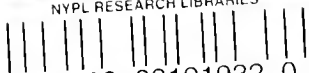


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LEWIS WARREN MOODY.

Lewis Warren Moody was one of the earlier settlers of Calhoun county and there was no resident of the county who played a more important part in its material development than he. As a member of the real-estate firm of Moody & Davy he opened up immense tracts of land in the county for settlement and it was in a great measure due to his influence that the law was passed making possible the assessment of taxes to provide funds for the drainage of the extensive swamp areas of the county. Although many people in the county at first objected to the drainage proposition, all were at length forced to admit that it did more than any other one thing to increase land values. Mr. Moody was likewise prominent in financial circles as president of the First National Bank of Pomeroy and he had other extensive interests, as he owned a great deal of land in various western states.

Mr. Moody was born on the 9th of August, 1856, in the mountains of Virginia and there he spent his early boyhood and acquired the rudiments of an education. In 1867 he removed to Medina county, Ohio, with his parents, George and Mary B. (Harvey) Moody, who were natives respectively of Connecticut and of Nova Scotia. The father was born in 1815 and was descended from an old Puritan family. He received his education in New York and in early manhood became a minister of the Church of Christ. Not long after his marriage he removed to Carroll county, Virginia, on account of ill health and from 1856 until 1867 devoted his time to farming and preaching the gospel. As he was a northern sympathizer and as the people around him were bitter against the north, he was twice arrested and was at one time confined in jail for six weeks, the charge for which he was incarcerated being that a domestic had reported that in family prayers he had prayed for the north to succeed. At his hearing he testified that he had merely prayed that the right might prevail, and on cross examination the servant admitted that that was

probably what he had said, but added that she had heard him say that slavery was wrong and that the north was in the right. He was acquitted and returned home. In 1867 he emigrated with his family to Medina County, Ohio, making the trip of about four hundred and fifty miles in a covered wagon. The following year he journeyed westward by wagon to Calhoun county, Iowa, and early in 1869 he filed on eighty acres of land in Sherman township. In the spring of 1870 his family arrived in this county and at once took up their residence in a shack on the homestead. The father continued to cultivate his land until his demise, which occurred in 1876. His widow resided upon the home farm until 1883, when she removed to Spokane, Washington, where some of her sons were then living. In their family were six children: Lewis Warren, of this review; Georgina, who died in infancy and was buried in Virginia; Harvey L., a resident of Wendall, Idaho; Ida M., who married J. W. Osborne; W. G.; and O. D., who died of a gunshot wound in 1897 near Spokane, Washington. Harvey L. is the only one of the family now living.

Lewis Warren Moody attended the public schools in his neighborhood when his time was not taken up by work upon the homestead, which was just west of Twin Lakes. When he was eighteen years of age, however, his father died and he was compelled to become the head of the family. It was necessary to make a living for not only himself but also for his mother and the younger children and there were still many of the hardships of pioneer life to be endured. The tract of land which the family owned had not been brought to its highest state of cultivation and prices for farm products were often low. He took a man's place in carrying on the work of the farm and during the winter months added to the family income by trapping. In those days various fur-bearing animals abounded in the marshes and he often realized a considerable sum by the sale of skins. Later he was able to continue his education, although under a disadvantage. During the daytime he attended school at Lake City and during the evenings set type for the Graphic, thus earning money to pay his expenses. Later he taught school for some time and in 1881 located in Pomeroy, where he established himself in the real-estate business. For a considerable period he devoted his leisure hours to the study of law and for a part of that time his reading was directed by J. A. Gould, of Pomeroy, whose library he had the privilege of using. In his preparation for the bar he manifested the qualities of concentration and determination that characterized his life and succeeded in gaining an accurate and broad knowledge of law. He was admitted to the bar by Judge E. R. Duffie at Pocatontas, February

13, 1882, and not long afterward opened an office for the practice of his profession at Pomeroy. In the fall of that year, in connection with J. A. Gould, he established the Exchange Bank of Pomeroy, which they organized with less than three thousand dollars total assets. The following year our subject sold his interest in the institution to R. C. Brownell and the business was conducted by Brownell & Gould for a number of years, after which Mr. Gould sold his interest to A. A. Horton. Brownell & Horton owned and conducted the bank until Mr. Brownell sold out to F. L. Kenyon on the 1st of January, 1890. The financial affairs of the bank being in a bad condition, Mr. Moody and J. A. Davy purchased the institution and conducted it until January 1, 1899, when Mr. Moody became the sole owner of the bank. From the time that he and Mr. Davy took over its management it prospered and gained a larger and larger place in the confidence of the community. In 1902 the Exchange Bank was reorganized as the First National Bank of Pomeroy, with Mr. Moody as president of the new institution. He continued to hold that office until his demise and was recognized as an astute and conservative bank head, while at the same time he was ready to promote the legitimate expansion of business by a wise extension of credit. His advice was often sought on matters of investment and his opinion on any matter relating to banking was listened to with respect. He was also president of the State Bank of Selby, South Dakota.

After disposing of his interests in the Exchange Bank in 1883, Mr. Moody opened a law, loan, land and collection office in Pomeroy and in the following year he succeeded in getting a sub-agency under George R. Pearsons, who was agent for railroad land. The railroad had been granted every odd section in the county and held the land at ten dollars per acre. Practically all of the other land in the county was in the possession of the American Emigrant Company, who had made Edmund Briggs and Henry Sifford their agents. Up to 1884 but little land had been sold in the county and there seemed little prospect of much business for a real-estate agent. However, as before stated, Mr. Moody secured a sub-agency from George R. Pearsons and within the next two years sold practically all of the land around Pomeroy belonging to the railroad. In the fall of 1886 J. A. Davy became connected with Mr. Moody and two or three years later he was admitted to a partnership in the business, which was conducted under the firm name of the Moody & Davy Land Company. Not long after Mr. Davy became a member of the firm they purchased about three sections of land that were sold at a referee's sale and within a month they had disposed of the entire tract at a hand-

some profit. The following year they purchased about five sections of land south of Pocahontas and within eight months had disposed of that extensive tract. A year later they bought more land in that locality, which they had little trouble in selling, and later bought the Wellington ranch southwest of Pocahontas, which comprised about twenty-two hundred acres and to which they immediately added two hundred and forty acres adjoining on the north. They sold the greater part of it but retained eight hundred acres, which they conducted as an experimental farm, proving to skeptical eastern buyers that land in this county was adapted to raising good crops and also to stock-raising by actually raising excellent crops and thoroughbred cattle and hogs. Some time in the late '80s Mr. Moody and Mr. Davy decided to secure a ditch law, as it was evident that the county could not be developed properly until there was some adequate system of drainage. Mr. Moody drafted such a law and it was finally passed without much change. Although there was considerable opposition at first, ditches were dug and in time all of the marsh land in the county was reclaimed for cultivation and it is now recognized that Mr. Moody was working for the best interests of the county in securing the drainage law. Although the Moody & Davy Land Company was dissolved in 1897, Mr. Moody continued to deal in land on an extensive scale until his demise. He owned large tracts in Iowa, the Dakotas, Nebraska, Minnesota, Washington and Oregon and also in Old Mexico, and he was probably the wealthiest man in Calhoun county. During his life he was also interested in a number of other enterprises aside from those mentioned and in all that he did he displayed unusual insight and acumen.

Mr. Moody was married September 3, 1882, at Lake City to Miss Mary R. Fleece, a daughter of James and Louisa (Yeates) Fleece, the former born in Danville, Kentucky, May 10, 1825, and the latter February 18, 1837, also in the Blue Grass State. Their marriage occurred on the 26th of May, 1859, at Bainbridge, Indiana, and four years later they removed to Calhoun county, Iowa, locating at Lake City on the 30th of April, 1863. There they resided until November, 1907, when they visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Moody. The mother was in failing health at the time but it was hoped that her life would be prolonged by rest and loving care, but it was not so ordered, for on the 11th of December, 1907, she passed to her reward. The father spent the following several months visiting his children, really making his home at Pomeroy until shortly before he died, his demise occurring on the 8th of February, 1909, at Pipestone, Minnesota. He early united with the Christian church and soon

after locating in Lake City he and his wife and three other persons organized the church of that denomination there. Both were greatly interested in all phases of church work and in their lives exemplified the teachings of Christianity. Mr. Fleece was a member of the Masonic order. To him and his wife were born the following children: Mrs. Moody; Mrs. Amanda Ridgway, of Pipestone, Minnesota; and Elizabeth Heptonstall, of Sae City, Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. Moody became the parents of five children: Charles and Ray, who died in childhood; Walker, who resides on a farm near Bentonsport, Iowa; Lou, who is now Mrs. H. J. Colburn, of Pomeroy; and Marcella, who lives with her mother. Mr. Moody was a devoted husband and father and gave to his children the educational advantages which were denied him in his youth.

For many years Mr. Moody was an active figure in politics and did much to secure the success of his party and the election of his friends. He never cared to hold office himself and, although he might have been state representative or state senator, refused to become a candidate. As a boy he found much pleasure in hunting, fishing and trapping, and throughout his life he continued to take a great interest in all forms of athletics and outdoor sports, making many extended fishing and hunting excursions to the mountains and elsewhere. He was also a great lover of books, especially poetical works, and as the years passed added to his library, which was one of the best in his city. Although he did not admit many to terms of intimacy, he found a great deal of pleasure in the society of those whom he honored with his friendship. It was characteristic of him that in aiding people he sought always to help them to help themselves and there are many in the county who owe their present prosperity to his timely assistance and wise counsel. Whenever he determined to accomplish a certain thing he made a careful study of conditions, laid his plans carefully and after due deliberation, and then worked energetically and unfalteringly until his object was accomplished. In his youth it was necessary for him to struggle to secure a livelihood and education, later he met the competition of the business world, and the last years of his life were a constant conflict between his will and disease, and by following a careful regimen in his daily life he lived and was active in business for twelve years after his physicians had told him that death would come in six months. The end came on the 9th of October, 1914, at the Hotel Leamington, in Minneapolis, as he was on his way home from the Pacific coast, where he had gone to visit his brother and to take medical treatment. His youngest daughter, Marcella, who was attending a Minneapolis school of music at

the time, was the only one of the family with him when the end came. The place which he held in the respect and esteem of his fellow citizens can perhaps be best expressed in the words of a local paper: "Pomeroy has never suffered a greater loss in the death of an individual than that which came to her when Lewis Warren Moody died."

Mrs. Mary R. Moody was made president of the First National Bank at the time of the demise of her husband, and is still serving in that capacity. She has spent practically her entire life in this county and has always taken a great interest in its development, and the esteem in which she is generally held is well deserved. She has the distinction of being the first white girl born in Calhoun county.

EVAN C. STEVENSON.

Evan C. Stevenson, the mayor of Roekwell City, is giving the municipality an administration characterized by efficiency and devotion to the public welfare and has won the commendation and support of the people of the city. He is by profession a lawyer and has won high rank at the bar of Calhoun county. His birth occurred in Georgetown, Kentucky, on the 30th of November, 1858, and his parents were Milton and Naney (Griffith) Stevenson, also natives of that state. The father was born in Germantown in 1814 and the mother was born on the 28th of August, 1823, in Scott county. The paternal grandfather, Reuben Stevenson, was a native of Maryland but emigrated to Kentucky in 1814, at which time the Indians were still numerous. He was a harness manufacturer and was very successful in that business. He served during the War of 1812 and during the Mexican war as well. The Stevenson family is of English descent. On his mother's side our subject is a grandson of Clement Griffith, who was born November 2, 1785, in Maryland, whence he emigrated to Kentucky when that state was still a pioneer district. He passed away September 9, 1870. He was an Indian fighter of note and knew Daniel Boone and Simon Kenton well.

Milton Stevenson was educated in Georgetown College in his native state and for fifty years engaged in the practice of law at Georgetown. He was recognized as one of the leaders of the bar of that city and for one term after the Civil war served as judge. He was a candidate for the state legislature on the abolition ticket in 1856. During the Civil war he was a strong Union man and from that time until his demise he supported the republican party. His

religious faith was that of the Methodist Episcopal church. He was married on the 28th of August, 1829. His wife lived to the advanced age of almost eighty-one years, as her demise occurred on the 4th of August, 1904. To them were born four children: Mary, who is the widow of Henry Stevenson, and resides in Marysville, Ohio; T. F., an attorney of Des Moines, who was formerly judge of the district court; John M., who is in the government revenue service at Lexington, Kentucky; and Evan C.

The last named was graduated from the Georgetown College in 1879 and subsequently studied law under his father, being admitted to the bar in 1881. He removed to Page County, Iowa, and there began the practice of his profession, but after a time returned to Georgetown, Kentucky, where he remained until his removal to Rockwell City, Iowa. He arrived here on the 31st of August, 1883, and immediately opened an office for the general practice of law. He soon gained a good clientage and has met with gratifying success in his chosen profession. He is careful in the preparation of his cases and convincing in argument and the court records show that he has won a large percentage of the cases in which he has appeared as counsel. For three terms he was county attorney and is now serving his third term as mayor of Rockwell City, his continuance in office proving that his fellow citizens have complete confidence in his ability and uprightness. He is vice president of the local telephone company and director of the Savings Bank and of the First National Bank.

Mr. Stevenson was married on the 31st of August, 1880, to Miss Sarah Manly, of Louisville, Kentucky, a daughter of Basil Manly, who was for years a professor in the Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville and at one time was president of the Georgetown College. To Mr. and Mrs. Stevenson were born seven children: Nancy L., the wife of John S. Buttner, who is engaged in the abstract business in Rockwell City; Charlotte, who is her father's stenographer; Sarah, the wife of Earl E. Cooper, superintendent of the Central Telephone Company of Rockwell City; Evan C., Jr., who is a mechanical engineer located in Rockwell City; Basil, who is studying veterinary surgery at the State College at Ames; David S., who graduated from the local high school with the class of 1915; and William W., who is still in school. Mrs. Stevenson passed away on the 8th of June, 1912, and on the 2d of July, 1913, Mr. Stevenson married Mrs. Jennie G. Reidy, of Wyoming, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Stevenson is a republican in politics and works loyally for the success of his party at the polls. Fraternally he is a member of

the Masonic blue lodge, of which he is past master; of the Royal Arch chapter; of the Knights Templar commandery; and of the Mystic Shrine; and both he and his wife belong to the Order of Eastern Star, in which he is past worthy patron. His religious faith is that of the Methodist Episcopal church. Although his professional work has required the greater part of his time and attention, he has never failed to cooperate with movements seeking the advancement of his city, and when holding public office his first concern has invariably been to discharge the duties devolving upon him in a capable manner.

THOMAS CLARKIN.

Thomas Clarkin, who passed away on the 16th of July, 1898, was for a number of years actively identified with general agricultural pursuits in Calhoun county, owning and operating an excellent farm of one hundred and twenty acres on section 31, Elm Grove township. His birth occurred in Fayette, Lafayette county, Wisconsin, on the 1st of August, 1858, his parents being Peter and Bridget (Gavin) Clarkin, both of whom were natives of Ireland. Emigrating to the United States, they took up their abode in Wisconsin, where the mother passed away. In 1875 the father came to Calhoun county, Iowa, with his son Thomas, the youngest in a family of nine children.

Thomas Clarkin was a youth of seventeen years when he came to this county and spent the remainder of his life within its borders. In 1884 he started out as an agriculturist on his own account, cultivating rented land for three years. Subsequently he lived on other farms until in 1898, when he took up his abode on section 31, Elm Grove township, and there he passed away soon afterward. The property was sold by the widow in 1904, and she bought her present farm on section 32, the same township, which embraces one hundred and twenty acres of rich and productive land. In the operation of his farms Mr. Clarkin won a gratifying measure of success, cultivating the cereals best adapted to soil and climate and also raising cattle, hogs and other stock. His widow and son William now manage the farm and are also stockholders in the Farmers Grain Company of Yetter. They erected a commodious and modern residence in 1913 and their home is attractive in all its appointments and surroundings.

On the 16th of February, 1885, in Sac county, Iowa, Mr. Clarkin was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary Howard, who was born in Lafayette county, Wisconsin, in June, 1861, her parents being Thomas and Ellen (Grant) Howard. The father, who emigrated from Ireland to the United States when eighteen years of age, first took up his abode in New York and subsequently removed to Wisconsin, while in 1878 he came with his family to Calhoun county, Iowa. To Mr. and Mrs. Clarkin were born four children, namely: Francis P., William T., Leafy I. and John Howard.

Mr. Clarkin was a staunch democrat in politics and served for several terms in the capacity of school director, the cause of education ever finding in him a stalwart champion. He was a devout Catholic in religious faith, belonging to the church of that denomination at Auburn, Iowa, and in his demise the community lost one of its substantial agriculturists and highly esteemed citizens. His son William is identified with the Modern Woodmen of America at Yetter and the Knights of Columbus at Auburn. Mrs. Clarkin, who still survives her husband, has now lived in this county for a period of thirty-seven years and has a host of warm friends here.

OTTO W. BECKER.

Otto W. Becker, a prominent agriculturist and esteemed citizen of Calhoun county, within the borders of which he has resided during the past thirty-seven years, makes his home on section 15, Butler township, and is the owner of four hundred and twenty acres of valuable land. His birth occurred in Elmhurst, Dupage county, Illinois, on the 17th of December, 1870, his parents being Henry and Mary (Reish) Becker, who were born, reared and married in Hanover, Germany. Crossing the Atlantic to the United States, they landed at New York on the 9th of May, 1869, and made their way at once to Dupage county, Illinois, where the father worked by the day for eight years. In 1871 he acquired one hundred and sixty acres of land in Butler township, Calhoun county, but did not take up his abode thereon until the spring of 1878, working in Illinois in order to get the necessary funds to pay for the property. There were no buildings on the place, but a part of the land was under cultivation, and he set himself resolutely to the task of further development and improvement. Subsequently he augmented his landed holdings by an additional purchase of eighty acres on section 16 and also bought

a tract of similar size on section 22. He met with gratifying success in the conduct of his agricultural interests and in 1891 put aside the active work of the fields and took up his abode in Pomeroy, turning over the management of his farms to our subject. He is still living in Pomeroy at the advanced age of eighty-four years and enjoys an enviable reputation as one of the esteemed pioneers and representative citizens of the county. Politically he is a liberal republican, while his religious faith is indicated by his affiliation with the German Evangelical Lutheran church at Pomeroy, of which he is one of the eleven charter members. His wife, who also belongs to that church and has now attained the age of seventy-eight years, is highly esteemed as one of the worthy pioneer women of this section. They are the parents of three children, as follows: Elizabeth M., who is the wife of John N. Engelbrecht, of Des Moines, Iowa; Otto W., of this review; and Matilda L., who gave her hand in marriage to Mein Johnson and resides in Rockwell City, Iowa.

Otto W. Becker was about seven years of age when he came to this county with his parents and within its borders he has resided continuously since. He attended the public and German schools of Pomeroy and as the only son of the family assisted his father in the work of the home farm, thus early becoming familiar with the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. On attaining his majority he was married and undertook the management of the homestead place, purchasing the property when his father retired. In 1910 he made an additional purchase of one hundred acres on section 22, Butler township, paying ninety dollars an acre for land that is now worth two hundred dollars per acre. He has tilled his fields and otherwise enhanced the value of his property, which brings him rich returns in bounteous harvests that find a ready sale on the market.

On the 23d of September, 1891, Mr. Becker was united in marriage to Miss Amanda D. Holtorf, a native of Germany and a daughter of Carson C. Holtorf, of whom more extended mention is made on another page of this work. Mrs. Becker was still but an infant when her parents established their home in Butler township, this county, and her education was acquired in the district and German schools here. By her marriage she has become the mother of ten children, namely: William C. and Henry J., who are engaged in the operation of a rented farm in Butler township; Barthold, Otto F., Fred W., Carson W., Hulda M., Theodore Roosevelt, August F. and Julius C., all at home. When the eighth child was born, his maternal grandfather wrote to President Roosevelt asking that he become its godfather and the latter replied and consented.

Mr. Becker supports the democracy when national questions and issues are involved but casts an independent local ballot, voting for men and measures that he deems will best conserve the general welfare. He served for several years as a member of the school board, ably furthering the interests of education. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Lutheran church, to which his wife also belongs. His life has been above reproach in all relations and he has long been numbered among the prosperous agriculturists and enterprising citizens of Calhoun county.

HENRY HERMAN FEIGE.

For nearly a quarter of a century Henry Herman Feige has been successfully engaged in business as a jeweler of Lake City and he is also an optometrist of recognized ability. His birth occurred in Des Moines, Iowa, on the 8th of January, 1866, his parents being George and Gertrude (Meister) Feige, both of whom were born near Frankfort-on-the-Main, Germany. The father emigrated to the United States in 1833 and was actively engaged in business as a carpenter and contractor of Des Moines for forty-five years.

Henry H. Feige acquired his education in the common schools of Des Moines and after putting aside his textbooks worked for his father for several years. At the age of eighteen he became an apprentice of Henry Hobbs, a jeweler of Des Moines, with whom he remained for three years. On the expiration of that period he went to Attica, Kansas, and there embarked in business on his own account, conducting a jewelry store for four years or until 1891, when he came to Lake City, Iowa. Here he has been successfully engaged in the jewelry business to the present time, having built up an extensive and profitable enterprise of this character by reason of his honorable dealing, courtesy and good judgment. He is, moreover, an optometrist of ability and wide reputation.

On the 20th of November, 1888, Mr. Feige was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary Brewer, who was born in Van Buren county, Iowa, April 20, 1868. He gives his political allegiance to the republican party and has served on the school board for seven years, acting as its president for three years. Fraternally he is identified with the Masonic order, belonging to Zerubbabel Lodge No. 240, A. F. & A. M., and he was likewise one of the first members of the Knights of Pythias lodge at Lake City, in which he has passed through all of

the chairs. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist church, of which he has been treasurer for fifteen years. He has many friends in the community who have been attracted by his manly attributes of sincerity and fidelity in the discharge of every responsibility.

JAMES F. LAVENDER.

James F. Lavender is the present efficient county attorney of Calhoun county and in the private practice of law has gained a gratifying clientage. A native of Rochester, New Hampshire, he was born on the 24th of March, 1851, a son of Robert and Ann (McIlwrath) Lavender. The paternal grandfather, Robert Lavender, passed his entire life in Ireland. He was a linen draper and also dealt in horses and other live stock. The maternal grandfather, Hugh McIlwrath, was also a lifelong resident of Ireland and by occupation was a farmer. The parents of our subject were both born on the Emerald isle in the year 1820 and their marriage was there solemnized in 1842. In 1848 they emigrated to America and located in Rochester, New Hampshire, where the father followed the miller's trade for some time. Subsequently he became a manufacturer of woolen goods, and his good judgment and energy enabled him to become a leader in industrial circles of his locality. In 1863 he removed to Iowa and from that time until his demise, which occurred in 1892, gave his attention to agricultural pursuits. His farm comprised a quarter section of excellent land and was well stocked and well equipped. He began his independent career as a day laborer and the success which he achieved was due entirely to his determination and business ability. He was a republican in politics and held a number of minor offices such as school treasurer and school director. His religious belief was that of the Presbyterian church. He was well educated and well informed and was a man of influence in his community. His wife passed away in 1895.

To them were born eight children: W. J., who gave his life in defense of the Union and who is buried in the National cemetery at Rock Island, Illinois; R. F., a retired Congregational minister residing in Newton, Iowa; Mrs. Elizabeth Booth, a widow residing with her son upon a farm near Perry; James F.; Hannah, the wife of William Parker, a retired farmer living in Canada; Mrs. Martha Sowerwine, a widow residing with her children in Brooklyn, Iowa;

Alex. a lumber manufacturer who is living in Humboldt, California; and Thomas, a manager of a lumber yard at Mason City, Iowa.

James F. Lavender received his early education in the public schools and was later a student in the Iowa State College at Ames and the Griswold College at Des Moines. For ten years he followed the profession of school teaching and for the last five years of that period was superintendent of the schools of Le Claire, Iowa, and Cordova, Illinois. In the meantime he devoted his leisure moments to the study of law and later continued his preparation for the bar in Minneapolis, Minnesota, where he was admitted to practice in 1880. After following his profession in that city for a time he removed to Davenport, Iowa, where he remained for about a year, after which he came to Rockwell City, locating here in 1881. He has since devoted his energies to the work of the legal profession, with the exception of four years, when he held the office of county superintendent of schools. It was not long before his ability as an attorney was recognized and he has built up a representative and lucrative practice and has also gained the full confidence and respect of his colleagues. He is at present the incumbent in the office of county attorney and is vigilant and aggressive in safeguarding the interests entrusted to him. He owns valuable farm land in the Dakotas and is also a stockholder in the Second State Bank of Rockwell City.

Mr. Lavender was married in 1876 to Miss Mary L. Davisson, a daughter of A. N. Davisson, of West Virginia. To this union have been born six children. Frances was for two years a student in Cornell College and later graduated from the State Normal School, after which she took a course in the Thomas Music Training School of Detroit, Michigan. She is now superintendent of music and drawing in the North Dakota State Normal School located at Mayville, that state. Fabius C., who was compelled to abandon his college course in his junior year because of ill health, is now building up a cattle ranch in South Dakota. Robert A. graduated from the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland, and is now an ensign in the United States navy. James B. is taking a veterinary course in Kansas City. Mary is the wife of W. S. Robinson, a banker of Bloomington, South Dakota. Aliee E. died in infancy.

Mr. Lavender is a republican in politics and has taken an active part in public affairs. For four years he was county superintendent of schools and for one term he served as mayor of Rockwell City, while, as before stated, he is now county attorney. Moreover, for two terms he represented his district in the state legislature, during which time he did much effective work in securing beneficial legisla-

tion. He is well known in local fraternal eireles, belonging to the Masonic blue lodge, the Royal Arch chapter, the Knights Templar commandery, the Mystic Shrine, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias, the A. O. U. W., the Modern Woodmen and the Mystic Workers. He is a valued citizen of Rockwell City and in the third of a century that he has resided here has done much to further the community welfare along many lines of progress.

W. E. DONAKER.

W. E. Donaker is prominently known as the proprietor of a general store in Jolley, where he has been thus continuously engaged in business during the past nineteen years. His birth occurred on the 16th of July, 1854, his parents being Jacob and Margaret (Hardstey) Donaker, the former born in Ohio in 1831. They came to Iowa in the fall of 1855, settling in Millersburg, Iowa county, where Jacob Donaker followed his trade of harness making until 1881. In that year he took up his abode in Rockwell City, Calhoun county, continuing work at his trade and later becoming proprietor of the Rockwell Hotel. In 1888 he purchased a farm of three hundred and twenty aeres in Butler township, near Jolley, in the operation of which he was actively engaged until 1892, when he moved into the town of Jolley and there lived retired until called to his final rest on the 7th of February, 1906. He has been a resident of this county for a quarter of a century and in his passing the community lost one of its most esteemed and substantial citizens. His political views were in accord with the principles of the republican party.

W. E. Donaker was brought to this state in his infancy and was reared and educated in Millersburg. He secured employment in a store there after putting aside his textbooks when a lad of sixteen years, and several years later made his way to Rockwell City, where he embarked in the hotel business, conducting a popular hostelry there until 1893. During the following three years he operated a restaurant and then came to Jolley, where he purchased a general store which he has conducted continuously to the present time. He carries a large and well selected stoek of goods at reasonable prieses and is accorded an extensive patronage in recognition of his reliable business methods and honorable, straightforward dealings.

On the 16th of December, 1874, Mr. Donaker was united in marriage to Miss Hattie M. Stackhouse, who was born in Millersburg,

Iowa, in 1857, a daughter of John Staekhouse. They are the parents of two children, namely: Glenn, who wedded Miss May Willison and resides in Jolley, Iowa; and Goldie, who gave her hand in marriage to Charles Taylor, of Jolley.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. Donaker has supported the men and measures of the republican party and he has ably served as a member of the city council and also in the capacity of school director. Fraternally he is identified with the Modern Woodmen of America, belonging to Camp No. 2540 at Jolley. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist church, while his wife is affiliated with the Christian church. His life, in all of its various relations, has been of such a character as to command the respect and esteem of those with whom he has been associated.

CHARLES E. BALE.

Charles E. Bale, the well known and popular cashier of the Calhoun County State Bank of Manson, was born in Dubuque, Iowa, on the 10th of January, 1869. His parents, Edward E. and Levaneia (Richards) Bale, were born respectively in London, England, August 9, 1844, and in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in 1848. They were married in Dubuque in July, 1867. The paternal grandfather, John Bale, emigrated to the United States from England with his family in 1854. He was a plumber by occupation and passed away in Dubuque when more than eighty years of age. His wife, who in her maidenhood was Miss Mary De Galliford, reached the venerable age of ninety-six years. Charles J. Richards, the maternal grandfather of our subject, was born in Cooperstown, New York, in 1812 but removed successively to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and to Dubuque, Iowa. While living in the latter city he engaged in the wholesale boot and shoe business.

Edward E. Bale located in Dubuque, Iowa, after emigrating to this country in 1854 and there followed the plumber's trade. At length he went to Streator, Illinois, where he was living at the time of his demise. During the Civil war he served in the First Iowa Volunteer Infantry and was at the front for four years and ten months. He enlisted as a private but rose by his daring and ability to the rank of first lieutenant. During his term of service he was home for six weeks on a furlough on account of illness. He was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and was commander of

his post. He supported the candidates and measures of the republican party at the polls and held the office of sheriff of La Salle county, Illinois. Fraternally he was a member of the Masons and the Odd Fellows. He passed away in 1888. To him and his wife were born two children, Charles E.; and Ella L., the wife of W. K. Seelye, an eye, ear, nose and throat specialist of Seattle, Washington.

Charles E. Bale was graduated from the high school at Streator, Illinois, on the 16th of June, 1886. In the following July he came to Manson and entered the employ of the Calhoun County State Bank as assistant bookkeeper and general utility man. He was promoted successively to assistant cashier and cashier and has served in the latter position since 1892. He is thoroughly familiar with banking routine and also understands the fundamental principles of finance and currency upon which the banking system is based. The Calhoun County State Bank is one of the prosperous and reliable moneyed institutions of this section of the state and has the confidence of its community. It is capitalized for sixty thousand dollars, has a surplus of ten thousand dollars; undivided profits of sixty-five hundred; and its average deposits aggregate three hundred and thirty thousand dollars. Our subject has gained the commendation of the directors of the institution for the able manner in which he manages its affairs, and his efficiency has also won him the goodwill of the general public.

In 1897 Mr. Bale was married to Miss Aimee Glass, of Manson, a daughter of R. C. Glass, a Methodist Episcopal minister. She passed away in 1900 in the faith of the Methodist Episcopal church, leaving a son, Carl R., who is now attending school in Seattle.

