the time of the outbreak of the Civil war but, prompted by a spirit of patriotism, enlisted in the Union army, becoming a private of Company I, Forty-seventh Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He took part in all of the engagements of his regiment, participating in the battles of Vicksburg, Jackson, Missionary Ridge, Lookout Mountain, Atlanta and the campaign of Atlanta, while he also accompanied Sherman on his memorable march to the sea. After four years and two months of loyal and brave service, during which period he was slightly wounded two or three times, he was honorably discharged, and after being mustered out of the regiment returned home.

In the winter of 1865-6 Mr. Turner came to Iowa, first locating at Sioux City, whence he later removed to Marshall county, and in May, 1878, arrived in Carroll county, within the borders of which he has since maintained his home. His first purchase made him the owner of forty acres in Richland township, to which he later added eighty acres, and upon that tract of one hundred and twenty acres resided for thirty years, concentrating his energies upon its cultivation and development. He greatly improved that property and the abundant harvests which he annually gathered as a result of the care and labor which he bestowed upon his fields soon made him financially independent, so that later he was able to withdraw from active business life. In 1909 he sold his farm and moved to Glidden, where he purchased what was known as the Culbertson property. Here he and his family have since resided, and their home, which is ever the abode of a warm hospitality, has become a favorite resort with their many friends.

On the 7th of April, 1874, Mr. Turner was united in marriage to Miss Ione G. Webster, a native of Connecticut and a daughter of Charles F. and Sarah (Scranton) Webster, also natives of that state. Mrs. Turner's great-grandfather was a soldier in the Revolutionary war. The parents came to Iowa in 1864, locating in Tama county, and there the father passed away in February, 1864. The mother survived until 1906, when her death occurred at the age of eighty-seven years. In their family were seven chil-

dren, Alice, Mary, Ione, Charles, Emanuel, Edward and Lillian. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Turner have been born three children, as follows: Fred, who is a farmer of Richland township and who married Edna Ruark, by whom he has two children, Lethyl and Ruby; Charlie, a farmer of southern Idaho, who married Alice Arnold and now has two children, Wendell and Doris; and Alice, a student in Drake University. Politically Mr. Turner is a republican, stanchly supporting that party which was the aid of the Union during the dark days of the Civil war, and maintains pleasant relations with his old army comrades through his membership in Scranton Post, G. A. R. Mr. Turner is now in the sixty-eighth year of his age and in a review of his past it is seen that his life record has been an honorable and useful one, characterized by thorough and progressive business activity that has resulted in bringing to him a comfortable and well merited competency. Moreover he has borne his full share in the work of general development and improvement here since he took up his abode in this county, which was at that time sparsely settled. It was rich in its natural resources but its opportunities had not yet been fully utilized. Mr. Turner is numbered among those who believed in the value of the land and its possibilities—the wisdom of his opinions being evidenced as the years have gone by.

PETER J. ORTNER.

Peter J. Ortner needs no introduction to the readers of this volume. The family name has figured conspicuously in connection with substantial progress in Carroll county for many years and the subject of this review is now classed with the representative agriculturists of Kniest township. He is a native son of Iowa, his birth occurring in Carroll county on the 2d of August, 1871. His parents are Joseph and Theresa (Wingert) Ortner, natives of Austria and New York respectively.

The father came to the United States in youth, locating first near Freeport, Illinois, whence he removed to Blackhawk county, Iowa, and thence to Carroll county in 1871. Here he located upon a farm in Kniest township, which remained his home throughout the rest of his active life. When he arrived in this district there was but one shanty in Kniest township and much of the land was yet unbroken and unimproved. He was progressive and enterprising and became one of the prosperous farmers and large land-owners of this locality, being the owner, at one time, of eleven hundred and eighty acres in Carroll county and also extensive tracts in Texas. In 1909 he withdrew from business life and took up his abode in Carroll, where he still makes his home. He gives his political support to the democratic party and has served as trustee and in other township offices. He is well known throughout Kniest township and this part of the county, occupying a prominent place in the regard of his fellow citizens. His wife also survives and their family included three sons and seven daughters, as follows: Kate, who married Martin Reinhart, of Kniest township; Peter

J., of this review; John; residing upon the old homestead; Rosa, the wife of Frank Schap, of Gainesville, Texas; Mary, who married Anthony Vonnahme, also of this township; Lizzie, who passed away at the age of three years; Frank, also deceased; Theresa, who wedded John Hermsen, of this township; Frances, the wife of Joseph Chapman, of Kniest township; and Clara, yet at home.

On the home farm in Kniest township Peter J. Ortner was reared and the public schools of Mount Carmel afforded him his educational advantages. He remained at home until twenty-two years of age, when he removed to his present place and began agricultural pursuits on his own account. He had been reared to farm work and had therefore gained a thorough knowledge of the best methods of cultivating the soil and caring for the crops, which well equipped him for the conduct of an independent venture. His farm, comprising one hundred and sixty acres, located in Kniest township, has under his careful supervision been greatly improved and developed and is one of the desirable properties of this locality. Mr. Ortner is an active, wide-awake and alert farmer and like his father manifests notable enterprise in carrying forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes. He has made a specialty of raising high grade Hereford cattle, and his stock is known throughout the township for its excellent quality.

Mr. Ortner was married, in 1894, to Miss Katherine Berger, and unto them have been born ten children: John, Theresa, Lizzie, Albert, Lewis, Katherine, Mary, Clara, Carl and Frances, all of whom reside at home. The parents hold membership in Mount Carmel Catholic church and Mr. Ortner belongs to the Roman Catholic Mutual Protective Association of Iowa. He has never sought nor desired public office, yet he has always given unfaltering allegiance to the democratic party and its principles. He is numbered among the up-to-date and progressive men of the community and through his industry and perseverance has acquired a high standing in agricultural circles, while wherever known he is respected for his unfaltering allegiance to the principles of honorable manhood as manifested in his business and social relations and in public-spirited citizenship.

JACOB WESLEY FORD.

Jacob Wesley Ford, who is one of the most industrious and reliable citizens of Glidden where he has made his home for thirty-three years, is a native of the Buckeye state. He was born in Wayne county, Ohio, May 14, 1841, a son of Michael and Rebecca (Van Houten) Ford, both of whom were born in Pennsylvania, the former in 1805, and the latter in 1808.

The father removed with his parents to Ohio in 1812, the family locating in Wayne county. Many years afterward his father enlisted in the Mexican war and lost his life while in Mexico. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Ford were three children: Jacob, Michael and Esther. The mother of these children lived with her son Michael until her death, which occurred

in 1853. She was the youngest child and only daughter of John and Mary Van Houten, natives of Pennsylvania, who also had one son, John Van Houten. The father of these children having died, the mother was married to Jacob Snyder and to this union four children were born: Michael, Jeremiah, Mary and Levina. Michael Ford was married and in his family were eleven children, namely: John V., Rachel, William A., Katherine, Alfred, Philip, Jacob, Mary Jane, Jeremiah, Levina and Hester Ann. Five of these children are still living.

Jacob Wesley Ford came with his parents to Washington county, Iowa, in 1851, at the age of ten years. He was educated in the district schools of Washington and Greene counties and continued on the home farm until he was twenty-four years of age. He then rented fifty acres of land on which he lived for ten years, when he went to Kansas and spent three years in the Sunflower state. At the end of the time named he returned to Carroll county and took up his residence at Glidden where he has since lived. He began in the wagon-making and blacksmithing business at Glidden thirty-three years ago and continued in both lines without interruption until 1909, when his son Luther took charge of the blacksmith shop, the father carrying on the wagon-making establishment. He possesses good mechanical skill and has been recognized for many years as one of the most capable mechanics in the county.

March 19, 1865, Mr. Ford was married to Miss Rebecca E. Short, who was born March 19, 1850, a daughter of William and Jemima (Dillavou) Short, the former of whom was born in 1807 and the latter in 1812. Mr. Short was a native of Virginia and his wife was born in Ohio. They were the parents of seven children, as follows: John D., William R., George W., Susannah, James, Luther and Rebecca. Four of these children are still living. Mrs. Short died in 1854 and Mr. Short was again married. By this union he had two children: Clara E. and Robert B. The death of Mr. Short occurred in 1875.

Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Ford, namely: Ermina E., who is deceased; Armilda A., now Mrs. F. W. Boswell, and who has two sons, Guy and Harry; Addie A., who married C. E. Grey and is the mother of six children, Frank E., Byron W., Goldie, deceased, Hazel E., Harold C. and George A.; Lavina E., the fourth child of Mr. and Mrs. Ford, is the wife of T. M. Johnson and the mother of one child, Frederick W.; John C. is married and has four children, Wilber L., Adelbert, Gladys and Ira; Luther is now in charge of the blacksmith shop long conducted by his father; Herbert P. is married and in his family were two children, Elva, and one who died in infancy; Susannah M., the youngest of the children of Mr. and Mrs. Ford, is the wife of F. M. Chandler.

Mr. Ford is not a member of any religious denomination but his wife is connected with the Church of God. He gives his adherence to the republican party, being a firm believer in its principles as conducive to the best interests of the state and nation. He and his wife are highly esteemed and their home is a welcome gathering place for friends and acquaintances. Mr. Ford has through life been controlled by a worthy ambition to make

himself a worthy member of the community and his ambition has in a large measure been realized. At the age of three score and ten years he is still actively employed and his friends trust that he may continue for many years in the enjoyment of health and prosperity.

FRANK WEGMAN.

Germany has furnished a valuable class of citizens to the new world. They have brought with them from the old country the unremitting energy and perseverance characteristic of that nationality, and in the great majority of cases have attained success in the management of varied business affairs. To this class belongs Frank Wegman, who is now the owner of extensive farm lands and one of the progressive and prosperous agriculturists of Carroll county, Iowa. He was born in Westphalia, Germany, on the 13th of May, 1840, a son of Clem and Clara (Shaddemann) Wegman, also natives of Westphalia, who passed their entire lives in the fatherland. Their family of four children, all sons, included the following: Anton, who passed away in Germany; Frank, of this review; Barney, whose death occurred in Iowa; and Theodore, who also passed away in this state.

To the public school system of Germany Frank Wegman is indebted for the educational privileges which he enjoyed during the period of his boyhood and youth, and on the home farm he acquired thorough practical training in agricultural pursuits under the direction of his father. From time to time he heard interesting reports concerning America, its business conditions and its opportunities, and at length these proved to him an irresistible attraction, so that he bade adieu to friends and native country and in 1869 came to America. He first located in Cook county, Illinois, where he was employed as a farm hand for one year, after which he came to Carroll county in 1871, and has since continued to reside within its borders. At the time of his arrival in this state there were still vast stretches of raw prairie land, unbroken and unclaimed, and his first purchase made him the owner of a tract upon which not a furrow had been turned nor an improvement made. He at once directed his energies to its development and cultivation, and by unwearied efforts transformed the crude prairie land of his first farm into fertile fields, from which he soon reaped excellent harvests. He erected good, substantial buildings, planted trees and built fences, and as the years passed introduced such conveniences and equipment as were essential to the advantageous pursuit of a farming enterprise. Prosperity attended his efforts and from time to time he was able to invest in more land until today he is the owner of four hundred acres in Wheatland township, composed of some of the finest farming land in the county, in addition to one hundred and sixty acres in Pierce county, Nebraska, and one hundred and sixty acres in Lyman county, South Dakota. He does a general farming business, and his interests are so carefully man-

aged that today he ranks among the substantial and well-to-do agriculturists of his locality.

Mr. Wegman was married twice. In 1877 he wedded Miss Elizabeth Lengling, and unto them were born six children, only two of whom, however, are now living, namely: Frank, Jr., and Mrs. Anna Vonnahme. The wife and mother passed away in 1887, and two years later Mr. Wegman was again married, his second union being with Miss Mary Werneng. They became the parents of five children, but one is now deceased. The others are: Heiney and Clara, both at home; Anton, engaged in farming about one mile west of his father's homestead; and Leo, also under the parental roof. The entire family hold membership in the Catholic church at Breda, and Mr. Wegman also belongs to the Catholic Protective Association of Iowa. He gives his political support to the democratic party and for one term served as assessor and two terms as township trustee. He has now been a resident of America more than forty years, and never feels that he has any reason to regret his determination to seek his fortune on this side of the Atlantic, for he has here found the opportunities for advancement which he sought, has met with a substantial degree of success in business and has gained many friends whose regard and companionship make life pleasant for him.

JUSTIN CHURCHILL.

Justin Churchill, a successful and enterprising agriculturist residing on section 3, Union township, is the owner of three hundred and twenty acres of well improved and valuable land. His birth occurred in Ogle county, Illinois, on the 5th of April, 1846, his parents being Thomas C. and Aurelia (Woodard) Churchill, who were natives of Ohio and Vermont respectively. His great-grandfather on the paternal side participated in the Revolutionary war. The grandfather, Samuel Churchill, was a native of New York and a farmer by occupation. Unto him and his wife were born twelve children, including Samuel, Asa, Truman, Anna, Thomas C., Mehitable and Laura. The maternal grandfather of our subject was born in Vermont and also followed farming as a life work. His demise occurred in Ohio but his wife passed away in Vermont in early womanhood. They had eleven children, including Wilson, Abraham, Lester, Patty, Aurelia and Jane.

Thomas C. Churchill, the father of Justin Churchill, was a physician by profession. He was reared in the Buckeye state and in early manhood removed to Chicago, Illinois, where he conducted a drug store and practiced medicine. Subsequently he took up his abode in Ogle county, Illinois, and in 1854 came to Iowa, settling in Calamus, Clinton county, where he also conducted a drug store and practiced his profession. In 1876 he came to Carroll county, invested in land and lived retired in Union township until called to his final rest on the 14th of August, 1888, when seventy-one

years of age. His wife passed away in 1891, when she had attained the age of sixty-five years, dying in the faith of the First Day Adventist church. They were the parents of four children, two of whom died in early life. Mariette became the wife of S. T. Alger, but is now deceased.

Justin Churchill, whose name introduces this review, was a lad of eight years when he came to Iowa with his parents and was reared to manhood in Calamus, Clinton county, attending the public schools in the acquirement of an education. In 1863 he enlisted for service in the Union army as a member of Company L, Seventh Iowa Cavalry, acting as a scout until about April 10, 1866. He participated in the engagements at Battle Mountain and Whitestone Hill and also took part in many skirmishes. He had enlisted for service with the Fourteenth Iowa Infantry but his company was transferred to the Seventh Iowa Cavalry and sent to the western frontier. After the cessation of hostilities Mr. Churchill was engaged in the grain and hay business at Calamus for one year. In 1875 he came to Carroll county and located on the farm in Union township where he now resides, first purchasing ninety-one and a half acres. Since that time he has augmented his holdings by additional purchase until they now embrace three hundred and twenty acres of rich and productive land. His undertakings as an agriculturist have been attended with a gratifying measure of success and he has long been numbered among the prosperous and representative citizens of the community.

On the 22d of November, 1869, Mr. Churchill was united in marriage to Miss Frances Allison, who was born in Rockingham county, Virginia, on the 5th of October, 1849, her parents being David and Elizabeth (Christ) Allison, natives of Virginia. Her paternal grandparents, Robert and Adessa Allison, were likewise born in the Old Dominion. The maternal grandfather, whose birth also occurred in Virginia, was a farmer by occupation. Unto him and his wife were born a number of children, two of whom are yet living, namely: Thomas, a resident of Ohio; and Susan, who makes her home in the Old Dominion. David Allison, the father of Mrs. Churchill, died in Clinton county, Iowa, when seventy-two years of age, while his wife there passed away at the age of eighty-eight. They had fourteen children, seven of whom yet survive, namely: Sarah, Catharine, Susan, Frances, George, David and Robert.

Unto our subject and his wife have been born six children. Thomas, an engineer of Sioux City, Iowa, wedded Miss Mary Kaneen, by whom he has a daughter, Orpha May. Frank is still at home. Harry, residing at Coon Rapids, Iowa, married Miss Alpha Blanchard and has a son, Kenneth. He served in the regular army for four years, visiting the eastern hemisphere on the flagship Kearsarge. Ray, who lives on a part of the old homestead farm, wedded Miss Grace Kulp, by whom he has three children: Merle, Bernice and Justin Francis. Luella is the wife of Henry Schultz and the mother of two sons and a daughter, Harry, Donald and Frances Irene. Anna passed away at the age of eighteen months.

Mr. Churchill gives his political allegiance to the republican party, believing that its principles are most conducive to good government. He is

identified with the Grand Army of the Republic and is also a worthy exemplar of the Masonic fraternity, belonging to Charity Lodge, A. F. & A. M. at Coon Rapids; and Copestone Chapter No. 78, R. A. M., at Carroll. In whatever relation of life we find him—in business or in social circles—he is always the same honorable and honored gentleman whose worth well merits the high regard which is uniformly given him.

WILLIAM H. LIGHT.

William H. Light, an enterprising and successful business man of Carroll, is a member of the dry-goods firm of Light Brothers. His birth occurred in Lebanon county, Pennsylvania, on the 17th of December, 1874, his parents being William B. and Sarah (Strohm) Light, who were likewise natives of that county. His paternal grandfather, Joseph Light, was also born in Lebanon county, Pennsylvania, and followed farming as a life work. Both he and his wife, who bore the maiden name of Bomberger, lived to attain a ripe old age. Unto them were born four daughters and eight sons, the latter being as follows: Seth, Jefferson, Joseph, Henry, William, Uriah, Jeremiah and Levi. John W. Strohm, the maternal grandfather of our subject, was a native of Canada. In connection with his duties as an agriculturist he also followed the profession of school teaching. He passed away in Pennsylvania at the age of seventy-two years, while the demise of his wife occurred in Eden township, Carroll county, Iowa, she being also seventy-two years old when called to her final rest. In maidenhood she was Miss Mary Kleinfelter. She was the mother of four children who grew to maturity, namely: J. A., of Carroll, Iowa; Jacob, who is a resident of Des Moines, Iowa; Mrs. Rebecca Mark; and Mrs. Sarah Light.

William B. Light, the father of William H. Light, followed farming in early manhood and later became a lumber dealer, conducting a planing mill in Lebanon county, Pennsylvania. On the 7th of January, 1888, he arrived in Carroll county, Iowa, and for a few years was engaged in farming in Eden township. Subsequently he removed to Guthrie county, where he followed general agricultural pursuits for seven years. On the expiration of that period he put aside active business cares and took up his abode in Carroll. Going east on a visit, he died in that part of the country on the 13th of March, 1900, when more than sixty-eight years of age. His widow, who still survives him, now makes her home with our subject. Both were consistent and devoted members of the United Brethren church. Unto them were born two sons: William H., of this review; and Joseph S., whose natal day was June 21, 1877.

William H. Light, who was a youth of thirteen when he came to Carroll county with his parents, spent the next four years on his father's farm in Eden township. Since 1892 he has been continuously identified with mercantile pursuits. He spent eleven years in the employ of Cyrus Mark and

in 1903 embarked in business on his own account, opening a dry-goods establishment on the 14th of March of that year. Seven months later he admitted his brother, Joseph S., to a partnership and the firm has since been known as Light Brothers. They have built up an extensive business and employ a large force of clerks in its conduct. In their store is displayed a large line of everything to be found in a well equipped dry-goods establishment and their reasonable prices insure quick sales. Mr. Light is straightforward and honorable in all that he does and his success is the logical result of close application and ability.

On the 24th of April, 1907, Mr. Light was united in marriage to Miss Eva Mallison, who was born in Early, Sac county, Iowa, her parents being DeMarion and Nancy (Duffy) Mallison, natives of Michigan. The father died in 1900 when sixty-four years of age. Mrs. Mallison, however, still survives and makes her home in Carroll. She was the mother of five children, namely: William, Carrie, Julia, Rose and Eva. Mr. and Mrs. Light have a daughter, Geraldine.

Mr. Light gives his political allegiance to the republican party, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, to which his wife also belongs. Fraternally he is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Well known throughout this part of the county, he has many friends who esteem him for his genuine personal worth.

GEORGE A. GOTCHALL.

George A. Gotchall, who is manager of the Chicago Produce Company of Manning, was born in Crete, Nebraska, on the 24th of April, 1875, being a son of George and Anna (Vogt) Gotchall. The father, a mason by trade, is a native of Pennsylvania while the mother was born in Germany. Mr. Gotchall migrated west from his native state locating in Omaha, Nebraska, where he followed his trade. Later he removed to Crete, the same state, and he is now living in Helena, Montana. To Mr. and Mrs. Gotchall were born two children: Charles, who is deceased; and George A., our subject.

Although a native of Nebraska in the acquirement of his education George A. Gotchall attended the common schools of Winona, Illinois. After laying aside his text-books he worked on a farm for two years, following which he engaged in the produce business in Winona for a similar period. From there he went to Minonk, Illinois, where he passed a year, then moved to Peoria where he followed the same business for two years. At the expiration of that period he proceeded to Jersey City, New Jersey, where he spent another year in the produce business. Returning to Winona for six months he went to La Plata, Missouri for a year. He removed to Helena, Montana, at the end of that time and the year following came to Iowa, locating in Atlantic for three months. In 1904 Mr. Gotchall came

to Manning whence he went to Chicago for a few months and returned to Manning, where he has ever since resided. He is now managing the Chicago Produce Company, Carl Decker & Company, proprietors, who handle butter, eggs and poultry.

La Plata, Missouri, was the scene of the marriage of Mr. Gotchall and Miss Creola Virginia Collins, their union being solemnized on the 9th of June, 1901. Mrs. Gotchall is a daughter of James M. and Jennie (Stowe) Collins, residents of La Plata. To Mr. and Mrs. Gotchall has been born one daughter, Helen Virginia, who celebrated her first birthday on the 2d of June, 1911.

Mr. Gotchall is a member of the Business Men's Accident Association, and his political support he gives to the republican party, although he has never been an office seeker.

JACOB H. BELL.

Jacob H. Bell has been a prominent and successful representative of agricultural interests in Carroll county for almost three decades and has resided on a farm on section 31, Union township, throughout the entire period. His birth occurred in St. Joseph county, Indiana, on the 2d of March, 1843, his parents being Samuel and Sarah (Harris) Bell, the former a native of New York and the latter of Germany. The paternal grandfather, Samuel C. Bell, was born in New York and served as a soldier in the war of 1812. He worked at the carpenter's trade in early manhood and subsequently became identified with general agricultural pursuits. Unto him and his wife, Mrs. Sarah Bell, were born nine children, including Roderick, George, Samuel, Horace, Maria and Mary. Jacob Harris, the maternal grandfather of our subject, was a native of Germany and a shoemaker by trade. Emigrating to the United States, he was for many years successfully engaged in farming in St. Joseph county, Indiana. He participated in the Revolutionary war and lived to attain the remarkable age of one hundred and nine years. Unto him and his wife, Mrs. Sarah Harris, were born a number of children, including Wayne, John, William, George, Sarah, Eliza and Mary.

Samuel Bell, the father of Jacob H. Bell, was a cabinet maker by trade. He located in St. Joseph, Missouri, in 1849 and thence removed to St. Joseph county, Indiana. In 1850 he went to California by ox team, returning to the Hoosier state at the end of two years. In 1852 he died from damps while cleaning out a well, being at that time about fifty-two years of age. At one time he served as lieutenant governor of Indiana. His wife lived to attain the age of ninety-eight years, passing away in the faith of the Presbyterian church. Eleven years of her life were spent in Kit Carson county, Colorado, where she had taken up a homestead. She was the mother of fourteen children, as follows: George, who was accidentally killed in California; Susanna, who died in infancy; Sarah Ann, who died

in Illinois in 1911 and who was the wife of Robert Robertson, a soldier in the Civil war; Nancy Jane, the wife of James Titerington, of Rock Island county, Illinois; Mary Minerva, the wife of Thomas Stringer, of Los Angeles, California; Eliza, the wife of Isaac Love, of Wisconsin; Steward H., who is a resident of Grinnell, Iowa; William Marion, who passed away in California on the 11th of January, 1911; Martha, the wife of Alexander Stuckey, of Great Falls, Montana; Jacob H., of this review; Charles Hilbert, who makes his home near Seneca, Kansas; John Putman, who is also a resident of the Sunflower state; and two who died in childhood.