Mr. Bale is a republican but has never taken an active part in politics as his duties as cashier demand his entire time. Fraternally he belongs to the Masonic blue lodge, the Royal Arch chapter, the Knights Templar commandery and the Mystic Shrine. He is a valued citizen of Manson and has many warm friends.

WILLIAM WALLACE CLARK.

William Wallace Clark, who is extensively engaged in farming in Elm Grove township, owning five hundred and twenty acres of land lying on sections 28 and 29, was born in New York, December 14, 1853, and lost his father when quite young. His mother, Clarissa (Kinney) Clark, afterward married again, becoming the wife of

Harmon Lott, and they removed to Illinois, where Mr. Lott was engaged in farming for a time, after which he removed to Fayette county, Iowa.

William Wallace Clark accompanied his mother on her various removals and was reared to farm life, while his education was acquired in the common schools. When a young man of twenty-two years he came to Calhoun county and engaged in cultivating rented land in Elm Grove township. He worked earnestly and persistently, practicing economy, in the hope that some day he might become the owner of land. His first purchase consisted of forty acres, for which he paid six dollars and a quarter per acre, and this formed the nucleus of his present large holdings, for from time to time he has since added to his acreage until he now owns five hundred and twenty acres, lying on sections 28 and 29, Elm Grove township. His place is improved with good buildings and in his farming methods he follows advanced ideas and uses the latest improved machinery to carry on his work. He therefore harvests good crops each year which add materially to his income. In addition to his farm property Mr. Clark also owns stock in the Farmers Grain Company at Yetter.

It was on the 14th of February, 1875, that Mr. Clark established a home of his own by his marriage to Miss Osta Desart. Her father, David Desart, was born in Illinois and came to Fayette county, Iowa, in 1854. In March, 1856, he married Miss Mary Jane Conner and they continued to reside in Fayette county until 1875, when they removed to Calhoun county, locating in Elm Grove township. Later Mr. Desart retired from farming and made his home in Jolley, this county, for ten years but at the end of that time removed to Lavinia, where he now resides. He has reached the age of eighty-two years and his wife is seventy-nine years of age. She is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. To Mr. and Mrs. Clark have been born nine children, of whom two are deceased. Those who survive are: Edward, who wedded Anna Shima and follows farming in Emmet county, this state; Vira, the wife of George Hueka, a resident of Jackson township, Calhoun county; Myrtle, the wife of Dick Yetter, of Emmet county; Elmer, who wedded Mae Hawthorne and makes his home in Elm Grove township; and Chauncy, Floyd and Lela, all still under the parental roof. Mrs. Clark and the children are members of the United Brethren church.

In politics Mr. Clark is a republican and has been called by his fellow townsmen to fill public office. For several terms he has served as trustee of Elm Grove township, while for many years he has filled the office of school director, in which capacity he is serving at the

present time. He belongs to that class of representative men who rapidly discern opportunities of improvement and who are rapidly forging to the front. He started out in a humble capacity without capital but he has brooked no obstacle that could be overcome by honorable and determined effort and today he is well known in agricultural circles because of his progressive and advanced methods along agricultural lines.

JOHN FEATHERSTONE.

John Featherstone is a prominent pioneer agriculturist of Sherman township, where he has resided continuously since early childhood, or for a period of forty-six years, and where he now owns four hundred and sixty acres of valuable land. His birth occurred in Yorkshire, England, on the 19th of September, 1866, his parents being William and Mary (Bramley) Featherstone, who were born, reared and married there. The father emigrated to the United States in May, 1866, making his way direct to Sherman township, Calhoun county, Iowa, and entering a tract of land on section 28, on the shore of North Twin Lake, where he was the third settler. He erected a sod house and began improving his property but found it difficult to raise much grain because of the numerous gophers and birds. He also trapped muskrats and mink. In May, 1869, he was joined by his wife and two children and they took up their abode in a small frame house which he had built. As the years passed and his financial resources increased, owing to his untiring industry and capable management, he augmented his holdings by additional purchase until at the time of his retirement he owned six hundred acres of valuable land, the management of which he turned over to our subject. In 1904 he took up his abode in Manson, this county, and there lived in well earned ease until called to his final rest on the 1st of January, 1913, when he had attained the age of eighty-one years. He was a republican in politics but never sought nor desired office, being rather of a retiring disposition, reserved and quiet in manner. William Featherstone was a devoted member of the Methodist church, and in his passing the community lost one of its esteemed, substantial citizens and true pioneers. His wife died on the 26th of May, 1915, when seventy-six years of age, also passing away in the faith of the Methodist church.

To them were born six children, as follows: Edith, who lives in Hull, England; Mary, who is the wife of G. R. Frost, of Arnolds Park, Iowa; John, of this review; Blanch, who gave her hand in marriage to George Lory, of Rockwell City; Emma, the wife of Bert Griffeth, of Rockwell City, Iowa; and Lillie, who married Orea Spangler and is a resident of Manson.

John Featherstone, who was not quite three years of age when he came to this country with his mother, spent the period of his boyhood and youth on the home farm in Calhoun county and attended the public schools in the acquirement of an education. Being the only son of the family, he found much work to do and was busily engaged as his father's assistant in the cultivation of the fields. Following his marriage he rented the homestead property and also operated an adjoining tract of eighty acres which he had purchased. He inherited one hundred acres of land when his father died but has acquired extensive holdings through his own efforts and now owns four hundred and sixty acres of rich and productive land in Sherman township. In connection with the cultivation of cereals he devotes considerable attention to stockraising and in both branches of his business is meeting with gratifying and well merited success.

On the 4th of November, 1903, Mr. Featherstone was united in marriage to Miss Pearl G. Taylor, a native of Earlham, Madison county, Iowa, and a daughter of Henry Taylor. To them have been born four children, namely: Eva Clarice, Gladys Marine, Beulah Gale and Eric Gordon.

Mr. Featherstone gives his political allegiance to the republican party but has never sought nor desired office as a reward for his party fealty. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist church. By a life of practical industry he has won a good name which is more to be preferred than riches and at the same time has demonstrated that high character and success in business may go hand in hand.

DANIEL HARVEY.

Daniel Harvey, who owns and operates an excellent farm of 133 acres on section 3, Garfield township, has been a resident of this county during the past four decades and has long enjoyed an enviable reputation as one of its substantial agriculturists and esteemed citizens. His birth occurred in Nova Scotia on the 23d of December,

1833, his parents being Archibald and Elizabeth (Dinsmore) Harvey. The father, born in that province on the 20th of July, 1783, followed farming successfully throughout his entire business career and passed away November 10, 1856.

Daniel Harvey came to Calhoun county, Iowa, on the 14th of May, 1875, and here secured employment on a farm. Subsequently he came into possession of a tract of one hundred and thirty-three acres on section 3, Garfield township, broke the land, made substantial improvements and has since cultivated the same with excellent results. He carries on his farming interests in accord with the most practical and progressive methods of agriculture and derives therefrom a gratifying annual income.

On the 17th of April, 1882, Mr. Harvey was united in marriage to Miss Havila Jackson, who was born in Kings county, Nova Scotia, January 19, 1852, a daughter of George and Navina (Newcomb) Jackson. They have one son, Edward E., who is still at home.

Mr. Harvey gives his political allegiance to the republican party and has served as justice of the peace for two terms, making a most creditable record in that capacity. Fraternally he is identified with the Masonic order, belonging to Solar Lodge, A. F. & A. M., while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Christian church, with which his wife is also affiliated. He has now passed the eighty-first milestone on life's journey and his career has ever been such that he can look back over the past without regret and forward to the future without fear.

WILLIAM O. HIGGINS.

During the past fifteen years William O. Higgins has been a factor in the industrial activity of Lake City as manager of the J. H. Queal Lumber Company. His birth occurred at Kendall Bridge, Carroll county, Iowa, in 1869, his parents being George W. and S. E. (Buttrick) Higgins, the former a native of Cass county, Michigan, and the latter of Missouri. Enos Buttrick, the maternal grandfather of our subject, was the first settler of Carroll county, this state.

William O. Higgins acquired his education in the schools of Glidden, Cottonwood and Lake City and after putting aside his textbooks secured a position as grocery clerk with J. O. Smith. During the past fifteen years he has been manager of the J. H. Queal Lumber Company of Lake City and his work in this connection has proven

an element in the continued growth and success of the enterprise, for he is a man of excellent business ability, sound judgment and keen sagacity.

In 1893, in Lake City, Iowa, Mr. Higgins was united in marriage to Miss Anna L. Nelson, a native of Denmark. In politics he is a democrat, loyally supporting the men and measures of that party at the polls. He has won the warm regard and esteem of all with whom he has been associated and is popular in both business and social circles of his community.

ADOLPH H. RIEMAN.

Adolph H. Rieman, a worthy native son and enterprising agriculturist of Calhoun county, owns a tract of land embracing one hundred and sixty-one acres on section 17, Elm Grove township. His birth occurred on the 28th of October, 1878, his parents being John and Mary (Render) Rieman, natives of Germany. A sketch of the father, who died on his farm in Elm Grove township in the year 1900, appears on another page of this work. Adolph H. Rieman remained under the parental roof until past twenty-seven years of age, when he was married and established a home of his own. General agricultural pursuits have claimed his time and energies throughout his entire business career and he now owns and resides upon one hundred and sixty-one acres of land on section 17, Elm Grove township, about half of which is drained and tiled. There are good fences, substantial outbuildings for the shelter of grain and stock and an attractive residence, and the place in its neat and thrifty appearance indicates the supervision of a practical and progressive owner. Mr. Rieman is the secretary of the Farmers Mutual Telephone Company and enjoys an enviable reputation as one of the successful agriculturists and representative citizens of the community.

On the 26th of February, 1906, Mr. Rieman was united in marriage to Miss Anna Arndt, who was born in Coon Valley township, Sac county, Iowa, August 28, 1887, her parents being Adolph and Mary (Linneman) Arndt. The father was born in Germany on the 26th of October, 1858, while the mother's birth occurred in Cook county, Illinois, February 28, 1865. Adolph Arndt is actively engaged in farming in Sac county, this state. Mr. and Mrs. Rieman have three children, namely: Rinchart, born November 9, 1909;

Velman, whose natal day was January 13, 1912; and Elvira, born December 28, 1913.

In his political views Mr. Rieman is independent, supporting men and measures rather than party. His religious faith is that of the German Lutheran church, and in the community which has always been his home he has many friends and acquaintances who entertain for him the highest regard and esteem. In motoring he finds needed recreation, owning an automobile.

MARION F. MULLAN.

Marion F. Mullan conducted a drug store in Pomeroy for a period of thirty-six years and is the oldest business man of the town in point of years of continuous connection with mercantile interests. For about fifteen years he has also been a factor in financial circles as vice president of the Pomeroy State Bank, which institution he assisted in organizing.

His birth occurred in Waterloo, Blackhawk county, Iowa, on the 8th of March, 1855, his parents being Charles and America (Virden) Mullan, the former a native of Sullivan county, Pennsylvania, and a representative of an old Pennsylvania family of Scotch descent. He was reared on a farm in the Keystone state and there educated, also learning the blacksmith's trade in youth. By teaching school he procured the funds necessary to pay his way through college. He settled in Blackhawk county, Iowa, in an early day and served as its first county surveyor and as the first postmaster of Waterloo, giving the name to the postoffice and town. Subsequently he became the owner of considerable land adjoining Waterloo and there carried on farming and stock-raising with excellent success until called to his final rest at about the age of seventy years, the community thus losing one of its prominent and honored pioneers. He gave his political allegiance to the republican party and was a Methodist in religious faith. His wife, a native of Kentucky, was taken by her parents to Illinois when still very young, being reared, educated and married in the latter state. She came to Iowa with her husband in an early period in the development of the state and was one of its worthy pioneer women. Her demise occurred when she had attained the age of eighty-four years.

Marion F. Mullan, the fifth in order of birth in a family of six children, spent his boyhood on the home farm adjoining Waterloo and acquired his education in the public schools of that town. When

twenty-one years of age he left the parental roof and came to Pomeroy, Calhoun county, being here employed as clerk in a drug store for one year. On the expiration of that period, in 1877, he purchased the establishment, remaining its proprietor for thirty-six years or until he sold out in January, 1914. He carried an extensive line of drugs and druggists' sundries and was accorded a most liberal patronage. Since disposing of the store he has devoted his attention to the supervision of his real-estate, banking and other interests. For about fifteen years past he has served as vice president of the Pomeroy State Bank, which he assisted in organizing and in the continued growth and success of which he has materially aided.

On the 23d of May, 1882, Mr. Mullan was united in marriage to Miss Narcissa Swan, who was born in Illinois and was brought to Iowa in early childhood. They have one son, Donald G., who is now a practicing attorney of Sioux City, Iowa.

Mr. Mullan is a staunch republican in politics but has never sought nor desired the honors and emoluments of office as a reward for his party fealty. Fraternally he is identified with the Masons, belonging to Solar Lodge, No. 475, A. F. & A. M., of Pomeroy, while his wife is a devoted and consistent member of the Presbyterian church. He is a self-made man in the highest and best sense of the term, having attained his present prosperity through the exercise of industry, energy and unflinching perseverance. The period of his residence in Calhoun county now covers nearly four decades and he enjoys an extensive and favorable acquaintance within its borders.

GEORGE L. BROWER.

George L. Brower, of Roekwell City, has been prominently connected with a number of industrial concerns of Calhoun county, owns considerable land and has gained success in the abstract and money-lending business and is likewise connected with banking interests. He was born in Jackson, Michigan, on the 16th of December, 1850, a son of David D. and Abbie (Morehouse) Brower, both of whom were natives of New York state. They were married in that state but not long afterward emigrated westward, locating near Jackson, Michigan, where the father carried on farming throughout the remainder of his life. He was a republican in politics, fraternally was connected with the Odd Fellows and gave his religious allegiance to the Methodist Episcopal church. He passed away in 1896, when

eighty years of age, as he was born in 1816, but his wife died in 1857, when comparatively young. To them were born ten children, but only three survive, those besides our subject being: Mrs. C. A. Norton, of Stoekbridge, Michigan; and Josiah M., who is farming near that place. Three brothers of our subject, Joseph, William and Charley, died while serving in the Union army or shortly after returning home, of disease contracted while in the military service. Another brother, Samuel, also served in the Civil war.

George L. Brower attended the common schools of Michigan and continued his education in the schools of Iowa Falls, this state. He came west when but fifteen years of age and first found employment as clerk in a store at Iowa Falls. When nineteen years old he went to Dubuque, where he remained for some time. He was a graduate of The Bayless Commercial College at Dubuque and for three years taught bookkeeping and commercial arithmetic. He then became a traveling salesman, representing a house dealing in notions, for seven years, and after leaving the employ of that company engaged in general merchandising at Fonda, Iowa, where he remained for five years. In connection with the store he conducted a creamery, which was the first one established in Pocahontas county. In 1884 he removed to Rockwell City and for two years dealt in lumber. He then purchased a set of abstract books and has since carried on an abstract business and at the same time has engaged in loaning money. He also places farm loans for insurance companies and in all of his business activities has met with a large measure of success. In October, 1891, he established a private bank, which is now known as the Security State Bank and which is capitalized for sixty thousand dollars. In 1896 he purchased a large tract of land in Rockwell City, paying therefor one hundred thousand dollars, and upon this site erected a canning factory, a bottling works and a large brick and tile factory, becoming the president of the above named concerns. He also erected a modern hotel in the city and in addition to the interests already mentioned he has invested quite heavily in real estate, owning both farm and city property.

Mr. Brower was married in 1876 to Miss Ella J. Busby, a daughter of Mrs. Jane Busby, of Dubuque, Iowa. To this union five children have been born, one of whom survives, namely: Mrs. C. C. Hatcher, who is living in Atlanta, Georgia, where her husband is successfully engaged in the insurance and money-loaning business.

Mr. Brower is a republican in politics and is loyal in his support of that party at the polls. Fraternally he belongs to the Masonic blue lodge, the Royal Arch chapter, the Knights Templar com-

mandery, the Scottish Rite, the Mystic Shrine and the Order of the Eastern Star, and he is also a Knight of Pythias. He has always taken an active part in the work of the Presbyterian church and was one of the organizers of the church of that denomination at Rockwell City. He helped to build the old edifice of that congregation and was one of the heaviest contributors to the building fund when the new house of worship was erected. For years he served as superintendent of the Sunday school and has at all times aided in every possible way in promoting the influence of Christian teachings. When he first engaged in business on his own account he had practically no capital but he possessed the great assets of energy, sound judgment and unswerving integrity and these qualities have enabled him to win a comfortable fortune and at the same time to hold the unqualified respect of all who have been associated with him in business or in other relations.

CHARLES L. DROMMER.

Charles L. Drommer, a prominent agriculturist of Calhoun county, owning and operating a well improved farm comprising two hundred and forty acres on section 13, Butler township, has made his home in the community for the past forty-four years and is widely recognized as a representative and substantial citizen. His birth occurred in Fort Dodge, Webster county, Iowa, on the 15th of July, 1864, his parents being John and Marietta (Collins) Drommer. The father, a native of Germany, emigrated to the United States and took up his abode among the pioneer citizens of this county, here devoting his attention to farming until called to his final rest about 1890. His widow now makes her home in Pomeroy.

Charles L. Drommer was about seven years of age when he accompanied his parents to this county in 1871 and he was reared on the home farm in Butler township, attending the public schools in the acquirement of an education. He assisted his father in the work of the fields and after attaining his majority operated the home place of three hundred and twenty acres as a renter for several years. Subsequently he operated the property in association with his brother, Lewis W., for three or four years or until the estate was divided and the two brothers purchased the interests of the other heirs, our subject coming into possession of the northeast quarter of section 13, Butler township, while Lewis took the southeast quarter. Charles

L. Drommer has since purchased an adjoining tract of eighty acres, so that his holdings now embrace two hundred and forty acres of valuable land, in the cultivation of which he is meeting with a gratifying and well merited measure of success.

On February 23, 1892, Mr. Drommer was united in marriage to Miss Lucy Kruchten, who was born in Pomeroy, this county, and educated in Pocahontas county. She is a daughter of John Kruchten and by her marriage has become the mother of six children, as follows: Nellie May, who is the wife of Swan Nelson, an agriculturist of Sherman township; and John E., Charles Leroy, Mildred, George Herbert and Clare, all at home.

In politics Mr. Drommer is a staunch republican. He was chosen a member of the board of county supervisors in 1902, took the office in January, 1903, and was continued therein by reelection for three terms or until 1906. During this period most of the drainage ditches of the county were dug and at one time ditch bonds were sold to the value of four hundred thousand dollars. Mr. Drommer also served as trustee and in other positions, making a most creditable and commendable record as a public official. Fraternally he is identified with the Masons, belonging to Solar Lodge, No. 475, A. F. & A. M., of Pomeroy, and he is likewise a member of the Modern Woodmen, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, with which his wife is also affiliated. At all times he has been true to the obligations and responsibilities that have devolved upon him in every relation of life and therefore well merits the esteem and goodwill which are uniformly accorded him.

WILLIAM T. SPEAKER, M. D.

Dr. William T. Speaker has been engaged in the practice of medicine in Manson since 1887, or for a period of more than twenty-eight years, and during his long service here he has built up a large and lucrative practice and has become the loved family physician in many a household. He was born in Ogle county, Illinois, June 12, 1851, and in the paternal line comes of German ancestry, his great-grandfather having been born in the fatherland. The grandfather, Samuel Speaker, was born in Virginia but from that state removed to Maryland and still later located in Illinois. He was a carpenter and cabinet-maker by trade and made fancy stairs, working at his trade throughout life. His son Noah, who became the father of our

subject, was born in Maryland in 1820 and was a young man of twenty-four years, when, in 1844, he located in Illinois. He was married in Harpers Ferry, Virginia, in 1849, to Miss Catherine Garvin, who was born in Pennsylvania in 1827, a daughter of John Garvin, who was likewise born in the Keystone state but at an early day took up his abode in Ohio and passed away in Springfield, that state. He was of Scotch descent and was a weaver of grain sacks. Noah Speaker was a farmer by occupation and became a prominent man in Ogle county, Illinois. He took an active part in the development and improvement of his locality in an early day and for years served as a member of the school board. He was a democrat in politics and belonged to the United Brethren church, in the faith of which he died January 5, 1908, when he had reached the very advanced age of eighty-eight years. His wife preceded him in death, passing away in 1902, when about seventy-five years of age. In their family were four children: William T., of this review; Alice, who became the wife of John Harmon and is now a widow residing in Los Angeles, California; Rosa J., who became the wife of W. W. Williams, a prominent real-estate man of Iowa, but who later removed to Los Angeles, where his death occurred; and Marian A., who died many years ago.

Dr. William T. Speaker was reared in the county of his nativity and began his education in the common schools of his home locality, after which he pursued a course in Rock River Seminary at Mount Morris, Illinois, and also in an academy at Rockford, that state. Deciding upon the practice of medicine as a life work, he then read medicine for a time in Rockford with Dr. D. S. Clark as his preceptor. Subsequently he entered the Chicago Medical College, from which he was graduated March 5, 1878. He immediately located for practice in Mount Morris, Illinois, where he remained for nine years, when, in 1887, he came to Manson and has since occupied the same office here. At that time the country was not as thickly settled as it is today and the roads were not improved as they now are, so that the long weary drives made his duties most arduous. However, he was always found ready and willing to answer any call that was made upon him for professional service, and he has built up a large and lucrative practice that now ranks him with the leading physicians of Calhoun county.

Dr. Speaker was married April 4, 1878, to Miss Inez E. Beecher. Her father, Ransom Beecher, was a relative of Dr. Henry Ward Beecher. He wedded Miss Sarah A. Drake, who was a descendant of Sir Francis Drake. Mr. Beecher still survives at the very advanced

age of ninety-five years. Mrs. Speaker's mother passed away many years ago. To Dr. and Mrs. Speaker have been born four children. Clifford B., after completing the high-school course, pursued a course in Rose Polytechnic School at Terre Haute, Indiana, from which he graduated as a civil engineer in 1904. He is an athlete and during his college career was a member of the football team. He is now located in Portland, Oregon. Faith is the wife of C. J. Jackson, assistant cashier of the Calhoun County State Bank. Ethel G., formerly a physical director in the San Diego (California) high school, is now the wife of Dr. W. A. Goode, of San Francisco. Lelia is the wife of Chester A. Duncan, who is engaged in the jewelry business in Manson.

In politics the Doctor is a republican, while in religious faith he is a Methodist. He keeps in touch with the advance that is being made in the medical profession through his membership in the County and State Medical Societies, the American Medical Association and the Illinois Central and Yazoo Valley Railroad Association, and while still a resident of Illinois served as president and secretary of the Ogle County Medical Society. His energy is ever at the service of the community, and he has the love and respect of all with whom he is associated, not only in a professional way but as a citizen and friend of humanity who lives for the good he can render his fellowman.

MAXWELL W. FRICK.

Maxwell W. Frick is a prominent member of the bar of Rockwell City and Calhoun county and is highly respected by all who know him. His birth occurred in Dallas county, Iowa, October 27, 1859, and he is a son of John A. and Eliza M. (Work) Frick. His paternal grandfather, George Frick, was born in Pennsylvania and devoted his life to agricultural pursuits. The family is of Prussian descent. The maternal grandfather, Adam Work, was also a native of Pennsylvania. The Work family has resided in this country since pre-Revolutionary days and representatives thereof fought in the Colonial army in the war for independence.

John A. Frick was born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, May 20, 1825, and passed away January 29, 1912. His wife was born in Fayette county, Pennsylvania, in 1830, and her demise occurred in October, 1913. Their marriage was solemnized in the

Keystone state in 1853 and two years later they emigrated to Dallas county, Iowa, where he became a farmer and landowner. He engaged in agricultural pursuits until 1880, when he retired from active life, having accumulated a competence. He was a republican in politics and in early life gave his religious allegiance to the Lutheran church, although he later became identified with the Presbyterian church. He was a quiet, unassuming man, but his genuine worth gained him many sincere friends. His wife was also a member of the Presbyterian church. To them were born four children: John C., who is engaged in the insurance business in Rockwell City; Maxwell W.; Sidney F., a real-estate dealer in Des Moines; and Belle, who is now living in southern California.

Maxwell W. Frick attended the high school at Adel, Iowa, and also Des Moines College and the Iowa Business College at Des Moines, after which he took some private work. After reading law in Des Moines and Adel he attended a law school in Des Moines for a short time and on the 3d of February, 1881, was admitted to the bar. He practiced in Adel as a member of the legal firm of Baugh & Frick until September, 1881, when he came to Rockwell City and opened an office here. He has since devoted his energies to the practice of his profession and has been very successful, gaining a large and lucrative clientage. He practices in all of the courts and the records show that he has won a large proportion of the cases in which he has appeared as counsel. He has not only gained an excellent reputation professionally but he has also won financial independence and has made a number of well advised investments.

On the 3d of November, 1881, occurred the marriage of Mr. Frick and Miss Kate M. Marsh, of Adel. Two of the three children born to this union survive, namely: Harold C., now a resident of Kansas City, Missouri; and Stanley A., who is in partnership with his father. The wife and mother passed away August 12, 1898, in the faith of the Presbyterian church. On the 25th of October, 1900, Mr. Frick married Miss Minnie L. Holt, of Fort Dodge, formerly of Adel.

Mr. Frick is a republican and for three terms has served as a member of the school board, of which he is now president. He is also president of the library board and of the Chautauqua Association and has always taken an active interest in municipal affairs. Fraternally he belongs to the Ancient Order of United Workmen, and both he and his wife hold membership in the Presbyterian church, whose teachings guide their conduct. Since beginning his independent career he has relied solely upon his own ability, having no influ-

ential friends to aid him in gaining success, and he takes justifiable pride in what he has accomplished. He holds the confidence and respect both of the general public and of his colleagues in the legal profession, and his position at the bar is assured. He has also been able to serve his community well along a number of lines closely affecting the general good and financially he has prospered.

CAPTAIN WILLIAM HARRISON FITCH.

In every community there are a few men who by the consensus of public opinion are recognized as leaders and who by reason of their superior insight, resolute determination and great energy accomplish much in furthering the development of their locality. Such a man was Captain William Harrison Fitch, of Calhoun county, who passed away on the 27th of July, 1907, in Lake City. In addition to holding an important place in the agricultural, commercial and political circles of the county he was known as a veteran of the Civil war and as a gallant officer.

Captain Fitch was born in Swanton, Franklin county, Vermont, on the 25th of March, 1840, a son of Mason and Sally (Aseltine) Fitch, natives respectively of New York and Vermont, although both were descended from old New York families. When our subject was about ten years of age the family removed to Canton, St. Lawrence county, New York, where they continued to reside until the close of the Civil war. The parents then removed to Woodstock, McHenry county, Illinois, where the father followed agricultural pursuits as he had done in the east. He passed away in 1880, when fifty-six years of age. Following his demise his widow became a resident of Lake City, Iowa, where she lived until she also answered the last call. They were the parents of five children, of whom William Harrison was the eldest. James C. was killed at the battle of Ringgold, Georgia, November 27, 1863, immediately following the battle of Missionary Ridge. He was orderly sergeant of Company A, Sixtieth New York Volunteer Infantry, of which our subject was captain. He lived but a few hours after being shot. George, who served under General Sheridan, was a member of the Ninth New York Heavy Artillery. He passed away in California. Alice is the wife of James Hartman, who is living retired in Lake City. Sarah J. is the widow of Norman Mead and also lives in Lake City.



CAPTAIN WILLIAM H. FITCH



MRS. WILLIAM H. FITCH

After acquiring his early education in the public schools of the Empire state Captain William H. Fitch entered the St. Lawrence Academy, in which he was pursuing a civil engineering course when the war broke out. As soon as it was evident that there was really to be an armed conflict between the north and the south he decided that it was his duty to go to the defense of the Union and accordingly in July, 1861, he offered his services to the Federal government at Canton, New York. On the organization of Company A, Sixtieth New York Volunteer Infantry, he was appointed corporal and not long thereafter was made orderly sergeant. At Chancellorsville he was commissioned first lieutenant in recognition of his meritorious service and a short time later was made captain. After participating in the campaign in the Shenandoah valley and taking part in many engagements, including those of Harpers Ferry, Port Royal and Winchester, his command was assigned to the Army of the Potomac and fought in the battles of Chancellorsville and Gettysburg. Later his regiment was transferred to the Army of the West and was engaged at Wauhatchie, Lookout Mountain, Missionary Ridge, Ringgold, Resaca, Kenesaw Mountain, Peach Tree Creek and Atlanta, being continuously under fire for many days. For a time the command was stationed at Stevenson, Alabama, guarding railroads, and it was with Sherman on his march from Atlanta to Savannah. Captain Fitch's regiment was the first to enter Atlanta and its colors were the first to float from any of the public buildings. Not long after the battle of Goldsboro news came of Lee's surrender, and the army with which Captain Fitch was connected then proceeded to Washington, where it participated in the grand review, a pageant which none who witnessed it can ever forget. Captain Fitch had re-enlisted as a veteran soon after the battle of Lookout Mountain and continued in the military service of the United States until he was honorably discharged at Alexandria, Virginia, in July, 1865. Three times the colors of his regiment were shot down at Lookout Mountain, but in that engagement the regiment captured a Confederate flag and General Walthall's sword was taken by Captain Fitch, who took it off the wall of the cabin in which that officer was eating his breakfast. The Captain was the first man on the mountain the day of its capture. At Chancellorsville Captain Fitch was wounded in the right leg by a minie ball and several times during his service his hat and clothing were perforated by rebel bullets. He was ill with typhoid fever for some time but as soon as possible rejoined his command at the front. For six months he served as inspector on the staffs of Generals Green, Garey, Mendall and Bartlett, and at the

close of the war he was commissioned as lieutenant colonel. He was in every engagement from Lookout Mountain until Sherman's army reached the sea, including forty battles and skirmishes. He was an excellent officer, cool and courageous, and held the unqualified respect of his men.

When the war was over Captain Fitch returned to his old home in New York and in the fall of 1865 came west, making his way to Chicago, thence to Omaha by way of the Missouri river and on to Fremont, Nebraska, where he expected to enter the civil engineering department of the Union Pacific Railroad, which was then being constructed. He did not remain there long, however, and that winter taught school at Lake City, Iowa. Subsequently he bought land southeast of the city and devoted his time to agricultural pursuits until 1887, when he took up his residence in Lake City and conducted a store in partnership with J. J. Hutchison for four years. At the end of that time he abandoned mercantile pursuits and returned to the farm, where he remained until 1906, in which year he retired from active life and again became a resident of Lake City, where he was living at the time of his demise. He was one of the progressive and efficient agriculturists of the county and contributed in no small measure to the development of the stock-raising interests of his locality as he was the first man to breed full blooded shorthorn cattle. He also gained a gratifying measure of success as a merchant during the four years that he was a factor in business circles of Lake City.

Captain Fitch was a loyal worker in the ranks of the republican party and did much to insure its success at the polls. His fitness for official preferment was recognized by his fellow citizens and he was elected to a number of positions of trust and honor. In 1866 he was made clerk of the district court, which office he held until 1873. In that year he was elected state senator and during the four years that he represented his district in the upper house of the legislature he aided in securing the passage of much beneficial legislation. He also rendered valuable public service as a member of the building committee of the state capitol. For six years he held the office of supervisor and always took a particularly keen interest in everything that related to the welfare of his home county.

Captain Fitch was united in marriage in 1866 to Miss Sarah E. Lindsey, a native of Michigan but then a resident of Lake City. They became the parents of four children, two of whom are still living, namely: Lora A., who married E. A. Losee and has one child, William Fitch Losee; and John, who resides upon the family homestead.

Captain Fitch was an enthusiastic member of the Grand Army of the Republic and his widow belongs to the Woman's Relief Corps. He was for many years a consistent and devoted member of the Church of Christ, seeking continually to advance the cause of Christianity, and his life was a power for righteousness in his community. He realized the importance of religious training for the youth of the land and recognized the fact that the Sunday school is the organization which can best give such training. He was a leader in local Sunday-school circles and contributed the first sum of money given in the community for Sunday-school purposes. His faithfulness to duty in all relations of life, his sterling manhood and his willingness to place the general good before private ends gained for him not only the respect but also the warm regard of those who knew him. In his passing Calhoun county lost a valued and honored citizen.

ALBERT F. VOLBERDING.

For the past five years, or since 1910, Albert F. Volberding has efficiently served as cashier of the First National Bank at Pomeroy and is numbered among the enterprising young business men of this city. He was born in Grundy county, Iowa, April 1, 1880, a son of Charles and Sophia (Weiss) Volberding, both natives of Cook county, Illinois, but of German parentage. The father came to Iowa in 1874 and purchased land in Grundy county at ten dollars and a half per acre. This he developed and improved and from that time until ten years ago he was identified with agricultural pursuits. He now makes his home at Reinbeck, Iowa.

Albert F. Volberding was reared on the home farm and there acquired habits of thrift and industry, for from an early age he assisted in the work of the fields, while in the winter seasons he attended the public schools. He later attended a teachers' college and also pursued a business course in Tobin College at Fort Dodge. Subsequently for two years he engaged in teaching a rural school in Grundy county, while for one year he was employed as clerk in a store in Dike. He was then made assistant cashier in what is now the Farmers Savings Bank at Manson, remaining in that position seven years. In 1910 he came to Pomeroy and accepted the cashier-ship of the First National Bank of this city, to succeed A. B. Nixon. He is proving a most worthy and trusted bank official and is capable of caring for the business which comes under his supervision. The

First National Bank is one of the important financial concerns of Calhoun county and the enterprise of Mr. Volberding is proving an important factor in the successful conduct of the institution.

Mr. Volberding chose as a companion and helpmate for the journey of life, Miss Bertha Zell, their marriage taking place August 24, 1904. She was born on a farm near Manson, a daughter of G. A. Zell, a retired farmer now making his home in that city. Mr. and Mrs. Volberding have become the parents of three daughters, Eleanor, Laura and Ruth.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Volberding are members of the Lutheran church, while in politics he is a republican, although not active in the party ranks. He has ever had an ambition to reach the highest point. He is strong in his energy to overcome every difficulty and has never permitted anything to thwart or retard him in his progress toward the desired end, and thus he has passed from positions of humble capacity into a place of prominence with one of the well known and most successfully conducted financial enterprises of Calhoun county.

U. L. ANDERSON.

U. L. Anderson, a prominent and prosperous resident of Rockwell City, has been successfully engaged in the real-estate business there during the past six years. His birth occurred on the 19th of September, 1872, his parents being J. T. and Annie (Flint) Anderson, who were born in the eastern part of Virginia. Thence they made their way to Chillicothe, Ross county, Ohio, where the father conducted a cooperage business until the time of the outbreak of the Civil war, when he enlisted for service with the Union army as a member of the Fifty-third Ohio Volunteer Infantry. With that command he remained until the cessation of hostilities between the north and the south, participating in the battle of Gettysburg, where he lost part of his left foot, and also in the engagement at Shiloh and numerous lesser encounters. He returned home with a most creditable military record as a brave and loyal soldier and again engaged in the cooperage business, successfully conducting an enterprise of that character during the remainder of his life. He gave his political allegiance to the democracy and was a charter member of Percy Post, G. A. R., at Jasper, Ohio. His wife passed away at Jasper, Pike county, Ohio, in December, 1872.

U. L. Anderson was reared and educated at Jasper, Ohio, and after putting aside his textbooks secured employment as a farm hand. In 1890 and 1891 he attended Valparaiso University of Valparaiso, Indiana, and the following winter continued his studies in the university at Champaign, Illinois. In the spring of 1893 he came to Calhoun county, Iowa, and here worked as a farm hand at a wage of eighteen dollars per month for five years. In 1899 he rented a farm of two hundred and forty acres, successfully devoting his attention to the raising of grain as well as cattle and other stock until 1907. He removed to Kidder county, North Dakota, in the spring of the latter year and there took up a claim which he improved and subsequently sold. On returning to this county in 1909 he embarked in the real-estate business at Rockwell City, where he has since built up an extensive and profitable enterprise of that character.

On the 4th of April, 1900, Mr. Anderson was united in marriage to Miss Bertha Walter, who was born in Polk county, Iowa, March 25, 1873, her parents being John and Charlotte Walter, of Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania. She was reared and educated in Rockwell City, this county, and by her marriage has become the mother of two daughters, Julia and Mary.

Politically Mr. Anderson is a democrat and he has done able public service as clerk of Center township. Fraternally he is identified with the following organizations: Lodge No. 529 of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Rockwell Camp, No. 422, of the Woodmen of the World; and Rising Sun Encampment, No. 149. He has always been loyal and faithful to every trust and is justly entitled to a place in a work of permanent interest to people of Calhoun county.

DE WITT S. PARKER.

De Witt S. Parker is a representative of one of the most prominent pioneer families of Calhoun county and is today numbered among the large landowners of the locality. He was born in Little Valley, Cattaraugus county, New York, December 1, 1860, a son of W. D. and Helen M. (Jones) Parker. The father was likewise a native of the Empire state and was there reared and educated. Subsequent to completing the public-school course he attended an academy at Utica, New York, so that he was well prepared to enter upon the responsibilities of life when he reached mature years. He was there married, after which he engaged in farming for some years in

the east. In 1867, believing that the middle west offered splendid opportunities to the agriculturist, he journeyed with his family to Hardin county, Iowa, and there purchased eighty acres of land, which he cultivated for only one year. In the spring of 1868 he sought a home in Calhoun county, taking up a homestead claim about a mile west of where the town of Pomeroy now stands. During the first summer the family lived in a sod house with Jacob Foster until Mr. Parker could erect a home of his own. In due time he completed a small house, sixteen by twenty-four feet, on his own claim and in this the family took up their abode. The land was unimproved and the soil still remained in its virgin state, so that it was a long and strenuous task that was presented to him but he met existing conditions with firm resolution and began the improvement of his place. He was in limited circumstances, however, so that it was necessary for him in the meantime to seek a means of supporting himself and family. During the fall of 1869 the railroad was in course of construction through Pomeroy and Mr. Parker secured work on that line, and he worked at anything else that would bring him an honest dollar. He also trapped muskrats and in various ways sought a means of support, while at the same time he managed to save enough from his earnings to gradually improve his farm. He added to his holdings from time to time until his possessions comprised four hundred acres of very valuable land adjoining Pomeroy. For almost a quarter of a century he engaged in farming here and during that time acquired a competence that permitted him to retire from active labor. Accordingly in the spring of 1893 he put aside business cares and erected a substantial residence in Pomeroy, to which he removed. On the 6th of July, following, however, his home was destroyed by a cyclone and he and his wife both narrowly escaped injury and it was only due to the fact that they were able to reach the home of their son that their lives were saved. Mr. Parker at once rebuilt and lived here until his death, which occurred May 18, 1908, when he was seventy-two years of age. While not accepting any religious creed or uniting with any church, he was nevertheless deeply religious in thought and of singular purity of life and he contributed generously to the support of various denominations. He was a republican and held various local offices, for he was public spirited in a marked degree. He was truly a self-made man, for when he came here as one of the earliest pioneers he was confronted with many of the discouragements that beset one in a new and unbroken country. He would work hard to plant his crop only to have it destroyed by the grasshoppers but with renewed energy he would continue his work

from year to year until he acquired a competence that enabled him to spend his last days in well earned ease. His estimable wife, who was a native of the same locality in which he was born, proved a most courageous pioneer woman and a valuable helpmate to him. She, too, has passed away, her death occurring April 1, 1910, when she had reached the age of seventy-six years. They had but two children, the sister of our subject being Anna, who became the wife of Charles Darling and the mother of four children, but Mrs. Darling is deceased.

De Witt S. Parker, the only son and the younger child, was a little lad of less than eight years when the family removed from New York to Iowa, so that he endured many of the hardships and privations incident to the establishment of a home on the frontier. He acquired an education such as was obtainable at that early period and assisted his father in the work of the home farm until he attained his majority, when he was given an interest in its operation. They also engaged in buying, feeding and shipping cattle for many years and Mr. Parker also dealt in horses to some extent. He is now the owner of the homestead comprising four hundred acres and recently purchased forty acres adjoining, for which he paid two hundred and seventy-five dollars per acre, and his son is now living thereon. Mr. Parker was continuously identified with farming and stock-raising interests until 1901, when he rented the farm and took up his abode in Pomeroy, where he has since made his home.

It was on the 29th of October, 1884, that Mr. Parker was married to Miss Clara Seely, a native of Peoria county, Illinois, born September 16, 1868, and a daughter of Henry and Charlotte (Cadwell) Seely. The father was born in Illinois but came to Webster county when the daughter was four years old. There he engaged in farming until two years prior to his death, which occurred at the comparatively early age of forty-one years. His wife was a native of Pennsylvania and a daughter of Thomas Cadwell, who removed to Illinois at an early day, so that she was there reared and married. In 1872 Thomas Cadwell drove from the Prairie state to Calhoun county, Iowa, and here homesteaded a claim in Butler township. He followed farming for many years but spent the last years of his life in retirement in Pomeroy, and there he passed away when about eighty years of age.

To Mr. and Mrs. Parker have been born six children: Grace, the wife of Stanley Fraecker, who is a professor in the State University at Madison, Wisconsin; Jesse De Witt, who is engaged in farming in Butler township; Ray S., who is a dealer in automobiles at Eagle

Grove, Iowa; Harley H., in school; and Nellie D. and Donald G., both at home. Mrs. Parker is a member of the Presbyterian church.

Mr. Parker has ever followed in the political footsteps of his father and has supported the principles of the republican party. Both he and his wife are members of two of the prominent pioneer families of this locality and they are fully sustaining the reputation that has always been borne by these families and they feel that there is no more desirable place for a quiet home than is found here in this community which their honored fathers helped to establish.

JOHN B. BLAIR.

John B. Blair, who passed away on the 22d of August, 1912, had been a resident of Calhoun county for a period of thirty-eight years and was widely recognized as one of its substantial agriculturists and esteemed citizens. His life proved conclusively that success is not a matter of genius, but rather the outcome of clear judgment and unfaltering diligence. He acquired a comfortable competence entirely through his own efforts and became the owner of a very valuable farm of one hundred and twenty acres, pleasantly and conveniently located within a mile of Yetter. He took up his abode in Calhoun county in March, 1874, and was therefore numbered among its early settlers. Pennsylvania was the state of his nativity, his birth having occurred in Crawford county on the 8th of October, 1840. His father, James Blair, was a native of the Keystone state, and Moses Blair, the grandfather, was one of the pioneers there. Having arrived at years of maturity, James Blair wooed and won Miss Nancy MacElhaney and upon a farm in the Keystone state they began their domestic life. Five children were born to them in that locality and in 1849 James Blair removed with his family to Wisconsin, settling in Lafayette county. There he purchased from the government two hundred and forty acres of land which was covered with timber. Clearing away the trees and preparing the land for cultivation, he transformed it into richly cultivated fields and continued to operate that farm until his death. His first wife died in Wisconsin and he was afterward married again. In the family were four sons and three daughters who reached years of maturity.

John B. Blair was reared on the old Wisconsin homestead, working in the fields and enjoying the pleasures in which boys of

that period usually indulged. The district schools furnished him his educational privileges, and when the Civil war was inaugurated he responded to his country's call, enlisting on the 30th of May, 1861. He had watched with interest the progress of events and resolved that if the south attempted to overthrow the Union he would strike a blow in its behalf. Accordingly when a military organization was formed in his neighborhood, he joined it, and as a member of Company II, Third Wisconsin Infantry, went to the front, his regiment being attached to the Army of the Potomac. In many important battles he faced the enemy's fire, taking part in the engagements at Harpers Ferry, Winchester, the second battle of Bull Run and the battle of Cedar Mountain. At the last named place his brother, Robert Blair, was wounded, part of his right hand being torn away, thus permanently disabling him. He was also in the battles of Beverly Ford, Antietam and Gettysburg, and after the last named he went to New York and aided in enforcing the draft. When the disturbance was quelled in the metropolis, Mr. Blair returned to Rappahannock and thence was sent to Chattanooga under General Hooker, taking part in the Tennessee campaign. He was in the battles of Lookout Mountain, Resaca, Dallas and Pumpkin Vine Creek. He was also in the Atlanta campaign and the battle of Snake Creek Gap and aided in the capture of the city of Atlanta, after which he went with Sherman on the memorable march to the sea, taking part in numerous skirmishes on the way. He was also at Raleigh when Johnston surrendered and later marched through Richmond and on to Washington, participating in the grand review which terminated the war, the victorious army marching by the reviewing stand on which stood the president. It was the most celebrated military pageant ever seen on the western hemisphere. Mr. Blair was then sent to Louisville, Kentucky, where he was honorably discharged June 18, 1865. He was never ill or wounded and always escaped capture. He remained faithfully at his post of duty and received but one furlough, being at home for thirty days in the winter of 1863. He was at home on the 1st of January, 1864, a day which was so bitterly cold that it is memorable in the history of the state.

After receiving an honorable discharge Mr. Blair returned to his home in Wisconsin and resumed work on the farm where he was reared. He was married in Green county, Wisconsin, on the 18th of April, 1867, to Miss Sylvia A. Allen, a native of Sandusky county, Ohio, and a daughter of J. B. Allen, who was likewise born in the Buckeye state. He was graduated in Zanesville, Ohio, and was a successful and popular teacher for many years. In 1857 he removed

to Green county, Wisconsin, and there again engaged in teaching. He spent his remaining days in that county, passing away in 1874.

Mr. and Mrs. Blair began their domestic life in Wisconsin and became the parents of nine sons and two daughters: William B., who wedded Miss Laura Donahue and followed carpentering in Woonsocket, South Dakota, until his demise in 1910; Louis J., who married Miss Edith Riley and makes his home in Rutland, South Dakota; Frank C., an agriculturist of Sac county, Iowa, who wedded Miss Nora Fahan; Fred L., who wedded Miss Marian Riley and is a practicing physician of Lytton, Iowa; Edwin J., who married Miss Ida Holm and is a resident of Yetter; Ralph, who wedded Miss Nettie Basler and follows farming in Elm Grove township, this county; Harry, who married Miss Pearl Hawthorne and also follows farming in Elm Grove township; Minnie J., who is the wife of George Yepson, a retired agriculturist residing in Yetter; and Lizzie, the wife of Jasper Yepson, who is now serving as postmaster of Yetter. Mr. and Mrs. Blair also lost two children in infancy, Thomas B. and Lawrence G.

After residing for some time in Wisconsin, Mr. Blair came with his family to Iowa in 1874, purchasing land upon which he built a little house. He at once began to break his farm and in the course of years made it a very valuable tract. His first home was subsequently replaced by a more modern and commodious residence. He also built a barn, put in a windmill, planted fruit and shade trees and added all the accessories and conveniences of a model farm of the twentieth century. He raised a high grade of stock and from this branch of his business derived a good income. On questions of national importance he voted with the republican party, but at local elections, where no issue was involved, he considered only the capability of the candidate and voted independently. His first presidential ballot supported Abraham Lincoln and was cast while he was a member of the army in 1864. He was never an office-seeker but served as road supervisor for seventeen years in the township and five years in his district. He also acted as township trustee and was sent as a delegate to various county conventions. Socially he was connected with the Odd Fellows lodge of Yetter, having been made a member of the organization in Auburn. He likewise belonged to the Grand Army Post at Lake City and found pleasure in recalling the incidents that occurred when he was upon the tented field or in the midst of battle. He was always as true to his duties of citizenship as when the country needed his aid and he followed the stars and stripes through the south. He gave his support to all measures that

tend to advance the material, intellectual and moral welfare of the community, and as a representative of the farming interests of the county was very widely and favorably known. Mrs. Blair, who survives her husband, belongs to the Woman's Relief Corps at Lake City and enjoys an extensive acquaintance throughout the community in which she has now resided for more than four decades. She maintains her home in Yetter but spends considerable of her time with her children.

FRANK P. HUFF.

Frank P. Huff, cashier of the First National Bank of Rockwell City, was born in Buchanan county, Iowa, June 21, 1867, a son of Elisha C. and Lucinda (Pieree) Huff. The father was born in Bedford county, Pennsylvania, in 1832, and the mother in Delaware county, Ohio, in 1836, and their marriage occurred in the latter state, to which the father removed in early manhood. About 1866 they emigrated westward, locating in Buchanan county, Iowa, where the father followed the wagonmaker's trade and also engaged in the lumber business. He was a republican in politics and held membership in the Methodist Episcopal church. He passed away in 1900 and his wife died in 1890. To them were born eight children, five of whom are living, those aside from our subject being: Esther, who married Henry C. Unbehaun, a hardware merchant in Buchanan county; Sarah, the wife of John C. Kershner, who resides in Buchanan county; Mrs. Emma Riseley, whose husband is postmaster at Rockwell City; and C. A., a successful merchant of Rockwell City. The paternal grandfather of our subject was Isaac Huff, a native of Pennsylvania, who served in the Union army during the Civil war. The family is of German descent. The maternal grandfather, Arzel Pieree, was born in New England but became a resident of Ohio, where he followed agricultural pursuits and where his demise occurred.

Frank P. Huff was educated in the public schools and when eighteen years of age was a clerk in the county treasurer's office. He was subsequently for a time employed in the auditor's office, after which he entered the Farmers Bank. He was rapidly advanced and in a comparatively short time became cashier of that institution. In 1889 he became connected with the First National Bank of Rockwell City, being made its vice president at its organization. In November

of the same year he became cashier of the institution and has since served in that capacity, proving capable in handling the routine work of the institution and prudent in deciding the questions that come up concerning the policy of the bank. He is at once conservative and progressive, safeguarding fully the interests of the depositors and at the same time earning good dividends for the stockholders. He owns stock in all three banks of Rockwell City and is a director in both the Savings Bank and the First National. He also owns an excellent farm and holds title to considerable city real estate.

In 1888 occurred the marriage of Mr. Huff and Miss Clara Gregg, of Rockwell City. They had six children: Grace, now the wife of E. M. Corwin, who is farming near Waseca, Minnesota; Harry, who is taking his third year in the business course of the University of Pennsylvania; Irene, who is attending school in Cedar Falls; Clara, at home; and Frank, Jr., and Clarenee, both in school. The wife and mother died in October, 1903. She was a devout member of the Methodist Episcopal church and was held in warm regard by those who knew her. In March, 1909, Mr. Huff married Miss Charlotte Bacon, of Waterloo, who was born and reared in the state of New York. She held membership in the Methodist Episcopal church and her demise occurred in 1912.

Mr. Huff is a republican, has served on the town council and was for years town treasurer, and he has likewise been school treasurer. Fraternaly he is connected with the Masonic blue lodge and the Order of the Eastern Star. He is an active factor in the advancement of his community along many lines, as he co-operates in movements seeking the public welfare, and his interest in the general good has added to the respect in which he is held. He is also recognized as a bank official of ability and integrity, and his personal characteristics are such that he has the warm friendship of many. When he began his business career he was without capital but he has now gained a substantial measure of material success.

ROLLIN BURCH.

Rollin Burch was born April 10, 1836, on a farm near Westfield, New York, that was settled by his grandfather, Jonathan Burch, in 1813, a farm afterward owned by his father, Oliver W. Burch and now the property of his brother Hiram Burch. He was one of nine brothers and sisters, six of whom are still living. His great-grand-

father on the side of both his parents served in the Revolutionary war, and on the side of his mother, he is a descendant of one who came to this country on the Mayflower. He obtained his education in the common schools with the exception of two terms in the Westfield Academy. His mother, Mary Sprague Tower, died in 1851 when he was only fourteen years of age. His father attained the ripe old age of eighty-two years.

Upon becoming of age Rollin Burch removed to St. Clair county, Michigan, where he lived for two years, and then went to Linn county, Iowa, in 1859. He taught school there until August 19, 1861, when he enlisted as a private soldier in Company D, Eighth Iowa Regiment of Volunteer Infantry. He was captured at the battle of Shiloh and remained a prisoner for about seventy days. Later he served under General Grant in the Vicksburg campaign and at the expiration of his first term, re-enlisted January 10, 1864, at Pocahontas, Tennessee. He was promoted to corporal and later was made sergeant, and served in all for four years and seven months, being mustered out at Selma, Alabama, on the 23d of April, 1866.

In October of that year Mr. Burch came to Calhoun county, Iowa, and settled on a farm six miles west of Lake City. This was in the truly pioneer days of the county, and as assessor of Jackson township, he traveled over the four western townships of the county, for it was all known as Jackson township at that time. In 1874 he removed with his family to a farm five miles southeast of the present site of Rockwell City, which town had not yet been founded. For some years thereafter it was necessary to haul coal for fuel from the Des Moines river, a distance of about thirty miles.

Mr. Burch was one of the charter members of Opedyke Post, No. 261, G. A. R., and took an active interest in the work of that patriotic organization. His political allegiance was with the republican party. Though not a member of any denomination he believed the teachings of a universal religion. In 1879 to 1881 he served the county on the board of supervisors and in the autumn of 1881 was elected treasurer of the county, a position which he filled for four years. Without asking for a third term, he then retired to a farm one mile south of Rockwell City, which continued to be his home until his demise, which occurred March 20, 1915, when he was nearly seventy-nine years of age.

Mr. Burch was married May 1, 1867, at Westfield, New York, to Miss Esther C. Hulbert, who is still living. She was born October 20, 1842, the daughter of Caleb A. and Catharine (Brown) Hulbert, who never resided west of New York. Mr. and Mrs. Burch were

the parents of three sons: Guy W., born May 30, 1868, married Miss Julia Michaels in September, 1905, and is living on the home farm near Rockwell City. They have no children. Edwin W., born November 5, 1869, has resided in Rockwell City continuously since 1881. He was married June 30, 1897, to Miss Lillian Loughhead, and to them have been born two sons and one daughter. Denton L., who has been living in Port Arthur, Texas, for several years, married Miss Nettie Light in 1907, and to them have been born one son and one daughter.

Mrs. Rollin Burch is one who takes an interest in everything for the good of the community and for one of her age is very active. She is a charter member of the Baptist church, the Woman's Relief Corps and the local Pioneer Club, and she has ever been faithful in attending the meetings of these and kindred organizations. Few families there are who have lived in Calhoun county for practically a half century, and the Burch family surely take their places among the really "old settlers."

HERMAN ARNDT.

Herman Arndt, living on section 20, Elm Grove township, is busily engaged in the operation of a farm comprising one hundred and sixty acres of rich and productive land. His birth occurred in Coon Valley township, Sac county, Iowa, on the 5th of November, 1881, his parents being Fred and Caroline (Kussman) Arndt, both of whom were natives of Prussia, the former born August 13, 1842, and the latter January 16, 1856. Emigrating to the United States, Fred Arndt first took up his abode in Black Hawk county and subsequently established his home in Sac county, Iowa. His wife passed away in March, 1913.

Herman Arndt acquired his education in the schools of his native county and after putting aside his textbooks assisted his father in the work of the fields until past twenty-four years of age, when he was married and began operating the farm of his father-in-law in Elm Grove township, Calhoun county, having cultivated this property continuously since. He carries on his farming interests in accord with the most practical and progressive methods of agriculture and the well tilled fields annually yield golden harvests as a reward for the care and labor which he bestows upon them.

On the 21st of February, 1906, Mr. Arndt was united in marriage to Miss Ida Rieman, a daughter of John and Mary (Reuder) Rieman, of whom more extended mention is made on another page of this work. To them have been born three children, namely: Arvilla, whose natal day was June 14, 1908; Frances, whose birth occurred February 24, 1911; and Mareella, born May 14, 1915.

Mr. Arndt gives his political allegiance to the republican party, while his religious faith is that of the German Lutheran church. A progressive and public-spirited young citizen, he assists in all worthy movements which have for their purpose the promotion of the permanent interests of the neighborhood.

ALFRED F. DEAN.

Alfred F. Dean is now the president of the Roekwell City Savings Bank and also gives some attention to the conduct of a real-estate business. He has other important interests in Calhoun county and is one of the men of affluence of his city, where his business acumen and integrity are generally recognized. He was born in Clinton county, Iowa, on the 20th day of January, 1867, and is a son of Horace F. and Eleeta (Pelham) Dean, both of whom were born in the state of New York, the father in 1839 and the mother in 1844. Both are now deceased, the former dying in 1910 and the latter in 1905. They were married in Clinton county, Iowa, where the father owned a valuable farm. He removed to that county in 1859 and remained there until 1872, when he went with his family to Carroll county. Some time before his death he took up his residence in Dunlap and there passed away. He was successful in business and was well and favorably known in his community. During the Civil war he served for three years as a member of the Twenty-sixth Iowa Volunteer Infantry and was a color bearer. He was twice wounded. He held membership in the Grand Army of the Republic and in the Masonic order, and gave his political allegiance to the republican party. His wife was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. To them were born nine children, of whom six survive: Frank, a druggist of Idaho; Alfred F.; Jessie, who married E. H. Barrett, a banker of Omaha, Nebraska; Daisy, the wife of M. L. Barrett, an attorney located at Logan; Horace, who is engaged in the produce business in Terril, Iowa; and Baron, who is in a drug store in Los Angeles, California.

Alfred F. Dean was educated in the public schools of Westside, Crawford county, Iowa, and after putting aside his textbooks found employment in a drug store. At length he became the owner of a drug store and upon removing to Rockwell City established himself in the drug business here. After conducting business for thirteen years he sold out in November, 1904, and turned his attention to real estate. He owned a large amount of land personally and dealt in land in various parts of the state of Iowa, negotiating many important realty transactions. He prospered financially and in March, 1915, purchased a heavy interest in the Rockwell City Savings Bank, of which he is now president. He still deals in real estate to some extent and personally owns eight hundred acres of excellent land. He is also a director in the First National Bank and for years owned the city light plant. He is a prominent factor in local commercial and financial circles. He has made the greater part of his money since coming to Rockwell City and his success is due altogether to his own enterprise and excellent judgment.

Mr. Dean was married in 1893 to Miss Clara Harris, of Westside, and they have one son, Cecil, who is now a junior in Grimmell College. Mr. Dean is a republican in politics but has never desired public office. Fraternaly he is connected with the Masonic blue lodge and his religious faith is that of the Methodist Episcopal church. For many years he was secretary of the Business Men's Association and his life has always been characterized by public spirit and a readiness to place the general welfare above his individual interests. He is widely and favorably known throughout Calhoun county and there are many who hold him in warm regard.

EDWARD CYRUS CLARK.

Edward Cyrus Clark is successfully engaged in business at Jolley as the proprietor of a garage and is an extensive stock buyer. His birth occurred on a farm on section 20, Sherman township, this county, February 28, 1871, his parents being Cyrus H. and Sarah A. (Chase) Clark, who were natives of New Hampshire and Massachusetts respectively. The father worked as a shoemaker in the east until the fall of 1868, when he came west to Iowa and for one year resided in Keokuk county. He then made his way to Des Moines and from that place drove through to Calhoun county, locating on a homestead at the head of Twin Lakes, on section 20, Sherman town-

ship. He erected a sod house on the property and during the early days of his residence here underwent many hardships and privations incident to life in an undeveloped and sparsely settled district. Subsequently he extended the boundaries of his farm by additional purchase and in 1874 leased the place and removed to Pomeroy, where he conducted a hotel for two or three years. He then returned to his farm, operating the same until 1882, when he disposed of the property and bought one hundred and sixty acres of raw prairie land in Twin Lakes township that is now in possession of George Ritz. On that place he made a number of improvements but disposed of it in 1891, having in 1888 purchased a tract of one hundred and sixty-five acres adjoining his first farm. In the spring of 1891 he turned over the management of the latter place to his son and during the following two years lived retired in Pomeroy but on the expiration of that period returned to his farm and erected thereon a residence in which he made his home, leasing his land, however, until his wife passed away on the 4th of February, 1894, when fifty-eight years of age. During the remainder of his life he made his home among his children except during the winter seasons, which he spent in Florida. His demise occurred at the home of a son in Linden, Iowa, September 9, 1906, when he had attained the age of seventy-six years. To him and his wife, who was a devoted member of the Methodist church, were born six sons, as follows: George E., who is engaged in the real-estate business at Garwin, Tama county, Iowa; Charles A., living in Redfield, Iowa, who served as county reeorder for four years; Arthur I., who follows farming in Dallas county, this state; Bert W., an agriculturist of Clay county, Minnesota; Edward C., of this review; and William, who is engaged in the harness business at Garwin, Iowa.

Edward C. Clark acquired his education in the district schools and remained on the home farm until his father put aside the work of the fields. When twenty years of age he spent six or eight months learning the butchering business in Dallas county and then opened the first meat market in Jolley, Calhoun county, successfully conducting the establishment for a time. After selling out he was engaged in the hardware business in Tama county, Iowa, for three years and subsequently conducted mercantile enterprises at different places until 1909, also dealing in land in Minnesota and Missouri and devoting some attention to live-stock interests. In 1909 he returned to Jolley and during the years 1910 and 1911 operated the Farmers Elevator. He then purchased an elevator here. He also owned a livery barn, which he rented. Both were wrecked by a

cyclone and in 1914 he built a garage from the lumber which was left, having conducted this with excellent success to the present time. His activities as a stockman also materially augment his income, for he is extensively engaged in buying and shipping cattle and hogs.

In 1899 Mr. Clark was united in marriage to Miss Agnes Speiss, a native of this county, by whom he had four children, namely: one who died in infancy; and Lorraine W., Paul H. and Geraldine, all at home.