Jacob Harris Bell, whose name introduces this review, was reared in St. Joseph county, Indiana, and supplemented his early education, obtained in the public schools, by study in Notre Dame University. In August, 1861, he ran away from school and enlisted for nine months' service in Company I, Ninth Indiana Volunteer Infantry. On the expiration of his term he reenlisted in Company K, Eighty-seventh Indiana Volunteer Infantry, remaining with that command as a private until the cessation of hostilities. At the battle of Chickamauga he was wounded in the jaw. He participated in numerous battles and skirmishes, among which may be mentioned the following: the first skirmish of Stone River; the battle of Perryville, Kentucky; Chickamauga; Missionary Ridge; and the Atlanta campaign. He went with Sherman on his march to the sea and also took part in the grand review at Washington. When the supremacy of the Union had been established he returned home with a creditable military record, having never faltered in the performance of any task assigned him. He first followed farming at South Bend, Indiana, and subsequently took up his abode in Rochester, Minnesota, where he was employed as clerk in a store. Later he removed to Rock Island county, Illinois, where he was married and followed farming for eight years. On the expiration of that period he went to Kansas and from that state made his way to Marshall county, Iowa. In 1883 he came to Carroll county, locating on the farm in Union township whereon he has resided to the present time. He first came into possession of a tract of two hundred and eighty acres here and subsequently augmented his holdings by additional purchase until they embraced three hundred and eighty-five acres of valuable land. Since then he has sold some of the land and has also divided some among his children, so that his home farm now comprises but one hundred and sixty-nine acres. He is a practical agriculturist who does well whatever he undertakes, and his strong determination and laudable ambition constitute the secret of his prosperity.

On the 1st of September, 1867, Mr. Bell was joined in wedlock to Miss Margreta Spickler, a native of Lancaster county, Pennsylvania and a daughter of John and Nancy (Walker) Spickler, who were likewise born in the Keystone state. They became early settlers of Rock Island county, Illinois, residing there during the period of the Black Hawk war. John Spickler passed away at the age of eighty-two, while his wife was called to her final rest when seventy-two years old. Unto them were born six

sons and five daughters, namely: Sarah, William, Margreta, John, Henry, Louisa Boone, Abigail, George, Howard, Nancy and Eugene Ellsworth.

Mr. and Mrs. Bell were the parents of nine children. John, an agriculturist of Newton township, wedded Miss Maude Davis, by whom he had eight children: Clifford, Avery, Fay, Clara, Arvilla, Goldie and Bonnie, all living; and Alice, deceased. Loren, who married Miss Lillian Ellis, has three children: Alva, Lula and Jacob Harris. J. Benjamin married Miss Tena Van Aiken and also has three children: Beulah, Gertrude and William George. Henry wedded Miss Ida Davis and is likewise the father of three children: Vivian, Millard and Jacob Henry. Albert, who married Miss Mittie Godown, has two children, Howard and Henry. Raymond wedded Miss Zula Patrick and has one child, Opal. Maude gave her hand in marriage to William Maybay. Ethel is the wife of O. W. Tuel and the mother of one child, Hilda. Lottie died in infancy.

Mr. Bell is a republican in politics and has proven an able public official. He served as township trustee for fifteen consecutive years and has also been school director for a number of years. While a resident of Illinois he held the office of supervisor. Fraternaly he is identified with the Masons, belonging to Charity Lodge, A. F. & A. M.; Copestone Chapter, No. 78, R. A. M.; Audubon Commandery, K. T.; and Za-Ga-Zig Temple of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He still maintains pleasant relations with his old army comrades through his membership in Perry Wright Post, G. A. R. Both Mr. and Mrs. Bell are Baptists in religious faith. They enjoy in large measure the confidence and esteem of those with whom they have come in contact, and the hospitality of their pleasant home is greatly enjoyed by their many friends.

JOSEPH S. LIGHT.

Joseph S. Light is a member of the dry-goods firm of Light Brothers, wide-awake, successful and popular merchants of Carroll. His birth occurred in Lebanon county, Pennsylvania, on the 21st of June, 1877, his parents being William B. and Sarah (Strohm) Light, who are mentioned at greater length on another page of this work in connection with the sketch of William H. Light the brother of our subject. He was a lad of ten years at the time his parents established their home in Carroll county, Iowa. Subsequently the family removed to Guthrie county, Iowa, but at the end of seven years returned to this county, since which time Joseph S. Light has made his home in Carroll. He attended the district schools in the acquirement of an education and also pursued a commercial course in the Capital City Business College. In 1898 he began clerking in Carroll, being thus employed until 1903, when he formed a partnership with Herman Ohlsson, who was in the clothing business. A few months later he sold out and purchased an interest in the dry-goods establishment of his brother, William H., since which time the firm has been known as Light Brothers.

Owing to their large and well selected stock of goods, reasonable prices and earnest desire to please their patrons, they now enjoy a most extensive and gratifying trade.

On the 28th of June, 1905, Mr. Light was united in marriage to Miss Florence Edith Hatten, a native of Atchison county, Missouri, and a daughter of Matthew and Jennie Hatten, who were born in Virginia and Kentucky respectively. Their children were four in number, namely: Kate, the wife of Gabriel Moore; William P.; Alvira, the wife of John Finnell, Jr.; and Mrs. Light. The last named is the mother of one son, Joseph Hatten Light, whose natal day was July 24, 1908.

Mr. Light gives his political allegiance to the republican party, while fraternally he is identified with the Masons, belonging to Signet Lodge, No. 264, A. F. & A. M.; and Copestone Chapter, No. 78, R. A. M. Both he and his wife are well known and highly esteemed throughout the community, having ever displayed those sterling traits of character which in every land and clime win respect and regard.

HENRY VONNAHME.

Although numbered among the younger farmers and stockmen of Kniest township Henry Vonnahme has, nevertheless, won a place for himself among the progressive and enterprising business men of this locality, and the prosperity which has already attended his efforts augurs well for a successful future. He was born on the farm which yet remains his home, on the 13th of March, 1880, a son of Bernard and Gertrude (Ehrig) Vonnahme, both natives of Westphalia, Germany.

The father came to the United States about 1868, first locating in Delaware county, Iowa, where he was married and resided two or three years. He then came to Carroll county, and here spent his remaining days. He had been a farmer and sheep-raiser in his native country and after his arrival in this county again took up agricultural pursuits on a farm in section 16, Kniest township, which at the time it came into his possession was raw prairie land upon which not a furrow had been turned. He at once bent his energies toward its improvement and development and in this undertaking was eminently successful, and as he prospered he invested in more property, until at the time of his death he was the owner of four hundred and eighty acres of well cultivated land. A democrat in politics he was a man of progressive ideas and a public-spirited citizen, at all times casting the weight of his influence upon the side of advancement and improvement. He was one of the founders of the Mutual Fire Association and served as the first president of that concern. He also assisted in building three Catholic churches in Carroll county, and was a man whose broad humanitarian spirit ever sought the good of the community before his own welfare. He passed away in 1905, his remains being interred at Mount Carmel, and at his death Carroll county lost one of its most valued and

respected citizens. His wife, whose demise occurred in 1896, was also laid to rest at Mount Carmel. In their family were seven children, as follows: Joseph, a resident of Kniest township; Anton, a farmer in Kniest township; Mary, a sister of the La Crosse Order at La Crosse, Wisconsin; Frank, of this township; John, whose home is in Wheatland township; Henry, of this review; and Agatha, who resides with her brother Henry.

Henry Vonnahme acquired a good education in the parochial school of Mount Carmel, and on the home farm he passed through the usual experiences common to the country lad. He assisted in the cultivation of the fields as soon as old enough to handle the plow, and as his years and strength increased his duties became more numerous and important until he had thoroughly mastered the various branches of agriculture. He remained with his parents until their death, after which he purchased the old homestead and now owns two hundred and forty acres. He has carried on the work of development which his father began and has introduced many needed improvements, and the farm, which is one of the valuable properties of the township, is equipped with all the accessories that go to make up a model farm. In addition to tilling the soil he also engages in the live-stock business, making a specialty of raising high grade hogs and thoroughbred cattle, and he is the owner of much valuable registered stock.

Mr. Vonnahme was married, on the 22d of February, 1911, to Miss Sophia Odendohl of Carroll county, and both are well known throughout this locality in which they have resided for so long. They hold membership in Mount Carmel Catholic church and Mr. Vonnahme belongs to the Catholic Mutual Protective Association of Iowa and also to St. Joseph Men's Society. He gives his political support to the democracy but the honors and emoluments of office have held no attraction for him. He is prominent among the younger residents of Carroll county, where his entire life has been spent, for he has a genial, cordial nature which wins friendship and at the same time commands the respect, confidence and good will of all.

THOMAS H. MARTIN.

Another of the estimable citizens of Carroll county who gave three years of his early manhood to the service of his country is Thomas H. Martin, who is engaged in farming on an eighty acre tract he owns on section 14, Sheridan township. A native of the state of New York his birth occurred in Rochester, Monroe county, on the 23d of August, 1840, his parents being Daniel G. and Hannah Martin. The father, who was born in Somerset county, England, when a young man emigrated to the United States, settling in Rochester, New York, where he passed away in 1855. There his wife, who survived him for ten years, was also living at the time of her demise. Of the twelve children born of their union none but the son Thomas H., the youngest member of the family, is living.

Thomas H. Martin was reared in the town where he was born, acquiring his education in the common schools, continuing to remain at home until 1859 when he went to live with a brother in the vicinity of Buffalo. In 1860 he accompanied his brother west, locating in De Kalb county, Illinois. He was residing there when he enlisted in the army on the 9th of August, 1862, going to the front in Company K, One Hundred and Fifth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, being discharged at Nashville, Tennessee, on the 30th of June, 1865, with the rank of corporal. Mr. Martin saw considerable active service, participating in the skirmishes at Resaca, Buzzard Roost, Kingston and Pumpkin Vine Creek, Georgia, but he was never seriously wounded, although twice struck by minnie balls. The first time the course of the ball was deflected by striking his bayonet and the other time it struck his canteen and glanced off. After receiving his discharge he returned to De Kalb where he resided until 1871 when he came to Carroll county. When he first located here he took some land on section 1, Sheridan township, which he partially improved and cultivated. He later abandoned this tract and settled on his present homestead, where he has ever since resided.

While living in Illinois, Mr. Martin was united in marriage to Miss Mary F. McNish, and to them were born eight children in the following order of birth: Hannah, the wife of Albert Hosmer, of South Dakota; Dora, the wife of James M. Figert, also a resident of South Dakota; Allie, who married Charles Blahanvictz, living on the homestead of Mr. Martin; Julia, who is deceased; Hattie and Mabel, both of whom are at home; one who died in infancy, and Mattie, who is also deceased.

Through the medium of his connection with the G. A. R. Mr. Martin keeps in touch with his comrades of the field, and in politics he is a republican. He has never prominently participated in township activities of a governmental nature but has served as a member of the local school board. During the long period of his residence in Sheridan township Mr. Martin has made many friends, whose regard he yet retains, having displayed in his private relations the same loyalty as characterized his service on the battlefields of the south.

PETER BERGER.

Among the men who have been active in promoting the growth of Carroll should be named Peter Berger who for seventeen years past has been prominently connected with real-estate interests. He is a native of Bavaria, Germany, born October 16, 1843, a son of Adam and Theresa (Knoll) Berger. The father came to America in June, 1853, and engaged in farming at Allentown, Pennsylvania. He came to Carroll county, Iowa, and established his home in Kniest township where he lived for thirteen years, passing away in 1883 at the age of seventy-eight years. His wife died two months previously, being also in her seventy-eighth year. Both were de-

vout members of the Catholic church. Their children were Jacob, Mary, Theresa and Peter.

Peter Berger came to America with his parents in his boyhood and has been a resident of Carroll county since 1856. He received his education in the public schools and followed farming until 1884, becoming the owner of two hundred and eighty acres in Kniest township. Seventeen years ago he moved to Carroll where he has ever since successfully engaged in the real-estate and insurance business.

Mr. Berger married Miss Katharina Beierschmidt, a daughter of John and Mollie Beierschmidt. She was born at Pottsville, Pennsylvania, her parents being natives of Germany. Her father was one of the early settlers of Blackhawk county, Iowa, and died in that county at the age of seventy-five years. The mother is now living with her son John on a farm near Fairbanks, Iowa, and is eighty-one years of age. There were six children in the family: Katharina, who married Peter Berger; Mary; Tillie; Susie; Veronica; and John. The following children came to bless the union of Mr. and Mrs. Berger: Mary, now the widow of George Schmich and the mother of six children, William, Anna, Albert, Florence, Catharine and Lorena; Elizabeth, the wife of Joseph Wiedermeier and the mother of the following children, Linus, Elizabeth, Louisa, Loretta, Augusta, and John and Nicholas, who died from diphtheria in early childhood; Frank P. who married Amelia Trieben and has three children living, Paul, Leo and Helen; William J., who is in partnership with his father in business; Theresa, who married Charles Schmich, the city marshal of Carroll, and has one child living, Marie; Helen; Veronica, the wife of Nicholas Wille, an express agent at Omaha, and the mother of one child, Louis; and Augusta, who died at the age of one year.

Mrs. Berger, the beloved wife and mother, was called from earthly scenes in 1903, having then arrived at the age of fifty-four years. She was a lady of many estimable qualities who attracted friends wherever she was known. In religious belief she adhered to the Catholic church of which her husband is also a member. Mr. Berger has been prominent in public affairs and served as county treasurer for five and one-half years, and as supervisor for two terms. He gives his allegiance to the democratic party. He is a man of unsullied character and his straightforward course in business as well as in private affairs fully warrants the great esteem in which he is held by the people of the city and county.

T. J. ARMSTRONG.

A valuable property of Warren township is the homestead of T. J. Armstrong, which is one of the best cultivated farms of the district. Mr. Armstrong was born on a farm in County Fermanagh, Ireland, on the 18th of March, 1846, being the son of Robert and Mary (Irwin) Armstrong. The parents spent their entire lives in the Emerald isle, where the father



MR. AND MRS. T. J. ARMSTRONG

engaged in agricultural pursuits, the mother having passed away in 1852, on the old homestead. The family of Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong numbered nine, the order of their birth being as follows: William, who is a farmer of Ireland; Robert, an agriculturist of Kansas; and James and John, both of whom are deceased; Letitia, now Mrs. Irwin, who lives in Ireland; Matilda, who is deceased; T. J., our subject; George, who is deceased; and Fannie, who lives in the old country.

T. J. Armstrong spent the first twenty years of his life on the farm where he was born, acquiring his education in the common schools of the vicinity. Finishing his studies he gave his entire attention to the cultivation of the homestead until 1866, when he decided to enter the business world. In Belfast he obtained a position in a hardware store where he worked for a year. America had long been his dream, so he carefully saved as much as possible of his meager wages, in order to secure money for his passage to the United States, where he felt assured better opportunities awaited him. In 1867 he crossed the Atlantic, traveling inland until he reached Rock Island, Illinois, which was his destination. For three years thereafter he worked as a farm hand by the month, during which time by means of constant application and rigid economy he acquired sufficient capital to justify his marrying and starting to farm for himself. For the following thirteen years he cultivated rented land, meeting with such success that in 1882 he was able to purchase eighty acres of land in Shelby county, Iowa. He engaged in the cultivation of this farm for thirteen years, at the expiration of which period he disposed of it and removed to Carroll county. In 1895 Mr. Armstrong settled upon his present homestead containing one hundred and sixty acres of land in Warren township. He has ever since continuously resided upon this property, which is located on section 15, and there engages in general farming. His land is all in a high state of cultivation with the exception of two acres which contain a fine orchard. He takes great pride in the appearance of his place, keeping the fences and buildings in good repair and giving the grounds careful attention, thus making his one of the attractive homesteads of Warren township.

On the 5th of April, 1871, Mr. Armstrong was united in marriage to Miss Matilda Holdsworth, who was born near Toronto, Canada, and is a daughter of John and Margaret Holdsworth. The parents were born and reared in Ireland from which country they emigrated, soon after their marriage, to America, locating near Toronto in the early '50s. Mr. Holdsworth worked in the lumber camps there for eight or nine years, when he removed to Illinois, locating on a farm in Mercer county, where they resided until 1885. They came to Iowa in the latter year, purchasing a farm in Crawford county, where they spent the remainder of their days, the mother passing away in 1901 and the father about four years later. To them were born eight children: Matilda, now Mrs. Armstrong; Martha, who married Joseph Walters, of Rock Island, Illinois; Letitia, the wife of William Dixon, of Virginia; Sarah, who is now Mrs. Geisinger, a resident of Pennsylvania; Samuel, who passed away at the age of nine years; Will-

iam, who was forty-seven years old at the time of his demise; Isabella, now Mrs. Stumm, a resident of Minnesota; and George, who is living in Manilla, Iowa. The wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong was solemnized at Rock Island, Illinois, while he was residing at Preemption, Illinois, where he lived for thirteen years prior to locating in Iowa.

Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong, the order of birth being as follows: Robert John, who is at home; Margaret, the wife of Harry Porter, of Manning, Iowa, who has one son, Clarence; Hayes, who is also a resident of Manning; Laurence, who is living with his parents on the farm; William, a farmer of Warren township, who married Sadie Stewart; Edward, Losina and Eva, all of whom are at home.

Having been born and reared in the north of Ireland, naturally Mr. Armstrong is a Protestant and an Orangeman, of which fact he is very proud, holding membership in Lodge No. 132, at Preemption, Illinois. The family are all conformists and affiliate with the Episcopal church, while politically he is a republican. He has always taken an active and helpful interest in political affairs, and has often served his party as delegate in township, county and state conventions, while for two years he was a member of the school board in Shelby county. Mr. Armstrong is one of the progressive and highly estimable citizens of the township, as well as one of the prosperous agriculturists, whose success is the justly merited reward of intelligently directed effort.

ALBERT PUCK.

The late Albert Puck who at the time of his demise was cashier in the German Savings Bank, was born in Scott county, Iowa, on the 20th of April, 1863, and was a son of Peter and Catherine (Brockman) Puck, natives of Germany. The father, a farmer, emigrated to the United States in his early manhood, locating on a farm in Scott county during the pioneer days. There he passed away in 1865, the mother, also dying in Scott county. They were both members of the German Lutheran church and he voted with the democratic party. To Mr. and Mrs. Puck were born six children, in the following order of birth: Henry, who is a resident of Scott county; Minnie, who is deceased; Elizabeth, the wife of Peter Puck, Scott county; Albert, our subject; Louis, also a native of Scott county; and Helena, the wife of Rathje Holling, of Colorado.

The boyhood and youth of Albert Puck were spent on the family homestead in Scott county, his education being obtained in the district schools of the vicinity. Like the majority of lads reared on a farm he was early assigned duties about the homestead, the responsibility of which increased during the passing years, so that when he laid aside his studies he was well qualified to earn his living as an agriculturist. In 1892 he came to Carroll county, locating on a farm in Warren township in the cultivation of which he engaged until 1903, when he moved to Manning. Having decided to

withdraw from active farming he purchased stock in the German Savings Bank, of which institution he was cashier until his demise, which occurred on the 15th of June, 1907.

On the 6th of March, 1890, Mr. Puck was united in marriage to Miss Caroline Stoltenberg, also a native of Scott county, her natal day having been the 11th of February, 1864. Her parents, Peter and Charlotta (Fey) Stoltenberg, were born in Germany, from which country they emigrated to America, settling in Scott county in 1848. The father was a farmer and soon after his arrival acquired some land which he continued to cultivate for many years. He passed away in January, 1889, but the mother survives and makes her home in Scott county. In politics Mr. Stoltenberg was a democrat, while he affiliated with the Lutheran church in which his wife continues to hold membership. The family of Mr. and Mrs. Stoltenberg numbers nine: Catherine, the wife of James Stoltenberg, of Cedar county, Iowa; Dora, who married Peter Goettsch, of Scott county; Mary, the wife of Henry Puck, also of Scott county; Minnie, who married John Wunder, of Crawford county; Christina, the wife of Jacob La Freng, of Cedar county; Peter, also of Scott county; Annie, who is at home; Caroline, the widow of Albert Puck; and William, who is a resident of Scott county.

The union of Mr. and Mrs. Puck was blessed by the birth of a son and a daughter: Albert Edwin, who was born on the 21st of November, 1892; and Clara Bonita, whose birth occurred on the 3d of October, 1897. Both children were born on the farm in Warren township.

Mr. Puck was a member of the Masonic fraternity, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the Modern Woodmen of America. He was an ardent democrat and always gave his support to the candidates of that party. During the period of his residence in Manning he was elected a member of the school board, in which capacity he gave efficient service. A man of upright principle, genial personality and affable manners he was well adapted to the position he was filling at the time of his death, holding the esteem and regard of the patrons of the bank.

HENRY THIELE.

Representatives of foreign countries are doing much toward peopling the great west and among them are many Germans who have taken the unimproved prairies and by energy and industry transformed them into fertile fields, thereby adding greatly to the country's wealth. Henry Thiele, for a number of years identified with the agricultural interests of Carroll county, is a native of the fatherland, his birth having occurred in Westphalia on the 26th of July, 1858. His parents, John and Catherine (Raarsen) Thiele, were also born in Germany and there spent their entire lives. Their family consisted of three children: William, operating the old home-

stead farm in Germany; Matilda, who also resides in the old country; and Henry, of this review.

In the Catholic schools of his native land Henry Thiele received a good education, and later served for six months in the German army. He remained at home until twenty-four years of age, at which period of his life he came to the United States, making his way direct to Mount Carmel, Carroll county. For three years he hired out at farm work, at the expiration of which time he began agriculture for himself on his present farm in Kniest township. This tract of two hundred and forty acres was practically unimproved when it came into his possession but under careful management has been transformed into a splendid property. He has fenced his fields, put out fruit and shade trees, erected substantial and commodious buildings, and altogether made of his place a valuable farm. It has proved a paying proposition, constituting a gratifying source of income, for his annual sale of grain and stock brings to him a substantial yearly return.

Mr. Thiele was married, in 1887, to Mrs. Mary (Ehrig) Feniger, the widow of Hugh Feniger and, having no children of their own, they adopted two boys: Wendell, yet at home; and LeRoy, engaged in farming for himself. Mr. Thiele purchased a farm for the latter which cost him two thousand dollars. He and his wife belong to Mount Carmel parish, and he also holds membership in St. Joseph Men's Catholic Association. In his business dealings Mr. Thiele has ever been fair and upright and has gained for himself an honorable name among men and a reputation for integrity that will live through the coming years. He enjoys the respect of all with whom business and social relations have brought him in contact, and thus has never had cause to regret his determination to seek fortune in this country.

LESTER G. BANGS.

Among the old soldiers now living in honored retirement should be named Lester G. Bangs of Carroll. He was born in Newburg, now a part of the city of Cleveland, Ohio, November 8, 1837, and is the son of James S. and Louisa (Gilbert) Bangs, the former of whom was born near Akron, Ohio, and the latter near Cleveland. The father became a physician and practiced in Cincinnati, Ohio, until after the death of his wife, which occurred in 1849, from cholera which was then raging in this country. He removed to Chicago and continued there until after the Civil war, then taking up his home at Brooklyn, New York, where he died in 1872 at the age of sixty years. He was for several years connected with the customs service at New York. There were two sons and two daughters in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Bangs, namely: Lester G., the subject of this review; Mrs. Irene McConnell, now deceased; Mrs. Alicia C. Clopper, a resident of Wichita, Kansas; and William H., who became a drummer boy in the Civil war at the age of twelve years and is now deceased. The

paternal grandfather of our subject was James Bangs, who became a captain in the state militia of Massachusetts. He was born at Williamsburg, Massachusetts, in 1769, and engaged as a shingle manufacturer. In 1790 he was married to Martha Nash. They spent their last days at Akron, Ohio. There were seven children in their family, namely: Theodore, Henry, Samuel, Elisha, Martha, Hortensia and Horatio.

Lester G. Bangs lived at Cuyahoga, Ohio, until about ten years of age, and then went with his parents to Cincinnati, where he attended the common schools. At the age of twelve he became a clerk in a wholesale and retail hat and cap store in Cincinnati. In 1859 he went to live with an uncle on a farm in Grant county, Wisconsin, and three years later removed to Chicago, Illinois, where he started to learn broom making. On April 17, 1861, he enlisted in the Civil war, in response to the first call for troops issued by President Lincoln, and was sent with two companies and a piece of artillery to guard the bridges near Cairo, Illinois. After three months the company was reorganized as Company A, Nineteenth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, the regiment participating in many of the most important battles of the Civil war, among which were Stone River, Chickamauga and Mission Ridge. At the battle of Chickamauga Mr. Bangs received a slight wound in one of his arms and at the battle of Mission Ridge he lost his right leg. He enlisted as a private and served three years and four months, being honorably mustered out as first lieutenant and adjutant. After the war he learned telegraphy and for two years was in the employ of the Chicago & Alton Railway Company at Lincoln and Chicago, Illinois. In August, 1867, he came to Glidden, Carroll county, as agent of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway Company, continuing in that capacity until 1881, when he went to Lake City and engaged for nine years in the hardware business. He was in the employ of the First National Bank at Carroll from 1890 until 1899, and then went to Cuba and had charge of the postoffice in the city of Batabano for fifteen months. Returning to Carroll, he served for three years as state oil inspector, since which time he has lived in honorable retirement.

On the 3d day of September, 1863, Mr. Bangs was united in marriage to Miss Martha A. Hopkins, daughter of Aaron and Maria (Shelton) Hopkins. The father was born in Salem, Washington county, New York, and the mother in Troy, New York. Mr. Hopkins came west, reaching the present site of Chicago in 1835, when there was only one frame building there, the others being log cabins. He cultivated a farm near Lockport, Illinois, and later built a home in Lockport. In 1864 he removed to Fayette county, Iowa, and in 1881 took up his residence in Lake City. He died in January, 1891, being then within a few months of ninety years of age. His wife passed away in October, 1890, at the age of eighty-seven years. Mr. Bangs has one brother, Aaron. The paternal grandfather of Mrs. Bangs was Nathan Hopkins, and his wife was Martha Robinson. In their family were William, Aaron, Nathan, Jane and Annie. Abijah Shelton, the maternal grandfather, was a native of Connecticut, and his wife was Ann Heermance. Three children came to bless the union of

Mr. and Mrs. Bangs, namely: Lois, now of River Forest, Illinois, who married William B. Rowland, and they have one child, Leon B.; Bertha, also of River Forest, who married Edwin S. Wells, Jr., and they have two children, Edwin S., III and Lester G.; and Walter G., who married Louise Blackman, and is now cashier of the International Harvester Company at Minot, North Dakota.

Mrs. Bangs is a lady of intelligence and discernment, and has with special ability served as librarian of the Carroll Public Library. Politically Mr. Bangs is an ardent adherent of the republican party. He cast his first vote for John C. Fremont for president of the United States and has never departed from the party he then espoused. Socially he is identified with Jeff C. Davis Post, G. A. R., of Carroll and is now its adjutant. He is a man of many sterling qualities and has a host of friends in Carroll county, being known as one of its representative citizens.

CARSTEN MOELLER.

Carsten Moeller, who follows farming on section 27, Wheatland township, has always been connected with agricultural interests and is today one of the prosperous farmers of the county, within whose borders his entire life has been spent. He was born in Arcadia, February 26, 1874, a son of Claus and Ena (Lamp) Moeller, both natives of Germany. In early manhood the father came to the United States, locating first at Tama City, Iowa, and there he was united in marriage. He carried on farming for a time and then took up his residence in Arcadia, where he was employed as a section hand for two years. Again returning to agricultural pursuits he purchased the present homestead located on section 27, Wheatland township, consisting of one hundred and twenty acres of valuable land. By his own efforts he brought his farm under a high state of cultivation, introducing needed improvements as the years passed, and it is now one of the well equipped and desirable properties in the township. He became well known throughout this community and has served efficiently as road supervisor for the township.

In a family of twelve children Carsten Moeller, of this review, was the eldest, the others being as follows: Henry, John, Dora and Lena, all deceased; Emma, at home; Anna, who married Emil Vetter, carrying on farming about five miles southwest of Arcadia; Celia, the wife of Gustave Diernfeld, a farmer residing five miles west of the Moeller homestead; Amanda, who wedded Gustave Berger, of Davenport, Iowa; Bertha, the wife of Paul Ehlers, whose farm is located five miles south of Arcadia; William and Pauline, yet at home. No event of special importance came to vary the routine of life for Carsten Moeller during the period of his boyhood and youth, which was spent upon his father's farm. Fortunate in being reared among the wholesome scenes and environment of the country, his early life was one of healthful growth, characterized by clean

habits, and amid the busy activities of rural life he learned many lessons concerning the value of industry, perseverance and integrity. He attended the public schools of Arcadia in the acquirement of his education, and thus well prepared for life's practical and responsible duties he took up agricultural pursuits in connection with his father, and has since continued to reside on the old homestead, assisting in its cultivation and improvement. He is dominated by a spirit of progress, follows the most modern and approved methods of farming, and now ranks among the substantial and prosperous men of the locality.

Mr. Moeller is interested in the various phases of community life, holding membership in the Lutheran church and also in the Woodmen of the World, while in politics he is a stalwart supporter of republican principles. He has passed his entire life within the borders of Carroll township and is a popular figure in this locality, having gained for himself a wide circle of friends and acquaintances. The fact that many of his best friends are those who have known him from boyhood is an indication that he possesses those qualities which win and hold the respect, confidence and good will of his fellowmen, and which speak for honorable manhood and desirable citizenship.

KITT W. MAREAN.

Success in any line of business or any profession continuing uninterruptedly for a number of years may be regarded as evidence of superior ability. Accepting this statement as true, it is safe to claim that Kitt W. Marean, who has been engaged in the practice of the law at Glidden, Iowa, for seventeen years with a steadily growing clientage, is one of the talented attorneys of Carroll county. A native of Standish, Maine, he was born December 25, 1859, and is a son of Aaron and Martha Ann (Thorn) Marean, both of whom were born at Standish. The father was a blacksmith and followed his trade all his life. He removed to Illinois with his family and lived two years at Le Roy. In 1869, the year of the total eclipse of the sun, he removed to Belle Plaine, Iowa, making the journey in a mover's wagon. He continued actively at his trade until sixty years of age and then retired, being called from earthly scenes in 1893, at the age of eighty years and fourteen days. His wife died of heart disease in 1879, being then fifty-three years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Marean were Unitarians in religious belief. At the time of the Civil war he enlisted in the Twentieth Maine Infantry, otherwise known as the Maine Graybeards, April 14, 186—, and was honorably discharged at Gallops Island, Boston Harbor, May 6, 1865. There were seven children in their family, four sons and three daughters, namely: Emma F., who married J. D. Parker, of Marshalltown, Iowa; Alonzo G., of Belle Plaine, Iowa; Eldora F., the wife of George S. Treanor, of Waterloo, Iowa; Evelyn F., the widow of William Murray, of Belle Plaine; Fred K., of Glidden; Kitt

W., our subject; and William C., also of Glidden. The paternal grandfather of our subject was Aaron Marean, a native of Maine, who also lived for a short time in New Brunswick. He was a ship's blacksmith and died at an advanced age in 1835. His wife was Abigail Crocker and there were eight children in their family, Eliza, Abigail, Moses, John, Susan, Aaron, Mary and Crocker, the latter of whom died when young. Merritt Thorn, the grandfather on the maternal side, was a native of Starbuck, Maine, and his wife was Betsey Adams. He was a farmer and lumberman. Mrs. Thorn lived to be ninety-three years old and was the mother of twelve children, eleven of whom grew to maturity, Nathaniel S., Martha Ann, Caroline A., Elizabeth, Maria, Greenleaf, Leander M., William, Ellen Rebecca, Jane and Abbie F.

Kitt W. Marean arrived in Iowa at the age of ten years and was reared at Belle Plaine. He received his preliminary education in the common schools and was graduated from the high school in 1880. He taught for several years, thus acquiring the means for paying his expenses through college, and was graduated from Iowa State University with the degree of LL. B. in 1893. He taught school for a number of months and began practice at Glidden in the fall of 1894. He has applied himself diligently to his profession and has attained a gratifying degree of success. A constant student, he is well informed as to the principles of law and a well selected library indicates he has at hand the best authorities. His clients are to be found among the prominent business men and citizens of Carroll county. Politically he is an adherent of the democratic party and in religious belief is a Unitarian, although he attends the Methodist church. He has been prominent in public affairs and served most acceptably for about ten years as mayor of Glidden. Fraternally he is connected with the Knights of Pythias.

JOSEPH H. LAMPE.

Joseph H. Lampe, numbered among the younger generation of farmers in Arcadia township, has always been connected with this line of activity and is today one of the prosperous men of this locality, operating an excellent farm of two hundred acres. A native of Iowa, he was born in Dubuque county, on the 11th of November, 1882, a son of Bernard and Bernadine (Olberding) Lampe, both of whom were born in Germany. The father came to the United States when a youth of sixteen years of age, and located first in Illinois. Later, however, he removed to Iowa, taking up his abode in Dubuque county, where he remained until 1882, then came to Carroll county. Here he purchased a farm in Arcadia township, to the improvement of which he directed his energies for a number of years, his efforts being so successful that in 1907 he was able to withdraw from active work and now makes his home in Carroll, enjoying well earned retirement. His wife also survives. In their family were eleven

children, namely: Henry, a farmer of Kansas; Mary, the wife of Henry Schrad, of Arcadia township; Frank, Herman, Clem, Bernadine and Lizzie, all deceased; one who passed away in infancy; John, residing at Templeton, Iowa; Josephine, who married A. B. Lappe, of Carroll, Iowa; and Joseph H., of this review.

In the public schools of Arcadia township Joseph H. Lampe pursued his education, remaining a student therein until his graduation from high school. The home farm was a training ground and under the wise guidance of his father he was prepared for the practical duties of business life. Wisely choosing as his vocation the occupation to which he had been reared, he has since given his entire attention to agricultural pursuits and now operates the old homestead, consisting of two hundred acres. As a farmer he has been quite successful, and, taking pride in the appearance of his place, has added every improvement which might contribute to its neatness and fertility. He has also made such study of the soil as to enable him to so adapt his crops as to reap the maximum yield per acre, and bountiful harvests have enabled him to place himself in prosperous circumstances.

On the 26th of August, 1908, Mr. Lampe was united in marriage to Miss Lizzie Lampmen, a daughter of John and Lizzie (Hoefler) Lampmen. Her mother was a native of Germany but her father was born in Dubuque, Iowa, and they were early settlers of Carroll county, but both are now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Lampe have two children, Paulina Bernadine and Clarence.

They hold membership in the Catholic church, while in politics Mr. Lampe is a democrat. He has spent practically his entire life within the borders of Arcadia township and has therefore become widely acquainted, many of his best friends being numbered among those who have known him the longest, a fact which would indicate the possession of such qualities of character as win confidence, respect and good will.

ORRIN W. EMMONS.

Orrin W. Emmons, engaged in the general practice of law in Manning, was born in Carroll county, September 11, 1873, and is a representative of one of the old pioneer families. His father is Chandler A. Emmons, who was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, October 18, 1849, a son of Ezekiel J. and Priscilla (Cornwall) Emmons, the former a native of Canada, of German-English descent, and the latter of New York, of English-Scotch extraction.

The marriage of the grandparents of our subject was celebrated on the 4th of July, 1832, in Niagara county, New York, and in 1847 they removed from New York to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where they resided until the fall of 1850, when they became residents of Dane county, Wisconsin, making their home in that locality until 1864, whence they came to Iowa. The

grandfather died in 1881 and his wife survived until 1893, making her home, after her husband's death, with her son, Chandler A. Emmons. He was one of a family of nine children as follows: Martha A., who became the wife of D. A. Pound, both of whom are now deceased; Hiram, who is living in Stoughton, Wisconsin; Eunice, who became the wife of Albert Gillett, both deceased; Elvira, who married John M. Sampson, has passed away; Fannie, a resident of the state of New York; Charles B., living in Carroll, Iowa; Mary Jane, who died in infancy in Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Chandler A.; and Mary, who died in Butler county, Iowa.

Chandler A. Emmons came to Iowa in 1864 with his parents. The family home was established in Blackhawk county and in 1871 he removed to Carroll county. He was a farmer by occupation and on coming to Carroll county purchased ninety acres of land, later selling same and purchasing other land from time to time, until he is now the owner of four hundred acres of as good land as is to be found in Carroll county. Chandler A. Emmons continued to carry on the occupation of farming for a long period and as the years passed by, prosperity attended his efforts until, in 1890, he was able to retire from active life and is now enjoying a well earned rest in Manning. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and he holds membership with the Methodist Episcopal church and with Manual Lodge, No. 450, A. F. & A. M. On October 17, 1869, he wedded Lucy A. Sampson, who was born in Dexter, Maine, November 18, 1849, and was a daughter of John M. and Jeanette R. (Mains) Sampson, who were also natives of the Pine Tree state, removing from there to Dane county, Wisconsin in 1850, where Mrs. Emmons spent her girlhood, later going to Iowa on a visit, where, in Butler county of that state, she was married. She too was a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church and died in that faith on the 20th of April, 1910, her death being deeply regretted by all who knew her, because of her many admirable traits of character. Their family consisted of four children, namely: Albert S., a contractor of Omaha, Nebraska; Orrin W., of this review; Clara E., wife of J. H. Wisse, residing on the home farm; and Clarence M., also residing on the old homestead. There was also an adopted daughter Mildred E. Emmons, now a resident of Boone, Iowa.

Upon the home farm in Carroll county, Iowa, Orrin W. Emmons, spent his youthful days, working in the fields during the time of plowing, planting and harvesting, and also herding cattle over what is now highly improved farm country. The experiences and hardships of pioneer life are familiar to him and the history of Carroll county's development is well known to him. His early education, acquired in the district schools, was supplemented by a course in the Manning high school, from which he graduated with the class of 1891. He afterward spent two years as a student at Cornell College, Mount Vernon, Iowa, and was graduated from the Gem City Business College at Quincy, Illinois, with the class of 1894. Subsequently he spent a year and a half in mercantile pursuits at Scranton, Iowa, and for several years engaged in teaching school. In 1900 and 1901 he devoted his attention to farming on his own account, but thinking to find

a professional career more congenial, in 1902 he entered the State University of Iowa at Iowa City, where he completed a three years' law course in two years and three months, being graduated with the class of 1904. The following year he located for practice in Manning, where he has since remained. He was a successful farmer and a capable school teacher, and has made continuous progress in the practice of law, his knowledge of the principles of jurisprudence and his correct application thereof giving him rank with the prominent members of the Carroll county bar, and bringing to him a large and remunerative practice.

On the 9th day of May, 1900, Mr. Emmons was united in marriage to Miss Jennie C. Scott, who was born in Crawford county, Iowa, January 28, 1876, a daughter of William A. and Estella (Butler) Scott. Her father, who engaged in farming throughout his entire life, passed away in 1899 and her mother now lives at Ida Grove. In their family were nine children: Mrs. Eva M. Foltz, residing near Grafton, Nebraska; Albert B., engaged in farming near Danbury, Iowa; Mrs. Emmons; Mrs. Olive Goodwin, who lives in Ida Grove, Iowa; Mrs. Edna Wolfe, residing near Danbury, Iowa; John Logan and James Blaine, twins, engaged in general agricultural pursuits near Danbury, Iowa; and Joseph Orien and Homer W., who make their home with their mother at Ida Grove. Mrs. Emmons pursued her education in the district schools and in the Normal College at Denison and Woodbine, Iowa, and was successfully engaged in teaching school for six years prior to her marriage, imparting with readiness and clearness the knowledge that she had acquired. By her marriage she has become the mother of four children, as follows: Robert E., born August 9, 1901; Floyd H., born August 1, 1907; Clarence S., born September 16, 1908; and Florence E., born August 24, 1910.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Emmons are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and he is equally as loyal as a representative of Manual Lodge No. 450, A. F. & A. M. of Manning, and Copestone Chapter R. A. M., of Carroll, while both he and his wife belong to Salona Chapter, O. E. S., at Manning. His study of political issues and questions of the day has led him to indorse the principles of the republican party. The only office that he has ever held was that of secretary of the school board, which he filled for six years, and then voluntarily resigned. He has been a lifelong resident of Carroll county and his record has at all times been creditable to the community which numbers him as one of its native sons.

FRANK HAGAMAN.

Frank Hagaman, who is actively engaged in farming at Glidden, has made his home in Carroll county for thirty-nine years, although he had become seven years previously a resident of Iowa. He is a native of Seneca county, Ohio, born January 24, 1847, a son of Charles and Harriet (Perkins) Hagaman, the former of whom was born in New York and the lat-

ter in New Jersey. The father moved to Ohio when a young man and later to the pineries of Michigan. Subsequently he went to La Salle county, Illinois, and later to Eureka in the same state. In 1865 he arrived in Iowa and took up his residence in Wapello county where he died in March of the year following, having arrived at the age of forty-four years. His wife still survives and is living with a son, Lester, at Glidden. She is a member of the Methodist church but her husband was not identified with any religious denomination although he was a believer in Christianity and a reader of the Bible. They had six children, three of whom are now living: Frank; Le Roy C., of Greene county, Iowa; and Lester J., of Glidden. The paternal grandfather of our subject was Cornelius Hagaman, a native of New York and by occupation a farmer. He died in La Salle county, Illinois, in 1868. He was born in 1794 and his wife, Harriet Hagaman, was born in 1800 and died in 1871. There were eight children in their family, six of whom grew to maturity, George, Charles, Nancy, Joseph, Maria and Eunice. Hoel Perkins, the maternal grandfather, was born in 1794 in New Jersey and his wife, Mary Perkins, was born in 1795. She died in 1851 in Ohio. He later came to Iowa and spent the remainder of his days with a son, Russell Perkins, at Sisley Grove, Linn county. He was the father of ten children, Laura, Sallie, Jesse, Lucy, Harriet, Harmon, Russell, Amos, Harlow and Ward.

Frank Hagaman possesses the distinction of having been reared in three states—Ohio, Michigan and Illinois. In 1865, at the age of eighteen, he came to Iowa and in 1872 he arrived in Carroll county and engaged in farming in Glidden township for four years. He then moved to Glidden and followed draying for more than twenty years. He is now engaged in farming and also in teaming. He owns a well improved place of fifty-nine acres at the southeast corner of the township corporation and as a result of his industry is financially in favorable circumstances.

On the 14th day of March, 1869, Mr. Hagaman was married to Miss Flora S. Freese, of Sisley Grove, a daughter of George W. and Susanna (Williams) Freese, and to them four children have been born: Charles, a night watchman, residing in Glidden, who married Luetta Meredith Riffenbery and has four children, William Francis, Charles Edward, Helen Elizabeth and Mary Hilda; Nellie, who married Charles B. Ennis, of Glidden, and has one son, Verne Clifford; and Clara and George, both of whom are living at home. Mr. and Mrs. Hagaman have an adopted daughter, Mary May Jones Hagaman, their niece, a daughter of Joseph Henry and Carrie B. (Freese) Jones.

Mrs. Flora S. Hagaman was born in Seneca county, Ohio, December 9, 1851. Her father was born in Pennsylvania and her mother in Ohio. They came to Iowa in 1852 and took up their residence seven miles west of Cedar Rapids, in Linn county, at Sisley Grove, where the father settled upon government land and engaged in farming. Later he sold his place and moved to Courtland, Kansas, where he died in 1895, at the age of seventy-five years. His wife passed away in 1900, being then seventy-two years of age. Both were earnest Christians, holding membership in the

Methodist Episcopal church for many years, and Mr. Freese was a class leader for a long period. They were the parents of nine children: Charity D., Amos M., Flora S., Emma J., Oliver P., George B., John H., who died in infancy, Margaret H. and Carrie B. Martin Freese, the paternal grandfather of Mrs. Hagaman, was born in Pennsylvania in 1782, and his wife, Deborah (McEwan) Freese, was born in 1785. She died at the age of fifty-one years, having become the mother of six children, Moses, Margaret, John, William, James and George W. Mrs. Hagaman's maternal grandfather, Zachariah Williams, married Mrs. Susanna Wolfe, whose maiden name was Susanna Bretz. She had been twice previously married, her first husband having been Solomon Hiestant, and her second Samuel Wolfe. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Williams, Susanna, Margaret, Elizabeth, and Sarah Ann.

In politics Mr. Hagaman is an adherent of the republican party and is an earnest believer in its principles. He has served very acceptably several times as member of the city council but he is a modest man and has never urgently sought public office. He has always been governed by a worthy ambition to perform his duty to his family and to the community, and the general esteem in which he is held is evidence that his efforts have not been in vain.

VERY REV. B. A. SCHULTE, V. F.

Very Rev. B. A. Schulte, who since April, 1884, has been pastor of the Sacred Heart church at Templeton, is one of the best known and most beloved priests of the county. His birth occurred in Dubuque county, Iowa, on the 19th of February, 1856. His father, Anton Schulte, came from Germany to the United States in 1846, settling in Dubuque county, this state, where he worked at the carpenter's trade. Subsequently he took up his abode on a farm in that county, continuing its cultivation until called to his final rest in 1868.

Very Rev. B. A. Schulte supplemented his preliminary education by a course of study in St. John's University of Collegeville, Minnesota, and subsequently attended St. Francis Seminary of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and St. Vincent's College of Pennsylvania. In November, 1879, he was made pastor of St. Joseph's church at State Center, Marshall county, Iowa, there remaining until he came to Carroll county. In the spring of 1883 he was commissioned by Rt. Rev. Bishop John Hennessey, of Dubuque, Iowa, to visit the new towns established in this county along the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway, namely: Templeton, Manning, Coon Rapids and Dedham. With the nucleus of about three dozen families scattered throughout Eden, Roselle and Warren townships, a new parish was founded in Templeton and holy mass was said or sung at monthly intervals, on Sundays, in a hall above the hardware store of Messrs. Conrad and Frank Meis (later owned by Seyller & Shoemaker) and afterward in

a large room in the Anderson Hotel, now called the Templeton Hotel. In November of the same year a frame church, thirty-six by sixty-five feet, was erected by some members of Roselle church on the farm of John Schlichte, and later moved to Templeton, where an addition was made to the structure, which served as a house of worship for a number of years and was dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. In April, 1884, Very Rev. B. A. Schulte was transferred to Templeton, but still continued to visit his parishes in Marshall county, namely: State Center, Haver Hill and St. Anthony,—and in Story county: Gilbert Station. He was the first priest to conduct services in Manning, Coon Rapids, Dedham and Templeton. Under his supervision and direction a new church was built at Coon Rapids in 1884, while in Dedham a lot was procured and an edifice erected thereon in the spring of 1892, being named St. Joseph's church. At Manning the Very Rev. B. A. Schulte conducted services in the different houses until a church was erected in 1885.