Mr. Clark gives his political allegiance to the republican party and has done able service for his fellow townsmen as a member of the council and of the school board. He enjoys an enviable reputation as a substantial and representative citizen of the community and both he and his wife have an extensive circle of friends within the borders of their native county.

GEORGE W. GEHRT.

George W. Gehrt, a retired citizen of Pomeroy, was long and actively identified with general agricultural pursuits in Calhoun county and is still the owner of two hundred and eighty acres of valuable land in Sherman township. His birth occurred in Stark county, Illinois, on the 11th of October, 1869, his parents being Christian and Anna (Westensy) Gehrt. The father, born in Saxony, Germany, February 13, 1844, emigrated to the United States when a youth of eighteen years and took up his abode in Stark county, Illinois, where he secured employment by the month as a farm hand. Subsequently he cultivated rented land and at the end of eleven years' residence in Stark county removed to Champaign county, Illinois, where he purchased a tract of eighty acres. Later he extended the boundaries of his place by an additional purchase of one hundred and twenty acres and made many substantial improvements on the property, there carrying on general farming and stock-raising for about twenty-five years. On the expiration of that period he disposed of the farm and came to Pomeroy, investing in lands in Butler and Sherman townships and spending the remainder of his life in honorable retirement. When he passed away on the 15th of January, 1912, the community mourned the loss of one of its substantial and esteemed citizens. At the polls he supported the men and measures of the republican party, and his religious faith was that of the German Lutheran church. It was in Peoria county, Illinois, that he wedded

Miss Anna Westensy, who was born in New York and has accompanied her parents on their removal to that county in girlhood. She passed away May 31, 1900, in the faith of the German Lutheran church.

George W. Gehrt was reared to manhood on the home farm and attended the public schools in the acquirement of an education. Following his marriage he started out as an agriculturist on his own account by cultivating rented land, thus operating his uncle's farm for eight years. Subsequently he rented his father's place until 1902 and then came to Calhoun county, Iowa, purchasing a farm of two hundred and eighty acres in Sherman township which he cultivated successfully until 1912, when he put aside the active work of the fields and has since lived retired in Pomeroy. He is still interested in stock-raising to some extent, however, and yet owns his farm of two hundred and eighty acres, which lies near Pomeroy and is excellently improved, the land being worth two hundred dollars an acre.

On the 8th of March, 1893, Mr. Gehrt was united in marriage to Miss Minnie Finch, who was born in Livingston county, Illinois, March 7, 1875, and was reared and educated in Livingston and Champaign counties. To them have been born two children, namely: Elmer Harley, who died in infancy; and Zella Estella, who is attending school.

In his political views Mr. Gehrt is a staunch republican and he has held the office of road commissioner, and is now street commissioner of Pomeroy. His fraternal relations are with Lodge No. 180 of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Pomeroy, Camp No. 1447 of the Modern Woodmen of America at Pomeroy and the Royal Neighbors, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Christian church, to which his wife also belongs. His life has been upright and honorable in every relation and he enjoys an enviable reputation as one of the leading agriculturists and respected citizens of Calhoun county.

JOHN FRANKLIN DALTON.

John Franklin Dalton, proprietor and editor of the Manson Democrat, has gained high standing in journalistic circles of western Iowa and the fact that his paper, which is democratic in politics, has the largest circulation of any paper in the republican county of

Calhoun is proof of its excellence. Its editorial policy is broad and progressive and it has always been found in the front rank of all movements seeking the community advancement.

Mr. Dalton was born in Randall township, Kenosha county, Wisconsin, October 22, 1870, and is the only living son of John Loftus and Margaret (Boyle) Dalton. His parents both became residents of Kenosha county in childhood and there grew to maturity. They continued to reside in that county until May, 1875, when they removed to Calhoun county, Iowa, and located on a farm near Pomeroy. John L. Dalton died in 1908 but his wife is still living and now resides in the town of Pomeroy. Although he was a native of Ballyhannus, County Mayo, Ireland, practically his entire life was passed in this country, as he was but twelve years of age when he accompanied his parents to America. As he was born on the 10th of May, 1841, he was in the strength of his early manhood when the Civil war broke out and he went to the defense of the Union, serving on the Federal gunboat, Ouichita, on the Mississippi river. His wife was born in Racine, Wisconsin, on the 19th of April, 1847, but was also of Irish stock, as her parents were both natives of County Roscommon, Ireland. To Mr. and Mrs. John L. Dalton were born four children: Joseph, who died in infancy; Alice Winnifred, the wife of Thomas O'Boyle, of Clare; Florence Teresa, who married Edward J. Masterson, of Barnesville, Minnesota; and John Franklin, of this review.

The last named remained upon the home farm until he was twenty-two years of age and acquired his education in the public schools. In his early manhood he engaged in teaching school through the winter months for four years and during the summers worked on the farm with his father. In July, 1892, he became half owner of the Democrat of Manson and on the 1st of December of that year purchased the interest of his partner, T. B. Lemoin. Since that time Mr. Dalton has published the paper alone and it has grown steadily in circulation and in influence. Its news columns are reliable and give a full account of the happenings of local interest, while its editorials are recognized as a force in the promotion of the community advancement. The Democrat now has the largest circulation of any paper published in Calhoun county. Mr. Dalton can well take pride in the success which his paper has gained from both the journalistic and financial viewpoints. The printing plant is excellently equipped. In addition to publishing the Democrat Mr. Dalton makes a specialty of art calendars and other printed advertising novelties and his business in those lines has now reached quite large proportions.

On the 12th of October, 1892, occurred the marriage of Mr. Dalton and Miss Lillian Ellen Ford, a daughter of Walter and Mary Ford, of Lizard township, Pocahontas county, of which her father was one of the earliest settlers. Her parents were both born in County Galway, Ireland. To Mr. and Mrs. Dalton have been born eight children: John Ford, twenty-one years of age, who is postmaster of Manson and the youngest postmaster in his class in the United States; Mary Florence; Lillian Margaret; Alice Rosalia; Walter Joseph; Charlotte Catherine; Florence Cecilia; and Dorothy Isabella.

Mr. Dalton is prominent in the democratic organization in Iowa and in 1906 was made a member of the state central committee from the tenth district. He served in that capacity for six years, during four of which he was secretary of the committee. For twenty-three consecutive years he has been chairman of the county central committee and his counsel and his active work in behalf of the party both as an individual and as editor of the Democrat have been important factors in seeming democratic success in the county and in the state. He is widely known and all who have come in contact with him acknowledge his ability and testify to his integrity and public spirit.

JUDSON MEADE.

Judson Meade, who passed away in Rockwell City on the 13th of June, 1912, had been for three decades successfully engaged in business as a general merchant of the town. His birth occurred in North Norwich, New York, on the 3d of July, 1846, and about 1871 he came to Iowa, establishing a boot and shoe store at Denison, in Crawford county. At the end of about ten years he disposed of the business and came to Rockwell City in 1881, here opening a general store the following year. This he conducted continuously and successfully throughout the remainder of his life, being accorded an extensive patronage in recognition of his reliable business methods, fair dealing and reasonable prices.

On the 2d of November, 1877, Mr. Meade was united in marriage to Miss Sadie K. Heston, who was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, February 13, 1858, and was graduated from Haverford College of that city. She took up her abode in Denison, Iowa, in 1876 and the following year gave her hand in marriage to Judson Meade.

To them was born a son, Edward H., who is now a resident of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

In politics Mr. Meade was a democrat and during President Cleveland's administration he held the office of postmaster, ably discharging the duties devolving upon him in that connection. He died on the 14th of June, 1912, when nearly sixty-six years of age. He attended the Methodist church, to which his widow belongs. Mrs. Meade has been a resident of this county for a third of a century and enjoys an extensive and favorable acquaintance here.

C. H. L. SOUDER, M. D.

Dr. C. H. L. Souder is a retired physician who now lives on his farm of one hundred and twenty acres on section 34, Garfield township. His birth occurred in Perry county, Pennsylvania, on the 24th of October, 1853, his parents being George and Mary (Wentz) Souder, who were likewise natives of the Keystone state. In 1853 they took up their abode near Shelby, Richland county, Ohio, where the father was successfully engaged in general agricultural pursuits throughout the remainder of his active business career. He died at the venerable age of eighty-two years, while his wife was sixty-two years old when called to her final rest, both passing away in the faith of the Reformed church.

C. H. L. Souder spent the period of his boyhood on the home farm in Ohio and acquired his early education in the public schools. When about twenty years of age he entered the Northern Indiana Normal School at Valparaiso, while his professional training was received as a student in the Kentucky School of Medicine at Louisville, from which institution he was graduated in 1881. He began the practice of medicine at Emmetsburg, Palo Alto county, Iowa, but at the end of three months, in October, 1881, opened an office in Rockwell City, Calhoun county, where he followed his profession continuously and successfully until 1892. In 1893 he removed to Chicago, entering a homeopathic college of that city, from which he was graduated in 1894, and for ten years he was successfully engaged in practice at the corner of Stewart Ave. and Seventieth St., Englewood. In 1902, because of impaired health, he took up his abode on a farm of one hundred and twenty acres in Garfield township, this county, which he had purchased for twenty-five dollars an acre in 1891. He has remained thereon continuously since and has improved the property

to such an extent that it is now worth two hundred dollars per acre. Both Dr. Souder and his wife are physicians, but no longer practice except when their services are requested by neighbors or friends.

On the 3d of August, 1882, Dr. Souder was united in marriage to Miss Ellen A. Starr, a native of Joliet, Illinois, and a graduate of the Chicago Homeopathic Medical College, from which institution she won her degree in 1882. She was also actively engaged in practice in the western metropolis until her husband returned to this county. She became the mother of three children, as follows: Mary Attie, who has attended a school of domestic arts and has been supervisor of similar work in the public schools of Minneapolis, Minnesota, and in Kansas for a year; George Starr, who follows farming in Garfield township; and Charles D., who died at the age of twenty years.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Dr. Souder has supported the men and measures of the republican party and he has ably served in the capacities of school director, secretary of the school board and township trustee. His religious faith is that of the Methodist church. Both he and his wife are well known in social circles of the community and have a host of warm friends.

CHARLES H. TAYLOR.

Charles H. Taylor, residing at Sherwood, is yard manager for the William T. Joyce Lumber Company, in which connection he is conducting a growing and successful business. He was born August 22, 1848, in Rensselaer county, New York, the family home being at Dunham Hollow. His father, George Taylor, was a native of England and came to America about the year 1846, after which he was employed in various woolen mills in the state of New York. He married Lucy Cross, a native of New York, born in 1811. His death occurred in the year 1884, while his wife survived until 1900.

Charles H. Taylor attended school to the age of ten years and was then put to work in woolen mills, being employed in that way until he reached the age of fourteen. He then went to Lebanon Flats, where he did chores for his board and a salary of ten dollars per month with the privilege of attending school. There he remained for about four years, at the end of which time he went to Cayuga county, New York, where he was employed at farm labor. While working in that way he also attended school, thus continuing his edu-

cation until he reached the age of twenty-one years. His youth was a period of earnest and unremitting toil and he early learned the value of money and recognized the force of industry and determination.

On attaining his majority Mr. Taylor was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Aliee Turner, the wedding being celebrated on the 22d of August, 1869. Mr. Taylor engaged in teaching school continuously through the winter seasons from 1868 until 1878 inclusive, and during the summer months he carried on farming until the last three years of that period, when he devoted the summer seasons to the nursery business. In the spring of 1879 he left the east and made his way to Iowa with Lake City as his destination. Here he engaged in teaching during the succeeding four years and in the fall of 1882 he embarked in the implement business, in which he engaged for a year. At the end of that time he became associated with R. E. Mosley in the lumber, coal and farm machinery business, in which he continued for seventeen years, building up a good trade in that connection, so that he enjoyed a gratifying annual income. After severing his connection with Mr. Mosley he was out of business for two years and on the expiration of that period he removed to Sherwood, where he accepted the position of yard manager with the William T. Joyce Lumber Company. He has since remained in that connection and now capably directs the interests of the business at this point.

As the years have passed five children have been added to the Taylor household. M. Louise, the firstborn, is now the wife of W. A. McCauley, of Lake City. Clinton H. is connected with the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad and makes his home at Lake City. Charles A. is located at Ruthven, Iowa. Bertrand F. is a resident of Lake City and Mabel E. is the wife of James Clarke, living on a farm in Lake Creek township.

Mr. Taylor is a republican in politics and fraternally is a Mason, belonging to Zerrubbabel Lodge, No. 240, A. F. & A. M. He is recognized as a successful business man and is also highly esteemed personally, as he has many admirable traits of character.

CHARLES M. RANDALL.

Charles M. Randall has built up an extensive and profitable job printing business and is well and favorably known in business circles of Rockwell City. His birth occurred in Bath county, Kentucky, on the 15th of May, 1854, and he is a son of Abraham Joshua and Mary

Ann (Summers) Randall. The genealogy of the Randall family has been traced back to John Randall, a native of England, who emigrated to America when this country was still a part of the colonial possessions of Great Britain. He died at Westerly, Rhode Island, in 1684. His son, John Randall, was born there in 1666 and became the father of fourteen children. His demise occurred in Stonington, Connecticut. The father of our subject was born in Westmoreland, New York, March 3, 1823, and the mother in Fleming county, Kentucky, where her marriage occurred on the 29th of June, 1847. In 1858 Mr. Randall emigrated to Iowa with his family and settled in Polk county the following year. While living in Kentucky he followed the profession of school teaching but after removing to this state turned his attention to merchandising, becoming proprietor of a grocery store in Des Moines. A number of years later he removed to Colorado, and then to Kansas City, Missouri, where both he and his wife are living, he at the age of ninety-three years and she at eighty-seven years. His political belief is that of the republican party and he holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal church. To him and his wife were born six children, four of whom survive.

Charles M. Randall was educated in the Des Moines high school, from which he was graduated with the class of 1875. At Winterset, Iowa, he learned the printer's trade, which he has followed during his entire business career. In 1889 he came to Rockwell City and found employment on the Advocate, with which he remained for a number of years. In 1907 he established a printing shop and does a large commercial printing business, the greater part of his trade coming from Calhoun county. His plant is well equipped with modern machinery and he spares no pains in turning out high grade work. His long years of experience in the printing business enable him to do work of which he has every reason to be proud and those needing job printing done have patronized him liberally.

On the 15th of July, 1880, occurred the marriage of Mr. Randall and Miss Laura M. Davis, the latter a native of Attica, Indiana. To this marriage was born a daughter, Helen Willietta, who is now the wife of Melvin R. Wimsatt, employed in the postoffice at Kansas City. In October, 1885, Mr. Randall married Miss Katie R. Peedon, of Peedee, Iowa, whose birth occurred April 4, 1864. They have become the parents of a son, Wilbur Monroe, who is in a wholesale drug store in St. Paul. He married Miss Alma J. Wishart, who was born in Canada.

Mr. Randall is a republican and is staunch in his support of the candidates and principles of that party. Fraternally he is identified

with the Masonic blue lodge, of which he has been secretary for twenty years; the subordinate lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which he has passed through all of the chairs; the Knights of Pythias, in which he has served as chancellor commander; and the Order of the Eastern Star. His wife has been secretary of the Rebekahs for over twenty years and for many years has held that office in the Order of the Eastern Star. Mr. Randall has made for himself a creditable place in business circles in Rockwell City and is also a factor in the moral and fraternal life of the community. His dominant qualities are those which invariably command respect and he has gained the warm personal regard of many.

THEODORE ZIERKE.

Theodore Zierke was a pioneer farmer of Calhoun county, becoming identified with the early agricultural development here. At the present time he is living retired, making his home in Rockwell City, for the fruits of his former toil constitute an income sufficient to provide him with all of the comforts and some of the luxuries of life. Mr. Zierke is a native of Prussia, born March 31, 1849. His youthful days were there passed upon a farm and he continued a resident of the fatherland until 1869, when he came to America, having heard favorable reports concerning the business conditions of the new world. He landed in New York city on the 15th of October and was employed for four months in Brooklyn, thereby acquiring funds sufficient to enable him to continue his journey westward, for he had arrived in this country practically penniless. He then went to Ogle county, Illinois, where he worked by the month as a farm hand, being employed in that way for about six years, or until 1875.

Mr. Zierke then came to Calhoun county, Iowa, and purchased eighty acres of prairie land on section 1, Logan township. He built a small house and began improving his farm, for which he had paid five dollars per acre. The land was somewhat wet and swampy and there were no bridges in the district, but he resolutely set himself to the task of making his farm cultivable and as the years passed on success attended his efforts. Later he added to his holdings a tract of eighty acres, another forty and still another one hundred and twenty, and he successfully carried on the farm work year by year and also engaged in raising stock until 1914, when he rented his farm and removed to Rockwell City, where he has since lived retired, own-

ing a fine home at the corner of Lewis and Smith streets. His labors have been crowned with a substantial measure of prosperity and he is now numbered among the men of affluence in his community.

On the 30th of January, 1873, Mr. Zierke was married to Miss Frielika Lembke, who was born in Prussia, Germany, and came to America in 1869, reaching Ogle county, Illinois, on the 15th of May. She made the voyage in company with her parents, who journeyed across the country and established their home in Ogle county, Illinois. They removed to Calhoun county, Iowa, forty years ago and spent the rest of their lives here. Mr. and Mrs. Zierke have become the parents of ten children: Lena, the wife of August Osborn, a resident of Calhoun county; Jennie, at home; Albert and Robert, who are engaged in farming in this county; Otto, who operates a threshing machine and corn sheller in Calhoun county; William and Theodore, Jr., who are also engaged in farming here; Emma, the wife of Otto Kretlow; Ernest; and John, at home.

The parents are members of the Lutheran church and guide their lives according to its teachings. Mr. Zierke votes with the republican party but has not sought or desired office, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs, with the result that his earnest purpose and intelligently directed labor have placed him among the prosperous citizens of the county.

THOMAS WALPOLE.

Thomas Walpole has been identified with journalism for many years and since October, 1914, has owned and published the Manson Journal, which is an excellent weekly paper. He has resided in the state of Iowa for almost six decades and has at all times thoroughly identified his interests with those of the commonwealth and of the community in which he resides.

Mr. Walpole was born in Groton, Tompkins county, New York, September 21, 1855, a son of James and Julia (Murphy) Walpole. While comparatively little is known concerning the ancestral history of the family, it has been learned that a public volume gives an account of the name originating in Spain, from which country members of the family removed to France, from France to England and from England to Ireland. The paternal grandfather of our subject was Thomas Walpole and his son James was born at Drumshambo, County Leitrim, Ireland, February 2, 1832. The latter emigrated

to the United States and after living for a time in New York came to Iowa and followed agricultural pursuits in both Delaware and Buena Vista counties. He passed away in 1874. His wife was born in Cork, Ireland, on the 5th of August, 1832, and was a representative of one of the old and well known families of the Emerald isle. Following the demise of her husband she bravely took up the task of rearing and educating her nine children and not only kept them together but gave them a good English education. To add to the difficulty of the situation, there was an indebtedness on the farm and there were also the usual hardships of pioneer life to be endured. All of the children are still living, namely: Thomas, of this review; John, James, Matthew and Mrs. John Howell, all of whom reside at Rock Valley, Iowa; E. E., of Hancock, Minnesota; Elizabeth, who is city librarian at Storm Lake; Mrs. C. S. Relyea, of Omaha, Nebraska; and Mrs. W. H. Irving, of Goodland, Kansas.

Thomas Walpole was but two years of age when, in 1857, he was taken by his parents to Delaware county, Iowa, and in 1873 he removed with the family to a farm in Maple Valley township, Buena Vista county. He received his early education in the public schools and later was for one term a student in the Southwestern Normal School at Shenandoah. He also took a business course at Valparaiso, Indiana. Early in life he manifested an aptitude for study and the power of close observation, which have characterized his career throughout the years. Following his father's demise the work of the farm devolved to a large extent upon him and during the summer months he concentrated his energies upon the operation of the homestead. From 1874 until 1882, with the exception of one year, he taught school during the winter months and proved very successful as a teacher. During the year 1879-80 he took a business course in Valparaiso, Indiana. In 1882 he accepted the superintendency of the public schools of Alta, where he remained until 1884. In that year, in partnership with A. C. Smith, he purchased the weekly paper known as the Advertiser. A number of changes were made in the ownership of the paper and his brother, E. E. Walpole, succeeded Mr. Smith and in turn disposed of his interest to C. H. Wegerslev. In 1895 our subject sold the Advertiser and the following year bought the Storm Lake Tribune, which he consolidated with the Pilot under the name of Pilot-Tribune, with A. C. Smith as a partner. In 1904 he purchased his partner's half interest and in 1906 sold a third interest in the paper to C. H. J. Mitchell, who in 1910 became the sole owner of the Pilot-Tribune. During the years that Mr. Walpole was identified with the publication he strove constantly

to raise its standard and it became recognized as one of the leading country newspapers of its section of the state. In October, 1914, Mr. Walpole again became identified with journalism, as he purchased the Manson Journal, which he still owns and publishes. It is an excellent weekly newspaper, giving reliable and complete accounts of local happenings of interest and also covering the more important events in the state and nation. It has a wide circulation in Calhoun county and is liberally patronized by the local merchants as an advertising medium. Mr. Walpole has, however, not given his entire time to his newspaper interests, as from 1888 to 1896 he was county superintendent of schools of Buena Vista county and two years later he was made postmaster of Storm Lake, in which capacity he served until July 1, 1915. His continued reappointment to the office is the best proof of his satisfactory service.

On the 11th of May, 1887, occurred the marriage of Mr. Walpole and Miss Minnie Darnell, of Alta, Iowa. In both the paternal and maternal lines she is descended from Revolutionary stock and representatives of both families served in the war for independence. Her father, William Darnell, fought in the Civil war as a member of the Seventh Iowa Volunteer Infantry. He participated in many important engagements, was with Sherman on his famous march to the sea, and took part in the grand review at Washington, D. C. To him and his wife were born the following children: Mrs. Walpole; Mrs. C. B. Mitchell, of Titonka, Iowa; Mrs. W. N. MacChesney, of Chicago Heights, Illinois; Mrs. Joseph Donaghue, of Whittier, California; and Mrs. E. S. Ballou, of Storm Lake, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Walpole have four children, as follows: Elsie, a graduate of the Northwestern University at Evanston, Illinois, who is now teaching mathematics in the high school at Rock Valley; Fay, a graduate of the State Teachers College at Cedar Falls, Iowa, who is now teaching in Sioux City; James Wilbur, city mail carrier at Storm Lake; and Eileen, who is in school.

Mr. Walpole gives his political allegiance to the republican party and keeps well informed as to all questions that concern the welfare of city, state and nation. As an official he has discharged his duties with conscientiousness and ability, and in his capacity as editor he has been a force in promoting the interests of good government. Fraternally he belongs to the Masonic order, with which he became identified in 1895; the Court of Honor; the Modern Woodmen of America; and the Ancient Order of United Workmen. He attends the Presbyterian church and is in hearty sympathy with all movements seeking moral progress. He is well known throughout his

section of the state and those who are most intimately associated with him hold him in the warmest regard, which is proof of the genuine worth of his character.

MATTHEW J. FOLEY.

Matthew J. Foley is conducting one of the important commercial enterprises in Manson, being proprietor of a clothing and shoe store in this city. He was born in Fort Dodge, Iowa, April 18, 1861, a son of Michael and Ellen (Burke) Foley, both of whom were natives of Ireland and are deceased. The father lived in the land of his nativity until he had reached the age of twenty years, when, seeking the broader opportunities of the new world, he set sail for America and landing in New York, where he remained for a number of years, engaged in the contracting business. He was married in Holmesville, that state, and in 1854 journeyed with his family to the middle west, locating in Fort Dodge, Iowa, where he continued business as a contractor throughout his remaining years. He was a soldier in the Civil war, serving for about six months during the latter part of hostilities between the north and south. He became well known in Fort Dodge and there served as alderman. Both he and his wife were communicants of the Catholic church, while in politics he was a democrat. To Mr. and Mrs. Foley were born thirteen children but only four are living, the sisters of our subject being: Mrs. Nora Kelly, a widow, residing in Fort Dodge; Mrs. Ellen Leary, also a widow residing in that city; and Mrs. Anna Maloney, who is a widow and makes her home in Fort Dodge.

Matthew J. Foley, the only surviving son, was reared under the parental roof and acquired his education in the public schools of his native city. His first occupation after putting aside his textbooks was as a clerk in a dry-goods store at Manson. In 1884, in connection with his brother Will, he embarked in the drug business, in which he continued for six years, and then sold his interest to his brother. He next engaged in the clothing and shoe business in a small way but in order to do this was obliged to incur an indebtedness of three thousand dollars. From the outset the business prospered until it has now grown to large proportions, modern methods, push and square dealing constituting the secret of his success. He now occupies two rooms and carries a well selected line of clothing, shoes and men's furnishing goods, the quality of which has become well known so that he draws

his trade not only from Manson but from a large surrounding area as well. In addition to his store Mr. Foley also owns some good farm property in Calhoun county and in southern Minnesota and likewise has stock in the Farmers Savings Bank at Manson, of which he is a director.

In 1885 occurred the marriage of Mr. Foley and Miss Mary Clark, a daughter of H. G. Clark, of Canada, and to this union have been born seven children: Will, who is associated with his father in business; May, a high-school teacher; Kate, who is teaching in the high school at Stevens Point, Wisconsin; Annie, who is attending school at Sinsinawa, Wisconsin; Matt, who is in college at Ames, Iowa; and Joe and Hugh, who are both in high school. The family are communicants of the Catholic church and Mr. Foley holds membership with the Knights of Columbus. He is a democrat in his political affiliations, and yet he often votes independently. He is a public-spirited citizen and has served on the city council.

Mr. Foley may truly be termed a self-made man, one who through the inherent force of his nature and the utilization of opportunities has passed from the unknown into prominence, advancing in the business world from a clerkship to a position of distinction in the commercial circles of Manson, where for the past three decades he has made his home.

HENRY JOHN RIEMAN.

Henry John Rieman, a well known and enterprising young citizen of Yetter, has had charge of road work in Elm Grove township since the spring of 1915, and is demonstrating his ability in this connection. His birth occurred in that township on the 6th of July, 1882, his parents being John and Mary (Reuder) Rieman, both of whom were natives of Germany. The father, who passed away in 1900, was for more than two decades actively identified with general agricultural pursuits in this county and widely recognized as a substantial and respected citizen.

Henry J. Rieman pursued his education in the public schools and spent the first twenty-five years of his life on the home farm in Elm Grove township. In 1907 he embarked in business as a contracting painter of Yetter and was thus actively engaged for seven years. In the spring of 1915 he was made road superintendent of Elm Grove

township and has since had charge of road work here, discharging his duties in this connection with ability and dispatch.

On the 2d of December, 1908, Mr. Rieman was united in marriage to Miss Grace Sharp, who was born in Carrollton, Carroll county, Iowa, in September, 1890, her parents being William O. and Amy (Jenkins) Sharp. The father's birth occurred in Poweshiek county, Iowa, March 24, 1860, while the mother was born in Saunders county, Nebraska, September 10, 1872. Their marriage was celebrated on the 6th of January, 1888. William O. Sharp is a blacksmith by trade and is now engaged in ditching. Mr. and Mrs. Rieman have two children, namely: Helen Grace, whose natal day was November 29, 1909; and Elma Lois, born January 15, 1911.

Politically Mr. Rieman is a stalwart democrat, while his religious faith is that of the German Lutheran church. His father-in-law is a staunch prohibitionist and a devoted member of the United Brethren church, in which he is an elder and also serves as Sunday school superintendent. Fraternally the latter is identified with the Modern Woodmen of America and the Royal Neighbors. Mr. Rieman has lived in Calhoun county from his birth to the present time and has won many friends within its borders, enjoying an enviable reputation as a young man of promise and worth.

HENRY YOUNG, M. D.

Dr. Henry Young, of Manson, is recognized as a leader in the medical fraternity in Calhoun county and is also a man of influence in political circles and in public affairs. He has represented his district in the Iowa house of representatives and in the state senate and as a legislator proved public spirited and farsighted.

His birth occurred in Ogle county, Illinois, on the 16th of June, 1846, and his parents were William and Nancy (Long) Young. His maternal grandfather, Daniel Long, was a native of Washington county, Maryland, and was a farmer by occupation. Both William and Nancy (Long) Young were also born in Washington county, Maryland, the former in 1804 and the latter in 1820. They were married in their native state and in 1840 drove across the country to Ogle county, Illinois, where they continued to reside until called by death. The father passed away in 1887 and the mother died in 1870. He was successful as an agriculturist. His political belief was that of the republican party, and both he and his wife were Dunkards in



DR. HENRY YOUNG

religious faith. To them were born nine children, five of whom survive: George and D. W., both retired farmers living at Mount Morris, Illinois; Henry; Benjamin F., a druggist of Manson, Iowa; and Amanda, the widow of Henry Muma and a resident of Mount Morris, Illinois.

Henry Young attended the Mount Morris Seminary and after leaving that institution entered the Northwestern University at Evanston, where he completed his sophomore year. He was then for one year a student in the Medical College of the State University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, after which he matriculated in the Chicago College of Medicine, from which he was graduated in 1872. He practiced his profession for six months at Oregon, Illinois, but in the fall of 1872 located in Manson, Iowa, where he has since resided. He was the first physician to locate here and throughout the years has enjoyed a large and lucrative practice and the confidence of the general public. He also has the respect and regard of his professional colleagues. Although he had but one hundred and fifty dollars when he came to Manson he is now well-to-do, owns some excellent farms, also holds title to valuable city real estate and is president of the Calhoun County State Bank.

In March, 1877, Dr. Young married Miss Jean Glover, a daughter of John Glover, of the state of New York. She passed away in 1886, in the faith of the Congregational church, leaving three children: John William, a window decorator residing at Winona, Minnesota; Albert Leslie, now a student at the State College at Ames, who was for four years in the United States Navy and for several years later was head of the department of wireless telegraphy at the Norfolk navy yard; and Edna, the wife of Homer Howell, manager of a general store in Manson. Dr. Young was again married in 1894, Miss Etta Leavenworth becoming his wife. She was born in Montrose, Iowa. To this union has been born a son, Henry Leavenworth, who is now a student at Grinnell College.

Dr. Young is a republican in politics and has held many elective offices. He was a member of the school board for some time, has served as mayor of Manson, has been health officer and county physician and during the twenty-fourth and twenty-fifth assemblies represented his district in the lower house, while in the thirtieth, thirty-first and thirty-second assemblies he was a member of the state senate. For three years he was president of the State Drainage Association, and his work in that capacity has already proven of inestimable value throughout the state, especially in the northwestern portion. He has at all times discharged his official duties with ability and conscien-

tiousness, and his record of public service is one of which he may well be proud. He has also gained an enviable reputation as a physician and surgeon and is likewise known as a successful business man. He is widely and favorably known throughout the county and during the many years which he had resided in Manson he has done much along many lines to promote the advancement of his community.