In 1900, at Templeton, was begun the erection of a church of Gothic design and cathedral-like proportions, its dimensions being one hundred and thirty-six by fifty-seven feet, with a central spire of one hundred and seventy feet and four flanking towers seventy feet high. The work was done by a St. Louis firm at a cost of about twenty-five thousand dollars, not including the work done by the parishioners, nor the superintendence, selection and procurement of the various materials by the Rev. Rector. Later on not only many visitors, but different architects expressed the opinion that an edifice of such style and dimensions could hardly be put up for less than sixty thousand dollars. The aggregate value of church property may be fairly considered to amount to approximately around one hundred thousand dollars, all circumstances duly considered. This is one of the handsomest houses of worship and has perhaps the finest organ in the state of Iowa. Father Schulte was the designer of the interior decorations, which reflect great credit upon his artistic taste. The church property covers over fifteen acres of land and is made attractive by gardens and parks, popularly known as the "Garden of Eden," being situated in Eden township. The buildings include a handsome schoolhouse and parsonage, the latter built in Grecian style of architecture. With consecrated zeal the Very Rev. Mr. Schulte has labored effectively for the spread of Catholicity here, enjoying in an unusual degree the love and cooperation of his parishioners.

JOHN B. HUNGERFORD.

John B. Hungerford, postmaster of Carroll, Iowa, for forty-five years and well known as a newspaper man and as an energetic and public-spirited citizen who has contributed in no small degree in upbuilding the best interests of his county and the state, was born at Smethport, Pennsylvania, in 1854. In 1865 the family removed to Iowa,



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settling on a farm near Ottumwa, where the subject of our review continued until after the death of his father, in 1869. He received his preliminary education in the public schools and later attended the State Agricultural College at Ames, from which he was graduated in 1877. Almost immediately after leaving college Mr. Hungerford became identified with newspaper work. He began as a reporter on the Burlington Hawk-Eye. This was in the days of Frank Hatton and Bob Burdette and the young reporter there received an impulse which, by years of close application and good judgment, made his name known throughout the state. In 1885 he became the owner of the Carroll Herald and for twenty-five years was at the head of that paper, which soon assumed a position as one of the strong republican newspapers of the state. It was also recognized as one of the most successful newspapers, outside of the large cities, to be found in Iowa. On January 1, 1910, on account of impaired health, Mr. Hungerford retired temporarily from editorial work but still retains ownership of the paper and directs its general policy. He is known as one of the active and progressive editors in a state that abounds in good newspapers and as a writer he has few superiors in the west. His paper has for many years commanded an influence which is not commonly accorded publications outside of the large centers of population, and this influence has been due in a very great degree to the advanced position which the paper has taken in all matters of vital interest pertaining to this locality. Never an extreme partisan, Mr. Hungerford has gained many friends even among those holding different political views from himself, and in all his utterances he has constantly aimed to promote the permanent welfare of his adopted state. In the course of a long editorial career he has given special attention to higher education, believing that it is through the improvement of those institutions and the encouragement of attendance upon the same that many of the greatest benefits to the republic may be realized. His efforts have met in many quarters with hearty responses and in recognition of an unselfish service in behalf of education he was appointed a member of the board of trustees to the State Agricultural College in May, 1894, serving with ability until July, 1909, when the law went into effect placing the three institutions of higher education of the state under a single board. For eight years while he was acting as a member of the board of trustees he served as its chairman. In 1889 Mr. Hungerford was appointed by President Harrison postmaster of Carroll and served four years. He was again appointed to the position in 1897 by President McKinley, reappointed by succeeding administrations until the years of his incumbency of the office numbered eighteen.

Mr. Hungerford is married and has two children: Josephine, who will graduate in June, 1911, from the State Agricultural College; and John, now twelve years of age, in attendance at the public school. Mr. Hungerford is known as a scholarly gentleman, a good business man and a patriotic citizen who has always assisted to the extent of his ability in advancing the public interests. Through his well directed enterprise and unflagging industry he has acquired a competence which bids fair for some years

to come to keep the wolf from the door. However, the principal wealth of Mr. Hungerford is an honorable, upright character which after all is the greatest boon that anyone could ask. He won success through years of earnest endeavor and easily ranked as one of the substantial men of Carroll county, belonging to that class which leaves a permanent impress for all that is most desirable in American life. He is now and has been for the past several months proprietor and editor of a weekly paper at Jefferson, Iowa.

CHARLES EDWIN DAVIS.

Charles Edwin Davis, the owner of three hundred and thirty acres of valuable land in Union township, is an agriculturist residing on section 6. His birth occurred in that township, about forty rods from his present residence, in January, 1860, his parents being Squire Armstrong and Catharine A. (Morris) Davis. The father was born in Mercer county, Ohio, on the 12th of June, 1833, while his mother's birth occurred at Port Elizabeth, New Jersey, on the 8th of March, 1827. The paternal grandparents were Jacob and Isabel (Converse) Davis, the former a native of Virginia and the latter of Cincinnati, Ohio. They became early settlers of Carroll county, Iowa, but passed away in Douglas county, Oregon, near Elkton, when well advanced in years. Jacob Davis followed general agricultural pursuits throughout practically his entire business career. Unto him and his wife were born five children: Thomas, who died in early life; William, who died in the army; Mary, who passed away on the 29th of March, 1911, and was the wife of Robert Haney, of Elkton, Oregon; Squire Armstrong, the father of our subject; and one who died in infancy.

The paternal grandfather of Mrs. Catharine A. (Morris) Davis was John Morris, a whitesmith and jeweler, who wedded Miss Kate McKelvey. His father, Robert Morris, was the founder of the family in this country and followed the profession of school teaching in New Jersey. The maternal grandparents of Mrs. Catharine A. Davis were Holland and Amelia (Springer) Watson, residents of Delaware. The former died in that state but the latter's demise occurred in New Jersey. The parents of Mrs. Catharine A. Davis were Robert and Nancy (Watson) Morris, the former a native of New Jersey and the latter of Wilmington, Delaware. They came to Iowa in 1855 and settled in Union township, Carroll county, here spending the remainder of their lives. Robert Morris devoted his attention to general agricultural pursuits and passed away on the 22d of November, 1872, when in his eighty-second year. His remains were interred in the Carrollton cemetery. He had a creditable military record, participating in the war of 1812. His wife was called to her final rest on the 18th of March, 1877, at the age of seventy-five years and seventeen days. Their children were as follows: Colonel David B. Morris, who is a resident of



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Pennsylvania; Thomas T., living in Des Moines; John H., of St. Louis; Catharine Ann; and James and Robert, who died in early life.

Squire Armstrong Davis, the father of Charles E. Davis, removed to Washington county, Iowa, when a little lad of six years. In early manhood he followed carpentering and surveying. The year 1855 witnessed his arrival in Carroll county. On the 24th of August, 1857, he wedded Miss Catharine A. Morris, with whom he settled on a farm of ten acres in Union township, continuing to reside thereon for ten or eleven years. On the expiration of that period he removed to a farm of one hundred and sixty acres farther west in the same township and later extended the boundaries of the property by an additional purchase of ninety acres and devoted his time and energies to its cultivation and improvement. His demise occurred on the 30th of August, 1900, when he had attained the age of sixty-seven years. In his passing the county mourned the loss of one of its most honored and respected early settlers—one who had endured the privations and hardships of pioneer life and had taken an active part in the work of development and upbuilding. He was highly esteemed as a rugged, industrious and upright man and by his friends was familiarly called "Strong" Davis. He held various township offices, including those of supervisor and township assessor, and served as sheriff of Carroll county for two terms, from 1864 until 1867. At the time of the Civil war he enlisted as a private of Company C, Fourth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, serving as a soldier for several years. He was wounded at Chickasaw Bayou. Both he and his wife joined the United Brethren church after having been identified with the Methodist denomination for many years. Mrs. Catharine A. Davis is still living and is now in her eighty-fifth year. She was the mother of seven children, four of whom yet survive, as follows: Charles Edwin, of this review; Ida V., the wife of John Peede, of Osceola, Clarke county, Iowa; Liona, who is the wife of Edward Davidson and resides in Union township; and Cora, the wife of William Anderson, of Union township.

Charles E. Davis was reared on his father's farm and has spent his entire life within the borders of Carroll county. He acquired his education in the district schools and after attaining his majority started out as an agriculturist on his own account, operating the home farm until the time of his marriage. Following that important event in his life he purchased a tract of one hundred and twenty acres in Union township, whereon he has resided continuously since. As he prospered in the conduct of his farming interests he added to his holdings from time to time until they now embrace three hundred and thirty acres of rich and productive land. The property is well improved in every particular and in its neat and thrifty appearance gives evidence of the supervision of a practical and progressive owner.

On the 1st of January, 1890, Mr. Davis was united in marriage to Miss Minnie Piper, a native of Carroll county and a daughter of Thomas and Rebecca (Livingston) Piper, who were born in Pennsylvania. Her paternal grandfather spent his entire life in the Keystone state, following farming throughout his active business career. Unto him and his wife, who bore

the maiden name of Margaret Oils, were born six children, namely: James, Thomas, John, Mary, Margaret and Eliza. William Livingston, the maternal grandfather of Mrs. Davis, was a native of Pennsylvania and a gentleman of German descent. By occupation he was a farmer. Unto him and his wife, who bore the maiden name of Jane Grove, were born eight children: James, Thomas, Samuel, Rebecca, Joseph, Etta, Birch and Edward. Three of the sons participated in the Civil war. The parents of Mrs. Davis came to Iowa in 1868, settling near Carrollton in Carroll county, where Thomas Piper died at the age of seventy-one years. He was a soldier of the Civil war, enlisting from Pennsylvania. His wife still survives him. Their children were eight in number, as follows: William, Jennie, Harry, Minnie, Arvilla, Mary, Edward and George. Thomas Piper was twice married, his first union being with Mary Funk, by whom he had five children: Belle, Calvin, Harriet Ann, Stewart and John. Mr. and Mrs. Davis are the parents of three children: Ada, Edward and Lawrence.

Mr. Davis is a republican in politics and held the office of road supervisor for one term. Both he and his wife are devoted and consistent members of the United Brethren church at Carrollton. They have spent their entire lives in this county and enjoy an extensive and favorable acquaintance within its borders.

HOMER W. STRATEMEYER.

Prominent among the citizens of Carroll is Homer W. Stratemeyer, who for more than ten years past has been identified with the granite and marble business in this city and has developed a large and lucrative patronage. He is a native of Iowa, born at Garnaville, Clayton county, September 25, 1874, a son of G. H. and Mary A. (Schroeder) Stratemeyer. The father was born in Germany and the mother in Ohio and there were five sons in their family: Abner, deceased; Rialto, now living at Emmetsburg, Iowa; Homer W., of this review; and two who died when young. The father came to America in his boyhood and was a settler of Clayton county, Iowa, later engaging as a merchant at Garnaville. At the time of the Civil war he responded to the call of President Lincoln and served for three years in a Missouri regiment. He died in December, 1879, at Carroll. Mrs. Stratemeyer departed this life in December, 1902, having then arrived at the age of fifty-six years. Her husband was a member of the Lutheran church and she was also connected with that denomination until after coming to Carroll when she united with the Presbyterian church. Grandfather Stratemeyer on the paternal side in the early part of his manhood made wooden shoes for a living. He settled in Clayton county, Iowa, and died there when upwards of eighty years of age. There were ten children in his family. The maternal grandfather was Bernard F. Schroeder. He was a prominent farmer in Clayton county and at one time represented the county in the Iowa legislature.

Homer W. Stratemeyer was reared in Carroll and received his education in the public schools of this city. As soon as he became old enough he was attracted to the marble-cutter's trade in which he became thoroughly expert. In 1900 he established his present business in partnership with an uncle, J. H. Schroeder, who died in 1902. Since that time Mr. Stratemeyer has been at the head of the Carroll Granite and Marble Works, a concern that has turned out some of the best work in granite and marble that has been done in the state.

On the 22d day of June, 1904, Mr. Stratemeyer was united in marriage to Miss Nettie Shebeck, a native of Riverside, Iowa, and a daughter of Wenzel and Elizabeth (Diehl) Shebeck. One child, Elizabeth, has blessed this union. The father of Mrs. Stratemeyer was born in Bohemia and the mother in Washington county, Iowa. In their family were the following children beside Mrs. Stratemeyer: John, Joseph, Elizabeth, Frank, Anna, Henry, Wenzel, Mary and George. The mother of these children was called away in 1896, having reached the age of fifty-six years. The father lives around among his children.

Mr. and Mrs. Stratemeyer are members of the Presbyterian church and firm believers in its teachings. He is identified with Carroll Lodge No. 279, I. O. O. F., and also with the local tribe of Ben Hur. Politically he is an earnest supporter of the republican party. In his business he has shown an energy that has attracted a deserved prosperity and the name of the Carroll Granite and Marble Works is well known throughout a wide section in this part of the state. Thoroughly upright in his dealings and genial and pleasant in his relations with his fellowmen, he enjoys in a remarkable degree the confidence and respect of those with whom he comes into contact.

ALBERT SHIRK GOCKLEY, M. D.

Prominent among the physicians of Carroll county stands Dr. Albert Shirk Gockley. For the past twenty-eight years he has been engaged in practice at Carroll and has attained an established reputation over a wide section in this part of the state as one of its honored citizens and a man of great usefulness in a calling that demands the closest application of the keenest minds.

Born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, September 2, 1855, he is the son of John and Susan (Shirk) Gockley, both of whom were born in the Keystone state. His paternal grandparents were Henry and Elizabeth (Dinger) Gockley, in whose family were five children, namely: Henry, Peter, John, Mattie and Sallie. After the death of the grandfather the grandmother married David Layser, by whom she had five sons, Jeremiah, David, Seth, Reuben and Joseph. Our subject's maternal grandparents were Jacob and Nancy (Brubaker) Shirk, who had two children, Elizabeth and Susan. After the death of the grandmother Jacob Shirk mar-

ried Elizabeth Heffley, by whom he also had two children, Harrison and Leah. The Doctor's father learned the tanner's trade but later engaged in farming as his life work. He died in Lebanon county, Pennsylvania, in August, 1902, at the age of eighty-one years. The mother is still living at the age of seventy-nine years. She is a believer in the Christian religion and attends the German Reformed church, as did her husband. There were eight children born to John and Susan Gockley, namely: Henry S., of Myerstown, Pennsylvania; Albert Shirk, of this review; John W., of Erie, Pennsylvania; Mrs. Elizabeth Eckert, of Lebanon, Pennsylvania; Milton G., also of Lebanon; Martin H., of Avon, Pennsylvania; Margaret, wife of Robert Swonger of Lebanon; and one child who died at the age of three years.

Albert Shirk Gockley was reared on his father's farm in Lebanon county ever since he was five years of age. He received his early education in the district schools and later attended the high school at Myerstown. Having shown a decided inclination for intellectual pursuits he became a student of Palatinate College of Myerstown, and after leaving this institution began reading medicine and graduated with the title of M. D. from the University Medical College of New York city in 1880. He received every desirable advantage of training under many of the greatest physicians and surgeons of America. After practicing for a short time at Myerstown, he came to Des Moines, Iowa, in 1882, and in January, 1884, located at Carroll, where he has since continued. Professionally, he is a valued member of the Carroll County Medical Society, Iowa State Medical Society, American Medical Association, and the Missouri Valley Medical Society. Twenty years ago he was appointed a member of the board of United States pension examiners.

On the 12th day of August, 1901, Dr. Gockley was united in marriage to Miss Nanna Rogers, daughter of Edward W. Rogers, and to this union one daughter, Irene, was born. Endowed with talents that would have enabled him to succeed in any vocation he might have chosen, Dr. Gockley years ago attained high rank in his profession and his patrons are among the best people of the community. As a public spirited citizen he is a promoter of education and good government, and socially he is well known. Fraternally, he is identified with the Knights of Pythias. His friends are many and he has met with deserved recognition as a conscientious and thoroughly capable practitioner.

ABRAHAM MOORHOUSE.

The commercial interests of Glidden are very ably represented in the person of Abraham Moorhouse, who has been successfully identified with the grain and lumber business for over twenty years. He was born in Orange, New Jersey, on the 30th of December, 1840, and is a son of Henry and Mary (Booth) Moorhouse, natives of England. The paternal

great-grandparents, Stephen and Mary Moorhouse, were the parents of three sons: Stephen, Isaac and Benjamin. The youngest son, Benjamin, whose natal day was the 17th of February, 1780, and his wife Hannah were the parents of seven children, whose births were as follows: Henry, who was born in Leeds, Yorkshire, on the 11th of October, 1804; Sally, who was born on the 2d of December, 1807; Isaac, born on the 10th of November, 1809; Benjamin, born on the 15th of January, 1812; Joseph, born on the 25th of February, 1814; Stephen, born on the 3d of August, 1817; and Thomas, born on the 9th of February, 1821. Benjamin Moorhouse, the paternal grandfather, was a large woolen manufacturer in England, and at the age of about twenty years his son Henry came to America in the interests of the woolen industry. After residing here about three years he returned to the mother country, where he was married on the 10th of July, 1830, to Miss Mary Booth. Two years thereafter he and his bride returned to the United States, five weeks being required for the journey which was made in a sailing vessel. Upon their arrival here they located in Dutchess county, New York, where their children were reared. After their sons were grown they moved to Wisconsin, locating in Elkhorn, where Mr. Moorhouse passed away on the 12th of July, 1887, at the venerable age of eighty-three. Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Moorhouse, the order of their birth being as follows: Hannah, who was born on the 27th of February, 1832; William H., born on the 6th of February, 1834; Isaac, born on the 23d of March, 1835; Stephen, born on the 23d of April, 1837; Isaac, born on the 24th of November, 1838; Abraham, our subject; Stephen, born on the 18th of December, 1842; Edward, born on the 7th of December, 1843; and Thomas, born on the 8th of December, 1847.

Abraham Moorhouse was reared on the old homestead in Dutchess county, acquiring his education in the common schools which he attended until he had attained the age of seventeen years. In 1857 accompanied by his brother Isaac, he came to Wisconsin where they purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land in the cultivation of which they engaged. They were followed by the mother and another brother and sister, and three years later the father joined them. He had remained in New York to dispose of his interest in the woolen business, wishing to withdraw from this industry before changing his location. In 1861 Mr. Moorhouse responded to his country's call and enlisted in the Twelfth Wisconsin Regimental Band, with which he went to the front, where he remained for a year. At the expiration of that period he returned to the farm where he remained until about 1865. During this time he supplemented the education he had obtained in the common schools by a commercial course which he pursued in the Eastman Commercial College of Chicago, thus acquiring a more practical knowledge of business methods. When he left the farm he went to Elkhorn, where he clerked for a time and later engaged in the hardware business, continuing to be identified with the latter enterprise until 1876. He subsequently removed to Iowa, locating in Jefferson where he engaged in the lumber and grain business for thirteen

years. Disposing of his interests at the expiration of that period he came to Glidden, engaging in the same business which he has ever since followed. Mr. Moorhouse has met with gratifying returns from his ventures and is regarded as one of the successful and substantial citizens of the town.

On the 30th of October, 1873, Mr. Moorhouse was united in marriage to Miss Mary Elizabeth Bogart, a daughter of Orlando and Katherine Bogart, natives of New York, where the father was a broker and banker. The first three years of their domestic life Mr. and Mrs. Moorhouse spent in Elkhorn. Three children have been born to them: Julia B., whose birth occurred on the 21st of July, 1874; Henry, born on the 21st of February, 1880, and who died on the 16th of May, 1890; and Orlando, born on the 23d of September, 1881, who is now engaged in business with his father.

The family are all earnest and active members of the Presbyterian church. His political support Mr. Moorhouse accords the republican party, although not being an office seeker he never prominently participates in civic affairs. He and his family are highly regarded in the community, and take a prominent part in the social life of the town, graciously extending the hospitality of their beautiful home to their many friends.

FRANK KIDNEY.

An extensive landowner and prosperous agriculturist of Carroll county is Frank Kidney, who is now serving his first term as county supervisor. He was born on his father's farm in Illinois, November 30, 1860, a son of Francis and Nancy (Eaton) Kidney.

The early years in the life of Frank Kidney did not differ particularly from those of other lads of the period and circumstances who were reared in the more sparsely settled districts of Illinois. In the acquirement of his education he attended the district schools in the vicinity of his home at such times as his assistance was not required in the work of the farm. He remained a member of the paternal household until he attained his majority, when he left home to begin his independent career as an agriculturist. He came to Richland township, Carroll county, in the spring of 1882 and eight years later he acquired his homestead. His farm contains three hundred and sixty acres of land on section 15, all of which is well improved and highly cultivated. It is rated as one of the valuable properties of the township and Mr. Kidney as one of the most capable and successful agriculturists.

On February 19, 1881, Mr. Kidney was united in marriage to Miss Hattie Kern, a daughter of James W. and Caroline (Town) Kern. The latter was the first white child born in Lee county, Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Kidney have three children: Fred, Guy and Eula.

In matters of citizenship Mr. Kidney is numbered among the public-spirited and progressive citizens of the county, and at the last election was the successful candidate from his district for the position of supervisor.

Although he is only serving his first term Mr. Kidney is discharging the responsibilities of his office in a manner highly creditable to himself and constituency. One of the substantial farmers and stockmen of his section of the county, much of Mr. Kidney's attention has always been given to the breeding and raising of Percheron horses and highly bred sheep, which pursuits have resulted in very gratifying financial returns.

ELIJAH DIAMOND.

One of the best known and most popular business men of Coon Rapids is the genial proprietor of the Diamond Hotel, Elijah Diamond, more familiarly known as "Lige" to his intimates, who is conducting one of the best hostelries in the county. He was born in De Kalb county, Illinois, on the 2d of September, 1870, being a son of William and Adeline (LaBoe) Diamond. His father was a native of Steuben county, New York, his natal day having been the 25th of February, 1832. The mother was born in France, from which country she emigrated as a child with her parents who settled in De Kalb county. There their daughter grew to womanhood, met and subsequently married William Diamond, to whom she bore three children: William J., who is a resident of Atlantic, Iowa; Lida, the wife of Abraham Corbin, of Alva, Oklahoma; and Elijah, our subject. William Diamond, who was born and reared on a farm, was identified with agricultural pursuits during the entire period of his active career. At the breaking out of the Civil war he enlisted in Company D, Ninety-fifth Illinois Volunteer Infantry and went to the front where he remained for four years. He saw much active service, participating in many of the closely contested battles of the war. He was once severely wounded, being shot through the body, and he was also confined for eight months in Andersonville prison. After receiving his discharge he returned to De Kalb county, Illinois, and farmed until his removal to Iowa, locating in the vicinity of Grant, Montgomery county. He resided here for about two years then removed to Griswold, Iowa, where Mrs. Diamond passed away in 1894, at the age of forty-five years. Mr. Diamond has always been a very active and energetic man and when he was seventy-five years of age he filed on six hundred and forty acres of land in Nebraska, which he proved up. He is still surviving at the venerable age of seventy-nine years and is now making his home with his son, Elijah. The paternal grandparents, Jacob and Eliza (Ives) Diamond, were natives of the state of New York, where he passed away in Oswego county. There were four sons born to them, Jacob, William, Frederick and Joshua, all but one of whom, William, served in the Civil war. Mrs. Diamond took for her second husband one Daniel Minn, and they also had four sons who were soldiers in the Rebellion: Daniel, Isaac, Wesley and George. Mrs. Minn was living in Kirkland, Illinois, at the time of her demise.

Elijah Diamond, who was only a little lad when his parents came to Iowa, resided on the farm in Montgomery county until he was ten years of age, attending the district schools in the acquirement of his education. At the expiration of that period he left home to begin his business career. He began working in hotels as messenger and bellboy, following which he became clerk, his first position in this capacity being in the hotel at Griswold, Iowa. From there he went to Clarinda, being employed at the Linderman, thence to Atlantic, where he remained for fourteen years, twelve of which were spent in the Pullman Hotel and two at the Park. From Atlantic he went to Shenandoah, later taking over the management of the Julien at Hamburg, Iowa. In 1905 he came to Coon Rapids and bought the hotel which he is now conducting. He is running a first-class house, the cuisine, service and accommodations being in every way commensurate with the terms. During the period of his proprietorship he has succeeded in building up an excellent patronage of a most desirable class.