CYRUS A. WHITTLESEY.

Cyrus A. Whittlesey is meeting with gratifying success as a real-estate dealer and is recognized as one of the able business men of Manson. His birth occurred on the 18th of September, 1850, in Winnebago county, Illinois, and he is a son of Eliphaley and Lydia (Hitchcock) Whittlesey. His paternal grandfather, Solomon Whittlesey, resided in Ohio for many years and there passed away, while his maternal grandfather, Ebenezer Hitchcock, was a lifelong resident of the state of New York. Eliphaley Whittlesey was born in Vermont and in 1837 removed to Illinois, where he entered one hundred and sixty acres of land from the government, which he operated for many years, but in 1869 came to Calhoun county, Iowa, and purchased a section of land. He continued to follow agricultural pursuits for some time but eventually retired from active life and removed to Manson, where he was living at the time of his demise. He was very successful and took justifiable pride in the fact that his prosperity was due solely to his own efforts, as he began his independent career without capital. He was a republican in politics and gave his religious allegiance to the Congregational church. His brother, E. Whittlesey, served in the Civil war with William McKinley, later president of the United States. Mrs. Lydia Whittlesey was born in New York but was living in Illinois at the time of her marriage. To that union were born three children, two of whom survive: Cyrus A.; and Charles E., who is engaged in the real-estate business in southeastern Kansas.

Cyrus A. Whittlesey was educated in the common schools of Illinois and later took a commercial course in a business college at Rockford, that state. During his minority he assisted his father with the work of the farm, thus gaining knowledge that has since been of great value to him. In 1876 he came to Calhoun county, Iowa, and for some time engaged in farming and in dealing in live stock. He raised hogs and cattle, owning a number of head of pure blooded cattle, and

was very successful as a stock-raiser. While living in Illinois he also dealt in horses for some time. In the spring of 1881 he retired from farming and removed to Manson, where he has since engaged in the real-estate business. He became a partner of R. A. Horton, that connection being maintained with mutual pleasure and profit for thirty-two years, but he is now in partnership with F. R. Shrader. They do a general real-estate business, buying and selling land in Iowa, Minnesota and Missouri, and negotiating many important realty transfers annually. Mr. Whittlesey personally owns much farm land and also owns bank stock and stock in the Griswold Land Company.

In March, 1873, Mr. Whittlesey was united in marriage to Miss Olivia Griffin, who was born in Canada. Her father, Terry Griffin, was a blacksmith and became a pioneer of Illinois, whence he removed to Iowa, where he was living at the time of his death. Mr. and Mrs. Whittlesey have had three children: Gertrude, deceased; Clarence, a mail carrier; and Daisy, the wife of F. J. Easter, a real-estate dealer of Seattle, Washington.

Mr. Whittlesey is a republican in politics and is loyal in his support of the candidates of that party but has never had time to take an active part in political affairs, as his business interests require his undivided time and attention.

JOHN C. FRICK.

John C. Frick, who is successfully engaged in the insurance business in Rockwell City, is a native of this state, born in Dallas county, on the 13th of February, 1857. He is a son of John A. and Eliza (Work) Frick, who are mentioned further in connection with the sketch of Maxwell W. Frick, on another page of this work.

John C. Frick was reared on a farm in Dallas county and there early acquired habits of thrift and industry that stood him in good stead in later life. At the usual age he entered the common schools near his father's home and completed the high-school course in Adel. After putting aside his textbooks he remained on the home farm until he had reached years of maturity, having in the meantime given his father the benefit of his services. He continued to be identified with agricultural pursuits until some two decades ago, or about 1895, when he located in Rockwell City and opened a real-estate office, meeting with a fair measure of success in that undertaking. In 1898

he took up the insurance business and has since handled insurance in its various departments. He has studied every phase of the business, so that he is able to present his cause in an intelligent manner. He annually does a large volume of business, representing a number of companies, and he is ever found just in his treatment of those with whom he has business transactions. In addition to his insurance business he has considerable farming interests, owns bank stock and stock in the canning factory at Rockwell City, while he is also interested in the abstract business with George L. Brower. It will thus be seen that he is not confining his time and attention to any one line and yet he gives the major part of his attention to insurance.

In November, 1882, Mr. Frick was united in marriage to Miss Anna C. White, a resident of Dallas Center, Iowa, and a daughter of John White, a pioneer farmer of that section of the state. To Mr. and Mrs. Frick have been born five children: Sumner, who is a mechanic and is residing in St. Louis; Clara, the wife of Chester Rockafellow, a farmer of South Dakota; Bertha, attending college in Grinnell, Iowa; Arthur, who is a mechanic and resides at home; and Evelyn, in school.

Mrs. Frick is a member of the Presbyterian church. Mr. Frick is a Mason and a past master of his lodge, while in politics he is a republican and has been chairman of the republican county central committee. He has also filled the office of justice of the peace. He is a most enthusiastic worker for any movement that will tend to advance the welfare of his community and has exerted an immeasurable influence in the city where he makes his home. He is public spirited in an eminent degree and his devotion to the general good, as well as his comprehensive understanding of many of the questions affecting state and national welfare, is marked. He has ever discharged his duties of citizenship in a commendable manner and as a business man, too, he merits the confidence of those who know him.

HENRY B. BEHRENS.

Henry B. Behrens, who for the past twelve years has been successfully engaged in the hardware business in Pomeroy, as a partner of August Breiholz, is also the owner of extensive farm lands in the state, owning four hundred acres in Pocahontas county. He is a native of Germany, born in Inhausersiel, Jeverland, April 20, 1858, a son of Hillert and Marie (Hedden) Behrens, who were likewise

natives of the same province. The father there engaged in merchandising and in the lumber business but on the 1st of May, 1870, landed in Baltimore, Maryland. He at once made his way to the middle west and spent a month in Fort Dodge, Iowa. He then went to Pocahontas county and bought one hundred and sixty acres of school land for six dollars an acre, this land being located in Bellville township. He had brought some capital with him from the old world and immediately set about to improve and develop his land, preparatory to making his home thereon. He took up his abode there in the following fall and throughout a long period was identified with the agricultural interests of that section of the state. The mother passed away on the old homestead, in the faith of the Evangelical church. Subsequently the father disposed of his land to his son Henry B., with whom he then made his home until he, too, departed this life. His religious faith was also indicated by his membership in the Evangelical church, while in politics he was a democrat. In his later years he served as township trustee. He had but two sons, the brother of our subject being Frederick William, who is a farmer of Woodbury county, Iowa.

Henry B. Behrens, the younger son, was a lad of twelve years at the time the family emigrated to the new world and the voyage was of the keenest interest to him. His education was practically acquired in the schools of his native country, for after coming to Iowa he attended school but two months. He remained with his father and assisted him in the work of the home farm until his thirtieth year, at which period he was married and then rented the home place for three years. He then purchased the farm and continued to operate it until 1903, when he rented his land and came to Pomeroy. He formed a partnership with August Breiholz for the conduct of a hardware business, in which he has continued to the present time. This is one of the successfully conducted enterprises of the city and Mr. Behrens has contributed not a little to the success of the undertaking. He still owns four hundred acres of farm land in Pocahontas county.

On the 16th of May, 1888, Mr. Behrens was united in marriage to Miss Annie Albright, a native of Elmhurst, Illinois, where she was reared. This union has been blessed with five children: Minnie, who is engaged in teaching in the Pomeroy schools; Marie, who is studying to be a nurse; and Elizabeth, William Henry and Ellen, all at home.

Mr. Behrens is a democrat but is liberal in his views, often voting independently. While still a resident of Pocahontas county he served

for eighteen years as township trustee and since making his home in Pomeroy he has served on the city council nine years. He and his wife are members of the Evangelical church, in the work of which they are most helpfully interested. The spirit of self-help is the source of all genuine worth in the individual and this truth is abundantly verified in the life of Mr. Behrens, who has steadily pursued his way undeterred by obstacles and difficulties and is achieving a prosperity of which he has every reason to be proud.

CHARLES WESLEY BECKWITH.

Charles W. Beckwith, ex-county treasurer, now residing in Rockwell City, was born in Marion county, Iowa, August 23, 1867, a son of Roswell J. and Lydia (Spencer) Beckwith. His paternal grandfather, William R. Beckwith, was a native of one of the New England states and in his early manhood drove an ox team from Massachusetts to Ohio. In 1847, with the same sort of a conveyance, he made the trip from Ohio to Iowa. He first settled in Lake Prairie township, Marion county, but a year or two later removed to Pleasant Grove township in the same county. When the gold mines were discovered in California in 1849, he set out with his ox team for the journey across the plains, and he was probably the only man who ever made the journey across the continent by this "slow but sure" method. After a short residence in California he returned to his Iowa farm and there spent the remainder of his life. His death occurred in 1891, at the age of eighty-two years.

Roswell J. Beckwith was born in Ohio, February 25, 1847, and was therefore but a few months old when his parents removed to Iowa and settled in Marion county, about six months after the Indians had left the state for their new reservations beyond the Missouri river. While he had all the experiences of life on the frontier, he also had the pleasure of watching the growth and development of Iowa from a wilderness into a great state. He followed farming all his life and met with gratifying success in his chosen occupation. In politics he affiliated with the republican party. He was a member of the Christian church, and as a firm believer in temperance he belonged to the Good Templars. At Pleasantville, Iowa, he was married to Miss Lydia Spencer, a native of Iowa, and to this union were born six children, five of whom are still living. William J. is living retired at Pleasantville, Marion county; Charles W. is the

immediate subject of this review; James A. is manager of a grain and farm implement business at Gowrie, Webster county; Thomas E. is a farmer in South Dakota; and Myron S. is a farmer in Marion county, Iowa.

Charles W. Beekwith received his education in the common schools and after putting aside his textbooks was engaged in agricultural pursuits until he was about twenty-five years of age. After that he was engaged in various lines of business for a number of years, including five years in driving a dray in Rockwell City and five and a half years in the hotel business at Lohrville. In 1908 he was elected treasurer of Calhoun county and was twice reelected, holding that office of trust and responsibility for six years.

Mr. Beekwith is a republican in his political views and takes a commendable interest in public affairs, national, state and local. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity and was the first senior warden of Nekoda Lodge, No. 597, F. & A. M., at Lohrville after that lodge received its charter. He is also identified with the Mystic Workers. His religious affiliations are with the Christian church.

In March, 1891, Mr. Beekwith and Miss Bertha I. Collins were united in marriage. Mrs. Beekwith is a daughter of Daniel Collins, one of the early settlers of Calhoun county, who continued to reside here until his demise. To this marriage has been born one son, Floyd B., who is now the cashier of the Farmers Savings Bank of Lavinia, Iowa. Both Mr. and Mrs. Beekwith are widely known in Calhoun county and they have a host of friends.

ROYAL BAKER DIXON.

Royal Baker Dixon, who in 1914 was elected to the office of county auditor of Calhoun county, has since most capably served the public in that capacity. He is a native of Iowa, born in Jasper county, June 8, 1874, a son of S. and Lueinda (Farley) Dixon. The father was born in Ohio in 1841, while the mother was a native of Allamakee county, Iowa. They were married in Jasper county, this state, about 1866 or 1867, and traveled the journey of life together for many years but were finally separated by the death of the wife and mother. She died in the faith of the Methodist Episcopal church. The father, however, still survives, at the age of seventy-four years, and is now living in well earned retirement in Rockwell City. He was for many years identified with the business interests

of the city, having engaged in the hardware and implement business here throughout a long period, and he was also a traveling salesman for twenty-two years. He is a republican in his political affiliation and is a Knight Templar Mason. In his family were six children, but one is deceased. Those surviving are: C. O., who was born February 7, 1868, and served as county auditor for six years; Dayse, the wife of Ross Vontrees, a farmer of Calhoun county; Royal B., of this review; Catherine, the widow of Charles Gregg; and Margaret, the wife of M. J. Lee, of Los Angeles, California.

Royal Baker Dixon acquired his education in the schools of Jasper county, completing the high-school course. He began life in the business world as a clerk in a hardware establishment. He was subsequently for five years engaged in the plumbing business in Rockwell City and in 1909 he made his initial step in an official capacity, having been appointed deputy county auditor of Calhoun county. In 1914 he was elected to the office of auditor and is now demonstrating to the people of Calhoun county that he is fully qualified to fill the office to their satisfaction as well as with credit to himself. His record in public service has ever been one of unremitting and tireless toil.

Mr. Dixon was married in 1901 to Miss Matilda Krager, of Sac county, this state, and they now have a little son, Dale. Mrs. Dixon is a member of the Christian church. In politics Mr. Dixon is a stalwart republican and in this connection as in his business life there has been a progression. His entire political service has been in the interest of the people and this is the best recommendation any man can have for future claims.

MICHAEL MACK.

Michael Mack, a prominent and prosperous agriculturist residing on section 30, Butler township, is the owner of four hundred and eighty acres of land comprising one of the best farms in Calhoun county. He has devoted his attention to the work of the fields here for more than a third of a century and his is the record of a self-made man whose unfaltering perseverance has triumphed over obstacles and difficulties. He was born in Bavaria, Germany, in December, 1842, and remained under the parental roof until fourteen years of age, being afterward engaged in railroad work until nineteen years old. During the next two years he was employed in a factory and subsequently served for four years in the German army and for two

years in the hospital corps. He then attended college in Nassau and in 1870 emigrated to the United States, landing in New York on the 1st or 2d of December of that year. On the 6th of December he reached St. Louis, Missouri, and there entered the Concordia Theological Seminary but at the end of two years' study became ill and was obliged to abandon his preparation for the ministry, going to Nebraska, where he was sick for about fifteen months. On recovering his health he made his way to Boone, Boone county, Iowa, where he was employed as clerk in a dry goods and clothing store for three or four years, on the expiration of which period he was married. With his bride he went to Des Moines and there worked as clerk in a grocery store for about a year, while subsequently he became an assistant preacher but at the end of about a year was obliged to discontinue this work because of impaired health and next conducted a private school in Polk, Iowa, for two years. In 1880 he came to Calhoun county, where lived his wife's people, cultivating a rented farm in Sherman township for about a year. During the following two years he operated another rented farm in the same township and then rented still another tract, which he cultivated until 1888. In that year he acquired one hundred and sixty acres of his present place at ten dollars an acre, the tract being wild prairie and slough land. He made an initial payment of fifty dollars, went in debt for the remainder and resolutely set himself to the task of improving and developing his property. In 1890 he purchased an adjoining quarter section for eighteen dollars an acre and in 1901 bought a tract of one hundred and sixty acres across the road for forty-six dollars an acre, so that his holdings now embrace four hundred and eighty acres. As the years have gone by he has brought the place under a high state of cultivation and improvement and it is now conceded to be one of the best farms in the county, boasting well tiled fields and also a large, substantial barn and elevator. A most gratifying measure of success has rewarded his well directed labors as an agriculturist and he has long been numbered among the substantial and representative citizens of Butler township and Calhoun county.

On the 3d of September, 1876, Mr. Mack was united in marriage to Miss Henrietta Pilte, whose birth occurred in the province of Posen, Germany, March 11, 1852, and who emigrated to the United States as a young woman in 1874. By her marriage she became the mother of twelve children, as follows: William John, George M. and Ernest Frederick, all at home; Michael William, who follows farming in Butler township; Henry, also an agriculturist of Butler township; Henrietta, who is the wife of John Sternberg, of Seward

county, Nebraska: Mary, the wife of Charles Krieser; Amelia, at home; Emma, who gave her hand in marriage to William Tishler, a farmer of Calhoun county; Annie, twin sister of Emma, who is at home; John Lewis, a farmer of this county; and Christ Henry Herman, who is engaged in farming in Nebraska. The wife and mother died on the 19th of November, 1913, passing away in the faith of the Lutheran church, and thus her husband and children lost a faithful and loving helper.

Politically Mr. Mack is a man of liberal views, always taking into consideration the capability of a candidate rather than his party affiliation. He has served as school director for about nine years and the cause of education has ever found in him a staunch champion. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Lutheran church at Pomeroy. He has now passed the seventy-second milestone on life's journey and enjoys the respect and veneration which should ever be accorded one who has traveled thus far on this earthly pilgrimage and whose career has been at all times upright and honorable.

HENRY M. WELLS.

Henry M. Wells, who has lived in this county since thirteen years of age, or for a period of forty-five years, now makes his home on section 14, Butler township, and is the owner of four hundred and eighty acres of valuable land. His birth occurred in Dubuque, Iowa, on the 15th of August, 1857, his parents being Thomas and Sarah (Hibbard) Wells, who were married in Lincolnshire, England, May 31, 1851. The father was born and reared in Lincolnshire and there learned the brickmaker's trade, working at that occupation until 1856, the year of his emigration to the United States. During the first ten years of his residence in this country he worked as a brickmaker of Dubuque, Iowa, and then made his way to Tama, Tama county, this state, where he remained for four years. In the spring of 1870 he came to Calhoun county with ox teams and took up his abode on a homestead claim on section 14, Butler township, three and one-half miles south of what is now the town of Pomeroy. He had first come here in 1869, entered land and erected a small shanty, to which he brought his family in the spring of the following year. On this place he devoted his attention to general agricultural pursuits throughout the remainder of his life, extending the boundaries of his farm by additional purchase until it embraced four hundred and

twenty acres of rich and productive land. In connection with the cultivation of cereals best adapted to soil and climate he also raised cattle and hogs, his live-stock interests proving a profitable source of income. His demise, which occurred on the 19th of August, 1886, when he had attained the age of sixty-three years, was the occasion of deep and widespread regret. He gave his political allegiance to the republican party and ably served in the capacities of trustee and school director. His widow continued to reside on the homestead farm for several years after his death and then took up her abode in Pomeroy, where she passed away January 29, 1911, in the faith of the Methodist Episcopal church. To them were born four sons and three daughters, as follows: John, who was a printer by trade and died at the Printers' Home, Colorado Springs, Colorado; Parkin L., a retired citizen of Manson, Iowa; George, who is living retired in Roswell, New Mexico; Henry M., of this review; Mary, who is the wife of George Ivey, a farmer of Butler township; Sarah, who passed away at the age of eight years; and Hattie, who gave her hand in marriage to J. H. Lowrey and died when thirty-six or thirty-seven years of age, leaving two children.

Henry M. Wells, a youth of thirteen when the family home was established in this county, attended the public schools in the acquirement of an education and remained with his mother until the time of his marriage. After his father's death he undertook the management of the home farm, inheriting an eighty-acre tract. General agricultural pursuits have claimed his attention throughout his entire business career and have brought him gratifying financial returns. He now owns four hundred and eighty acres of land in this county but leases all except the home place of one hundred and sixty acres.

On the 25th of December, 1889, Mr. Wells was united in marriage to Miss Martha Mattie Drommer, a native of Fort Dodge, Iowa, and a daughter of John and Marietta (Collins) Drommer. She was about eight years of age when the family home was established in Calhoun county and pursued her education in the public schools, also spending three months as a student at the Iowa State Teachers' College of Cedar Falls. She began teaching when nineteen years of age and was thus engaged for thirteen terms, imparting clearly and readily to others the knowledge which she had acquired. By her marriage she has become the mother of five children, namely: Sara Marietta, Pearl Hazel, John Thomas, Hattie and Harley Maurice.

Mr. Wells is a staunch republican in politics and has served as school director for many years, while for several years he also acted in the capacity of trustee, ever proving a faithful and efficient public

servant. His wife is a devoted and consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church. In the early days Mr. Wells did considerable trapping and he has intimate knowledge of conditions that then existed here, having witnessed the growth and development of the county from pioneer times to the present. He has won an extensive circle of friends during the long period of his residence here and therefore his record cannot fail to prove of interest to many of our readers.

FRANK EUGENE HAMILTON.

Frank Eugene Hamilton is a resident farmer of Lake Creek township, his home being on section 27, where he owns one hundred and sixty acres which he has brought under a high state of cultivation and improvement. He was born in Tioga county, New York, on the 26th of October, 1849, his parents being Ira and Laura (Handy) Hamilton. The father, also a native of Tioga county, was born in August, 1825, and was a son of Jonathan and Helen (Skillings) Hamilton. Ira Hamilton became a New York farmer, following agricultural pursuits in the Empire state throughout his entire life. His death occurred, however, in Michigan, when he was visiting there, and his wife has also passed away.

Frank E. Hamilton obtained his education in the public schools of his native state and worked with his father upon the home farm until he reached the age of seventeen years, when he started out in life independently. On leaving the east he made his way to Livingston county, Michigan, where he remained for four years. On the expiration of that period he came to Iowa and has since been a resident of Calhoun county. For eighteen years he lived in Jackson township, there carrying on general agricultural pursuits, and for five years he made his home in Union township. On the expiration of that period he became the owner of one hundred and sixty acres in Lake Creek township, where he still resides. His farm is a well improved property, his fields being carefully tilled, while the energy and industry which he displays in all that he undertakes is manifest in the excellent appearance of his farm in every particular.

On the 30th of July, 1876, Mr. Hamilton was united in marriage to Ella Thompson Monroe, who was born April 19, 1855, in Cass county, Michigan, a daughter of Sereno W. and Cordelia (Seribner)

Thompson. The father, who was born in Vermont in May, 1837, became one of the pioneer settlers of Calhoun county, establishing his home in Jackson township in 1858. He entered one hundred and sixty acres of land there and afterward purchased a similar tract near Cottonwood cemetery. He was active and prominent in public affairs in an early day and served as county judge when that office was equivalent to supervisor at the present day. He died in January, 1901, at the age of sixty-four years, while his wife, who was born in Michigan in 1837, passed away in that state in 1857. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton have been born five children: Fred, now living in Sioux City; Mabel, deceased; Charles, a resident farmer of Garfield township; Harry, who carries on farming in Hancock county; and Laura, at home.

In his political views Mr. Hamilton has always been an earnest democrat, believing in the principles of the party as factors in good government. He has served as township clerk of Jackson township, has been secretary of the school board for twenty-two years and has been president of the Lake Creek Cemetery Association. His life in a way has been quiet and uneventful, being devoted to general agricultural pursuits, yet he has ever been faithful to trust reposed in him, has been honorable in his business dealings and straightforward in his relations with his fellowmen, so that his record is one worthy of the respect and regard which are tendered him.

GEORGE W. CORWIN.

During the later years of his life George W. Corwin lived retired in Rockwell City but had long been identified with agricultural pursuits in Calhoun county and was numbered among the representative farmers of the locality. He was born July 20, 1849, in Peoria county, Illinois, and spent the days of his boyhood and youth in that state. In fact, he was about forty-four years of age when he came to Iowa and in the meantime had devoted twenty-one years to farming in Woodford county, Illinois, where he settled in 1872. There he resided until February, 1893, when he brought his family to Iowa and purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land in Calhoun county. With characteristic energy he began farming here and in addition to tilling the soil in the cultivation of the crops best adapted to climatic conditions he raised considerable stock. He was thus active until 1906, when he disposed of his property. Later, however, he rented a farm

and continued its cultivation until December, 1909, when he removed to Rockwell City and retired from active business life.

On January 24, 1874, Mr. Corwin was united in marriage to Miss Elmira Tool, a daughter of C. H. Tool. She was born in Woodford county, Illinois, February 20, 1853, and by her marriage became the mother of eight children: Flora and Glenn, both of whom died in 1905; Myrtle and Cora, both at home; Elmer, living near Waseka, Minnesota; George, living at New Hampton, Iowa; Mark, a resident of Pomeroy, Washington; and Goldie, at home.

Mrs. Corwin is a member of the Methodist church, which Mr. Corwin also attended. He was a democrat in his political views and fraternally was connected with the Mystic Workers. He passed away March 7, 1910, leaving behind him many warm friends, for during his residence in Calhoun county, covering a period of seventeen years, he had become endeared to many with whom he was associated. He was a man ever loyal to his honest convictions and his religious faith was a motive force in his life, so that he ever endeavored to follow the golden rule, doing unto others as he would have them do unto him.

ROBERT A. HORTON.

Robert A. Horton is engaged in the loan and collection business and is recognized as a man of sound judgment and initiative. He was born in Winnebago county, Illinois, on the 11th of November, 1850, a son of Gabriel and Jane (McBride) Horton, whose parents were both natives of the state of New York, the former born in 1812 and the latter in 1810. Their marriage was solemnized in the Empire state and in 1837 they drove across the country to Illinois, settling in Winnebago county. The father took up a homestead, paying therefor the usual government price of a dollar and a quarter per acre. He operated his farm for many years but eventually sold and removed to a small town in that county, where he passed away in 1890. His wife taught school in New York previous to her marriage and received a dollar a week as compensation for her services, which gives some idea of the low scale of salaries prevailing. Her demise occurred two years after that of her husband. He belonged to the Masonic blue lodge and both held membership in the Order of the Eastern Star. He was very active in Masonry and exemplified in his life its beneficent teachings. His political belief was that of the republican

party, and he voted for "Honest Abe." One of his sons, Sherman R. Horton, served in the Civil war, in the Eighth Illinois Cavalry, and was killed in a skirmish five miles north of Culpeper, Virginia, in November, 1863. The previous July he had participated in the famous battle of Gettysburg. The Horton family is of English descent and the McBrides are of Scotch-Irish extraction.

Robert A. Horton was one of a family of six children and in his boyhood and youth met with the usual experiences of the lad reared on a farm in the middle west. He attended the district schools and a select school of Rockford, Illinois, and also learned thoroughly the basic principles of agriculture through assisting his father with the work of the homestead. On reaching mature years he started to follow the occupation to which he had been reared and farmed in both Illinois and Iowa, coming to this state in 1874. Four years later he removed to Manson and engaged in the lumber business, giving his entire attention to that line of activity for a few years. He built up a large trade, selling lumber throughout this and adjoining counties, and his resources steadily increased. At length, however, he turned his attention to the real-estate business, becoming a partner of C. A. Whittlesey. Their partnership was maintained for thirty-two years and in addition to conducting an extensive real-estate business they also operated a livery barn at various times. They still own considerable land in Minnesota in partnership. Mr. Horton also served as administrator of a number of large estates and as assignee in several cases of bankruptcy. During the last two years he has successfully engaged in the land, loan and collection business, confining his real-estate operations to town property, having recently sold his farm of two hundred acres in Clay county, Iowa. He possesses excellent judgment, understands human nature and is seldom at fault in summing up the possibilities of a proposition.

Mr. Horton was married in Iowa in 1873 to Miss Sarah A. Brownell, a daughter of Thomas J. Brownell, a native of Vermont, who became an early settler and farmer in this county. Mr. and Mrs. Horton had three children: Arthur T., who is an attorney at law of Pomeroy, Iowa; Mary E., who is teaching in Ogden, Utah; and Margie L., who is studying law at Drake University. The wife and mother passed away in 1895, and two years later Mr. Horton married Miss Ida M. Weigel, of Marshalltown, Iowa, a daughter of David Weigel.

Mr. Horton is a republican and has taken quite an active part in local public affairs. For six years he served as a member of the board of supervisors and twice during that time was chairman of that

body. He is now serving a second term as justice of the peace and for twelve years was a member of the board of education. He has also served as a member of the city council and for one term was mayor of Manson. He has held a number of township offices and in all of his official capacities has given able and conscientious service. He and his wife hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church and he is now treasurer of the building committee. Fraternally he belongs to the Masonic blue lodge and to the Order of the Eastern Star, of which his wife is also a member. He was formerly identified with the Knights of Pythias. Although he is a careful and shrewd business man he has never taken undue advantage of another, and his probity and integrity are unquestioned. He is one of the valued citizens of Manson and there are many who hold him in warm regard.

EDWIN OSBORN CHAPMAN.

Edwin Osborn Chapman has since 1894 occupied the farm in Lake Creek township which is still his home. He is a native of Marietta, Ohio, born June 5, 1859, and is a son of Sidney D. and Mary Ann (Seofield) Chapman, who were likewise natives of Marietta. The mother died when her son Edwin was but six months old and the father passed away a few years later. At the time of the Civil war he responded to the country's call for troops, enlisting as a member of Company D, Ninety-second Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He went to the front as a sergeant and was killed at the battle of Chickamauga, thus giving his life in defense of the Union cause.

Edwin O. Chapman was reared by his mother's people. Upon the death of his father, an uncle was appointed his guardian and took the lad to Carrollton, Missouri, where he remained until he reached the age of seventeen years. He was educated in the schools there, worked upon his uncle's farm and when still in his youthful days learned the carpenter's trade. At the age of seventeen he removed to Illinois and was employed at farm labor in Logan county. Later he rented a farm near Mount Pulaski and while residing there he became an active member of the Sons of Veterans and served as commander of the local camp. In 1894 he came to his present location in Lake Creek township, purchasing eighty acres of land which he has rendered much more productive by tiling his fields. His farm work is conducted along modern lines and good results are secured. He makes a specialty of raising corn and oats and he is also engaged

in raising pure bred Chester White hogs. His farm work is carefully and systematically managed and he is now meeting with well merited success.

Mr. Chapman is pleasantly situated in his home life. He was married in February, 1880, to Miss Ada H. Morrow, of Logan county, Illinois, and they have become the parents of nine children: Mary E., who was born December 23, 1881, and is the wife of C. Sloan, of Dickinson county, Iowa; John C., who was born March 21, 1883, and makes his home near Albert City, Iowa; Ada L., born October 21, 1884, who is a teacher of Lake City and resides at home; Nina P., whose birth occurred August 23, 1886, and who gave her hand in marriage to G. Sloan, of Albert City; Edwin M., born July 24, 1888, who resides in Rockwell City; Elmo E., whose natal day was March 11, 1887, and who follows farming in Elm Grove township; Maude E., born November 19, 1892, who is the wife of Fred Smith, of Sherwood, Iowa; Minnie B., who was born June 12, 1895, and is still at home; and one who died in infancy. The family is now well known in Calhoun county and in the twenty-one years of his residence here Mr. Chapman has gained for himself a creditable position as a progressive and representative farmer of Lake Creek township.

JAMES BRADY.

James Brady is successfully engaged in business as an implement dealer of Jolley, having built up an extensive patronage in this connection. His birth occurred in Dixon, Illinois, on the 15th of April, 1875, his parents being Nicholas and Anna Brady, the former born in Ireland in 1835 and the latter in Green Bay, Wisconsin, in 1845. Nicholas Brady emigrated to the United States in 1855, when a young man of twenty years, taking up his abode in Dixon, Illinois, where he was employed at railroad work until 1881. In that year he removed to Buena Vista county, Iowa, purchasing and improving a farm of one hundred and sixty acres within seven miles of Storm Lake, where he devoted his attention to the raising of grain and stock during the remainder of his life with excellent success. He passed away in March, 1902, in the faith of the Catholic church, of which his widow is also a devout communicant. His political allegiance was given to the democracy. Mrs. Brady still resides on the home farm near Storm Lake.

James Brady was educated at Storm Lake and assisted his father in the operation of the home place until twenty-two years of age. In 1903 he secured a position in the implement store of Mullen Brothers at Fonda, Iowa, and three years later entered their establishment in Jolley. In 1912 he became proprietor of the store which he is now conducting and has since been accorded a most gratifying patronage, for he carries an extensive stock of goods and enjoys an enviable reputation as a reliable, enterprising and progressive merchant. He is a Catholic in religious faith and a democrat in his political views.

HOMER A. SCOTT.

Homer A. Scott, who is engaged in the insurance business in Rockwell City, was born in Tipton, Cedar county, Iowa, on the 6th of February, 1869, a son of A. J. and Mary E. (Vest) Scott. His paternal grandfather resided for many years in Ohio but later removed to Greeley, Colorado. He was a physician by profession and gained quite a lucrative practice. The maternal grandfather, R. C. Vest, also lived in Ohio for a considerable time but before the Civil war removed to Iowa and passed away in Buena Vista county, this state. He followed the occupation of farming. A. J. Scott and Mary E. Vest were both born in Ohio, the former July 30, 1832, and the latter March 22, 1846, but their marriage was celebrated in Tipton, Iowa, in 1867. Previous to the Civil war the father removed to Cedar county, Iowa, and turned his attention to agricultural pursuits. He was later engaged in mercantile business at Lake City, where he removed in 1875, and for some time was postmaster of that place. In 1889 he came to Rockwell City, having been elected county recorder on the republican ticket. His services were so satisfactory to his constituents that he was twice reelected, serving in all for three terms. He holds membership in the Grand Army of the Republic and thus keeps in mind the memories of the '60s when the preservation of the Union was at stake. He served in Company C, Twenty-fourth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, as first lieutenant and was mustered out with the rank of captain. He was at the front for three years and saw much hard fighting. His wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. To them have been born three children: Homer A.; Edgar M., a dentist residing at St. Louis; and Jane, who married S. E. Stanfield, clerk of the courts.

Homer A. Scott received his education in the Lake City schools and in a business college at Storm Lake, Iowa. After putting aside his textbooks he found employment in an office and when his father was made recorder he became his deputy. Subsequently he was connected with the lumber business in Des Moines and was for a while employed in a bank. Two years ago he purchased an insurance office in Rockwell City and has since done a general insurance business, representing a number of reliable and progressive companies.

Mr. Scott was married in 1901 to Miss Emma Olmstead, a daughter of William E. Olmstead, of Illinois, who settled in Calhoun county, Iowa, in the early days of its history and devoted his time to agricultural pursuits. Mr. and Mrs. Scott have three children: Homer J., Eleanor and Eugenie.

Mr. Scott is a republican but has never taken an active part in political affairs, although he is not remiss in any of his duties as a citizen. Fraternally he is identified with the Masonic blue lodge and his religious allegiance is given to the Presbyterian church. He is recognized as a business man of energy and uprightness, and his friends predict for him success.

FRANK GRIMES.

Frank Grimes is the owner of an excellent farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 33, Butler township, which he has operated continuously and successfully during the past twenty-eight years. His birth occurred in Indiana on the 25th of March, 1862, his parents being Edward and Delia (Pearse) Grimes, who were natives of Dublin, Ireland, and emigrated to the United States in 1862. Locating in Richmond, Indiana, they purchased ten acres of land and thereon made their home until 1871, when they removed to Greene county, Iowa, where the father bought a quarter section of land. He improved the property and devoted his attention to its operation during the remainder of his life, making a specialty of stock-raising. He passed away on the 19th of December, 1909, having long survived his wife, who was killed in a cyclone in Greene county, Iowa, in the year 1872.

Frank Grimes acquired his education in Greene county, this state, and assisted his father in the work of the fields until twenty-five years of age. About 1889 he came to Calhoun county, Iowa, and purchased the farm which he has since operated, improving the

same until it is now a valuable and productive property. The place comprises one hundred and sixty acres on section 33, Butler township, and in its careful cultivation Mr. Grimes has won a gratifying measure of success, annually gathering good crops which find a ready sale on the market.

On the 13th of February, 1891, Mr. Grimes was united in marriage to Miss Margaret O'Donnell, who was born in Des Moines, Iowa, November 18, 1862, and as a young girl was taken by her parents, John and Elizabeth O'Donnell, to Greene county, where she was reared and educated. By her marriage she has become the mother of six children, namely: Edward and Basil, both at home; Bessie, who is engaged in teaching school; and Sherman, Reynolds and Margaret, all of whom are still under the parental roof.

Mr. Grimes gives his political allegiance to the republican party, and in religious faith both he and his wife are Catholics. They have many friends and never fail to command the esteem and regard of all who come in contact with them.

BERT GRIFFETH.

Bert Griffeth, who has throughout almost his entire career been identified with the agricultural life of Calhoun county, has also been engaged in the real-estate business in Rockwell City since 1912. He is a native of this county, born June 17, 1873, a son of Calvin and Susan (Summerville) Griffeth, the former born in New York in 1840, and the latter a native of Scotland, born in 1839. They located in Illinois at an early day and it was in that state that their marriage occurred. They later came to Calhoun county and here the father took up a homestead claim, becoming one of the pioneer settlers of this locality. He was a quiet and unassuming man and throughout a long period was identified with farming in this county. In politics he was a republican, while in religious faith he was a Congregationalist, and his wife also held membership with the church of that denomination. In their family were nine children, all of whom survive. Both the father and mother are deceased, the former passing away in 1912, when seventy-two years of age, while the mother departed this life in 1905, when sixty-nine years old. Thus the county lost two of its most highly respected and honored pioneer settlers.

Bert Griffeth is the fourth in order of birth in his father's family. He was reared on the home farm and under his father's direction

became thoroughly familiar with all phases of agriculture. He was educated in the common schools near his father's home and after putting aside his textbooks he resumed work on the farm and when starting out upon an independent business venture continued work along that line. He has become successful and is now the owner of two tracts of land, comprising three hundred and twenty acres, one lying in Garfield township and the other in Pocahontas county, Iowa. Since 1912 in addition to farming he has successfully engaged in buying and selling farm lands, handling Iowa and Minnesota property, and he also handles town property and now makes his home in Rockwell City. He today occupies a notable position in business and agricultural circles, and his labors have been of a character that have contributed to general progress and prosperity as well as to individual success.

In 1901 occurred the marriage of Mr. Griffith and Miss Emma Featherstone, a daughter of William Featherstone, who was one of the earliest settlers of Calhoun county and is deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Griffith have one daughter, Florence, now thirteen years of age. The family are members of the Presbyterian church and Mr. Griffith is a Mason, now serving as junior warden of his lodge. In politics he is a republican. Both he and his wife are worthy representatives of two of the prominent pioneer families of the county, and they are highly esteemed by their large circle of friends and acquaintances.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN HOLDER.

Benjamin Franklin Holder makes his home on section 8, Lake Creek township, where he owns four hundred acres of rich farm land, of which he is cultivating two hundred and forty acres. His activities set a standard for progressive farming and he is accounted one of the foremost agriculturists of his district. He was born in Logan county, Illinois, August 21, 1856, a son of Solomon L. and Elizabeth (Blake) Holder. The father served as a soldier during the latter part of the Civil war.

Through the period of his boyhood and youth Benjamin F. Holder remained upon the old homestead farm and on attaining his majority began farming on his own account. On the 19th of November, 1882, he completed his arrangements for having a home of his own in his marriage to Miss Fannie E. Gullett, whose birth occurred

in Roanoke, Illinois, May 18, 1864. They have become the parents of four children, as follows: Bessie A., who is the wife of M. E. Fox and resides in Gibson, Illinois; Sue J., who gave her hand in marriage to Bert Daugherty; and Kate E. and Lyman F., both at home.

Following his marriage Mr. Holder continued to reside in Illinois until the spring of 1908, when he came to Iowa and established his home on section 8, Lake Creek township, Calhoun county. He purchased his present farm, comprising four hundred acres of rich and productive land, and at the present time he is personally cultivating two hundred and forty acres of that tract. He raises spring wheat and other cereals and his farm is neat and thrifty in appearance. He has a beautiful home equipped with every modern convenience. Upon the place he has his own gas plant and he has introduced every facility to lighten the work of the household and to promote the work of the fields. Whatever he undertakes he carries forward to successful completion and his well directed energy has made him one of the foremost farmers of his county.

In his political views Mr. Holder is a democrat but has never been a politician in the sense of office seeking. He is interested, however, in all that pertains to the welfare and upbuilding of the community. The cause of education finds in him a stalwart champion and he is now serving as treasurer of the township school board. Fraternally he is a prominent Mason, holding membership in Twin Lakes Lodge, A. F. & A. M.; and he is a past master of Gibson Lodge, No. 483, F. & A. M., of Gibson, Illinois. He was formerly identified with the Royal Arch chapter, in which he served as sojourner, but is now demitted from that branch of Masonry. He still has membership in Paxton Commandery, K. T., of Paxton, Illinois, and in Oriental Consistory, S. P. R. S., of Chicago. His religious opinions coinciding with the teachings of the Methodist church, he is identified with that denomination and his influence is ever given on the side of right, progress, reform and improvement.

PARK C. TORRANCE.

Park C. Torrance, a well known and substantial resident of Rockwell City, is engaged in the insurance business. He was born in Mount Vernon, Linn county, Iowa, on the 7th of February, 1857, of the marriage of Hugh and Rhoda (Dike) Torrance. His paternal

grandfather, Cunningham Torrance, was born in Pennsylvania, and the family is of Scotch-Irish descent. His maternal grandfather, Daniel Dike, was born in Vermont and his father served in the Revolutionary war. Hugh Torrance was born in Pennsylvania on the 24th of June, 1824, and his wife's birth occurred in Vermont on the 14th of December, 1830. They were married in June, 1854, at Mount Vernon, Iowa. Mr. Torrance came to this state in 1844 and entered land from the government. He operated that farm until 1882, when he came to Calhoun county and located four and a half miles west of Rockwell City, purchasing a quarter section. He cultivated and improved his land, together with his son Park C., for a number of years, but at length removed to Rockwell City, where he resided for about five years, dying June 7, 1898. He was a republican and served for some time acceptably as constable. His religious faith was that of the Presbyterian church. He was a generous, broad-minded man and was well liked and highly respected in his community. His wife, who passed away March 21, 1882, was for many years a member of the Protestant Episcopal church but soon after her marriage joined the Presbyterian church. They were the parents of seven children, five of whom survive, namely: D. D., who is head janitor of Cornell College of Mount Vernon, Iowa; Park C.; Mary, the wife of Orville T. Turner, a farmer living in this county; H. W., who is living on a farm in Florida; and Lillie, who married Frank F. Logsdon, of Indianapolis, Indiana.

Park C. Torrance was educated in the common schools but when fifteen years of age put aside his textbooks in order to devote his entire time to assisting his father with the work of the homestead. He followed agricultural pursuits for many years and became the owner of two hundred acres of fine land in Twin Lakes township, this county. As the years passed he added to his capital and in 1895 put aside the active work of the farm and removed to Rockwell City, where he has since lived. He is at present engaged in the insurance business and gives the greater part of his attention to fire insurance, although he also writes some life insurance. He has proved as successful in this field as he did in farming and is one of the progressive and influential business men of Rockwell City.

In 1885 Mr. Torrance was married to Miss Eliza J. Hawk, a daughter of John Hawk, who located in Iowa in pioneer days of this state and devoted his time to farming. To this union have been born two children: J. Emery, who married Nellie Murray, August 21, 1913, and is clerking in a store; and Lillie T., at home. The mother passed away April 22, 1915, in her fifty-eighth year.

Mr. Torrance is a republican in his political belief and has served as constable and justice of the peace, while he is at present holding the office of city assessor, which he has filled for five years. Fraternally he is well known, belonging to the Masonic blue lodge, the Eastern Star, the Royal Arch chapter and the Knights Templar commandery. In 1891-92 he served as master of his lodge and he has also passed through all of the chairs in the subordinate lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, while he has served as secretary thereof for six terms. His religious belief is indicated by his membership in the Presbyterian church, in the work of which he takes an active part. He began his independent business career without capital, but through the exercise of the qualities of enterprise, foresight and sound judgment has become one of the wealthy men of Rockwell City. Although he values greatly his material success, he esteems yet more highly the goodwill and respect which are generally accorded him in recognition of his integrity and public spirit.

CHARLES A. HUFF.

Charles A. Huff is the owner of one of the largest general merchandise stores in Rockwell City and is a leader in movements seeking the commercial growth and expansion of the city. He was born in Winthrop, Iowa, on the 1st of May, 1870, a son of E. C. and Lueinda (Pierce) Huff, more extended mention of whom is made elsewhere in this work.

Our subject received his education in the schools of Rockwell City and while still a boy began to make his own way. He did any odd jobs that he could get around the hotel and for a time he engaged in shining shoes. When but ten years of age he began working on a farm and was so employed until he was fourteen years old, when he entered the abstract office of Smith, Jack & Bradt. He worked there and in the county treasurer's and county auditor's offices for three years, after which he entered the employ of Walker Brothers in the capacity of clerk. After working for them for thirteen years he purchased the store, becoming the owner of the business in 1901. It was but a small concern when it came into his possession but he immediately began to extend its scope and it has now grown to be one of the largest stores in Calhoun county. When he bought the store he had very little capital and it was necessary for him to borrow fifteen dollars with which to make change on the first day that he con-

ducted the establishment. He has managed the business well, adding to the lines carried from time to time, but he has watched carefully not to jeopardize the capital invested and his initiative and prudence have been rewarded as he is now one of the substantial men of Rockwell City. Much of the rapid growth of his business is due to the fact that he has at all times adhered to the highest standard of commercial ethics and has believed in giving full value for money received. He also owns considerable wild land in South Dakota and has realized a handsome profit from his real-estate transactions.

In May, 1891, Mr. Huff was united in marriage to Miss Clara Spillers, of Redfield, Iowa, a daughter of Samuel Spillers, an early settler of this state. The father fought for the preservation of the Union in the Civil war. Mr. and Mrs. Huff have two children: Florence, a graduate of the local high school, of Drake University and of the State College at Ames; and George, who is now in his first year in the high school.

Mr. Huff is a republican in politics but has never sought to hold public office. Fraternally he belongs to the Masons, the Modern Woodmen and the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. He holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal church and the sincerity of his faith is exemplified in the rectitude of his daily life. He is a fine type of self-made man as in his pursuit of success he has never allowed himself to use questionable methods and has never forgotten that the moral and intellectual development of the community is of as great importance as its commercial expansion.

GEORGE B. LEMEN.

George B. Lemen, residing in Rockwell City, is the present county treasurer. He was born in Dewitt county, Illinois, on the 19th of September, 1868, his parents being James M. and Sidney (Foley) Lemen. In 1909 he came to Lake City, Calhoun county, Iowa, where he purchased some lands and in 1910 he came to Lake City to reside. In 1914 he was elected to the office of county treasurer and in that position is now serving with credit to himself and satisfaction to his constituents.

In 1891, at Shelbyville, Illinois, Mr. Lemen was united in marriage to Miss Lizzie A. Miller, by whom he has four children. Fraternally Mr. Lemen is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Masons, belonging to the lodge, chapter and com-

mandery of the latter order. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. In politics he is a republican. Active and efficient in everything he undertakes, he has gained the confidence not only of his neighbors and friends but of a wide circle of acquaintances throughout the county.

CLINTON D. CHILDS.

Clinton D. Childs, who has resided in Rockwell City longer than any other resident of the place, is successfully engaged in conducting a book and wall paper store here. He was born in Norwalk, Huron county, Ohio, November 11, 1872, a son of Calvin A. and Mary E. (White) Childs. His paternal grandfather, Charles Childs, was born in Virginia but removed to Ohio in his youth and in that state he carried on agricultural pursuits until his death. The maternal grandfather, Thomas White, was a cabinet-maker by trade and was living in Sandusky, Ohio, at the time of his death.

Calvin A. Childs was born near Norwalk, Ohio, in 1836 and received his education in his native state. He learned the cabinet-maker's trade but devoted several years to railroad work. In 1859 he went to Pike's Peak in search of gold, and, although he was in ill health, he remained there for six months. In 1876 he came to Iowa with his family, locating on the site of Rockwell City, the future county seat, on the 17th of June of that year, before any buildings had been erected in the town. He became the owner of one hundred and sixty acres of land nearby. He did some farming and carpenter work on some of the early buildings in Rockwell City, although he was in ill health nearly all of the time that he resided in this county. He supported the candidates of the republican party in his early life but later voted the democratic ticket. Fraternally he was connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and his religious faith was that of the Congregational church, although he never identified himself with any church organization in Iowa. He passed away in 1883. His wife was born in Sandusky, Ohio, in 1839 and received her education in the public schools of the Buckeye state, where their marriage was solemnized in 1858. She passed away April 2, 1908, in the faith of the Presbyterian church. They were the parents of ten children, two of whom survive, namely: Clinton D.; and Addie, the wife of C. E. Roberts, of Auburn, Iowa.

Clinton D. Childs was but four years of age when he was brought to Rockwell City by his parents and has since resided in this county. He received his education in the local schools, after which he engaged in farm work for some time. Later he entered the newspaper business and for eighteen years followed that line of work. In 1907 he established a book and wall paper store in Rockwell City, which he is still conducting. He carries an excellent stock and as his business methods are reliable and his prices reasonable he has built up a large patronage.

In March, 1907, Mr. Childs married Miss Phoebe M. Gregg, who was born in Brownsville, Michigan, but for a number of years made her home in Cleveland, Ohio. She is a daughter of Frank C. Gregg, a court reporter. Mr. and Mrs. Childs have five children: Thomas White and Lydia Elizabeth, both of whom are in school; Isabelle Estelle, Helen Rebecca and Frank Elmer.

Mr. Childs is a republican and is stalwart in his support of the candidates and policies of that party. He holds membership in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and has served in all of the chairs of the local subordinate lodge. He is recognized as an efficient business man and in the conduct of his business affairs combines initiative and enterprise with soundness of judgment. He has resided in Rockwell City during the entire period of its existence and has had a part in its development not only along commercial but also along moral and civic lines. He has many friends and those who have known him since boyhood hold him in the highest esteem, which is incontestable proof of a well spent life.

GEORGE W. SPENCER.

George W. Spencer is secretary and general manager of the George L. Brower Abstract Company and in that connection is doing excellent work, manifesting initiative and sound judgment. He was born near Greeneville, Tennessee, November 30, 1865, a son of John and Sarah C. (Stanfield) Spencer, natives respectively of Indiana and Greene county, Tennessee. The father was born in 1824 and the mother in 1845, and their marriage was celebrated in Greene county, Tennessee, in 1864. He farmed in the Big Bend state during the greater part of his life and passed away there in 1884. During the Civil war his sympathies were with the north, and his political allegiance was given to the republican party. He was a

quiet, unassuming man, but his genuine worth drew to him many sincere friends. His widow is still living and is a devout member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

George W. Spencer is an only child and received his education in the public schools of his native state. After putting aside his text-books he came to Calhoun county, Iowa. He then farmed until 1892, when he removed to Rockwell City and began working in the office of the county treasurer. Subsequently he was employed by an attorney, M. W. Fricke, for a year. In September, 1894, he turned his attention to the abstract business, becoming connected with George L. Brower, and he now holds the responsible place of secretary and manager of the George L. Brower Abstract Company, which has an excellent set of abstract books and does a large business annually. He watches carefully all phases of the business, of which he has a thorough understanding, and the affairs of the company are in a prosperous condition. Mr. Spencer also has other financial interests, including a studio in Rockwell City which he owns, and he likewise acts as correspondent for a number of newspapers.

In 1884 occurred the marriage of Mr. Spencer and Miss Ella M. Trullinger, of Lake City, Iowa, a daughter of Aaron A. Trullinger, one of the first settlers of this county. To this union has been born a daughter, Nora B., who received her education in the local public and high schools. She was for two years in the county treasurer's office but is now working for her father.

Mr. Spencer is a republican and has served on the town council and as city clerk, while for six years he was a member of the school board. He is now and for the past four years has been president of the State Chautauqua Association. When he came to Iowa he not only had no capital but was in debt, as he had been compelled to borrow money to enable him to make the journey from Tennessee to this state. He found here opportunities which he utilized, and he is now one of the substantial citizens of Rockwell City.

JOHN M. BAKER.

John M. Baker is a prominent farmer of Calhoun county living on section 35, Butler township. He was born at Keota, Keokuk county, Iowa, on the 8th of October, 1865, his parents being Peter and Mary (Peiffer) Baker. The father was a native of Germany

and when fifteen years of age came to the United States, settling in Keota, Iowa. He made the trip in company with his father, Peter Baker, Sr., who was one of the first settlers of that section, the family being established there about 1855. Peter Baker, Sr., was a farmer by occupation and won a gratifying measure of success through the capable management of his agricultural interests. He died at the age of seventy-two years. His son, a namesake, was reared to the occupation of farming and after the discovery of gold in Colorado he made the journey to Pike's Peak with ox teams. There he took a claim and met with a fair measure of success, spending three years in that state. During the last year, however, on account of a lack of water, he lost all that he had made. He then sold his cattle and walked from Pike's Peak to Keota, Iowa. The trip was a most strenuous one, for he walked day after day alone without anything to eat or drink. He had sold his farm machinery and his oxen on time and he never heard anything from the parties to whom he made the sale. He was thus forced to start out in life anew and after reaching Keota he rented land until he was able to save from his earnings a sum sufficient to enable him to purchase eighty acres of brush land. With characteristic energy he began its development and added thereto from time to time until he was the owner of about one thousand acres, which he held at the time of his death. He paid off his last debt a week before his demise, which occurred when he was but fifty-seven years of age. He had made a notable success for one of his years when one considers the obstacles and difficulties which he had encountered. In his political views he was a democrat and took an active part in local affairs, serving at one time as a member of the board of county supervisors. His religious belief was evidenced in his membership in the Catholic church. His wife, also a native of Germany, came to this country with her parents when six years of age, this being in the year 1848. Her people also located at what is now Keota and her father was one of the pioneers there, taking up a homestead claim. He became quite a prominent and prosperous farmer, owning between eight and nine hundred acres of land at the time of his death, which occurred when he was seventy years of age. His political allegiance was given to the democratic party. His daughter Mary was practically reared in Keokuk county and is still living in Iowa at the age of seventy-three years. She, too, is a member of the Catholic church. In the family were ten children, seven of whom are yet living.

John M. Baker, the second in order of birth, spent his boyhood days upon the home farm, there remaining until his marriage, when

he removed to Washington county, Iowa, and rented a part of his father's farm, living thereon for two years. He afterward went to What Cheer, Keokuk county, where he engaged in the hardware and implement business, conducting a store for two years. He then sold out and in 1892 came to Calhoun county, where he purchased his present farm, about half of which had been placed under the plow, although there were no improvements upon it in the shape of buildings. He erected his residence, barns and sheds, set out trees and has continued the work of development until he is today the owner of an attractive and valuable farm property.

On the 24th of January, 1888, Mr. Baker was united in marriage to Miss Caroline Aller, a native of Muscatine county, where she was reared. They have become the parents of twelve children: Anthony J., a resident farmer of this county; Bertha, the wife of Edward Hudeck, who follows farming in Pocahontas county, Iowa; Nora, the wife of William Stein, also of that county; Elmer S., a farmer of Calhoun county; and Bessie, Emma, Elvira, Harley, August, Halford, Florence and Helen, all yet at home.

In his political views Mr. Baker is a democrat and is recognized as one of the leaders of his party. He has filled the office of supervisor, although he did not seek the position. The district in which he lives has a republican majority, but both democrats and republicans rallied to his support, recognizing his fitness for the office, which he filled in 1911, 1912 and 1913. He then refused to serve longer, after which his brother, Joseph H. Baker, was elected as his successor. While in the office Mr. Baker served as chairman of the board, acting in that capacity when the new courthouse was erected. For this purpose the sum of one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars was voted and the building was completed at a cost of one hundred and six thousand dollars, showing that there was no graft in the undertaking. Mr. Baker belongs to the Masonic lodge at Jolley, Iowa, having been one of its first members. His wife and family are adherents of the Catholic faith, in which he was reared, but he is not now identified with any church. He has led a most active life and that his efforts have been intelligently directed is indicated in the fact that he is now the owner of four hundred and seventy acres in Butler and Twin Lakes townships, for which he paid one hundred and fifty dollars and one hundred and ninety dollars per acre. His home place, however, cost him but thirty dollars per acre when he purchased it in 1892 and he has been offered two hundred and twenty-five dollars an acre for it. He has worked hard, recognizing the value of industry and determination, and is regarded as a most reliable, enterprising

business man and progressive citizen, his fellow townsmen having high appreciation for his worth and entertaining for him the warmest regard.

GEORGE PARK FROST.

George Park Frost, who passed away in Pomeroy on the 25th of March, 1915, when seventy-three years of age, was long and actively identified with farming and merchandising interests in this part of the state. His birth occurred on the 16th of February, 1842, in Courtland, Ontario, Canada, where he was reared and educated. He remained on the farm of his grandparents until twenty-two years of age, when he was married and established a home of his own, continuing farming in Ontario until 1871, when he removed to Wisconsin and took up his abode near Beloit. There he cultivated rented land until 1885, when he came to Calhoun county, Iowa, purchasing a tract of one hundred and sixty acres in Sherman township, three miles southeast of Pomeroy. There was only a small house on the place and he made a number of substantial improvements, operating the farm successfully for several years or until he disposed of the property and embarked in the mercantile business at Pomeroy in 1896, moving to town on the 1st of March, 1897. At the end of three and one-half years he traded his store for a farm at Lakeport, Woodbury county, Iowa, and there carried on the work of the fields for three and one-half years, on the expiration of which period he sold the place, removing to Washta, Cherokee county, where he bought a farm of one hundred and sixty acres which he operated for nine years. He disposed of the property in September, 1911, but continued to reside in Washta until 1914, when he came to Pomeroy to be near his daughter. He won success in his undertakings as a merchant and farmer and was widely known as a prosperous, enterprising and esteemed citizen.

On the 24th of May, 1864, Mr. Frost was united in marriage to Miss Jennette Ronson, who was born in Norfolk county, Ontario, January 26, 1846, and when twelve years of age accompanied her parents on their removal to Courtland, Ontario, where her wedding took place. She became the mother of eight children, as follows: William H., an Episcopal minister residing in Fremont, Nebraska; Mary J., who is the wife of George Stewart; George Roger and Arthur J., both of whom are engaged in farming near Arnolds Park,

Iowa; Jennette, who died in infancy; Nettie, who passed away at the age of twenty-six years; Olive, who was killed by a cyclone on the 6th of July, 1893; and Charlie, who is a well known musician.

Mr. Frost gave his political allegiance to the republican party and served as trustee of Sherman township and also in the capacity of justice of the peace, making a creditable record in both connections. His religious faith was indicated by his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, to which his widow also belongs, both assisting in the erection of the first church and parsonage. Fraternally he was identified with the Masonic order, belonging to Solar Lodge, No. 475, A. F. & A. M., and both he and his wife became charter members of the Eastern Star here. His demise was the occasion of deep and widespread regret, for his life was ever upright and honorable and he had won many friends during the long period of his residence in this part of the state. Mrs. Frost, who still survives her husband, is also widely and favorably known in Pomeroy and Calhoun county.

JAMES GOULD.

James Gould, now deceased, was a farmer of Calhoun county for many years and in the latter part of his life lived retired in Rockwell City. An analyzation of his life record shows that he possessed various sterling qualities which endeared him to all with whom he came in contact. He was born near Jacksonville, Illinois, on the 11th of October, 1843, and was only about a year old when the family left that state and came to Iowa, casting in their lot with the pioneer settlers of Johnson county, their home being near Iowa City. There James Gould was reared upon a farm, was married in that locality and continued to reside there until 1889, when he came to Calhoun county and purchased a farm in Center township, which at that time was only partially improved. He continued its further development and cultivation, with the result that a marked change was soon seen in its appearance. His fields brought forth good crops and all modern accessories and conveniences were added to his place. He used the latest improved machinery to facilitate the farm work and as the years passed on he won a gratifying measure of success. His farm embraced one hundred and sixty acres, which he purchased for ten dollars per acre, but the place is now worth many times that amount. He continued to reside on the farm until October, 1913, when he removed to Rockwell City and retired. After about six



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months, however, he was called to his final rest, passing away on the 10th of February, 1914.

Mr. Gould is still survived by his widow, with whom he had traveled life's journey happily for forty years. He was married on the 29th of November, 1874, to Miss Mary M. Ewing, who was born in Center county, Pennsylvania, January 7, 1841, and was taken by her parents to Indiana when six years of age, the journey being made in a covered wagon, according to the primitive methods of travel at that time. They afterward went to Tazewell county, Illinois, and eventually came to Iowa in a covered wagon about the year 1854 or 1855, settling in Johnson county. They were thus identified with pioneer conditions in Indiana, Illinois and Iowa.

To Mr. and Mrs. Gould were born four children, but the two daughters died in infancy. The sons are: Frank A., a resident farmer of this county; and Ira A., who is farming in Montana.

Mr. Gould was entitled to wear the little bronze button of the Grand Army of the Republic, for in 1864, in response to the country's call for troops, he joined the Fifteenth Iowa Infantry as a private. He served for about ten months, going with Sherman on the memorable march to the sea, which proved the weakness of the southern confederacy, showing that the troops had been drawn from the interior to protect the border. He also took part in the grand review in Washington at the close of the war, when the victorious Union troops marched through the streets of the capital where thousands of on-lookers expressed their gratitude by prolonged cheers. Mr. Gould was honorably discharged at Louisville, Kentucky, and returned to his home, having escaped without injury or capture. In his political views he was a republican but not an active party worker. For a half century he was a member of the Methodist church and his religious faith was the guiding principle in his life. He endeavored to closely follow the golden rule and lived up to the high standards which are set in Christian teaching, and when he was called to the home beyond it could be said of him "Well done, good and faithful servant."

JOHN S. BUTTNER.