On the 18th of October, 1897, Mr. Diamond was united in marriage to Miss Fannie Parr, a daughter of Alexander and Julia (Abrams) Parr, the father a native of Kentucky and the mother of Ohio. They were among the early settlers of De Soto, where Mrs. Diamond was born and her parents passed away, the mother at the age of forty-two and the father at seventy. They were the parents of five sons and seven daughters: Joseph; Ina; Ellen; Alice; Charlotte; Fannie; Elizabeth; William, who is deceased; Bessie; Andrew; Charles; and George. To Mr. and Mrs. Diamond there has been born one daughter, Ruby Evelyn.

Mr. Diamond is one of the public-spirited and enterprising citizens of the town who during the six years of his residence here has made many friends, who hold him in high regard.

GEORGE M. CRETSINGER.

George M. Cretsinger, who for a number of years has been successfully engaged in the insurance and real-estate business at Coon Rapids, was born in Putnam county, Ohio, on the 18th of May, 1851. His parents, Jacob and Delilah (Harris) Cretsinger, were natives of Virginia and Ohio respectively. His paternal grandfather, a gentleman of Holland Dutch descent, lived in Virginia and later removed to Ohio. He was a shoemaker by trade and attained a ripe old age. The maternal grandfather of our subject spent his entire life in the Buckeye state.

Jacob Cretsinger, the father of George M. Cretsinger, was reared in Virginia, removed to Ohio in 1837 and in 1856 came to Carroll county, Iowa, settling in Union township, where he purchased a farm of one hundred and sixty acres. He turned his attention to the further cultivation and improvement of the property and thereon reared his family. He spent a few years in Guthrie county but passed away in Carroll county in 1890, when he had attained the age of seventy-eight years. At one time he held

the office of county treasurer. Both he and his wife were Methodists in religious belief, the latter passing away in the faith of that church in 1861 at the age of forty-two years. They were the parents of six children, three sons and three daughters, namely: John M., who is deceased; Mary Ann, the wife of J. M. Gilbert, of Creighton, Nebraska; Minerva J., who is the wife of John Minnich and resides in Guthrie county, Iowa; George M., of this review; Isaac M., living in Guthrie county, Iowa; and Sarah E.

George M. Cretsinger was a little lad of five years when he accompanied his parents on their removal to Carroll county. Eight years later the family home was established in Guthrie county, where he grew to manhood. He was reared on a farm and attended the district schools in the acquirement of an education. In 1878 he left the parental roof, rented a tract of land in Guthrie county from his father and cultivated it for several years. Subsequently he went to South Dakota, where for two years, in 1878 and 1879, he followed freighting from Sidney, Nebraska, and old Fort Pierre to Rapid City and Deadwood in the Black Hills. He hauled two loads of material from Fort Pierre to Lead City for the first one hundred and twenty stamp mill at that city in the Black Hills. Later he preempted one hundred and sixty acres of land in Pennington county, South Dakota, improved the property and then sold it. In 1882 he came to Coon Rapids, Iowa, which town has since remained his place of residence. He owns and leases a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Union township and also has property in Guthrie. For a number of years he has been identified with insurance and real-estate interests and has built up an extensive and gratifying patronage in these connections. Many sales and purchases of property have been entrusted to him, for he has made it his purpose to fully acquaint himself with realty values.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. Cretsinger has supported the men and measures of the democracy. Fraternally he is connected with the Masons, belonging to Charity Lodge. He enjoys a wide acquaintance throughout the community and has won uniform trust and good will by reason of a life which in all of its phases has been straightforward and honorable. In business circles he has been well known for his alert and enterprising spirit and his salient qualities and characteristics are such as win an honorable success.

GEORGE C. HILL.

Judging by his record no man in Carroll county deserves a more permanent place in the history of the county than George C. Hill, whose name stands at the head of this review. He was a valiant soldier for the Union when the flag was assailed, and for fifty years has been connected with the Chicago & Northwestern Railway, filling the position of locomotive engineer during the last thirty years. It is doubtful whether his record can be duplicated anywhere in the country.

He was born at Billerica, Massachusetts, October 31, 1844, a son of Josiah and Mary (Carter) Hill, both of whom were natives of Massachusetts. Joseph Hill, the paternal grandfather, was also born in Massachusetts. He died well advanced in years and his widow, Susan Hill, subsequently married Mr. Cole. There were three children in the family of the maternal grandfather, Mary, Harriet and George. The last named died a bachelor at the age of ninety-one years. The father of our subject, who was by trade a carpenter, came to Clinton, Iowa, in 1863, and died in September, 1883, at the age of seventy-six years. He was a member of the Methodist church. He was four times married, his first wife being Mary French, of Billerica, who died at the birth of her daughter, Mary, the wife of George Dustin, now living at 3422 Carroll avenue, Chicago. For his second wife he wedded Mary Carter, by whom he had three sons: George C., of this review; Joseph M., a resident of North Wilmington, Massachusetts; and John B., of Clinton, Iowa. Mr. Hill secured a divorce from this wife about 1854 in Massachusetts and about 1859 he married Emily Farr, of Manchester, New Hampshire, by whom he had three children: Dora Susan, now Mrs. B. B. Thornton, of Cheney, Washington; Harriet Sophronia, the wife of James McGinnis, of Sioux City, Iowa; and Willie J., deceased. The mother of these children died at Clinton, Iowa, in January, 1865, and the father married her sister Dorothy Farr in November, 1867. They had two children: Emily, now Mrs. John L. Burke, of Fremont, Nebraska; and Olin Edgar, a druggist of Clinton, Iowa. All are now living with the exception of Willie.

George C. Hill was reared in Massachusetts until thirteen years of age and then removed with his parents to Wisconsin and attended school at Fort Atkinson. After leaving school he went to work under his father in the water department of the Wisconsin division of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway. In December, 1863, being then nineteen years of age, he enlisted in Company M, First Wisconsin Cavalry, in which he served as private. He participated in the battles of Franklin, Tennessee, Pulaski, West Point, Georgia, and a number of movements and skirmishes, at all times responding to the call of duty. He was mustered out August 12, 1865, and came to Iowa, settling at Clinton, where he resumed work for the Northwestern Railway Company. In August, 1872, he became a fireman and in May, 1880, qualified as an engineer, having ever since served with the railway in that capacity. He has been a resident of Carroll for about fifteen years and is one of its most respected citizens.

On the 19th of June, 1876, Mr. Hill was united in marriage to Miss Mary Walkinshaw, a native of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, daughter of Robert and Rosanna (Schoch) Walkinshaw. The father was born in Scotland and the mother in Baden Baden, Germany. They came to this country and made their home for a while at Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and later removed to Fulton, Iowa, finally settling at Clinton. The father was a soldier of the Civil war and served in the Fifty-second Illinois Volunteer Infantry. He died at the Soldiers Home in Marshalltown, Iowa, at the age of seventy-eight years, his wife passing away at Carroll at the age of

eighty-six. In their family were five children, of whom John died at the age of two years. The others are as follows: Mary, now the wife of our subject; Fanny; Margaret, now Mrs. J. H. Shaffer, living at Clinton, Iowa; and Elizabeth, the wife of A. Robert Woodbury, of Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Mr. Hill is an active member of the Masonic order and belongs to Signet Lodge, No. 264, A. F. & A. M., and to Copestone Chapter, No. 78, R. A. M., both of Carroll. Politically he gives his adherence to the republican party and socially is connected with Jeff C. Davis Post, G. A. R., of Carroll. Mr. Hill was a good soldier and not less faithful and true has he been when standing at the throttle of his engine. It is with pleasure that this sketch of this honorable gentleman is presented in a work which will be read long after the generation now living has passed from earthly scenes.

ANDREW JACKSON LOUDENBACK.

No history of Carroll county would be complete were there failure to make mention of Andrew Jackson Loudenback, one of the old settlers of this district, now living retired in Glidden. A native of Illinois, he was born on a farm on the eastern boundary line of that state not far from Peoria, March 4, 1832, and is a son of James and Nancy (Barr) Loudenback. His parents were born in Germany but were reared and married in Kentucky and at an early day took up their abode in Illinois, being numbered among the pioneer settlers of that state. They first located on what was known as the American bottoms but, that being a malaria infested region, they did not remain long but removed to Canton, Illinois, where the father followed the wheelwright's trade for a number of years, manufacturing wagons, spinning wheels, etc. The mother passed away in that city in 1839. During the Indian war he enlisted but, owing to his wife's illness, sent a substitute. He remained a resident of Canton until after the Civil war and then removed to Kansas, locating thirteen miles north of Fort Scott, at Lewisburg, where his remaining days were spent. After the death of his first wife he was again married, his second union being with Miss Harrington, and after her demise he was wedded a third time. Unto his first union were born seven children but only five attained maturity, as follows: Lucinda, now deceased, who was twice married, her first union being with James Tatam, after whose death she wedded John Artman; Jacob, a resident of Kansas; John; Andrew Jackson, of this review; and David, who died in Kansas. By his second wife he had one daughter, who married and died in early womanhood.

Andrew Jackson Loudenback was reared on a farm in Fulton county, Illinois, about a mile and a half from Canton, and in early boyhood attended the old subscription schools of his time. His educational advantages were limited, however, for at the early age of ten years he began to

earn his own livelihood, his initial step in the business world being in the capacity of farm hand. He was thus engaged for six years, and for his first year's service received board, clothing and schooling. At the end of the second year he was given a yoke of young steers for his work, after which he was paid twelve dollars per month. Carefully saving his earnings he purchased a horse, then rented land and began farming on his own account. For many years he was engaged in farming as a renter and two years after his marriage, which occurred in Canton, Illinois, he removed to Stark county, that state, just prior to the Civil war, where he rented a farm for a few years. Wishing to continue the healthful and independent life of a farmer he purchased two tracts of land, one consisting of forty acres and the other of thirty-five acres, at a purchase price of twenty-five dollars per acre. To the development and improvement of this property he devoted his energies for the succeeding seven years, and at the expiration of that period was able to sell both farms for twice their original value, receiving fifty dollars per acre for the entire land. In 1872 he came to Iowa here investing in a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Carroll county, about seven miles northeast of Glidden, which remained his home for a number of years. He also purchased seventy-five acres in Greene county, to which he later added a tract of forty acres, and at the present time owns two hundred and seventy acres of as finely developed property as can be found in the county. He energetically and successfully carried on general farming until 1901, when he retired from active business life and removed to Glidden, where he purchased a home in which he is now spending the evening of his days, surrounded by many of the comforts which make life worth living.

On the 14th of October, 1856, Mr. Loudenback was united in marriage to Miss Susanna Millhouse, who was born July 22, 1832, and passed to her final rest February 4, 1874, at the age of forty-one years and five months. She was the mother of seven children, as follows: William H., a farmer of Greene county, Iowa, who married Miss Sadie May, by whom he has three children, Grace, Lee and Ralph; Charles H., who married Miss Carrie Smith, and with his six children, George, Toy, Dwight, Everett, Mildred and Arnold, resides near Cashmere, Washington; Mary Alice, the wife of Wood Trafford, of Glidden township, the mother of three children, Herbert, Agnes and Frank; Arthur L., residing at Midway, Slope county, North Dakota, who married Miss Ida Eldred and now has two children, Esther and Albert; Frank M., residing near Bagley, Minnesota, who married Miss Emma Miskey, and after her death wedded Miss Zella Eppert; Edgar M., a resident of Greene county, who married Miss Cora Bruntlett, by whom he has a son, Wayne; and Andrew Jackson, Jr., living on the old homestead in Glidden township, who married Miss Ethel Clark, by whom he has two daughters, Margaret and Eva. On the 19th of December, 1875, Mr. Loudenback was again married, his second union being with Mrs. Emeline Short, the widow of William Short and a daughter of Isaac and Sarah (Anderson) Waldron. She was born in Shelby county, Ohio, September 13, 1831, and by her former marriage had two children, Clara E. and Rob-

ert B. The daughter, now deceased, became the wife of John Sims, and they had two children, one of whom now survives, Mrs. Hattie Mayberry. The son, Robert B., is a resident of Glidden, Iowa. He wedded Miss Mary Dillavou and unto them have been born four children, Ray, Erwin, Vera May and Ralph. Mrs. Loudenback has five great-grandchildren.

Recognizing the harm caused by the liquor traffic, Mr. Loudenback has ever given his political support to the prohibition party, doing all in his power to assist the nation in overcoming this, one of the greatest evils against which is has to contend. He is a believer in the Christian religion but is not a member of any denomination. He has been a zealous worker against all forms of secret societies, believing that such organizations work harm to the people and especially to Christianity. A self-made man, Mr. Loudenback, with little education and without capital, started out in life for himself when only a lad and, being inspired by laudable ambition and possessed of aggressiveness and zeal, he applied himself energetically to the tasks set before him and on the strength of his own resources, reinforced by hard work and honesty, found success and finally attained his present prosperity. He has almost reached the eightieth milestone on life's journey and can now spend his declining years in comfort amid the regard of friends who recognize his worth and justly account him one of the representative citizens of the county.

SIMON BURGAN.

Simon Burgan, who owns two hundred acres of land in Union and Newton townships, to the operation of which he devotes his entire attention, was born in Wayne county, Ohio, on the 8th of August, 1842. He is a son of Evans F. and Mary Ann (Connelly) Burgan, natives of Pennsylvania, who came to Ohio during the pioneer days. Whence they proceeded to Muscatine county, Iowa, in 1844, remaining there for twenty-four years. In 1868 Mr. Burgan acquired a fine farm property of four hundred acres west of Carroll, his being the last residence between there and Arcadia. He settled upon this place where he continued to reside until his demise in 1885 at the age of eighty years. Mrs. Burgan survived for six years thereafter, her death occurring in Union township, after she had passed the eighty-second anniversary of her birth. They both held membership in the Methodist church, and Mr. Burgan, who was a republican, always took an active and helpful interest in all local political affairs. During the period of his residence in Muscatine county he filled various township offices, and he also served for several years as supervisor. Mr. Burgan was a son of Finley and Sarah Burgan, both natives of Pennsylvania, to whom were born nineteen children, ten sons and nine daughters. The father was a veteran of the war of 1812. The maternal grandparents were also natives of Pennsylvania and they had four children, three sons and one daughter: Preston, Christ, Rant and Mary Ann.

As he was only a child of two years when his parents located in Muscatine county, Simon Burgan was reared there and educated in the district and select schools. He remained at home with his parents until he was twenty years of age, when being seized with the restlessness, which characterizes the majority of youths at that period of their development, he went west. The following ten years were spent prospecting in the mining districts of Montana and Idaho. He returned to Iowa in 1872, taking up his residence with his parents on the old homestead. The management of the property virtually devolved upon him from that time until the demise of his father, when it came into his possession. He subsequently sold it and a year later bought his present farm of two hundred acres.

On the 12th of December, 1883, Mr. Burgan was united in marriage to Miss Willetta Baird, a daughter of William V. and Maria (Ouderkirk) Baird. Her birth occurred in Charleston, New York, of which city her parents were also natives. Her paternal grandparents were Christopher and Caroline (Van Doren) Baird, while her maternal grandparents were Cornelius and Mary (Scouten) Ouderkirk. In pioneer days her parents removed to Illinois, but the mother died in Carroll county, Iowa, and the father in New York state, both being buried in Carroll county. In their family were seven children, namely: Alexander, Andrew, Clay, Zachary, Willetta, Cornelius and William Wallace. The last named was a soldier of the Civil war. Mr. and Mrs. Burgan have no children of their own but have adopted a daughter, Ora Louise.

Mr. Burgan casts his ballot in support of the men and measures of the republican party and is now serving as school director. Both he and his wife attend the United Brethren church, of which she is a member, although they were reared Presbyterians. He is one of the prosperous and highly esteemed citizens of Union township and has a wide acquaintance throughout the county.

C. M. FERDINAND MESS.

A large number of the foreign-born residents of the United States who had their nativity in the fatherland have found excellent opportunities in the rich farming districts of Iowa for advancement along agricultural lines, in which number is included C. M. Ferdinand Mess. Born in Holstein, Germany, on the 28th of December, 1851, he is a son of Henry and Christina (Reise) Mess, both natives of Germany, who came to the United States in 1867, locating first in Chicago. There the father followed his trade of wagon-making for a number of years, and the family were still making their home in the western metropolis when the great fire of 1871 swept over that city. At that time various members of the family were afflicted with smallpox, but in spite of their precarious condition were compelled to get up from their beds and walk out of their burning home. There is today in the possession of the family a ball of glass which was

originally a window pane in their residence and which had been melted to its present condition by the terrific heat of that conflagration. In 1873 Henry Mess brought his family to Carroll county, locating in Arcadia township, where he took up farming, being thus engaged until his death, which occurred March 2, 1878. In 1879 his wife suffered a stroke of paralysis and was helpless up to the time of her death August 5, 1895. Both were laid to rest in Arcadia cemetery. In their family were four children, namely: Dora, who married Henry Tank, of Arcadia; Emilie, the deceased wife of Frank Brown, of West Side, Iowa, her death occurring January 31, 1890; C. M. Ferdinand, of this review; and Henriette, residing with her brother.

Ere leaving his native country C. M. F. Mess acquired a good common school education, and was sixteen years of age when the family home was established in America. He remained with his parents until their death, and since 1890 has operated the old homestead, upon which he made many improvements. He planted all of the trees on the place and now has a fine grove of evergreens, has built substantial barns and outbuildings and in the fields are found modern equipment for facilitating farm labor. His farm now consists of three hundred and one acres of as valuable and well developed land as can be found in the township, his fields being under a high state of cultivation. He has not been afraid to work but on the contrary his place indicates, by its neat and well ordered appearance, a life of industry, enterprise and thrift on his part. In addition to cultivating the soil he also engages in raising stock, the high grade of which commands ready sale and good prices on the market.

On the 20th of November, 1888, Mr. Mess was united in marriage to Miss Mary Waswo. Her parents, Claus and Margaret (Carson) Waswo, were born, reared and married in Kellinghausen, Holstein, Germany, which was also the birthplace of Mrs. Mess. In August, 1868, the family came to America and located in Chicago, Illinois, where the father conducted a tannery, making his home there for twelve years, and then removed to Wheatland township, Carroll county. Here he rented land and engaged in agricultural pursuits. He died in Jackson, Minnesota, in 1909, but the mother of Mrs. Mess had passed away many years previously, dying in Chicago in 1876. In their family were four children, all of whom are living, Mrs. Mess being the eldest. Henry is a resident of Dakota. Anna is the wife of Lawrence Kelting, of Manning, Iowa, and Emma is the wife of Fred Wittmus, of Fairfax, South Dakota. The family were all members of the German Lutheran church and Mr. Waswo was a republican in politics. To Mr. and Mrs. Mess were born five children, namely: Christine M. E., Henry C. and Willie A., all at home; and Fred and Emil, both deceased.

Mr. Mess holds membership in the Lutheran church and fraternally belongs to the Legion of Honor at Cedar Rapids, Iowa. In politics he is a republican, having served as road master and also as assessor of the township, and in his citizenship has ever been most loyal to his adopted country and its institutions. He has long been a resident of Carroll county,

coming to this district when there were only about nine buildings in the village of Arcadia, and his nearest neighbor was five miles away. Since that time he has witnessed the growth and development of the township, doing all in his power to further the work of improvement that has steadily been carried on within its borders, and by the consensus of public opinion he is given a prominent place among the enterprising, progressive and public-spirited citizens of this locality.

JOSEPH J. MEYERS.

Some men are so fortunate as to find the vocation for which they are by nature adapted early in life and they accomplish easily what requires years of patient application on the part of others. It is evident that Joseph J. Meyers, county attorney of Carroll county, belongs to the fortunate class here mentioned. Although he has engaged in the practice of law only seven years, he has gained a place as one of the well established attorneys of the county. He was born in this county, September 25, 1880, a son of John and Catherine (Rosauer) Meyers, the former a native of Dubuque county, and the latter of Chickasaw county, Iowa. The father came to Carroll county in 1872 and purchased a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Roselle township. He applied himself with such good results that he is now the owner of a valuable place of four hundred acres and is one of the highly successful citizens of this section. Mrs. Meyers was called from earthly scenes June 8, 1895, when she was forty years of age. She was a devout member of the Catholic church, as is her husband. In their family were eleven children, nine of whom grew to maturity, namely: Mary, who is the wife of P. V. Lenz, of Kimball, South Dakota; Edward C., who is engaged in the Christian ministry at Milford, Iowa; Louis F., of Hartington, Nebraska; Joseph J., the subject of this sketch; Rose, who became the wife of Frank Gerber, of Randolph, Nebraska; Kate, who married Joseph J. Wolfe, of Carroll, Iowa; Margaret, who died aged nineteen years; and Anna and John H., both of whom are at home. The paternal grandfather of our subject was Christopher Meyers, who was born in Luxemburg. He was a farmer and lived to a good old age, being the father of twelve children, Anna, Joseph, Catherine, Henry, Elizabeth, William, John, Christopher, Louis, Albert, Peter and Benjamin. The paternal grandmother was Mary Meyers. The grandfather on the maternal side is Joseph Rosauer, a native of Germany, who is now living at Hillsdale, Iowa, his wife being deceased and the maternal grandmother was Lena Rosauer. The names of their children were Peter, Joseph, Nellie, Mary, Catherine, Caroline and Elizabeth.

Joseph J. Meyers was reared on his father's farm and possessed advantages of education in the district schools and in a parochial school at Hillsdale. He was a student for a year at St. Francis College of Quincy, Illinois, and after returning home, being then seventeen years of age,



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was appointed deputy county treasurer, which office he filled to the general satisfaction of the taxpayers for two years. Desiring to advance further in his studies and having already made up his mind to adopt the legal profession as his life work, he became a student of Iowa State College of Ames, where he continued for two years, at the end of which time he entered Notre Dame University at South Bend, Indiana, and took a three years' course at that celebrated institution, graduating in 1904 with the degree of LL. B. He was admitted to the bar shortly afterward and began practice at Carroll in partnership with C. E. Reynolds under the title of Reynolds & Meyers, the firm soon becoming recognized as one of the most prominent in the county. In the fall of 1910 Mr. Meyers was elected county attorney, a position which he assumed in January, 1911. He is also a member of the board of directors of the Carroll Muzzle Company and is actively identified with other business organizations in this part of the state.

Politically Mr. Meyers has, from the time of casting his first ballot, given his allegiance to the democratic party, and his religious faith is indicated by membership in the Catholic church. He is also connected with the Knights of Columbus and the Beta Theta Pi, a college fraternity. He takes an active interest in public affairs and has served as president of the Citizens Commercial Club of Carroll, being at all times ready to assist in advancing the permanent welfare of the city. He is a clear and attractive speaker and, having made thorough preparation for his profession, which he has supplemented by close and conscientious study, he has a sound knowledge of law and is thus enabled to solve many intricate problems arising in the course of an extensive practice. He has been connected with much important litigation affecting large interests in Carroll and adjoining counties and has made for himself a highly creditable name as an attorney and as a patriotic and progressive citizen.

PATRICK DORAN.

Patrick Doran, who owns one of the fine farms of Union township, in the operation of which he is meeting with much success, was born in Edgerton, Wisconsin, on the 24th of April, 1861, and is a son of Patrick and Mary (Pendergast) Doran. The parents were both natives of Ireland, the father having been born in County Tipperary and the mother in County Waterford. Patrick Doran was reared in the county where he was born and when old enough to become a wage earner was employed on the public works. He emigrated to the United States in his early manhood and soon thereafter located in Rock county, Wisconsin, in the vicinity of Edgerton. In 1877 he came to Carroll county, purchasing a farm of eighty acres in Union township. This he improved and cultivated with such excellent success that he was later able to increase his homestead by the addition of another eighty acres. Both he and his wife passed away at the

age of eighty-four years, his demise occurring in January, 1901, and Mrs. Doran's in September, 1909. They were life-long communicants of the Roman Catholic church. To them were born six children, in the following order: John, who is a resident of Union township; Patrick, our subject; Mary, the wife of Frank Trullinger, of Guthrie county; Maggie, who married John Christie, of Richmond township; Annie, the wife of James Christie of Zell, South Dakota; and Katie, the wife of George Trullinger, of Guthrie county.