John S. Buttner is vice president and general manager of the Calhoun County Abstract Company and has displayed excellent business ability and the power of initiative in directing the affairs of that concern. He was born in Benton county, Iowa, a son of Mr.

and Mrs. N. Buttner, but while still a boy removed to Sac county, living successively in Ida, Polk and Palo Alto counties. He received his early education in the common schools and later attended the Iowa Business College and Highland Park College at Des Moines. In 1904 he came to Rockwell City and succeeded E. E. Boss as manager of the Calhoun County Abstract Company, which office he has since filled to the entire satisfaction of all concerned. The partnership of Smith, Jack & Bradt was established in 1868, succeeded later by Bradt & Allison and in 1898 incorporated as the Calhoun County Abstract Company, absorbing several other firms, is one of the oldest here. It has an enviable reputation for promptness, accuracy and reliability and transacts a large amount of business annually. The present officers of the company are George R. Allison, of Long Beach, California; J. H. Bradt, M. W. Frick and J. S. Buttner.

In 1909 Mr. Buttner was married to Miss Nancy L. Stevenson, the oldest daughter of Hon. E. C. Stevenson. In 1910 Mr. Buttner was elected county recorder, being the first democrat ever elected to that office in this county, and he served efficiently for one term. During the eleven years that he has resided in Rockwell City he has participated in many movements seeking the development and expansion of the city and is recognized as an able and public-spirited man. He holds the respect of all who come in contact with him and there are many who entertain for him warm personal regard.

ROBERT B. MOORE.

Robert B. Moore is the owner of an extensive farm of four hundred and seventy-five acres on section 8, Lake Creek township, and is a representative business man whose well defined plans are always promptly executed and who by the employment of modern, progressive methods is meeting with most creditable success in business. He is a native of the neighboring state of Illinois, his birth having occurred in Williamson county on the 23d of March, 1861, his parents being William and Myra Moore. He attended the public schools and divided his time between acquiring an education and working in the fields. Practical training well qualified him for the later responsibilities which he assumed when he began farming on his own account. In 1894 he arrived in this county, settling in Lake Creek township, where he purchased two hundred and ten acres of land at thirty dollars per acre. Upon that place he continued to reside for

sixteen years and wrought a marked transformation in its appearance. At the end of that period he removed to his present place on section 8, Lake Creek township, where he now has four hundred and seventy-five acres. He has enhanced the productiveness of the place by a careful drainage system, using many rods of tile in this work. He has also divided his farm into fields of convenient size by well kept fences, and everything about the place indicates his careful supervision, for neatness and thrift pervade every department of the farm. In addition to producing the cereals best adapted to soil and climate he raises shorthorns and graded cattle, keeping on hand about sixty head.

In 1905 Mr. Moore was united in marriage to Miss Lena Jenkins, by whom he has a son, Ralph, who was born on the 10th of August, 1905. Politically Mr. Moore is a republican, but he has given no time to seeking office, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs. His work has brought him a gratifying measure of success, so that he is now numbered among the substantial residents of his community.

ALVA C. NORTON, M. D.

Strict conformity to a high standard of professional ethics has won for Dr. Alva C. Norton the unqualified regard of his fellow practitioners, while the skill and ability which he has displayed has gained him a liberal patronage from the general public. He was born in Bureau county, Illinois, February 23, 1872, a son of Luther M. and Theodosia (Robinson) Norton, and in the paternal line is of English descent. The father, who was born in Pennsylvania in 1833, was taken to Illinois by his parents during his childhood, the family becoming pioneer settlers of the Prairie state. The maternal grandfather of our subject also became an early settler of Illinois and it was there that the mother was born in 1843, while in 1859 she gave her hand in marriage to Luther M. Norton. Subsequently they took up their abode in Nebraska, where the father bought a farm and spent his remaining days engaged in agricultural pursuits. He was a democrat in his political views, while in fraternal relations he was identified with the Masons. He passed away in Nebraska in 1907, at the age of seventy-four years, having for about four years survived his wife, who died in 1903, in the faith of the Presbyterian church. In their family were six children, but only three now survive, the two

sisters of our subject being: Edith J., the widow of L. G. Tyler, of Dunlap, Iowa; and Clara L., who is engaged in teaching in that place.

Dr. Alva C. Norton was a young lad when he accompanied his parents on their removal from Illinois to Nebraska and it was in the latter state that he received his education, completing the high-school course at Blair in 1889. For a few years thereafter he was employed in a drug store there and this gave him a desire to make a study of medicine and surgery, and to this end he entered Rush Medical College of Chicago, graduating therefrom with the class of 1895. He at once located in Rockwell City for the practice of his profession and in the intervening years he has met with well deserved success, his patronage now covering a wide area.

In 1898 Dr. Norton was married to Miss Anna Lipp, a native of Logan County, Illinois, and a daughter of John Lipp, who was born in Germany but emigrated to the new world at an early day and worked at the baker's trade for many years in Illinois. To Dr. and Mrs. Norton have been born two sons: Merrill E., a high-school student and a member of the Presbyterian church; and Kenneth A., also in school.

Dr. Norton has great faith in the worth of Calhoun county land, as will be seen by the fact that he has invested in two farms here. He is a republican and has served as county coroner and as a member of the school board. Along the line of his profession he is identified with the Calhoun County Medical Society, of which he has served as president, and he likewise holds membership with the Iowa State and American Medical Associations. He is also a Mason. He holds to high ideals not only in his profession, but in citizenship and in social relations, thus commanding the warm esteem and genuine admiration of all with whom he comes in contact.

FRANK JOSEPH HEEBNER.

Frank Joseph Heebner is not only one of the wealthy farmers of Calhoun county but he has also taken a prominent part in the moral and political life of his community. He owns several excellent farms, aggregating eight hundred and seventy-three acres of fine land, and takes justifiable pride in the fact that his prosperity is due solely to his own well directed labor. He was born in Oberschlesien, Germany, on the 1st of February, 1864, a son of Franz and Augusta (Werner) Heebner. The paternal grandfather, Alois Heebner,

passed his entire life in Austria and was an influential farmer in his section of the country. The maternal grandfather, Franz Werner, was also a well-to-do agriculturist. Franz Heebner was born in Germany in 1831 and remained in his native land until 1885, when he emigrated to America, making his way to Calhoun county, Iowa, where he purchased land. He still owns eighty acres but is now living retired. His political belief is that of the republican party but he has never desired official preferment. He served for three months in the German army during the war against Austria in 1866 and at the end of that time was discharged as he was found to be too old for military duty. Although he was in a number of engagements during that time he was neither wounded nor captured. To him and his wife were born eight children, namely: Mrs. Joseph Stumpf, further mention of whom is made elsewhere in this work; Frank Joseph; Theresa, who married August Kapsch, a farmer of this county; Frederic, deceased; Mary, who has also passed away; Frances, now Mrs. Frank Booge; Mrs. Clara Streit, who resides on the home place; and Agnes, the wife of Martin Brennan, who lives four miles west of Fort Dodge. All of the family are members of the Roman Catholic church.

Frank J. Heebner received his education in his native land and also gained considerable experience in agricultural work there. In 1884, when a young man of twenty years, he emigrated to America and came to Calhoun county, Iowa, where he worked as a farm hand for three years. At the end of that time he began breaking the prairie for others, which occupation he followed for two years. He then purchased a threshing outfit and threshed practically all of the grain in his community for several years. At the same time he rented land and cultivated enough ground to raise feed for his horses, which he used in hauling his outfit from place to place, as that was before the days of road engines. In 1888 he purchased one hundred and forty-seven acres of land, making a payment of two hundred and thirty-six dollars on the same. After renting the eighty acres which is his present farm for several years he purchased the place in 1890 and not long afterward also bought a quarter section of land, while in 1891 he bought another eighty acre tract south of his previous holdings. His home farm is today known as the Maple Grove Farm and is thoroughly up-to-date in its equipments. He has purchased additional land, owning in all eight hundred and seventy-three acres, his other farms being known as the Kamp Creek Farm, the Sunnyside Farm and the Broadview Farm. He breeds Aberdeen Angus cattle and Poland China hogs and derives a handsome profit from the sale of his stock. He also raises the usual crops and in all that he does follows

the most approved methods and uses the latest machinery. His buildings are substantial and well designed and his residence is commodious and attractive. He is a director of the Farmers Savings Bank at Lavinia and is also a director of the Lavinia Elevator Company, a co-operative concern.

In 1889 Mr. Heebner married Miss Emma Elizabeth Gmünder, a native of Illinois and a daughter of Jacob Gmünder, who was born in Switzerland. Her father lived in Illinois for some time after emigrating to the United States but in 1877 came to Calhoun county, and purchased land, owning at one time almost a section. However, he later disposed of his holdings and returned to Switzerland, where he remained for some time. Eventually he again came to this county and bought another farm. Mr. and Mrs. Heebner have three children: Sophia M., who married Sidney Burdette, a farmer residing near Speneer; Charles, who lives on a farm near his father; and Clara, the wife of Milet A. Bruce, who resides on land near her father's farm.

Mr. Heebner is a republican and has served as trustee of Twin Lakes township. For four years he was school director and has always taken much interest in the welfare of the public schools. He and his family belong to St. Francis' Roman Catholic church at Rockwell City, of which he has been a director for thirteen years. He is one of the influential men of his community and no movement seeking the general welfare lacks his indorsement and hearty co-operation. When he began his independent career he was without capital but he possessed determination, sound judgment and was not afraid of hard work and as the years have passed he has prospered beyond his expectations. He says that he has achieved his success by using his head as well as his hands, realizing that in farming, as in any other business, foresight, keenness of discrimination and the ability to adapt one's course to conditions are large factors in gaining prosperity.

MATTHIAS J. HOGOBOOM.

Matthias J. Hogoboom was for several years successfully engaged in the flour and feed business in Manson and the surrounding country. His birth occurred in New York on the 18th of November, 1856, and he is a son of Ebenezer B. and Hannah (Batchelor) Hogoboom, also natives of that state, the former born in 1821 and the latter in 1838. His paternal grandfather, Matthias Hogoboom, was born in New

England, of Holland Dutch descent. The maternal grandfather, Jeremiah Batchelor, was also a native of New England, where he passed his entire life.

Ebenezer B. Hogoboom, who was a carpenter by trade, came to Iowa in 1866 and first located in Jones county, whence he removed successively to Jackson and Calhoun county, arriving here in 1869. He homesteaded eighty acres of land, which he owned until 1881, when he sold it and removed to Manson. He conducted a wagon shop in this city for a number of years and was living here at the time of his demise in 1896. During the Civil war he served in Company G, Tenth New York Volunteer Cavalry, and was at the front for three and one-half years. He was a republican in politics and never faltered in his allegiance to the party that stood by the Union in the time of its dire peril. Fraternally he belonged to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Grand Army of the Republic. For many years he held membership in the Baptist church but following the demise of his wife, which occurred in 1870, he became a member of the Congregational church. Their marriage was celebrated in the Empire state and they became the parents of two children: Sarah, who married Joseph Leggett, a resident of Center Junction, Jones county, Iowa, and a veteran of the Civil war; and Matthias J. For his second wife the father married Mrs. Sarah J. Post, the widow of Rensselaer Post, a veteran of the Civil war. She is still living and makes her home in Manson. There were two children by the second marriage: Eugene, deceased; and Eva, the wife of William Radley, a mail carrier of Washington, D. C.

Matthias J. Hogoboom received his education in the east and in the public schools of Calhoun county and after putting aside his textbooks devoted his energies to the occupation of farming, which he followed successfully for twenty-four years after his marriage. In 1909 he removed to Manson and in the spring of the following year he entered the flour and feed business, in which he engaged until selling out May 15, 1915. He handled all kinds of feed, was distributor for the famous Gold Metal flour, bought cream and also handled sewer pipe. Mrs. Hogoboom owns eighty acres of excellent land in this county.

In 1885 Mr. Hogoboom married Miss Agnes L. Glover, a daughter of Robert Glover, a native of Scotland, who when an infant was taken by his parents to Canada, where he grew to maturity. He was an early settler of Calhoun county, Iowa, arriving here in 1866, and he accumulated quite a large estate. His wife, Mary (Summerville) Glover, was also a native of Scotland and accompanied her parents on

their removal to New York and later to this state. Mr. and Mrs. Hogoboom have four children: Mary L., at home; Hannah L., the wife of Simon Zehr, who is operating the Hogoboom homestead; John S., who is engaged in the motorcycle business in Fort Dodge; and Glenn C., who is in partnership with his brother.

Mr. Hogoboom is a republican and works loyally for the success of his party at the polls. Fraternally he belongs to the Mystic Workers, and he and his family are all members of the Congregational church, the spread of whose influence they further to the extent of their power. He has made many friends in this county and is considered one of the successful business men and public-spirited citizens of Manson.

LLOYD WILLIAM LANCASTER.

Lloyd William Lancaster, who since August, 1912, has efficiently served as cashier of the State Savings Bank at Yetter, is a prominent young business man of his locality. He was born in Humboldt county, Iowa, October 30, 1886, a son of Charles and Minnie (Hoag) Lancaster, the former a native of Ontario, Canada, whence he removed to Iowa residing at Bradgate until his death in August, 1890. Afterward his widow was married at Bradgate to Lyman Cody and in 1902 they removed to Hartley, Iowa, where they still reside.

Lloyd William Lancaster began his education in the common schools of Bradgate, and in 1902, then a youth of sixteen, accompanied the family on their removal from the county of his nativity to Hartley, Iowa, where he continued his education, graduating from the Hartley high school in 1905. The following year he went to Des Moines, where he entered the Capital City Commercial College and after completing a thorough business course he returned to his home in Hartley and there entered the German Savings Bank, where he remained for two years, gaining during this period a practical knowledge of the banking business. On the expiration of that term he entered the Iowa National Bank of Des Moines in the capacity of clerk, while in August, 1912, he accepted the cashiership of the State Savings Bank at Yetter. This is one of the successful financial enterprises of Calhoun county and its success is due in no small measure to the efforts of Mr. Lancaster, who has a thorough understanding of the banking business and ever safeguards the interests of the institution. In addition to his banking business Mr. Lancaster also repre-

sents several prominent insurance companies, these including the Security Fire Insurance Company of Davenport, the Hanover Fire Insurance Company of New York, the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York and the Cedar Rapids Life Insurance Company, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

In his political views Mr. Lancaster is a republican. He is now serving as treasurer of the village of Yetter and is also acting as secretary of the schoolboard. He is popular in the community, readily adapts himself to surroundings and is ever ready to co-operate in any plan or project for the betterment of his locality. He keeps himself thoroughly informed on current events, is a man of good business judgment and is rapidly forging to the front.

HON. SAMUEL T. HUTCHISON.

The demise of the Hon. Samuel T. Hutchison, which occurred on the 15th of May, 1914, was deeply regretted not only in Lake City, where he had resided for many years, but throughout his section of the state. He was known and honored as a pioneer of Iowa, a public-spirited citizen, an upright business man and a veteran of the Civil war. He was at various times called to public office and in 1879 represented his district in the state legislature, proving an efficient working member of that body. Mr. Hutchison was born September 16, 1840, in Barnesville, Ohio, a son of Ebenezer E. Hutchison, a native of Chester county, Pennsylvania, whose birth occurred in March, 1813. The latter removed to Belmont county, Ohio, about 1834 and married Miss Rhoda Campbell, a native of the Buckeye state. He was a mechanic and also devoted considerable attention to farming and continued to reside in Ohio until his demise.

Samuel T. Hutchison was educated in Fairview, Ohio, and remained under the parental roof until the outbreak of the Civil war. He was among the first to enlist in defense of the Union, on the 29th of April, 1861, becoming a member of Company C, Twenty-ninth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, under command of Captain Jerry Williams and Colonel J. A. Jones. The regiment was sent to Virginia and attached to General Rosecrans' command. At the battle of Cheat Mountain Mr. Hutchison was wounded in the leg. Subsequently he participated in the engagements at Green Briar, Camp Allegheny and McDowell, Virginia, and on the 8th of May, 1862, at the last named place was again wounded. His injuries prevented him from

further active service until the following August, when he returned to Virginia and was attached to Sigel's command. He participated in the second battle of Bull Run, where he was wounded for a third time and was sent to a hospital in Washington. Upon recovering he again went to the front and took part in the memorable battle of Gettysburg and the siege of Fort Wagner and in the battles of Honey Hill and Devereaux Neck. In the last named engagement he was shot through the breast, the bullet fracturing his ribs and breastbone, and after being in a hospital for a time he was granted a leave of absence until March 30, 1865. He was at Annapolis, Maryland, at the close of the war and after receiving his honorable discharge returned home. He had enlisted as a private but won promotion successively to corporal, sergeant, sergeant major and orderly sergeant and when discharged held the rank of first lieutenant.

After the close of hostilities Mr. Hutchison went to Masterton, Ohio, where he engaged in teaching school for six months, and in May, 1866, he came to Lake City, Calhoun county, where he taught for some time. In the fall of 1867 he was elected county treasurer and held that office for four years. In 1873 he was again honored by his fellow citizens and was made county recorder, in which capacity he also served for four years, and for one year he held the office of county supervisor. In 1879 he was elected state representative from the district comprising Calhoun, Carroll and Greene counties and as a legislator his course was marked by the same devotion to the general good and faithful discharge of his duties that had characterized his record as a county official.

On first engaging in business Mr. Hutchison turned his attention to the real-estate field and gained a large patronage in that line, especially during the earlier days of the county when settlers were coming in rapidly and investing in land. During those years the firm of Hutchison & Smith handled and disposed of a large number of farms lying in the central and southern portions of Calhoun county. The partner of our subject was W. T. Smith. In 1894 the First National Bank of Lake City was organized and Mr. Hutchison became president of that institution, a position which he filled until his demise. His sound judgment and discrimination, coupled with his progressiveness and ability to take the initiative, made him an excellent bank executive and the First National Bank grew steadily in influence and in the extent of its business. He was acknowledged to be an important factor in financial circles in his part of Iowa and the high reputation which he enjoyed was due not only to his ability but also to his fair dealing and probity.

On the 23d of November, 1869, Mr. Hutchison was married to Miss Elizabeth S. Hold, a daughter of Lorenzo Dow and Susanna (Huston) Hold, the father born near Lynchburg, Virginia, and the mother a native of Ohio, as is Mrs. Hutchison. To Mr. and Mrs. Hutchison were born ten children, as follows: Marion E., a resident of Lake City; Viola A., who gave her hand in marriage to R. G. Pinney, and lives in Wichita, Kansas; John F., who makes his home in Rockwell City, Iowa; Jessie B., now Mrs. W. C. Beer, a resident of Bucyrus, Ohio; Walter Eugene, deceased; Lucy M., who died in 1890, when ten years old; Lucian E., who died in infancy in 1880; George G., a resident of Lake City; Raymond O., living in Rockwell City; and Corinne R., who is the wife of C. H. Zybelle, and lives in Lake City. Walter Eugene enlisted in Company A, Fifty-first Iowa Volunteers, in April, 1898, for service in the Spanish-American war, at which time he was a student in the State University of Iowa. His regiment was sent to the Philippine Islands and there he saw a great deal of hard service and proved himself a loyal and unflinching soldier. He was so anxious to give his country the full measure of service that when his health broke down he twice left the hospital before he should have done so and at last his strength failed completely and on the 8th of August, 1899, his demise occurred. His uncomplaining acceptance of the necessary hardships of military service, his anxiety to perform every duty to the best of his ability and his fine manliness won him not only the commendation but also the warm regard of his superiors and he was very popular among his comrades. His body was brought back to Lake City for interment and the news of his death was the occasion of sincere grief on the part of all who had known him as he had endeared himself to all with whom he came in contact, both in his county and in the State University.

Mr. Hutchison gave his political allegiance to the republican party. He was much interested in the work of the Grand Army of the Republic and from the 4th of May, 1894, until his demise was an active member of Lander Post, No. 157. He served as a member of the conference committee, as patriotic instructor, trustee, senior vice commander and commander and found much satisfaction in his association with his former comrades. During almost half a century in which he was a resident of Lake City, his fellow citizens learned to know him intimately and such was his inherent worth that their respect and warm regard for him increased with the passing of the years. At the time of his demise a local paper spoke of him as a sterling citizen, a brave soldier and a steadfast friend and also said that: "The history of Mr. Hutchison's active and useful life is part and parcel of the history of

Calhoun county, into which it is indelibly written. He was known and respected not only in this and adjoining counties but all over the state."

JAMES E. NUTTER.

James E. Nutter is well known in financial circles of Calhoun county as vice president and manager of the Peoples Bank of Jolley. His birth occurred in Sac City, Sac county, Iowa, on the 14th of July, 1872, his parents being James W. and Adaline (Armstrong) Nutter. The father was born, reared and educated in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, and after attaining his majority removed westward to Wisconsin, where he was identified with lumbering interests. Subsequently he took up his abode in Sac City, Iowa, and was there engaged in the drug business for a time or until appointed deputy recorder, being practically in charge of the recorder's office for several years. He passed away at the ripe old age of seventy-nine years and is still survived by his widow, who is a native of Wisconsin and makes her home in Sac City, this state. Politically Mr. Nutter was a staunch supporter of the republican party.

James E. Nutter, reared under the parental roof, attended the graded and high schools in the acquirement of an education and after putting aside his textbooks worked at the carpenter's trade. Subsequently he served as deputy postmaster for two years, resigning on the expiration of that period to accept the position of bookkeeper with the First National Bank of Sac City, of which institution he was later made assistant cashier. In 1896 he became cashier of the Peoples Bank of Jolley, ably serving in that capacity for about seventeen years or until 1913, when he was elected its vice president and manager, in which capacities his efforts have proved a potent force in the continued growth and success of the institution. D. E. Hollett, of Sac City, is president of the bank, which maintains an enviable reputation as one of the sound financial concerns of the state. Mr. Nutter owns three hundred and thirty acres of land in Calhoun county, also a half section in Dickinson county, Iowa, and a half interest in six sections of land in De Soto county, Florida.

In 1898 Mr. Nutter was united in marriage to Miss Kate M. Harris, a native of Calhoun county, Iowa, and a daughter of William B. and Kate L. Harris, pioneer settlers of this county. She was reared and educated here and by her marriage has become the mother of five

children, namely: James H., Katherine A., Edmund A., Gretchen L. and Maxine.

Mr. Nutter gives his political allegiance to the republican party, ably served as treasurer of the Jolley school board, and is now its president, but has never sought nor desired the honors and emoluments of office. Fraternally he is identified with the Masonic order, belonging to Maple Lodge, No. 566, A. F. & A. M., of Jolley, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist church, with which his wife is also affiliated. His entire life has been spent in this part of the state and he has long been numbered among the prosperous, esteemed and representative citizens of his community.

GEORGE MILLER.

George Miller, who is living retired in Rockwell City, owns two hundred and forty acres of excellent land in this county which he rents to others. He was born in Lewis county, New York, December 19, 1850, a son of Michael and Adeline Miller. The parents were both natives of Germany, the father born September 29, 1804, and the mother in 1814. Their marriage was celebrated in their native land but in the early '40s they emigrated to the United States and settled in the Empire state, where they resided until called by death. The father began life without capital but eventually became the owner of an excellent farm. He was a democrat in politics and his religious faith was that of the German Lutheran church. While living in Germany he served in the army. He passed away in 1879 but was survived by his widow until 1897. They were the parents of six children, three of whom survive: Adeline, the wife of Frederic Ruebel, a retired farmer of Webster county, Iowa; George; and Henry, who still lives in New York.

George Miller was educated in the common schools of the Empire state and after putting his textbooks aside gave his father the benefit of his entire time. When nineteen years of age he left New York and came to Calhoun county, Iowa. For seven or eight years he worked as a hired hand, carefully saving his wages in the meantime, as he had determined to own land. At the end of that time he located permanently in Calhoun county and rented a farm for two years, after which he was in a position to buy eighty acres in Center township. From time to time he bought additional land and now holds title to an excellent farm of two hundred and forty acres. He cul-

tivated his land for many years and was very successful as a farmer and stock-raiser. At length he felt that he had acquired a competence and removed to Rockwell City, where he has since lived retired, renting his farm to others. He did all of his own carpenter work while living on the farm and also erected the first house built in the Smith addition of Rockwell City in 1882.

In March, 1876, occurred the marriage of Mr. Miller and Miss Elizabeth Ruebel, a daughter of Philip and Margaret (Schopfer) Ruebel, both natives of Germany. The family resided in New York until 1869, when they took up their residence in Iowa, where both parents passed away. The father was a shoemaker and farmer by occupation. Mr. and Mrs. Miller have two children: Clara, the wife of David Engleman, a farmer of Knierim, this county; and LeRoy George, of Richards, who is manager of an elevator there.

Mr. Miller is a republican and for many years was a delegate to county conventions of his party, until the adoption of the primary system and then served as township committeeman for seven years. During that time he was twice chosen a delegate to the state conventions. He has served as director of the school board and as township trustee, which office he held for ten years. Fraternally he is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He takes justifiable pride in the fact that the material prosperity which he is now enjoying is due solely to the indefatigable and persevering labor of himself and wife. They have at all times conformed their lives to the highest moral teachings and have won the sincere respect of all who have come in contact with them.

WILLIAM S. GEIST.

William S. Geist, an esteemed and well-to-do citizen of Rockwell City, was formerly actively connected with agricultural pursuits in this county but is now living retired. His birth occurred on the 25th of February, 1857, in Will county, Illinois, and he is a son of Hiram and Jane (Ross) Geist, natives respectively of Pennsylvania and Ohio. On the 22d of February, 1855, their marriage was solemnized in Will county, Illinois, and they celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on the 22d of February, 1905. The death of the father occurred in that county in 1907 and the mother died there in 1910. They were the parents of seven children, as follows: William S.; Mary, who is living in Will county, Illinois; Henry, a resident of

Guthrie, Iowa; Charley and Elza, twins, the former a farmer in this state and the latter a contractor living in Orville, California; Ervin, a banker of Joliet, Illinois; and Hattie, who is living in Will county, Illinois.

William S. Geist was reared under the parental roof and during his boyhood and youth acquired a common-school education. In 1887 he came to Calhoun county and purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land northwest of the town, for which he paid fifteen dollars per acre. He at once set about improving his place and was soon deriving a good income from his agricultural labors. That same farm is now worth two hundred and twenty-five dollars per acre, which indicates the general rise in land value and also the excellent condition in which he keeps everything upon the place and the care with which he has conserved the fertility of the soil. He did some general farming but specialized in raising horses, cattle and hogs, and as his stock was of good grade and as he studied the markets carefully, he received an excellent financial return from his stock-raising. On the 1st of January, 1915, he retired from active life and has since resided in Rockwell City. He is a stockholder and director in the Rockwell City Elevator Company.

Mr. Geist was married in Illinois on the 15th of February, 1883, to Miss Eleanor Ferguson, who was born in Will county on the 3d of April, 1858, a daughter of Robert and Naney (McDougal) Ferguson, both natives of County Derry, Ireland, born respectively on the 1st of January, 1825, and on the 4th of November, 1827. The father died in Will county, Illinois, on the 31st of May, 1888, and the mother on the 1st of July, 1899. To them were born eight children, all natives of Will county, Illinois: Robert, ex-postmaster of Le Loup, Kansas; John J., a resident of Chicago; Joseph, living in Will county; Eleanor; Nannie, who died in 1876; Mary, the wife of William Webb, of Will county, Illinois; James, who is deceased; and Jennie, who died in 1912.

To Mr. and Mrs. Geist have been born seven children: Walter, whose birth occurred on the 22d of February, 1884, in Will county, Illinois; Edwin, born in that county on the 3d of January, 1886; Arthur, who was born on the 11th of November, 1889, in Calhoun county, Iowa; Jennie L., born March 21, 1892, in this county; Ethel C., whose birth occurred in this county on the 1st of April, 1894; Rosetta, also a native of this county, born March 27, 1897; and Harry, who was born in this county on the 5th of October, 1898. All of the children were graduated from the Rockwell City high school. Jennie was for two years a teacher in the county schools and from

1913 to 1915 was deputy recorder of this county. Arthur completed his education at the Iowa Business College of Des Moines and is now foreman of Tuttle's Motorlist Company, of America. Walter and Edwin manage the home farm.

Mr. Geist is assessor of Twin Lakes township, an office which he has held continuously since 1889, which proves beyond a doubt his ability and conscientiousness as a public official. Until a few years ago he was a member of the Odd Fellows encampment of Rockwell City and passed through all of the chairs in that organization. He holds membership in Twin Lakes Lodge, No. 478, F. & A. M., and is also identified with the Modern Woodmen of America. Both of his oldest sons are also Masons and Modern Woodmen, and his wife belongs to the Woman's Relief Corps, the Rebekahs, in which she has held all of the offices, and Silver Lake Chapter, No. 312, O. E. S., at Rockwell City, to which her daughters Jennie and Ethel also belong. The family belong to the Presbyterian church and not only give liberally to its support but also take part in its various lines of work. Mr. Geist is recognized as a man of energy and of public spirit and is one of the valued citizens of Rockwell City.

JOHN O. WHITE.

John O. White resided in Lake City for a number of years previous to his demise, although he continued to supervise the operation of his farm until called by death. His birth occurred in Champaign county, Ohio, on the 23d of September, 1831, and his parents were Andrew and Jane White. When he was six years of age the family removed to Michigan and there he attended the pioneer schools in the acquirement of an education. He early began to assist with the work of the home farm and devoted his time to agricultural labor in his native state until 1854, when he went to Linn county, Iowa. After remaining there for three years he made his way to Pottawatomie county, Kansas, where he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land. He occupied his time with the operation of his farm until September, 1861, when he put aside all personal interests and went to the defense of the Union, enlisting on the 10th of that month in Company G, Thirteenth Regiment, Kansas Volunteer Infantry. He participated in a number of skirmishes and rose to the rank of corporal. He was discharged in September, 1863, with his eyesight

much impaired. He returned to Kansas and continued to farm there until 1875, when he went again to Linn county, Iowa, where he followed agricultural pursuits until 1881. In that year he came to Calhoun county and located on a one hundred acre farm in Jackson township, where he resided for seven years, but in 1888 he took up his residence in Lake City, which remained his home for two decades. During that time he gave personal supervision to the cultivation of his land and received a gratifying annual income from his farm. He passed away on the 17th of July, 1908.

Mr. White was married on the 3d of January, 1855, to Miss Mary A. Midkelf, who was born in Pennsylvania on the 24th of August, 1836, a daughter of Thomas and Francina (Haupt) Midkelf. To Mr. and Mrs. White were born eight children, four of whom are still living, namely: Charles M., who is engaged in farming; Orion, of Rockford, Illinois; Francina, the wife of J. Wright, living near Ithaca, New York; and Ida, who married C. Wood, also of that locality.

Mr. White was a republican and was never remiss in any of his duties of citizenship, manifesting in times of peace the same spirit of patriotism that led to his enlistment in the Union army in the '60s. Through his membership in the Grand Army of the Republic he kept up his association with others who fought for the Union. He was a consistent member of the United Brethren church and took a very active part in its work. His life was guided by high principles and all who knew him accorded him their respect and confidence.

DAVID C. WILSON.