The boyhood and early youth of Patrick Doran were passed on his father's farm in Wisconsin, in the surrounding district schools of which he obtained his education. He was sixteen years of age when his parents removed to Iowa in 1877, and he has ever since continuously resided here. Agricultural pursuits have always engaged his attention and he now owns one hundred and sixty acres of land on section 12, Union township, a portion of which he inherited after the death of his father. He is one of the progressive and enterprising agriculturists of the township, which means he is also one of the prosperous. His place is well improved and kept up and his fields given the capable supervision which always insures abundant harvests.

On the 26th of November, 1885, Mr. Doran was united in marriage to Miss Agnes Egan, a daughter of John and Hannah (Martin) Egan, both natives of Ireland, from which country they emigrated to the United States, locating in Green county, Wisconsin. There they both passed away, the mother at the age of seventy-one, and the father at eighty-six. They were the parents of nine children: Catharine; Maria; Patrick, who is deceased; Celia; Margaret; Hannah; John; Nellie; and Agnes, now Mrs. Doran, who was born in Green county.

Mr. and Mrs. Doran have in their family eight children: Mabel, the wife of Edward Croake, who has one son, Harold; Harold, who is proving up on a claim in Tama and Meade counties, South Dakota; William; Alice; Grace; Helen; John and Celia.

All of the family are communicants of the Roman Catholic church, and Mr. Doran and two of his sons are affiliated with the Knights of Columbus. He is a democrat, but has never sought any office or political preferment in any way. He is one of the popular citizens of Union township whose upright business transactions and incorruptible integrity have won him the esteem of all with whom he has had dealings.

DAVID HENRY PARK.

Among the men whose lives and personal efforts contributed materially toward the upbuilding of Carroll it is doubtful whether any deserve a more honorable mention in this work than David Henry Park, now deceased. He was born in Hawick, Roxburghshire, Scotland, within a few miles of Edinburgh, May 28, 1850, a son of Andrew and Sophia (Milligan)

Park, both of whom were natives of Scotland. They had eleven children all of whom grew to maturity, namely: George R., who is now living at Evans, Colorado; William R., of Fairfax, Iowa; Jane, now Mrs. Charles Mallock, of Morning Sun, Iowa; Thomas, a minister of the gospel, who is located at Allegheny City, Pennsylvania; Jeannette, who married Charles Wheeler, of Newhall, Iowa; David Henry; Belle, who became the wife of Dr. Stroud, of Ontario, Canada, and is now deceased; Sophia, who married J. R. Gordon, of Pueblo, Colorado; Ella, now Mrs. James Page, of Whitewater, Colorado; Andrew, who died in March, 1910; and Margaret, who is the wife of R. Darr, of Storm Lake, Iowa. Andrew Park, the father of our subject, was for many years foreman of a large woolen mill in his native country, having about five hundred workers under his supervision. He was a great reader and thinker, a natural poet and descriptive writer, a naturalist and an inventor-machinist. His father was William Park, a shepherd in Inverness, Scotland, and his mother was Janet Main. Seven sons and six daughters were born to them. The sons followed their father's occupation with the exception of David S. Park, for whom David H. Park was named, and who was a general merchant at Hawick, Scotland. The youngest daughter of this large family died only three years ago, at the venerable age of ninety years, a woman like Dorcas full of faith and good deeds. David H. Park's mother, Sophia Milligan, was a woman of culture and special aptness in making herself helpful both to rich and poor. His maternal grandfather was George Milligan, was a cabinet-maker and undertaker in Hawick all his life, his son Robert succeeding to the business, which was conducted by the two for a period of nearly seventy-five years. His grandmother was Jane Patterson, a woman noted for her consecrated Christian life. He had one maternal uncle, the one mentioned above.

In 1857 Andrew Park crossed the ocean with his family and, after a thirty-seven-day trip on the sailing vessel Pomona, they landed and took up their residence in Delaware county, New York, in July of this year, later arriving in Linn county, Iowa, where he engaged in farming. He died at the home of his son, in Allegheny City, Pennsylvania, having arrived at the age of eighty-three years, while his wife passed away about 1880. They were both devoted members of the United Presbyterian church.

David H. Park arrived in America with his parents at the age of seven years and grew to maturity under the kindly influences of a peaceful home. He received his education in the public school and in the Academy of Andes, Delaware county, New York. His boyhood was spent on his father's farm. In 1869, in March, he came with his father's family to Iowa, where he attended business college in Cedar Rapids. He lived part of the time in Norway and part in Fairfax. Later he mastered the carpenter's trade and was a contractor for several years. In Fairfax he had a wagon repairing and blacksmith shop. Spending only a short time in business in Norway, he came after his marriage to Carroll, where he associated with his brother Andrew in the implement business. The brother retired a few years later and Mr. Park of this review continued the firm

until about 1902 when he sold out and entered the real-estate business. He was a man of excellent judgment and his efforts were blessed with abundant financial returns.

On the 11th of May, 1882, Mr. Park was married to Miss Edith C. Vette, a daughter of Charles O. and Ursula (Wilkins) Vette. To them three children were born, Marian Edith, Helen Ursula and Fairy Belle. Marian Edith was a student at Lake Forest, Illinois, and was graduated from Urbana University at Urbana, Ohio. She married Fred H. Culbertson, of Carroll, and they have one child, Helen Adelaide. Helen Ursula, the second in order of birth in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Park, attended St. Mary's Episcopal school at Faribault, Minnesota, and was also a student at Lake Forest, Illinois, graduating later at Urbana University. Mrs. Edith C. Park is a member of the Church of the New Jerusalem, commonly known as the Swedenborgian church. She was born near Norway, in Iowa county, Iowa. Her father was born at Bielefeld, Westphalia, Germany, and emigrated to America with an older brother at the age of fourteen, living in St. Louis, Missouri, for a number of years. He came to Iowa county, Iowa, where he met and married Miss Ursula Wilkins. She was born in Michigan and came with her parents to Benton county, Iowa, the family later moving to Marengo, Iowa, where the father died at the age of sixty-three years. The mother still survives and makes her home with her children. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Vette were nine children, as follows: Ella, who died at the age of twenty-one years; Edith C., who married David H. Park; Fairy Belle, the wife of Charles M. Power, of Omaha, Nebraska; Arthur and Victor, twins, the former of whom lives at Marengo, Iowa, and the latter at Indianapolis, Indiana; Charles E., of Sioux City, Iowa; Bertha Adelaide, who married B. H. Stover, of Watertown, South Dakota; Frank J., of Omaha; and Marian, who died at the age of fifteen months. The maternal grandfather of Mrs. Park was Josiah Wilkins, a farmer of New York state, and his wife was Locena (Foote) Wilkins. They had thirteen children, seven of whom grew to maturity, namely: Elizabeth, now deceased, who became the wife of William Taylor and afterward married Porter Johnson; Anson, deceased; Elzora, the widow of Ethan Pritchard, of Waterman, Illinois; Alfred, who died in California; Ursula, who married Charles O. Vette and became the mother of Mrs. Park; Jennie, the widow of Nathaniel Hedrick, of Ainsworth, Nebraska; and Newton, who enlisted in the Union army and died in the service of his country.

David H. Park was one of the most popular citizens Carroll has known. He was a public-spirited man and a leader in every movement that aimed to secure the advancement of the city. He loved his wife, his children and his friends and was always kind, generous and true to others and mindful of the rights of his fellows, winning for himself a warm spot in the hearts of all with whom he came into contact. He died in 1910, as the result of a surgical operation. As the end approached he requested that the Twenty-third Psalm be repeated and then after kissing his wife and bidding his family a last farewell he gently fell asleep. The funeral was held Sat-

urday afternoon in one of the busiest seasons of the year, yet the business houses of the city were all closed in honor of one whose departure was regarded as a loss to the entire community. He was a devoted member of the Masonic order whose beneficent teachings largely influenced his life and his name was upon the rolls of the blue lodge, chapter, commandery and shrine. The funeral services were in charge of the fraternity, a short address being also delivered at the house by Rev. Dudley of the Methodist church. Mr. Park was very largely instrumental in the erection of the Masonic temple which stands in Carroll, a fitting monument to a man whose name will long be revered and whose good works continue to shed their blessings, though the one who inspired them is no more.

FRANK TOYNE.

Frank Toyne, who is engaged in general farming and the raising and breeding of thoroughbred horses and cattle on his homestead in Jasper township, was born in Cedar county, Iowa, on the 10th of September, 1876. His father, George Toyne, is a native of Lincolnshire, England, where he was reared and educated. At the age of twenty-one he determined to emigrate to America, and took passage for the United States, arriving in this country in 1856. He first located in Ohio, where he remained for a year; later he went to Cedar county, Iowa. There he was subsequently married, continuing to reside there until 1879 in which year he came to Carroll county. He acquired a farm on section 36, Jasper township, which he improved and cultivated until 1893, when he withdrew from agricultural pursuits and removed to Glidden, where he is now living retired at the age of seventy-six years. He met with most gratifying success in his undertakings and acquired five hundred acres of excellent farming land in this county, which was the result of his own unaided effort. Mr. Toyne has twice married, his first wife passed away in 1871, leaving five children: Mira, the wife of Jeff Meyers, a resident of Nebraska; William, who is running a grain elevator at Ralston, Iowa; May, the wife of Ira Wienek, of Lake City; Eva, the wife of Daniel Leonard, of Lanesboro; and Frank, who is our subject. For his second wife Mr. Toyne chose Mrs. Julietta Scranton, and to them were also born five children: Alice, who is deceased; John, who is living in Indianapolis, Indiana; Iva, the wife of Daniel Ruby, of Boise, Idaho; and Julia and Charles, both of whom are at home.

Reared on the homestead in Jasper township, Frank Toyne acquired his education in the common schools, remaining a member of the parental household until he was twenty-five years of age. In 1901 he located upon his present homestead, on which he has effected many improvements during the period of his ownership. His farm contains one hundred and sixty acres of land and is known as "East Lawn;" here he is raising Shorthorns and thoroughbred horses, in connection with the tilling of his fields.

Mr. Toyne was united in marriage to Miss May Drew, who passed away in 1900. Three children were born of this union: Guy; and Grace and Gladden, who are twins. In 1907 Mr. Toyne married Gertrude Hinkley, his present wife and they have become the parents of two children, one who died in infancy and Gurdon.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Toyne affiliate with the Methodist Episcopal church and politically he is a republican. He is not an office seeker although for two years he served in the capacity of school treasurer. He is one of the energetic and enterprising citizens of Jasper township, who is becoming recognized as one of the substantial farmers.

S. P. GULICK.

Through the improvement of the opportunities which Iowa offers in agricultural lines S. P. Gulick has become one of the substantial citizens of Carroll county. He is one of Iowa's eastern-born residents, his birth having taken place in Montgomery county, New York, on the 25th of August, 1845, a son of William and Anne Marie (Parks) Gulick. The father, who was born in the same county in 1801, was a blacksmith by trade who, in 1856, sought the opportunities of the middle west, locating in Clinton county, Iowa. He was engaged at his trade there for several years, after which he came to Carroll county and here he resided with his son, S. P. Gulick. During his latter years he lived retired and passed away on the 3d of June, 1880. His wife's death followed ten years later, at which time she was laid by the side of her husband in West Side cemetery. She was descended from an old Connecticut family and her father served in the Revolutionary war. To Mr. and Mrs. William Gulick were born three sons and four daughters, namely: Lonette, the deceased wife of P. J. Schuyler, whose remains were also interred in West Side cemetery; Henry, deceased; Sarah, the widow of Richard Wagner, of Denison, Iowa; Cynthia, who married Charles Jones, also of that city; Emma, the deceased wife of George Harris, of Rockwell City, Iowa; William, who was killed while serving in the Civil war at the battle of Bayou Meto; and S. P., of this review.

In the county of his nativity S. P. Gulick spent the first eleven years of his life, and his education, which had been begun in the Empire state, was continued in the schools of Clinton county, Iowa. After his graduation from the high school he pursued a course at the college at Mount Vernon, Iowa, and with this broad mental training he returned home to take up the cares and responsibilities of business life. In 1873 he came to Carroll county where he entered a farm in Arcadia township, about a half mile from West Side. The land was unimproved when it came into his possession, still covered with its native growth, and Mr. Gulick had first to clear a road before he could haul the timber with which to build his house. There were no bridges in the district at that time, and it was

necessary to fill many of the ditches with brush in order to pass over them. The dwelling which he erected is still standing and is one of the old landmarks of the locality. Confronted by the arduous task of converting his raw prairie land into productive fields, Mr. Gulick at once concentrated his efforts upon its development and improvement and, overcoming all obstacles and difficulties which lay in his path, it was not long ere he had brought his farm under a high state of cultivation. He not only erected substantial and commodious barns and outbuildings but set out many fruit trees and also had a fine grove of shade trees of his own planting and instituted many other improvements. His farm, consisting of eighty acres, is now equipped with all of the machinery necessary for the successful conduct of an agricultural enterprise and is one of the desirable and valuable properties of the township.

In 1886 Mr. Gulick was married to Miss Mary Hannah, and they have one son, Robert, who now operates his father's farm. The parents hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, the teachings of which form the guiding influences of their lives, and the political support of Mr. Gulick is given to the republican party. He early learned the lesson that success must be purchased at the price of earnest, well defined labor, and by constant exertion, associated with good judgment, he has gained a place among the substantial agriculturists of Arcadia township and commands the respect and confidence of all with whom he has business relations.

HENRY HOFFMANN.

Henry Hoffmann, who for twenty-six years was engaged in the mercantile business in Manning, but is now living retired, was born in Elsdorf, province of Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, on the 25th of April, 1860. He is a son of John and Frauke (Thede) Hoffmann, who were natives of the same province, the father having been born on the 6th of December, 1818, and the mother in 1818, her natal day having been the 23d of March. Mr. Hoffmann, who was a carpenter by trade, emigrated to the United States in 1866, arriving here on the 3d of July. He located in Scott county, Iowa, during the first three years of his residence working as a farm hand. In 1869 he bought forty acres of land which he disposed of later and removed to Carroll county in 1875. In the same year he purchased eighty acres in Washington township, which he operated until his retirement about 1884, when he and his wife removed to Manning. Here Mr. Hoffmann passed away on the 6th of February, 1889, but she survived until the 11th of December, 1896. They were the parents of six children, the order of their births being as follows: Margaret, the wife of Henry Severs, of Manning; Wiebke, who married Christian Grube, of Manning; John, a business man of Manning; Carson, also a resident of this town; Frauke, the wife of Henry Herman, of Manning; and Henry, our subject.

Both parents were members of the German Lutheran church, and he cast his ballot for the men and measures of the democratic party.

As he was only a lad of six years when his parents emigrated to the United States, Henry Hoffmann acquired his education in the common schools of Scott county, during which time he also gave his father such assistance with the work of the farm as his time and strength would permit. On leaving the old homestead, in 1877, he went to West Side, Crawford county, Iowa, where he clerked in the store of Weidling & Evers, remaining with them until coming to Manning, in 1881. Here he engaged in merchandising on his own account until 1907, when he sold his business to the firm of Rober, Wehrman & Company.

Mr. Hoffmann was married on the 17th of September, 1882, to Miss Anna Peters, a daughter of Mrs. Margaret (Von Bergen) Peters, of West Side, Iowa. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Hoffmann were born four children: Emil, who is deceased; Amanda, the wife of Dr. Julius J. Miller, of Manning; Laura, who is a resident of Omaha, Nebraska; and William, who is also deceased. The wife and mother passed away on the 12th of June, 1889, and on the 10th of February, 1891, Mr. Hoffmann was married to Miss Eliza Schmidt, a daughter of Henry and Minnie (Pruhs) Schmidt, of Manning, and of this union there have also been born four children: Emil W., who is on the United States Steamship Maryland; Louie, who is deceased; Hilda, also deceased; and Walter J., who is at home.

The church affiliation of the family is with the Lutheran denomination, while fraternally he belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which organization he is treasurer. His political support Mr. Hoffmann has always given to the men and measures he deems best qualified to protect the interests of the majority, irrespective of party. He is now living retired, enjoying the ease and comfort denied him during the strenuous years of his business activity.

PETER A. MARTENS.

Peter A. Martens, one of the younger representatives of the commercial life of Manning, was born in the town where he now resides on the 13th of April, 1885. He is a son of Detloff and Lena (Ehlers) Martens, for many years identified with the farming population of this county, but now living retired in Manning. Mr. Martens is a native of Germany from which country he emigrated to Clinton county, Iowa, whence he came to Carroll county. Later he acquired a farm in Washington township in the cultivation of which he engaged until his retirement. Both Mr. and Mrs. Martens affiliate with the Lutheran church and in politics he is a democrat. Their family numbers seven, in the following order of birth: Margaret, the wife of William Witt, of Washington township; John, also a resident of Washington township; William J., who is living in Manning; Detloff,

of Washington township; Henry, of Manning; Annina, who is at home; and Peter A., our subject.

Reared at home Peter A. Martens obtained his education in the public schools of Manning, after the completion of which he entered the employment of the Manning Mercantile Company, having decided to adopt a commercial career. He clerked for this firm for four years, at the expiration of which time he accepted a position in the store of his brother with whom he remained a similar period. From there he went into the county clerk's office in the capacity of deputy, remaining for a year and a half. In September, 1910, he became associated with Jacob Ohde in the grain, stock and coal business, in which he continues to be engaged. During the brief period of their organization they have made very good progress and have every reason to feel assured of ultimately establishing a lucrative business.

Mr. Martens is unmarried and continues to make his home with his parents. He votes the democratic ticket, but thus far has not prominently participated in local politics, his entire attention at the present being concentrated upon his business.

HEIDER MANUFACTURING COMPANY.

Among the manufacturers of Iowa the Heider Manufacturing Company occupies a prominent place. The present officers of the company are Henry J. Heider, president; John Heider, Sr., vice president; and John C. Heider, secretary and treasurer. All the patents of the company are the invention of Henry J. Heider, the president of the company, and the factory was originally established by him on the farm in Eden township in 1902, manufacturing four-horse binder and plow eveners by hand without any power machinery and delivering his goods to his trade in a wagon. In order to take care of the increasing demand for Heider eveners, in January, 1903, a partnership was formed by the two brothers, Henry J. and John C. Heider, and they opened a factory at Albert Lea, Minnesota. Owing to the growth of their business, they were obliged to secure large factory facilities, and in order to be more centrally located for their trade, they removed their factory to Carroll, Iowa, in January, 1904, and after being located there a short time, they bought the ground and built the original building of their present plant, and the business was incorporated in 1905. They have added new machinery and buildings every year to take care of their increasing business, and now have the largest factory of its kind in the world. Their output is mostly sold through the jobbers. They have added to their line of manufactured goods every year, and at present make a full line of two, three, four, five and six-horse plow eveners, three-horse wagon eveners, buggy neckyokes, wagon doubletrees, singletrees and neckyokes, ladders, gasoline tractors, etc.

Henry J. and John C. Heider were both born in La Salle county, Illinois, and passed their boyhood days on a farm. They came to Carroll county, Iowa, with their parents in 1883, who moved on a farm in Washington township, and later in Eden township. The parents, John and Emma Heider, both, were born in Illinois. The father in his young manhood engaged in farming and continued as a farmer, first in La Salle county, Illinois, and since 1883 in Carroll county, Iowa, until March, 1904, when he moved to Carroll and retired from active work, and has since devoted his time looking after his land holdings in Iowa and South Dakota.

Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. John Heider: John C.; Henry J., who married Frances Schlichte, a daughter of John Schlichte, and has three children, Florence, Edna and Irma; Margaret, the wife of W. B. Brown of Lakefield, Minnesota; Mary E.; Frances; and Joseph A.

Conrad Heider, the paternal grandfather was a native of Prussia, and his wife was Elizabeth June. He was a farmer in the old country and had been in the service of the German army. In 1845 he came with his family to La Salle county, Illinois, continuing there until his death, which occurred when he was within ten days of being sixty-two years old. His wife passed away at the age of thirty-six years. They had six children: Katharine, Mary, Elizabeth, Joe, John and William. The maternal grandfather was John Wahll, a native of Alsace-Lorraine, France, and his wife was Margaret Pantenburg. They came to this country and also settled in La Salle county, Illinois, where he died at the age of fifty-three years. His wife still survives and is living with her daughter, Mrs. John Heider in Carroll. They had four children: Katharine, Mary, Emma and John.

HENRY J. P. MULLER.

Another of the many pioneer settlers of Carroll county who became an extensive and successful agriculturist is Henry J. P. Muller, who retired from active farming several years ago and is now engaging in the coal business in Coon Rapids. He was born on his father's homestead in the vicinity of Fort Wayne, Allen county, Indiana, on the 30th of August, 1841. His parents were William S. and Mary Ann (Kantzen) Muller, the father a native of Hanover, and the mother of Aschendorf, Friesland, Germany. Mr. Muller, who was a baker and brewer in the fatherland, emigrated to the United States in 1825, locating in Leo, Allen county, Indiana, where he engaged in farming. There he passed away at the age of eighty-eight years. Mrs. Muller survived for several years thereafter her demise occurring at the age of about eighty-six years. They were both communicants of the Roman Catholic church. The paternal grandparents spent their entire lives in the old country, the grandfather, Henry Muller, who was a baker by trade, dying in his early manhood, but his wife had passed the eighty-ninth milestone on life's journey before her demise. They were the parents of six children: William S., Francis, Henry, Engel-

bert, Josephine and Clementine. The maternal grandfather, who always resided in Germany, passed away in middle life. To Mr. and Mrs. William S. Muller were born thirteen children, nine of whom lived to maturity: Herman; Frank; Henry, our subject; Clementina, the wife of Joseph Hutter, of Carroll; Emma, the deceased wife of John Kasmier; Victor, who is also deceased; Mary, who is unmarried, living in Fort Wayne, Indiana; William, who is a resident of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; and Engelbert, also deceased.

The boyhood and youth of Henry J. P. Muller were spent on the farm where he was born, his early education being obtained in the district schools of that locality, which he attended until fourteen years of age, when he went to Germany and remained with his grandmother for four years, completing his education in the gymnasium at Meppen, Germany. After his return to Fort Wayne in 1859 he engaged in teaching in the district schools of Allen county, Indiana, and continued to follow that profession exclusively until his marriage November 23, 1862. Later he taught only during the winter months, devoting his summers to agricultural pursuits. In April, 1864, he moved to Iowa, purchasing two hundred acres of land located in Newton township, Carroll county, and Viola township, Audubon county. He was able to add to his holdings at divers times until he acquired five hundred and twenty acres of most fertile land. He continued to follow farming until the 1st of March, 1900, when he removed to Coon Rapids, where he ran the city scales for three years. At the expiration of that period he engaged in the coal business with which he continues to be identified. He has sold his homestead and one hundred and twenty acres of his other holdings, but he still owns two hundred acres of farming land in addition to his fine residence in Coon Rapids.

Mr. Muller was married on the 23d of November, 1862, to Miss Martha Ballou, a daughter of James E. and Clarissa (Dunton) Ballou, the father a native of Indiana and the mother of the state of New York. Mrs. Muller was born in Huntertown, Allen county, Indiana, on the 18th of January, 1844, her parents being among the pioneer settlers in that county. There her father passed away in 1863, at the age of forty-seven years, having survived his wife four years, her demise occurring in 1859, after she had passed the thirty-seventh anniversary of her birth. They had two children who lived to attain maturity, Martha A., now Mrs. Muller; and James. The paternal grandfather, James Ballou, was a native of Massachusetts, as were also the maternal grandparents Ephriam and Abigail (Ball) Dunton.

To Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. P. Muller have been born the following children: Clemence V., who married Josephine Hunkler, of Templeton, Iowa, now residing in St. Paul, Kansas, who has eight children: Victor, Frank, Wilhelmina, Herman, Louis, Christopher, Engelbert and Mary; William, living in Carroll, who married Annie Corvis and they have four children: Albert, Henry J. P., Jr., Rosa and Herman; Wilhelmina, the wife of J. E. Devine, residing in the vicinity of Parker, South Dakota, who has seven children: Leo, Marcella, Ambrose, Joseph, Martha, Christina

and Bernard; Ida, who became the wife of Charles Lilly, and is living near Menlo and has four children: Eulalia, Gerald, Bernardina and Leotta; Estella, who married Dominic Lilly, also residing near Menlo and has eight children: James, Cecelia, Floretta, Bertha, Martha, Edward, Agatha and Irene; Clementine who married George Waltz, of Chillicothe, Missouri, and has become the mother of six children: Raymond, Clarissa, Leo, Rosa, Lilly and Edward; and Harry, who married Monica Schnepner, and who is now living at Rosedale, Washington and has eight children: Joseph, Cecelia, Florence, Regina, Paul, Arthur, and Bertha and Bernice, twins; Charles, who was the youngest son, died at the age of twenty-two years, while a student at the State University, at Iowa City; Leona, who married Frank Krummelbein, of Guthrie county and they have one adopted child, Margaret; Bernardetta, who married Edison Raygor and is living in the vicinity of Coon Rapids; and Amanda, the youngest daughter, who is unmarried and teaching school. Mr. and Mrs. Muller have forty-six grandchildren, in addition to which they have recently adopted a child, a little girl, Annie Mary, who is now eighteen months of age. They will celebrate their golden wedding November 23, 1912, having then traveled life's journey together for half a century.

The family are all communicants of the Roman Catholic church, Mr. Muller having been the first German and first Catholic to settle in Carroll county. In politics he is a democrat but has never taken an active part in township or municipal affairs of a governmental nature. Mr. Muller has always been regarded as one of the progressive and enterprising citizens as well as capable business men of this community whose success in his various undertakings is the well merited reward of persistent and intelligently applied effort.

FRED KLOCKMAN.

In every community in America are to be found men who are ranked among the substantial citizens, whose success is entirely due to their own endeavors, intelligently and persistently directed toward a definite purpose. Of such as these is Fred Klockman, who owns and operates a fine farm of two hundred and eighty acres in Sheridan township. He was born in Germany on the 18th of March, 1849, being the elder of two brothers. The father passed away while his boys were yet too young to recollect him, the mother, however, attained the venerable age of eighty-six years before her demise. She emigrated to the United States with her younger son in 1870, making her home with our subject until her death, which occurred in 1895. She was laid to rest in the Lutheran cemetery in Sheridan township. The younger son, William, was born in the fatherland in October, 1856, and passed away at the age of thirty-two years.

Fred Klockman, who was only seven years of age when his father passed away, acquired his education in the common schools of his native

land. Feeling confident that his opportunities of realizing his ambition were better in America than in his own country, by means of much self denial the money was raised to pay for his passage. He left home with the full determination to succeed and promised to send for his mother and brother as soon as he could save the money. The young man made good his promise and two years later the mother and younger brother also came over to the United States. When they first located here the brothers farmed for a time in Cook and Du Page counties, Illinois, following which they removed to Chicago, where Mr. Klockman learned brick-making. In 1875 he went to Omaha, Nebraska, where he followed his trade for five years. At the expiration of that period he came to Carroll county locating on a farm on section 8, where he still resides. He has met with most gratifying success in the direction of his affairs during the thirty years of his residence here, and now owns two hundred and eighty acres of land which he has brought to a high state of cultivation. It is well improved and plentifully stocked, being one of the finest homesteads in the township. He engages in general farming and in connection with the cultivation of his fields also raises a good grade of stock.

Mr. Klockman established a home for himself when he married Miss Maria Heimborg, a native of Germany, their union being solemnized in 1882. To them have been born five children, two sons and three daughters, all of whom are still at home. The order of their birth is as follows: Walter, Albert, Edith, Emma and Bertha.

The religious belief of the family is manifested through their affiliation with the Lutheran church, in the work of which they take an interest. Ever since acquiring the right of franchise through naturalization Mr. Klockman has voted with the democratic party. Despite the exactions of his extensive personal interests he always finds time to meet the duties of citizenship, and ever assumes his share of the governmental responsibilities. He has been a member of the board of township trustees for ten years, while for two terms he was a school director and school treasurer for seventeen years. The length of his service attests his efficiency in the various capacities in which he acted. During the long period of his residence in Sheridan township Mr. Klockman has won the friendship of many of his fellow citizens, who accord him their esteem having found him to be at all times a man of his word, whose integrity is above question.

WILLIAM H. REEVER.

William H. Reever, editor and publisher of the Glidden Graphic, is one of the well known and highly respected citizens of Carroll county. He is a native of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, born October 23, 1866, and is the son of Ephraim and Elizabeth (Storrick) Reever, both of whom were born in the Keystone state. The father was reared at Gettysburg and was by trade a blacksmith and also engaged in farming. In 1869 he removed

with his family to Panora, Iowa, four years later coming to Pleasant Valley township, Carroll county. He bought several tracts of land and accumulated in all six hundred and forty acres in Pleasant Valley township, becoming one of the leading farmers in that part of the county. He died January 27, 1892, being asphyxiated by inhaling gas in the Commercial Hotel in Chicago, through defective piping of the gas in the hotel. At the time of his death he was forty-nine years of age and in the height of his usefulness. He served about a year and a half in a Pennsylvania regiment at the time of the Civil war and participated in a number of battles.

Mrs. Reeve was called from earthly scenes October 10, 1898, at the age of fifty-one years. There were six children in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Reeve, namely: William H., of this review; Harry E., of Carroll county; Charles A., of Ogden, Utah; Minnie May, who died at the age of fifteen months; Ida Pearl, who died at the age of twenty-two years; and Alice M.

Grandfather Ullery J. Reeve on the paternal side was a farmer of Pennsylvania. He married Mrs. Maria Diehl and was forty-three years and eight months old at the time of his death which was caused by typhoid fever. They had six sons, namely: Ephraim, Leander J., Abraham C., William U., Reuben C., and Charles A.

Adam Storrack, the maternal grandfather, was born in Germany. He came to America and settled in Adams county, Pennsylvania, where he lived to the age of sixty-nine years. He was a tailor in early life but later a stock dealer and farmer. His wife was a native of Germany and died at the age of eighty-two years. In their family were seven children, namely: Anna Catharine, Eva Margaret, Maria, Elizabeth, John Nicholas, Sarah Jane and William Clayton.

William H. Reeve arrived in Carroll county with his parents when he was a lad of six years. He grew to manhood on his father's farm and secured his early education in the district schools. Later he attended the Carroll high school and after leaving that institution became a student of the State Normal School at Cedar Falls, from which he graduated in 1895. Desiring to pursue his studies still further, he entered the Collegiate department of the State University, graduating in 1897, B. Ph. He taught school a number of years, beginning as early as 1887, and thus earned money with which to pay his expenses through normal school and college. He continued to teach until September, 1910, and was superintendent of the Laurens school six years, Greenfield schools, one year, the Manning schools, two years, the Baldwin schools, one year, and the Glidden schools, three years being in the latter position when he retired from his work as teacher. He holds a life certificate for teaching in the state of Iowa.

He purchased the Glidden Graphic in 1910 and under his management the paper is giving evidence of increasing influence throughout a wide section of this part of the state. He is a good business man, as is indicated by the fact that he owns a farm of three hundred and twenty acres in Pleasant Valley township and an interest in the Carter-Fountain Land

Company of Missouri Valley, Iowa, which owns eight and one-half sections of land.

On the 26th of December, 1900, Mr. Reeve was united in marriage to Miss Agnes T. Woods, a daughter of Daniel W. and Ellen Louisa (Baily) Woods, and two children came to bless this union, Elizabeth and William Harold. Mrs. Reeve was born in Goodland, Indiana, her father being a native of Vermont and her mother of New Hampshire. Their home for the past thirty years has been at Greenfield, Iowa.

There were four children in their family: Agnes T.; Samuel D. of Des Moines, Iowa, secretary of the Board of Parole; Dr. Arthur D. of State Center, Iowa; and Mary L. the wife of Dr. Levi Wilkinson, of Prairieburg, Iowa. The father served valiantly in the cause of the Union during the Civil war.

Mr. Reeve and his estimable wife are members of the Methodist church. Fraternaly he is identified with the Masonic order, Knights of Pythias, The Modern Woodmen of America, and the Yeomen of America, and he has a host of warm personal friends in those organizations. In political belief he is in thorough sympathy with the republican party. Being a man of wide reading and observation, he is broad-minded in his views and is highly popular wherever he is known. He is a clear and forcible writer and is remarkably well informed concerning the needs of Carroll county as well as its resources. As an editor he has attained a distinct success and his future is one of great prominence.

NICHOLAUS BEITER.

The people of Carroll for many years recognized in Nicholas Beiter those qualities of integrity, energy and persistence that lead to success. For thirty-seven years he was identified with the meat business in this city and as head of the firm of Beiter & Sons bore a highly honored reputation. He was a native of Prussia, Germany, born near Sigmaringen, March 21, 1847, a son of Franz and Katharina (Ziegler) Beiter, both of whom were born in Germany. The father engaged in farming and died at the age of eighty-three, his wife being called away in 1853 when she was about forty years of age. There were fourteen children in their family, five of whom grew to maturity: Max, deceased; Joseph, who is now living in Hohenzollern, Germany; Amandus, of Wilkesbarre, Pennsylvania; Nicholas, of this review; and Anton, also of Hohenzollern. Joseph Beiter, the paternal grandfather, was a farmer and also ran a stage. He lived to be eighty-three years old and his wife reached an age of sixty years. They were the parents of three sons and two daughters, namely: Franz, Wendalenus, Mathias, Rosalia and Theodore.

Nicholas Beiter received a common school education and under his father was taught the importance and value of labor. He learned the butcher's trade and being a young man of enterprise and laudable ambi-

tion, he decided to seek his fortune beyond the seas and, accordingly, at the age of nineteen he crossed the ocean and for three years, from 1866 to 1869, followed his trade at Allentown, Pennsylvania, whence he removed to Chicago and a year later to Clarence, Cedar county, Iowa, where he spent four years. He arrived in Carroll in 1874 and up to the time of his death February 4, 1911, made this city his home, also being engaged with marked success during the entire period in the butcher business.

On the 18th day of March, 1872, Mr. Beiter was united in marriage to Miss Nancy Josephine Brigham, a daughter of John and Lydia A. (Smith) Brigham, and to them five children were born: Frank, who took over his father's business, and married Carrie Buchheit and has three children, Chloris, Nicholaus and Margaret; John, in partnership with his brother, Frank, who married Martha Cowham and has two children, Mildred and Helen; Lydia, who died in infancy; Joseph, who is now studying law; and Helen. Mrs. Nancy J. Beiter died in 1881, being only thirty-one years of age. She was a native of Vermont and her parents were early settlers of Jones county, Iowa. On the 10th day of March, 1884, Mr. Beiter married Miss May Heath, a daughter of Chauncey Heath, and one son, Grover C., came to bless this union. Grover C. is a civil engineer and a member of the Waterloo, Iowa, Base Ball Club of the Three-I League. Mrs. May Beiter died at the age of thirty, in 1897. She was born in New York state, coming to Iowa with her parents who settled in Boone county.

Mr. Beiter had his share of sunshine and shadow in life and has contributed materially toward the comfort and happiness of others. He came as a young man to 'America and won his way to financial independence, acquiring a character for honesty and stability that is greatly to be desired by every right-minded individual. The position he attained in the community was the result of habits of industry, economy and sound judgment early established. He possessed many sterling qualities of mind and heart which won him a host of friends in the city of his adoption, who sincerely mourn him.

WILL H. RICKERSON.

Will H. Rickerson, founder, editor and publisher of *The Citizen* at Coon Rapids, began early in life as a printer and learned the business from the foundation up. He has made a success of his business and ranks today among the prominent country editors of Iowa. He was born at Adel, Iowa, March 19, 1859, the only child of C. G. D. and Amarilla (Simons) Rickerson, the former a native of Ithaca, New York, and the latter of Berrion Springs, Michigan. The mother died in September, 1859, at the age of twenty-three years, and Mr. Rickerson was married to Miss Melinda Caldwell. Three children were born to them, Harry, Guy and Glenn, all of whom are living at Adel. Mr. Rickerson, Sr., came to Iowa in 1846

and located on a farm of forty acres three miles west of Adel, to which he later added one hundred and twenty acres. In his early manhood he learned the carpenter's trade and not feeling inclined to continue permanently as an agriculturist, he disposed of his farm and located at Adel, where he engaged as a carpenter and contractor. He was the builder of the first two courthouses at Adel in partnership with Charles Rodenbaugh and erected many handsome residences in Adel and the surrounding country. He continued in active work until seventy-five years of age when he retired and has now reached the age of eighty-one, his wife being about seventy. Mrs. Rickerson is a consistent member of the Christian church. Mr. Rickerson has been a useful and patriotic citizen, ever willing to perform his part in advancing the comfort and happiness of his fellow men. At the time of the Civil war he served for four years in behalf of the Union as a member of Company C, Thirty-ninth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and for twelve years very acceptably filled the office of city marshal of Adel.

The grandfather of our subject on the paternal side was Ransom Rickerson, a native of Sweden, and his wife was Mary A. (Loomis) Rickerson. After their marriage they came to America and took up their residence at Ithaca, New York, later moving to Lafayette, Indiana. In 1846 they settled in Dallas county, Iowa, where they passed the remainder of their lives. Mr. Rickerson died at the age of sixty-three years and his wife passed away in her ninety-third year. They were the parents of one child, Chauncey G. D. The grandparents on the maternal side had only one child, Amarilla, the mother of our subject.

Will H. Rickerson was reared at Adel and received his preliminary education in the public schools, graduating from the Adel high school. He learned the carpenter's trade in his native town and went to Des Moines, where he served for six months at merely nominal pay in the job office of Mills & Company, state printers. However, he soon demonstrated his interest in his work and his ability as a printer and was given a good position with the company, which he retained for nine years. He then started a newspaper on his own account at Adel, called *The New Era*, which he successfully published for five years. At the close of the time named he went to Stuart, Iowa, and as a member of a stock company published *The Stuart News* for three years. In 1891 he came to Coon Rapids and bought the *Coon Rapids Reporter* which he ran for a while, but perceiving an opening for another newspaper, he established *The Citizen*, January 14, 1903, of which he has since been the publisher. *The Citizen* is a democratic newspaper and as it is conducted on broad and progressive lines, it has met with a hearty response on the part of the people and has a wide circulation in Carroll county.

On the 18th day of September, 1902, at Audubon, Iowa, Mr. Rickerson was married to Miss Mary Iphigenia Case, who was born at Hartford, Connecticut, March 3, 1868, a daughter of Will W. and Ida H. (Churchill) Case. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Rickerson, Delos, Faye and twin, and Don. Delos died at the age of nine years and the

twin of Faye died in infancy. Mrs. Rickerson removed with her parents from Connecticut when six years old to Chicago where the family spent five years, coming in the spring of 1879 to Davenport, Iowa. In the fall of 1883 the family moved to Audubon county where the daughter Mary grew to womanhood. She is a valuable assistant to her husband in his newspaper work, as she is a practical printer, having worked at the trade before her marriage. Her father, who was born in Rockville, Connecticut, enlisted in the Civil war in Company B, Sixteenth Regiment, Connecticut Volunteer Infantry and served three years, from 1862-65, receiving then his honorable discharge after faithful service. He now makes his home with his children. The mother of Mrs. Rickerson was born in Vermont and died at Audubon, Iowa, November 27, 1890, having arrived at the age of forty-two years. There were nine children in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Case, namely: Mary Iphigenia, now Mrs. Will H. Rickerson; Emma Louise, who married Robert Reed Tillman, of Laramie, Wyoming; Elizabeth Marilla, the wife of Jesse A. Nightser, of Manville, Wyoming; Charles Horatio, who makes his home in Nevada, Iowa; Clarence Walter, of Lost Spring, Wyoming; Samuel Herbert, of Manville, Wyoming; Clara Beatrice, a trained nurse of Brooklyn, New York; Ida Alice, who married Harry D. St. Johns, of Peoria, Illinois; and Almyra Jeannette, who died in infancy. The paternal grandfather of Mrs. Rickerson was Samuel Case, a native of Massachusetts, who lived to the age of eighty-eight years and died at Orin, Wyoming. He was by his first marriage the father of two children, Clara and William W. The grandfather on the maternal side was Seth D. Churchill, who was a soldier in the Civil war. His wife, Elizabeth H. (Tinkham) Churchill, served as a nurse in this war. She was of Scotch descent while her husband was of English origin. They had three children, Ida, Dan and Asa.

Mr. Rickerson of this review is not a member of any religious organization but his wife is identified with the Methodist church. He has been a lifelong democrat and there are few men in Iowa who are better informed as to the history of the party or are better prepared to champion its principles. He served as town recorder for eight years, though he has never been an aspirant for political honors, preferring to concentrate his attention upon his business which under his experienced management has developed to handsome proportions, making him one of the most prosperous publishers in this part of the state.

JOSEPH WILSON.

One of the most prominent and affluent citizens of Manning is Joseph Wilson, who for more than seventeen years has been identified with the banking interests of Carroll county. A Canadian, his birth occurred about fourteen miles south of Toronto, on the 1st of April, 1856, his parents being

James and Jane (Campbell) Wilson, natives of Scotland. The father was born on the 2d of October, 1814, while the mother's natal day was the same as that of the late Queen Victoria. They were married in the land of their birth, but in the early years of their domestic life they emigrated to America, locating in Canada. There Mr. Wilson engaged in agricultural pursuits until November, 1860, when together with his wife and family he removed to the United States, settling in Clinton county, Iowa. He continued to farm there but later went to Preston, Jackson county, Iowa, where he lived retired until his demise in September, 1895. Agriculture had proven very lucrative for him and when he passed away he owned three hundred and seventy-six acres of fertile farming land. Mrs. Wilson survived him less than a year, her death occurring in April, 1896. They were both members of the Presbyterian church in the old country, but after locating in Preston they united with the Congregational church, as there was not a Presbyterian church in the place. They were both earnest Christians and took an active interest in all work of the church, Mr. Wilson having for several years been a deacon and trustee at the time of his demise. To Mr. and Mrs. Wilson there were born eleven children, the order of birth being as follows: Virginia, the widow of Walter Spirrell, of Rock Rapids, Iowa; William, who passed away at the age of twenty years; John, also deceased; Ebenezer and Alexander, twins, the former a harness-maker of Pierce, Nebraska, and the latter a farmer, of Sac county, Iowa; David and Sarah, also twins, the former passing away at twenty, and the latter in Canada at the age of four years; James P., who is a resident of Trenton, Nebraska; Joseph, our subject; Robert G., deceased, a former treasurer of Sac county, Iowa; and Sarah, who is also deceased. The father became a naturalized citizen of the United States, following which he voted with the republican party, but he never sought office or preferment in political affairs.

Joseph Wilson, who was only a lad of four years when his parents came to Iowa, was reared on the homestead in Clinton county, in whose district schools he acquired his early education supplemented later by a course in the schools of Preston. He began his business career immediately after attaining his majority in 1877, when he rented eighty acres of land in Clinton county, which he cultivated for two years. In October, 1879, he came to Carroll county, purchasing the southwest quarter of section 8, Warren township, of H. E. Russell. He resided upon this land for fifteen years engaging in general farming and stock-raising. At the expiration of that period he withdrew from active work and coming to Manning on the 9th of February, 1894, he purchased ten thousand dollars worth of stock in the First National Bank, of which institution he was vice president for two years. During this time he also continued to engage in the stock business. Later he became associated with A. T. Bennett and they bought the old U. L. Patton elevator, engaging in the grain business until 1897, when they sold their interests. Mr. Wilson continues to engage in the buying and selling of stock, which has proven to be a most successful undertaking. On the 12th of February, 1898, he bought the Bank of Manning, which he still owns, the officers being as follows: Mr. Wilson, president; W. F. Carpenter, cashier;

A. D. Weise, assistant cashier. Responsibilities reach the amount of seventy-five thousand dollars, and in addition to a banking and loan business they write fire insurance. The possessor of rare business acumen, as well as ability as an organizer, and unusual executive powers, Mr. Wilson has the faculty of surmounting obstacles and creating opportunities. In addition to his large financial interests he is an extensive landowner, among his holdings being six hundred and eighty-three acres of fertile farming land.

On the 18th of February, 1880, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Wilson and Miss Rosie E. Fowler, a daughter of George and Lucy J. (Rudd) Fowler of Clinton county, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson have become the parents of two children, a son and a daughter. Elsie May married Ernest S. Babcock, of Manning, and they have two children, Florence Rose and Lyal Wilson. Frank Harvey married May E. Evans and they have one daughter, Dorothy Lucille.

The family affiliate with the Methodist Episcopal church, in the work of which organization they take an active and helpful interest, Mr. Wilson being president of the official board, while Mrs. Wilson is one of the stewards of the church. She also holds membership in the Eastern Star, and at one time filled the office of worthy matron. Fraternally Mr. Wilson is identified with the Masonic order, being a member of the blue lodge of Manning, and the chapter at Carroll, being senior warden of the former. He is also a member of the Iowa Bankers' Association and the Shorthorn Breeders Association. Politically he accords his allegiance to the republican party, and was at one time constable, and for six years a member of the town council. Mr. Wilson is one of the public-spirited, enterprising citizens of Manning, who in the development of his personal interests is constantly promoting those of the town, and always gives his hearty cooperation and support to every movement the adoption of which will advance the community in any way.

WILSON H. DANKEL.

Wilson H. Dankel, who is cultivating eighty acres of section 8, Union township, being born in Lebanon county, Pennsylvania, on the 6th of January, 1860. The parents were natives of Pennsylvania, the father, Harry Dankel, being a cooper by trade, in connection with which he also farmed. He was reared in Lebanon county, where he passed away at the age of sixty-seven years, while his wife was only forty-seven at the time of her demise. They were both of German extraction and affiliated with the Lutheran church. Their family numbered seven: Jane, the wife of Dan Garmon, of Palmyra, Pennsylvania; Alfred, who is a resident of the same place; James, who is living in Richland township, Carroll county; George, a resident of Glidden; Wilson, our subject; William, who lives in Palmyra; and Lizzie, the wife of Elmer Jones, of Richland township.

Wilson H. Dankel was reared on his father's homestead in East Hanover township, Lebanon county, to whose district schools he is indebted for

his education. He remained at home until he had attained his majority, then came to Illinois, where he worked for three years as a farm hand in Bureau county. In 1884 he removed to Iowa, settling in Carroll county where he rented some land of Judge Payne, which he cultivated for several years. This venture proved so lucrative that he was able to buy his present homestead in Union township, which he has operated continuously ever since.

On the 14th of March, 1894, Mr. Dankel was married to Miss Addie Livingston, a daughter of Lewis and Gabrilla (Merrick) Livingston. As they have no children of their own, they adopted a son into their family named Lynn. Mrs. Dankel was born in Carroll county, her parents being among the very early pioneer settlers. Mr. Livingston was a native of Pennsylvania and his wife of Jackson county, Iowa. In his early manhood he took up his residence in this state where he continued to make his home until his demise, which occurred in Glidden on the 16th of September, 1909, at the age of sixty-seven years. Mrs. Livingston, however, is still surviving. The paternal grandparents were John and Elizabeth (Foulk) Livingston, natives of Pennsylvania, where he died in middle life. His widow then came to Iowa, attaining the venerable age of eighty-four years before she passed away. To them were born five children: Aaron; Alexander; Lewis; Washington, who died in childhood; and Lucinda, the wife of John Taylor. The maternal grandparents of Mrs. Wilson H. Dankel were Mahlon and Nancy (Pool) Merrick, the former of whom passed away in Jackson county at a venerable age, while the latter is still living. They were the parents of the following children: Ethalinda, the wife of Philip Weaver; Frances, who married Michael Kaiser; Gabrilla, the widow of Lewis Livingston; Emma, the wife of Frank Head; and Dana, the wife of William Prandy. To the union of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Livingston there were born seven children: Addie, the wife of Wilson H. Dankel; Blanch, the wife of Henry Reeve; William A.; Bernice, the wife of William Cuthbertson; and Edgar, Bertha and Charley, all of whom reside in Carroll county.

In religious belief Mr. and Mrs. Dankel affiliate with the United Brethren church, and fraternally he is identified with the Modern Woodmen of America, while in politics he is a democrat. He is one of the enterprising and capable agriculturists of Union township, who is held in high esteem as a citizen.

FRED NEUMAYER.

Fred Neumayer, one of the pioneer citizens and successful farmers of Carroll county, who is now serving as supervisor from Kniest township, was born in Poughkeepsie, New York, on the 15th of August, 1854. His parents, Charles and Lutgardis (Smith) Neumayer, were both natives of Baden, Germany, the former born February 2, 1812, and the latter, Au-

gust 12, 1811. In 1850 they emigrated to America and first located in New York state, where they made their home for four years and then removed to Ottawa, La Salle county, Illinois, whence they came to Iowa, in 1872. They spent their last years in Carroll county, where the mother died on the 21st of October, 1889, and the father passed away on the 22d of November, 1904.

Their only child was Fred Neumayer, the subject of this review. He acquired his education in the common schools of Ottawa, Illinois, and after laying aside his text-books devoted his entire attention to farming, having become thoroughly familiar with that occupation when assisting his father in the operation of the home farm. He accompanied his parents on their removal to Carroll county, Iowa, in 1872, and is still living on a part of the old homestead, his father having purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land in 1868. To this our subject has added until he now owns eight hundred and forty acres of land in Carroll county, besides a tract of four hundred acres in Oklahoma.

On the 30th of October, 1888, Mr. Neumayer was united in marriage to Miss Josephine Thieleke, a daughter of Anton and Marie (Busse) Thieleke, both of whom died in Westphalia, Germany. It was in 1881 that Mrs. Neumayer came to the United States in company with her sister, Mrs. Wittemayer. She had one brother who served in the Civil war and lost a leg in battle. To Mr. and Mrs. Neumayer have been born five sons and they also have an adopted daughter, namely, Charles A., Joseph R., Albert J., Leo W., Anthony A. and Clara.

Mr. Neumayer is a Catholic in religious belief and is a member of the Roman Catholic Protective Association, while in politics he is a democrat. He has always taken an active and helpful interest in public affairs and for eleven years served as township trustee, while at present he is a member of the board of supervisors of Carroll county. He is one of the most progressive and enterprising citizens of the community and in business affairs has met with remarkable success.

CYRENIUS EVANS MORRIS.

Cyrenius Evans Morris who for twenty-eight years has acceptably administered the office of justice of the peace and notary public at Coon Rapids and is one of the successful business men of the community, was born in New York city July 9, 1842, and traces his ancestry back to Lewis Morris, a signer of the Declaration of Independence. He is a son of Crowell E. and Nancy P. (Von Vooris) Morris, the former of whom was born at Woodbridge, New Jersey, and the latter at White Plains, New York. The father was reared at Rahway, New Jersey, and learned the trade of carriage-making, which he followed for four or five years. He then operated a livery stable for a time on Christopher street, in New York city. He became an extensive traveler and made two trips to Cali-

foria, going around Cape Horn. During his first stay on the Pacific coast he engaged in mining, but the next time he went to California, profiting by his earlier experience, he operated a blacksmith shop. In 1854 he moved with his family to a farm near Galena, Illinois, and later took up his residence at Warren, where he continued to live until his death, in 1901, at the age of seventy-three years. His widow came to Coon Rapids, Iowa, and resided with her son, Cyrenius Evans, until she was called from earthly scenes, at the age of eighty-nine years. She was a consistent member of the Methodist church and a woman of many sterling characteristics. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Morris were eight sons and two daughters, seven of whom are now living: Cyrenius Evans; Helen R., who married Rufus B. Tucker, of Pasadena, California; Nathaniel V. and John H., both of whom were soldiers in the Civil war and are now deceased; Harvey A., a resident of Pasadena; George V., of Payette, Idaho; Frank A., of Rathdun, Washington; Julia A., who died early in life; and Crowell E. and William E., both of whom are residents of Pasadena.

The paternal grandfather of our subject was Cyrenius Morris, a native of New York, who became a saddler and harness-maker. His wife was Hetty Evans, a granddaughter of Reuben Evans, who was an admiral in the Revolutionary war. Cyrenius Morris died in New Jersey and his wife in New York state, but they are buried in an old cemetery at Woodbridge, New Jersey. They had seven children: William E., John E., Crowell E., Julia Ann, Mary A., Catharine E., and Jane. The grandfather on the maternal side was Nathaniel Von Vooris, a native of White Plains, Westchester county, New York, and of Holland Dutch descent. He married Margaret Dexter, who was a daughter of Colonel Dexter of the Revolutionary war. She lived to be ninety years of age and died at White Plains. In their family were seven children, Harvey V., Albert V., Nancy P., Hester, Louis V., George V., and Merrill V.

Mr. Morris of this review was twelve years of age when he removed with his parents to Galena, Illinois, and he passed the following six years upon his father's farm. On September 4, 1861, he enlisted in Company A, of an Independent Battalion of Fremont Rangers at Galena, and served with this command until November 11, 1861, when he reenlisted for three years in Company G, Third Missouri Cavalry. He was in the battles of Pea Ridge, Little Rock, Jenkins Ferry and Camden, Arkansas, and in many lesser engagements, being wounded in a skirmish with Quantrell's Guerrillas, but not seriously. After the close of the war he opened a harness shop at Nora, three miles east of Warren, Illinois, and bought harness trimmings of Jesse Grant, of Galena, the father of General U. S. Grant. He is a member of Jo Daviess County Soldiers' Monument Association, and his certificate of membership is signed by General Grant as president of the association. Later he engaged in farming near Warren. In 1869 he was attracted to Iowa and purchased a farm of eighty acres in Union township, Carroll county. After disposing of this property he bought from the county supervisors the old Price place of two hundred acres, which he improved, and sold in 1906. He still owns eighty acres

of productive land in Guthrie county. In 1880 he removed to Coon Rapids and associated with J. S. Putnam in a general store which they operated for eight or ten years. Under President Harrison he was appointed postmaster of Coon Rapids, a position which he filled for five years. He has been justice of the peace for twenty-eight years, and on account of his genial manner and consistent desire to promote the happiness of his fellowmen he has accomplished much good as a citizen and public official.

On the 6th of June, 1868, Mr. Morris was married to Miss Fannie Winship, a daughter of Joseph Warren and Martha (Lawton) Winship, and a native of Bradford, Vermont. Her grandmother was raised by General Joseph Warren of Revolutionary war fame. Mrs. Morris died in 1882 and on the 9th of June, 1886, Mr. Morris was married to Miss Etta Drusilla Dodge, who was born at Burnham, Maine, a daughter of Arnold and Drusilla (Trafton) Dodge. The father was born at Burnham and the mother at Norridgewock, Maine, being a niece of General Mark Trafton who gained his title in the Revolutionary war. The family is not lacking in patriotism as is indicated by the fact that Mr. Dodge and four brothers were soldiers for the Union in the Civil war. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Morris, all of whom possessed excellent advantages of education. Cyrenius Trafton, the eldest of the children, attended Drake University and Highland Park College of Des Moines. Helen Lillian, the second in order of birth, is a graduate in domestic science of the Normal School at Cedar Falls. Mildred Anna, the youngest of the children, is now a student of the Coon Rapids high school.

Mr. Morris is not a member of any religious denomination but his wife is identified with the Methodist Episcopal church. He is prominent in the Masonic order and holds membership in Charity Lodge No. 197, A. F. & A. M., in which he served as master for twelve years and as secretary for twenty-two years. He belongs to Copestone Chapter No. 78, R. A. M., of Carroll, Iowa; to Godfrey Commandery No. 44, K. T., of Audubon, Ind; and to Za-Ga-Zig Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. He is also a member and commander of Perry Wright Post, No. 188, G. A. R., of Coon Rapids. He organized this post June 25, 1883, and was its first commander. The Sons of Veterans of Coon Rapids named their camp the Cyrene E. Morris Camp, in honor of Mr. Morris. He is manager of the Coon Rapids Veteran Drum Corps which he organized in 1884 and which has the reputation of having never been equaled for soul-stirring, old-time martial music. General O. O. Howard, at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, who heard them play and sing patriotic songs, said as he grasped their hands, "Boys, that is the best ever in all my travels." They attend the state and national encampments. The corps is composed of: Lucian House, five major, Thirty-fourth Illinois, aged seventy-two years; Cyrene E. Morris, Company A, Independent Battalion, Fremont Rangers, and Company G, Third Missouri Cavalry, aged sixty-nine years, bugler and bass drummer; Norman D. Wilson, flag sergeant, One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Illinois, aged sixty-seven years; George W. Smith, snare drummer, Company I, Twenty-ninth Iowa, seventy-five years of age; Thomas

J. Smith, Company I, Twenty-ninth Iowa, sixty-nine years of age. They go everywhere and no charges are made if they do not give satisfaction. Mr. Morris was recently appointed on the state commander's staff as aide-de-camp to Captain Lot Abraham, state commander, is president of the Carroll County Soldiers' Relief Commission and has held this position as a member for the past fifteen years. Patriotism is one of the paramount features in his life, tangible evidence of which is found in the fact that he keeps Old Glory always flying from a flag-staff on his lawn.

Politically he adheres to the republican party and cast his first vote for Abraham Lincoln. He has served for a number of terms as township assessor, township clerk, and also occupied the office of mayor pro tem of Coon Rapids. He is of an energetic temperament and takes a lively interest in anything that attracts his attention. He has through life been remarkably industrious and enterprising and is now reaping the reward of his labors. No man in Carroll county is more highly respected or possesses more deeply the confidence and esteem of his associates than 'Squire Morris.

D. W. EARL.

An excellent farming property of Carroll county is the two hundred and eighty acre tract on section 10 of Sheridan township belonging to D. W. Earl. He was born in Rutland county, Vermont, on the 9th of October, 1837, his parents being Lawson and Rhoda (Barber) Earl, the father a native of Massachusetts and the mother of Vermont. Mr. Earl accompanied by his wife and family migrated to the west in 1845, locating in De Kalb, Illinois, which at that time contained but two houses. There the father died two years later, the mother, however, survived until 1880, her demise occurring in Carroll county. Ten children were born to them, all of whom are deceased with the exception of our subject. The order of their birth was as follows: William Elliott, who passed away in 1847; Emiline; Harriet; Susan; William D.; John B.; Phoebe O.; Silas Newton and John T.

D. W. Earl, who was only a lad of eight years when his parents left Vermont, received the greater portion of his education in the common schools of De Kalb. After laying aside his school books, he continued a member of his mother's household until he had attained his majority, following which he engaged in farming in De Kalb township, De Kalb county. He continued to be identified with agricultural pursuits coming from Illinois to Iowa in 1870. Settling in Carroll county he acquired two hundred and eighty acres of unimproved land in Sheridan township, which he immediately began to improve and cultivate. This farm, which was unbroken prairie when he first located on it, Mr. Earl has improved and brought to a high state of cultivation, and it is now considered one of the valuable properties of the county.

Mr. Earl was married in De Kalb, Illinois, January 23, 1878, to Miss Edna Hunt, and they have become the parents of two children. The eldest, Edith, was married March 14, 1900, to B. J. Bradley and has two sons: Clyde, born May 12, 1903; and Guy, born July 5, 1908. Clara was married March 25, 1903, to S. G. Staples and they also have two sons: Clifford, born October 17, 1903; and Wilbur, born April 6, 1906. Mr. Staples is a native of Illinois, his birth occurring in Watseka, November 11, 1878. His paternal grandparents were Sylvester G. and Mary (Barber) Staples, the Barber family having come to America with the Huguenot colony. His parents, W. A. and Isabella (Wilson) Staples, were natives of New York state and Middle Fork, Illinois, respectively. They came to Iowa in 1900 and located in Carroll county, the father taking up farming in Sheridan township, where they still reside. In their family are three sons, S. G. being the eldest. S. W. lives two miles south of Litterdale, while H. B. makes his home in Sheridan township. S. G. Staples and family attend the Presbyterian church and he is a member of the Knights of the Maccabees and the Brotherhood of American Yeomen. Both sons-in-law of our subject reside on his farm in Sheridan township and are engaged in its cultivation.

Mr. Earl cast his first ballot in support of Abraham Lincoln, and has ever since given his support to the candidates of that party. He served for three years as county supervisor and has also been treasurer and director of the school board at various times. Fraternaly he is identified with the Masonic order only, having joined in De Kalb, Illinois, in 1863, his membership still being retained in that lodge; he also belongs to the chapter at Lake City. Mr. Earl has met with success in his undertakings and is a highly esteemed and substantial citizen of Sheridan township.

HON. THOMAS RICH.

During a period of more than forty years the name of Rich has been prominently identified with the agricultural and political development of Carroll county. Its bearers are not esteemed for possessing great wealth or extensive property interests, but for two generations its men have been renowned throughout the country because of their high standard of citizenship, their trustworthiness and incorruptible integrity. The late Thomas Rich was born in Brighton, England, on the 3d of March, 1830, and was the eldest son of Richard and Mary Rich, who were the parents of twelve children, the order of their birth being as follows: Fannie, Mary, Martha, Rebecca, Rachel, Thomas, Naomi, Ruth, Sarah, Joseph, Benjamin and Ebenezer, all but two of whom are now deceased. In 1833 Richard Rich accompanied by his wife and children emigrated to the United States from the mother country, locating in Erie, Pennsylvania. They continued to reside there for seven years, during which period the father worked at his trade, which was that of cabinet maker. Subsequently they re-

moved to Illinois, settling in Como, Whiteside county, where Mr. Rich continued to follow his trade for many years. Mrs. Rich passed away on the 26th of May, 1872, and thereafter the father made his home with his children in Chicago, where he was living at the time of his demise on the 6th of December, 1875.

Thomas Rich was only a lad of three years when his parents emigrated to the United States, but as the family was large and their income limited he very soon had to assist in the support of the household. Although he had only attained his twelfth year when they removed to Illinois he had for some time previous been working at the carpentry trade with his father, his schooling in Pennsylvania having been limited to three months. He remained a member of the paternal household until his marriage, following which he established a home of his own. After twenty-eight years residence in Whiteside county, during which time he worked at the carpentry trade continuously, Mr. Rich removed to Carroll county, Iowa, settling on a farm four miles east of Glidden. Here he engaged in general farming and stock-raising until 1885, at which time he received the appointment of postmaster at Glidden following which the family went there to reside. Mr. Rich gave most efficient service in this capacity for four years at the expiration of which period he received the nomination on the democratic ticket for state senator. Despite the fact that the district had for many years previous gone republican by a pronounced majority Mr. Rich was elected and served through two sessions of the state legislature. His record as a senator was characterized by honesty, independence and a progressive tendency. He was naturally on the side of economy and financial reform, but he voted for the liberal support of all public institutions, and was a trusted friend of Governor Horace Boies and Judge Woolson of the federal district court, who was then a senator. In 1890 Senator Rich and his family removed to Carroll, purchasing a home in the north part of the town which they were occupying at the time of his demise. Seven years thereafter Carroll county felt the need of a man possessed of his characteristics on the board of supervisors, and although his colleague on the ticket was defeated by a republican, Thomas Rich having been tried and found to be true, was elected. He was known to be able to withstand the most alluring blandishments of unscrupulous lobbyists, his integrity and honor ever having been above suspicion during the entire period of his public career. During the last year of his life he was chairman of the board but owing to his increasing infirmities was able to attend but one meeting of the last session.

Miss Angeline Barrett became the wife and helpmate of Mr. Rich, their union being solemnized in Como, Illinois. To them were born eight children, namely: Charles, who was the first born, and died in infancy. Thomas R., the eldest surviving son, married Miss Leta Gabriel. Minnie, who married Andrew Jenks, has the following children: Ruth, Herbert, Sarah, Pearl, George, Vern and a baby boy. William O., who was born in Como, Illinois, in 1860, and passed away on the 16th of April, 1910. During the early years of his manhood W. O. Rich was engaged in busi-

ness, making a success of every enterprise with which he was identified, but he later withdrew from mercantile activities to enter public life. He held a number of city and township offices the responsibilities of which he discharged in a highly creditable manner and four years prior to his death he was elected to the board of supervisors of which body he was chairman at the time of his demise. He made a record during his public service which for honesty and efficiency was fully equal to that of his father. He was united in marriage on the 24th of December, 1884, to Miss Ida A. Griffin of Glidden, who survives him. Earl M., a resident of Glidden township, is an agriculturist. Nettie, who married Walter English, has two children: Louise and Jean. Herbert, who was the seventh in the order of birth, is deceased. Roscoe, the youngest member of the family, married Miss Maude O'Neil and they have two daughters, Angeline and Margaret. Mrs. Rich is still surviving at the venerable age of seventy-eight years and makes her home with her son Roscoe.

The family attended the Baptist church with which denomination the parents were affiliated, while his political support Mr. Rich always accorded the candidates of the democratic party. Although many years have passed since his demise the record he made as a public official is remembered and referred to as being in every way worthy of emulation. Mr. Rich was a man of modest, unassuming disposition, who rarely spoke of himself, and yet withal possessing such strength of character that he clung to his ideals with absolute inflexibility. It is said of him that he never forgot a friend nor missed an opportunity of reciprocating a kindly act.

EARL M. RICH.

Earl M. Rich, who is engaged in the cultivation of a farm of eighty acres in Glidden township, Carroll county, was born in Whiteside county, Illinois, on the 5th of June, 1861, and is a son of the late Thomas and Angeline (Barrett) Rich. The father was born in London, England, on the 3d of March, 1830, from which country he emigrated to the United States with his parents when a lad of five years. The family first located in Erie, Pennsylvania, where they resided for several years before they removed to Whiteside county, Illinois, where Mr. Rich met and subsequently married Miss Angeline Barrett, a native of Ohio. The father, who was a carpenter, followed his trade until 1870 when he removed to Iowa, locating upon a farm of one hundred and sixty acres four miles east of Glidden. He continued to reside there, engaging in agricultural pursuits, until 1885 at which time he was appointed postmaster, following which he removed to Glidden, where the family made their home for five years and then came to Carroll, where the father passed away January 5, 1899. The mother is still surviving at the age of seventy-eight years and makes her home with her youngest son, Roscoe. Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Rich: Charles, who died in infancy; Thomas R., who is

married and living in Cedar Rapids; Minnie, who married Andrew Jenks, of Barney, North Dakota; William O., who is deceased; Earl M., our subject; Nettie, who married Walter English, of Los Angeles, California; Herbert, who is deceased; and Roscoe, who is a resident of Carroll.

As he was only a lad of nine years when his parents located in Carroll county, Earl M. Rich spent his early years on the old homestead in Glidden township, acquiring the greater portion of his education in the district schools of this county. He remained a member of the paternal household until he had attained his eighteenth year, during which time he learned the carpentry trade, which he followed for several years after leaving home. In 1887, subsequent to his marriage, Mr. Rich bought a farm of eighty acres in Glidden township, which he has brought to a high state of cultivation.

Mr. Rich was married at the age of twenty-five years to Miss Lydia A. Snyder, their union being solemnized on the 16th of February, 1887. Mrs. Rich is a daughter of Adam and Barbara Snyder, who were natives of Germany, from which country they emigrated to the United States in 1837. They first located in the state of New York where they resided for thirteen years. At the expiration of that period they removed to Illinois and settled in McHenry county where the father passed away in 1863. After the death of her husband Mrs. Snyder continued to make her home in Illinois until 1884 when she came to Iowa to live with her children, and here she was residing at the time of her death in April, 1904. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Rich, Clyde and Leila, both of whom are attending the high school at Glidden.

The family affiliate with the Methodist Episcopal church of Glidden and in politics Mr. Rich is a democrat. He has never been an office seeker, however, preferring to devote his entire attention to the cultivation of his homestead in which direction his efforts have met with substantial reward.

HERMAN C. CARPENTER.

The active career of Herman C. Carpenter, who is engaged in the hardware business at Ralston, has extended over a period of fifty-one years, which is a most unusual record. He was born in the state of New York on the 31st of November, 1847, and is the youngest son of Scyril and Thursey Carpenter, also natives of the Empire state. The father, who was one of a family of five, all of whom have now passed away, was a carpenter by trade, always taking a prominent and helpful part in the public life of the communities where he resided, being identified with many official positions. He went west in 1856, locating in La Salle county, Illinois, where he engaged in the carpentry trade at first but later studied and practiced medicine until his demise in 1887, having survived his wife many years. Mrs. Carpenter had three brothers and sisters, all of whom have passed away. Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Carpen-

ter, as follows: Marilla, deceased; Isaiah; Samantha; Anna; Joseph; Mary, who is deceased; and Herman C., our subject.

The educational advantages afforded Herman C. Carpenter were very limited, his education being confined to the brief and irregular terms of the La Salle county schools which he attended until the age of thirteen years. He has always been a close observer and careful reader, which together with his wide and varied experiences in life has enabled him to become quite a well informed man. At the tender age of thirteen years he began his career by buying a half interest in a threshing outfit in the operation of which he engaged for forty-six years, a distinction not many can boast. In connection with this venture he rented a farm in La Salle county, which he cultivated until 1875, when he moved to Iowa, where he bought two farms of one hundred and twenty acres each. One of these was located on section 19, Scranton township, Greene county, and the other on section 24, Richland township, Carroll county. He disposed of his realty interests in 1892 and moved to Ralston, where he is now engaged in the hardware and implement business.

Mr. Carpenter and Miss Emma A. Isgrig celebrated Christmas, 1868, by their marriage. Mrs. Carpenter is a daughter of Wilson and Mahala Isgrig, natives of Ohio who came to Illinois and thence to Iowa, locating upon one hundred and sixty acres of land which he had purchased in Glidden township, Carroll county. Mr. and Mrs. Isgrig were the parents of five children, the others beside our subject being: Alice, Emma A., Charles and Lizzie. Eleven children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter, as follows: Ida M., who married M. Fredericks of Jefferson, Iowa, and has had two children: a boy, Clarence, and a little girl who is deceased; Alice, who became the wife of Noah Kaffer of Glidden and has three children; Charles, who is deceased and left a wife and five children; Mattie, who married William McNeal and has two children; Ollie, who is deceased and was the wife of Harry Harshburger of Greene county, Iowa, by whom she had one son, Guy; Hattie, who is now Mrs. Kelly Bishop of South Dakota and has five children; Lottie, who married Clarence Cooper of Glidden by whom she has one child; Irah, who is deceased; Earl, who is the youngest son and lives at home; Myrtle, who married Earl Shewy of Ralston and has three children; and Bertha, who became the wife of Harry Clarke by whom she has one child.

Although Mr. Carpenter takes an active interest in political affairs he has never affiliated with any party, always having accorded his support to the men and measures he deemed best adapted to subserve the interests of the people, his first presidential ballot, however, was cast for Lincoln. He continues to take a helpful interest in the government of the community by his capable discharge of the duties of constable, of which office he has been the incumbent for the past nine years. His years would entitle him to retirement but his alert manner and active participation in the life of the community should put to shame many a younger man whose period of usefulness does not promise to be the length of Mr. Carpenter's.

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