David C. Wilson has resided in Manson for many years and is well known and highly esteemed here. He is now giving his attention to the coal and feed business, although he was formerly connected with other commercial interests of the city. He was born September 19, 1838, a son of Allen and Mary Ann (Coe) Wilson, both natives of the state of New York. His maternal grandfather was also born in the Empire state and served in both the Revolutionary war and the War of 1812. Allen Wilson was born in 1807 and resided in his native state until 1856, when he removed to Ogle county, Illinois, where he purchased land, and to its cultivation he devoted his time and attention during the remainder of his life. His political belief was that of the republican party and his religious allegiance was

given to the Methodist Episcopal church. He passed away in 1863. He and his wife were married in New York and to them were born six children, four of whom survive, namely: David C.; Charlotte, who married Barney Morrill, a retired farmer; Hattie, the wife of G. Y. Cook, who is living retired in Manson; and Henry, who is janitor of the library at Fort Dodge.

David C. Wilson received the greater part of his education in the common schools of New York but attended school for one winter after the removal of the family to Illinois. He remained at home until August, 1862, when he enlisted in Company B, Ninety-second Illinois Volunteer Infantry, with which he served until February 26, 1865, when he was honorably discharged. He participated in a number of engagements, including the battles of Fort Donelson and Chickamauga. In 1865 he located in the vicinity of Lake City, Iowa, purchasing eighty acres of school land, which he owned for four years. He then sold that property and entered eighty acres of land from the government, which he sold after farming it for a considerable time. In 1874 he removed to Manson and for four years engaged in driving a stage from Manson to Rockwell City. He then turned his attention to mercantile interests, conducting a grocery store successfully for eighteen years. At the end of that time he decided to retire from active life but after six months re-entered business, buying a building in which he established the coal and feed store which he is still conducting. Although he has now passed the three score years and ten allotted to man he is still energetic and alert and finds it impossible to be content with a life of idleness. He owns other valuable property in Manson and is financially independent, although when he came to Iowa he had a capital of only thirteen dollars.

Mr. Wilson was married in 1858 to Miss Rebeeca A. Terbush, of Byron, Illinois, and to their union have been born seven children: Henry E., who is farming in Highmore, South Dakota; Eva A., the widow of Oscar Perrin and a resident of Manson; Mary, the wife of A. A. Hobbs, a ranchman of Glendive, Montana; William B., who is farming in Pocahontas county, this state; Ernest A., who is residing at home and is engaged in carpentering; Earl B., who is employed in the postoffice at Billings, Montana; and Albert W., who is working in a butcher shop in Manson.

Mr. Wilson is a republican and is at present serving in the office of township trustee, a position which he also filled twelve years ago. The teachings of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he is a member, guide his life, and none question the sincerity of his religious faith. He has been commander of the local post of the Grand Army

of the Republic for several years. This organization formerly numbered one hundred and fifty-three members but it now has only ten, which brings home the fact that those brave men who preserved the Union are fast answering the last roll call. As a citizen Mr. Wilson has always been willing to place the general welfare above personal aggrandizement: as a business man he has been enterprising and upright: and in the private relations of life he has measured up to the highest standards of manhood. It is therefore but natural that he should have the esteem of his fellowmen and that many should value highly his friendship and good opinion.

HERMAN A. GOOD.

Herman A. Good, a well known retired farmer living in Rockwell City, is a native of Germany. He was born April 5, 1847, a son of Gottfried and Catalina Good, who were also born in Germany but emigrated to the United States in 1882. They first located in South Carolina but at length removed to Illinois, where the father worked in connection with a son. The parents belonged to the Lutheran church and were upright, God fearing people. To them were born five children, three of whom are still living.

Herman A. Good received his education in his native land and there grew to manhood. In 1872, when twenty-five years of age, he crossed the Atlantic to the new world and made his way to Champaign county, Illinois, where he worked on a railroad for three years. He then rented a farm there and cultivated leased land until 1892, when he came to Calhoun county and purchased a farm. He was practical and energetic and as time passed his resources steadily increased. He now owns four hundred acres of excellent land in this county and, having accumulated a competence, is now living retired in Rockwell City, enjoying a period of leisure to which he is well entitled.

Mr. Good was married in Germany in 1870 to Miss Julia Climmeck, whose father was a shepherd by occupation. To Mr. and Mrs. Good have been born five children: Gusta, who is the wife of Gust Schultz, who is now operating Mr. Good's farm; Amelia, who married Charles Browning, a painter of Reinhart, Iowa; Fred, who is farming a part of the home place; Lena, the wife of Adolph Shepka, a farmer; and John, who is also operating part of his father's farm.

Mr. Good is independent in politics, believing that the qualifications of a candidate are of more importance than his party affiliations. For some time he served acceptably upon the school board. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Lutheran church. In January, 1909, he purchased a comfortable residence in Rockwell City and he and his wife have since made their home here. They have won many friends in the community and enjoy the respect of all with whom they have come in contact.

OSCAR WALTIMORE LUNDBERG.

Oscar Waltimore Lundberg is the present efficient and public-spirited mayor of Lake City and is also identified with business interests here as he is the owner of the Lake City Marble, Granite and Vault Works. He was born on the 23d of February, 1878, in Stockholm, Sweden, a son of Peter Albert and Johanna Matilda (Levine) Lundberg. The father was born in Stockholm on the 4th of March, 1841, and resides in Union county, South Dakota. They came to America in May, 1878, locating on a homestead in Union county, where the mother died March 4, 1892. She was born in Sweden November 6, 1854.

Oscar Waltimore Lundberg was brought to America by his parents when but three months old. He attended the country schools of Big Springs township, Union county, South Dakota, and as soon as he was strong enough began assisting his father with the work of the farm. Until twenty years of age he worked on the farm and also with a threshing outfit. On attaining his majority he went to Le Mars, Iowa, and there learned the marble and granite-cutter's trade, later becoming shop foreman, a position which he held for seven years or until 1909. On the 1st of January of that year he came to Lake City and purchased the Lake City Marble and Granite Works, which he still owns. In 1910 he added the manufacture of vaults and the name became the Lake City Marble, Granite and Vault Works. He has the only monument shop in the county and deals in foreign and domestic marble and granite monuments. He carries a large stock of the best marble and granite and does only expert work. All of the lettering, carving and cutting are done with pneumatic tools and his shop is excellently equipped throughout. He is also a manufacturer and wholesaler of burial vaults and represents the Norwalk Vault Company in Calhoun and Sac counties. He is

also part owner of a monument shop in Hawarden, Iowa, which is conducted by the firm of Lundberg & Kelly. In addition he owns a half interest in the Lake City Concrete Works, which manufactures building blocks of all kinds.

Mr. Lundberg was married on the 4th of March, 1901, to Miss Bertha Fisher, of Big Springs, South Dakota, and they have two sons, namely, Arnold O. and Arthur M., both now in school. Mr. Lundberg gives his political support to the republican party and during 1912 and 1913 served on the city council as alderman at large. In 1914 he was honored by election to the mayoralty and the confidence of the people in his ability and integrity has been vindicated as he is giving the municipality a businesslike administration and is working sincerely for the good of the community. Fraternally he is well known. He is the present master of Zerubbabel Lodge, No. 240, A. F. & A. M.; belongs to Cypress Chapter, No. 99, R. A. M.; to the Order of the Eastern Star; to Walnut Camp, No. 387; W. O. W., of which he is consul commander; and the Woodmen Circle, an auxiliary of the above organization. He is also a member of the board of managers of Head Camp R, Jurisdiction of Iowa, W. O. W. He has built up a large business and gained a gratifying measure of financial prosperity but he values even more highly the general goodwill and esteem in which he is held.

JOHN F. GUTZ.

John F. Gutz is the cashier of the Pomeroy State Bank of Pomeroy and the excellent condition of that institution is due in the main to his able management of its affairs. He was born in Sherman township, this county, on the 22d of April, 1873, a son of Fred Gutz, a pioneer settler of this county, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work.

Our subject was reared under the parental roof and received his early education in the public schools. When twenty years of age he entered the Northern Indiana Normal school and Business Institute at Valparaiso, Indiana, now known as Valparaiso University, and during the winter of 1893-4 took a business course in that institution. On returning home he accepted a position as messenger boy in the Pomeroy State Bank. At first he received only ten dollars per month, but his ability and application gained him rapid promotion and on the 1st of July, 1897, he was made cashier of the bank, which

position he has since held. He now owns a controlling interest in the institution and determines its policy. He is not only familiar with the routine of banking but also understands the fundamental principles of finance, upon which banking practice is based, and he stands high in local business circles. The bank has the confidence of the people of the community as the interests of the depositors are carefully safeguarded.

On the 15th of June, 1897, Mr. Gutz was united in marriage to Miss Angie G. Eppler, who was born, reared and educated in Cayuga, Livingston county, Illinois. They are the parents of four children, Phyllis, Eppler P., Loraine and Marcella.

Mr. Gutz is a republican and has taken an active part in local public affairs, having served on the city council for about eighteen years and having also held the office of school treasurer. He is a member of the German Lutheran church and contributes to the support of its work. He devotes practically his entire time to the bank and the success which he has gained is the merited reward of enterprise and sound judgment. The name of Gutz has long been connected with the development of Calhoun county, and the family is well known and highly esteemed as they have at all times done their share in bringing about the community progress.

DOLSON C. COCHRAN.

Dolson C. Cochran is the proprietor of The Leader, a carom and pocket billiards hall of Manson, and has been very successful in his conduct of the establishment, which he has owned since 1911. He was born in Delaware, Ohio, June 17, 1867, a son of Josiah M. and Sarah (Boyer) Cochran. The father, who was born in Ohio in 1820, removed to Marion, that state, and conducted the Kerr House there for fifteen years, being very successful as a hotel man. In 1879 he and his family came to Calhoun county, Iowa, and settled on a farm which he had purchased seventeen years previously. He was a business man of unusual ability and before going into the hotel business bought and sold stock in Ohio, building up a considerable fortune. However, he lost several thousand dollars through the sinking of vessels when shipping stock by way of the lakes to New York. His political belief was that of the republican party and while living in the Buckeye state he was very prominent in local political circles. Fraternally he was identified with the Independent Order of Odd

Fellows and the Masons. During the Civil war he served for four and a half years in the Forty-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry and was regimental quartermaster and captain. His demise, which occurred in 1895, was sincerely mourned by many who had learned to esteem him highly for his ability and undoubted integrity. His wife, who was born in Pennsylvania in 1834, is still living. She removed to Ohio in her girlhood with her parents, the family home being established in Sunbury, and in that state her marriage occurred. To this union were born four children, three of whom survive: Mary, a resident of Fort Dodge; Mattie, a milliner of that city; and Dolson C.

The last named received his education in the public schools and in the high school of Manson and after putting aside his textbooks engaged in the decorating and painting business for fifteen years. He was then for three years proprietor of a hotel in Manson but in 1911 purchased the billiard hall, which is known as The Leader and which he has since successfully conducted.

In 1894 Mr. Cochran married Miss Hettie E. White, who was born in Des Moines, and they have three children: Dayton, a graduate of the high school at Fort Dodge, Iowa, where he is now living; Welker M., who is one of the champion billiard players of the United States and a member of the Champion Billiard Players League; and Altavene, who is in school.

Mr. Cochran is a republican in his political allegiance and his religious faith is that of the Congregational church. He is connected with the Masonic fraternity and for three years was secretary of the local lodge. During the many years that he has resided in Manson he has gained the confidence and esteem of his fellow citizens, who recognize his business ability and his many admirable traits of character.

JOHN REAMAN.

John Reaman was for twenty-two years successfully engaged in farming in Elm Grove township and his demise, which occurred in 1900, was sincerely regretted. A native of Germany, he was born in Meeklenburg, August 21, 1848, and remained in his native land until 1873, when he came to America with his mother and brother. In 1871 and 1872 he served in the German army in the Franco-Prussian war. On emigrating to the United States he and his mother

and brother settled in Wisconsin and there he remained for five years. In 1878, however, he came to Elm Grove township, Calhoun county, and purchased a quarter section of land, on which he located and to the cultivation of which he devoted his time and energies throughout the remainder of his life. He was at once practical and progressive in his methods of farming and his labor returned him a good annual income.

On the 13th of December, 1877, Mr. Reaman was united in marriage to Miss Mary Reuder, who was born in Meeklenburg, Germany, on the 21st of September, 1852. To them were born seven children: Adolph H., who is farming in Elm Grove township; William, also farming in that township; Henry, who resides in Yetter; John, at home; Ida, the wife of Herman Arndt; Olga, who married William Bortchert; and Anna, at home.

Mr. Reaman supported the democratic party at the polls and at all times manifested a citizen's interest in public affairs. His life was guided by the teachings of the Lutheran church, of which he was a loyal and consistent member, and those who knew him best were his sincerest friends, a fact which is proof of his genuine worth. Although his demise occurred in December, 1900—fifteen years ago—his memory is still cherished by those who were intimately associated with him.

JOHN LOFTUS DALTON.

John Loftus Dalton was one of the pioneer settlers and prominent farmers of Sherman township, Calhoun county, Iowa. His birth occurred in County Mayo, Ireland, and he accompanied his parents to Kenosha, Wisconsin. In 1863 he enlisted in the navy from Randall, Wisconsin, and was assigned to the gunboat *Wasta*, under command of Captain Zimmerman. After returning from the war he rented a farm of two hundred and twenty-eight acres near Randall, Wisconsin, and devoted his energies to its operation until 1875. In that year he came to Calhoun county, Iowa, and purchased an improved farm of sixty acres, to which he subsequently added one hundred and twenty acres. For several years he followed general farming and also dealt in cattle quite extensively, but at length, having accumulated a competence, he sold his land and removed to Pomeroy, where he was living retired at the time of his death.

On the 5th of November, 1868, Mr. Dalton was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Boyle, who was born in Kenosha, Wisconsin, on the 19th of April, 1847. Her girlhood days were spent in Bristol, Wisconsin, where she acquired her education and here her marriage occurred. She became the mother of three children: Alice, the wife of Thomas O'Boyle, who is farming near Fort Dodge; Florence, who married Edward Masterson, an agriculturist residing near Barnesville, Minnesota; and John F., a newspaper man of Manson, Iowa, further mention of whom is made elsewhere in this work.

Mr. Dalton supported the candidates and principles of the republican party and worked loyally for its success at the polls. He was a communicant of the Roman Catholic church, as is his widow. There was never any question as to his honesty and integrity and he held the esteem of all with whom he came in contact. His demise was sincerely mourned and his memory is still cherished by his many friends.

JOSEPH S. STUMPF.

Joseph S. Stumpf has succeeded admirably in his work as a farmer and although he came to this country from Germany without funds he is now the owner of six hundred and forty acres of excellent land. He has at times met with reverses but has never become disheartened and his perseverance, unremitting industry and thrift have been rewarded by an unusual measure of prosperity, so that he is today one of the men of affluence of Twin Lakes township. His birth occurred in 1857, in Oberschlesien, Germany, and he is a son of Joseph S. Stumpf, likewise a native of Oberschlesien. He was a farmer by occupation and his religious faith was that of the Catholic church. He passed away in the place of his nativity in 1887, when sixty-six years of age, as his birth occurred in 1821.

Joseph S. Stumpf of this review secured but a limited education as it was necessary for him to provide for his own support. He began his independent business career when but fourteen years of age and was employed at various occupations in Germany until 1882, when he emigrated to America and made his way to Calhoun county, Iowa. Here he purchased forty acres of land on section 29, Twin Lakes township, and gave his undivided attention and his best efforts to the cultivation and improvement of his land. At that time there were still many evidences of frontier conditions and there were many inconveniences and often hardships to be endured that the farmers of

the present day are spared. However, he had determined to win at least a competence in this new country and resolutely surmounted all difficulties. At times he met with misfortune but with the aid of his wife and by indefatigable labor and the careful management of his resources he retrieved his losses and gradually added to his holdings until he now owns six hundred and forty acres of splendid land, which is in a high state of cultivation and improved with excellent buildings. He carries on general farming and stock-raising and has a detailed and thorough knowledge of everything pertaining to those lines of business.

Mr. Stumpf was married in 1883 to Miss Anna Heebner, a daughter of Frank Heebner, further mention of whom is made elsewhere in this work. Mr. and Mrs. Stumpf have become the parents of twelve children, nine of whom are living, namely: Alex, Fred, Anna, Marie, Clara, Josie, Charles, Joseph and Arthur.

Mr. Stumpf is a republican in his political belief but has never had the time nor inclination to seek office. He and his family belong to the Catholic church at Rockwell City and are influential in that organization. His fellow citizens have respect for his ability and force of character and his advice is often sought on matters relative to the development of the community along both material and moral lines.

CHARLES W. GUENTHER.

Charles W. Guenther was a successful business man of Lake City, the grocery firm of Guenther & Son being a factor in its commercial development. He was born in Milton, Northumberland county, Pennsylvania, April 27, 1832, a son of Rev. Charles and Margaretta Guenther. The father was a minister of the Lutheran church and his labors were productive of much good.

Charles W. Guenther attended school at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, until 1845 and then removed with the family to Mahoning county, Ohio, where he studied under his father. Later he taught school for nineteen terms and while living there also learned the tailor's trade, which he followed for three years. On the 16th of June, 1863, he enlisted in Company A of the Eighty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. For six days his command was in pursuit of General Morgan, the noted Confederate leader, and Mr. Guenther was present at that leader's surrender. He also participated in the engagement at

Cumberland Gap, Tennessee, and was mustered out of service on the 14th of February, 1864. He returned home and resumed teaching, in which he was engaged until 1866. He then turned his attention to farming and followed agricultural pursuits in Mahoning county until 1870, when he removed to Polk county, Iowa. After residing there for nineteen years he became a resident of Webster county, where for four and a half years he cultivated land, and upon leaving that county he came to Lake City, where for eight years he conducted a restaurant. He then engaged in the grocery business, becoming head of the firm of Guenther & Son, which soon gained an enviable reputation in business circles for enterprise and fair dealing. He continued to conduct the grocery store until his demise on the 7th of June, 1907.

Mr. Guenther was married June 18, 1855, to Miss Phebe A. Hubler and to their marriage have been born six children, four of whom have passed away, those surviving being: Charles W. and John L. C., who are conducting the grocery store established by their father. There are also two grandchildren: Walter, who is employed in the grocery store; and Laura V., the wife of Walter Trotter, a well known agriculturist.

Mr. Guenther was a stalwart supporter of the republican party but never aspired to public office. He was identified with Lander Post, No. 156, G. A. R., and found much pleasure in association with others who had fought for the preservation of the Union. Early in life he was a member of the Lutheran church but after removing to Lake City became identified with the Presbyterian church, in whose work he took a great interest. He was respected not only for his business ability but also because of the rectitude of his life, and his personal friends, who were many, still cherish his memory.

JASPER YEPSEN.

Jasper Yepsen, who for the past twelve years has filled the office of postmaster at Yetter, has also for a long period been engaged in the hardware business at this place. He was born in Bureau county, Illinois, August 20, 1862, a son of George P. and Catherine (Batz) Yepsen. The family removed from Bureau county to Calhoun county, Iowa, in the spring of 1879, the father here buying two hundred acres of land in Elm Grove township, where he engaged extensively in agricultural pursuits. In the family were two sons and two daughters, our subject being the eldest of the number. The

others are: George V., who is living retired in Yetter; Anna, the wife of F. W. Smith, of Lake City; and Catherine, the wife of Frank Burk, of Escanaba, Michigan.

Jasper Yepsen was reared under the parental roof and acquired his education in the schools of Bureau county, Illinois. He was a youth of seventeen at the time the family removed to Calhoun county and here he worked with his father on the home farm until the time of his marriage in 1890, after which he engaged in the hardware business in Yetter. He has built up a large trade in this line and his success is largely due to his fair dealing and honorable methods in all trade transactions. In addition to his other business interests he is also serving as postmaster of Yetter, having filled the office for the past twelve years.

It was on the 20th of February, 1890, that Mr. Yepsen was united in marriage to Miss Lizzie Blair, a daughter of J. B. Blair, who is deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Yepsen have been born eight children, seven sons and one daughter, as follows: George R., Earle E., Frank J., John Burns, Ralph, Harold, Dorothy and Lewis.

In his political views Mr. Yepsen is a republican and has been called by his fellow townsmen to fill a number of public offices. For four years he served as assessor of Elm Grove township, while for a similar period he filled the office of township clerk. He has likewise served on the city council and for twelve years was a member of the school board but is not now the incumbent in any public office. He is prominent in the Masonic order, belonging to Auburn Lodge, No. 201, A. F. & A. M., at Auburn; Cypress Chapter, No. 99, R. A. M. at Lake City and to the Knight Templar Commandery at Sac City. He is also identified with the Modern Woodmen of America. He is classed among the substantial business men of Yetter, where he has made his home for the past quarter of a century and is held in the highest regard by all with whom he is brought in contact.

FRED BOLDES.

Fred Boldes, who is successfully engaged in the clothing business in Lake City, was born in the town of Gnhrau, Germany. His parents were Aaron and Bertha Boldes, the former one of a family of eleven children, all of whom save he emigrated to America in early life. His grandparents also came to the United States and they died in San Francisco when it was only a small village. Our subject's

grandfather on the maternal side came to the United States and for some time resided in Fort Madison, Iowa, but returned to Germany and died there.

Fred Boldes received his education in his native land and was graduated from the high school in 1883. He was educated for a musical career but drifted into mercantile pursuits, in which he has met with gratifying success. He emigrated to America in 1883 and in 1885 located in Marshalltown, Iowa, entering the employ of Pappé Brothers, dealers in clothing, who started a branch store in Lake City in 1896. Mr. Boldes established this store for his employers and in 1902 bought them out, becoming the sole owner of the business. He carries a full and well selected stock and spares no effort in meeting the wishes of his customers. He has gained a large and representative patronage and is recognized as an able business man.

On the 10th of January, 1900, Mr. Boldes was married in Atlantic, Iowa, to Miss Bertha Block, a daughter of Charles Block. Mr. and Mrs. Boldes have become the parents of two sons: Louis, thirteen years of age; and Alfred, seven years old.

Mr. Boldes supports the democratic party at the polls but is not a narrow partisan, believing that political organizations have both their good and bad points. He has served as school director and takes a keen interest in the welfare of the public schools. Fraternally he is identified with the Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias and in the latter order has held the office of chancellor commander. Since coming to Lake City he has won a creditable place in its business circles and has gained the confidence and respect of all who have been associated with him.

SCOTT H. McCLURE.

Scott H. McClure is proprietor of the Herald at Pomeroy and in this connection is meeting with well merited success, his paper being one of the best edited sheets in Calhoun county. He was born in Wyoming, Iowa, June 18, 1880, a son of William H. and Kate H. (Holmes) McClure, the former a native of Elgin, Illinois, and a son of William McClure, who was born in New York and removed to Wyoming, Iowa, when that locality was new and sparsely settled. He there engaged in farming and lived to an advanced age. His son, William H., who became the father of our subject, was but a boy when the family home was established in this state. In early life he

learned the printer's trade and throughout his business career has been identified with that line of work in one capacity or another, now publishing the Observer at Fontanelle, this state. The mother, who was a native of Jones county, Iowa, is a daughter of W. H. Holmes, who located at Wyoming at a very early day and was there a practicing lawyer. He died in Neligh, Nebraska, at the age of sixty-four years, but his widow, who bore the maiden name of Electa Brainard, is still living and now makes her home in Sioux City, Iowa. Both Mr. and Mrs. William H. McClure are members of the Presbyterian church.

Scott H. McClure spent the period of his boyhood and youth under the parental roof and acquired his preliminary education in the public schools of Audubon and Fontanelle, while later he supplemented this by a two years' course in Tabor College. He practically grew up in the printing office of his father and it was there that he gained his first knowledge of the printer's trade. Following in the footsteps of his father, in 1903, when twenty-three years of age, he purchased a half interest in the Opinion at Glenwood, Iowa, and published that paper for about five years. In September, 1908, he disposed of the plant and purchased the Herald at Pomeroy, which he has since most successfully published. Since his early youth his career has been a constant progression toward the wished for end. He is ever alive to the interests of his community and is editing a bright, newsy sheet, in which the people of Pomeroy and vicinity feel a just pride.

Mr. McClure was married June 28, 1904, to Miss Bertha Warner, of Fontanelle, Iowa, and this union has been blessed with three children, William C., Kenneth E. and Bertha Maurine. Mr. McClure is a republican and advocates its principles through the columns of his paper. He belongs to Solar Lodge, No. 475, A. F. & A. M., and to the Modern Woodmen, while both he and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church. They are popular in the social circles of Pomeroy and number their friends by the score.

CAPTAIN RICHARD A. SMITH.

Captain Richard A. Smith is entitled to honor and esteem as one of those brave men who, when the Union was assailed, offered their services and if need be their lives in its defense. He has resided for many years in Lake City and has been identified with both business and official circles here, winning a creditable record in both connec-

tions, and all who have been brought in contact with him hold him in the highest respect.

Captain Smith is a native of Chenango county, New York, born in the town of German, May 10, 1828. His grandfather, John Smith, was a soldier in the Revolutionary war and his grandmother lived to be more than one hundred years of age. His father, who also bore the name of John Smith, was born in Vermont, November 14, 1782, and participated in the War of 1812. He was called to his final rest on the 15th of December, 1843. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Lydia Sawtell, and whose brother Richard was a Revolutionary soldier, was born in Massachusetts, June 19, 1792, and passed away October 11, 1848. Their marriage was solemnized in Massachusetts on the 10th of October, 1819, and at an early date they became residents of Chenango county, New York. To their union were born seven children: Albert V. L. and Charles O., both of whom are deceased; Susan B., who married Isaac Gandy, of Wheeling, Missouri, but who has passed away, as has her husband; Philander, who is also deceased; Richard A.; Paleman J., who is deceased; and Mary L., the widow of Luther Wood, of Franklin Grove, Illinois.

Captain Smith obtained his early education in the schools of his native town and when fourteen years of age was bound out to thus serve until he should attain his majority. When the Mexican war broke out he desired to enlist and twice he ran away and attempted to join the army but on account of his youth his mother succeeded in obtaining his release each time, much to his disappointment. In 1848 he began learning the stone-cutter's and mason's trades, which he followed for three years. In 1852, however, he engaged in farming and following his removal to Cortland, Illinois, in 1856, he turned his attention to buying grain. His patriotism aroused by the first attack upon the Union, he immediately put aside all personal interests and on the 18th of April, 1861, offered his services to the government, being mustered in on the 24th of May as a member of Company F, Thirteenth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, for a term of three months. When it became evident that the war would not be over within that period, as was at first thought, the entire regiment re-enlisted for three years. In June, 1861, the command left Dixon, Illinois, under Captain Mayo and Colonel J. B. Wyman and joined the army in Missouri under General Fremont. Mr. Smith participated in the battles of West Glaze, Pea Ridge and Salem and marched from Raleigh, Missouri, to Helena, Arkansas. In December, 1862, he participated in the fighting about Vicksburg under General Sherman and there lost his right arm, which was shattered

by a musket ball. He was also wounded in the leg and his serious injuries occasioned his discharge in August, 1863. On the 1st of June, 1861, he had been commissioned second lieutenant of Company F, and on the 8th of August, of that year, was promoted first lieutenant, while on the 20th of October, 1862, he was made captain in recognition of meritorious service at Pea Ridge. He was also offered the position of major in a Missouri regiment but refused the promotion. Twice he was detailed to act as judge advocate of court martials, once in Helena, Arkansas, and once in Raleigh, Missouri. He held the respect and goodwill of the men in his command, who recognized that his repeated promotions were but the reward of ability and courage.

Having been obliged to return home because of injuries sustained at the front, Captain Smith resumed the pursuits of civil life. In the fall of 1863 he was elected county treasurer of De Kalb county and served in that office for eight consecutive years, thrice winning the election. In the Winter of 1863-4 he took up his residence in Sycamore and there engaged in the furniture business for three years, subsequent to his service as county treasurer. During that time he served as mayor of the town for two years and made an excellent record in that connection. He next gave his attention to agricultural pursuits, which he followed successfully in Illinois until 1884. He then came to Calhoun county, Iowa, and purchased a farm, which he rented, establishing his residence in Lake City. For some time he confined his attention to the insurance business, in which he was very successful. From 1887 until February 15, 1890, he served as justice of the peace and was then appointed postmaster by President Harrison, holding that office for four years. Later he was county supervisor for six years, his repeated election to offices of trust and responsibility proving the high esteem in which he has been held wherever he has resided. In discharging his official duties he has invariably sought the public good and neither his ability nor integrity have ever been called into question.

Captain Smith was married May 1, 1851, to Miss Roxanna A. Gault, who was born June 1, 1830, a daughter of Thomas and Maria (Andrews) Gault, natives respectively of Vermont and Massachusetts. They became early settlers of Chenango county, New York, and were highly esteemed in their community. Two of their sons are still living: Edward A., who resides in Chenango county; and John Nelson, a resident of Chicago. Another son, Carlton Gault, died while serving in the Union army at Baton Rouge, Louisiana. To Captain and Mrs. Smith were born three children. Charles P., who

was born in Chenango county, New York, February 27, 1852, was for twenty years employed in the auditor's office of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad Company at Chicago. He passed away January 22, 1903, in Chicago. Richard S., whose birth occurred in Cortland, Illinois, June 3, 1856, died on the 12th of September, 1881. Carl G., whose birth occurred in Sycamore, Illinois, on the 19th of February, 1872, is now engaged in the jewelry business in Binghamton, Broome county, New York. The wife and mother passed to her reward on the 22d of March, 1914. During the sixty-three years of her happy married life she proved at all times a devoted and helpful wife and all that is best and noblest in motherhood was exemplified in her. Both she and her husband became members of the Methodist Episcopal church in 1857 and from that time until her demise she lived a life of such singular Christian grace that many were attracted to the cause of Christ through her example. For fifty years she was a teacher in the Sunday school and her influence in that connection cannot be overestimated. She was active in all branches of church work and was a member of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society from the time of its organization. She was likewise an active worker in the Woman's Christian Temperance Union and was honored by election as department president of that organization. She was also identified with the Woman's Relief Corps, in which she held all of the offices, serving for two years as president. The breadth of her interests is indicated in the fact that she was also a charter member of the Monday Club of Lake City. Her demise was deeply regretted not only by her family and intimate friends but by many who had learned to know and love her through her identification with church and organization work.

Captain Smith is a loyal and consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church and in all relations of life he has measured up to high standards of manhood. He is a leading member of the Grand Army of the Republic and has served as representative to the national encampments. While living at Sycamore, Illinois, he was affiliated with Potter Post, No. 11, and held all of the offices therein, and since removing to Lake City he has become a member of Lander Post, No. 156, of which he has served as commander for three years. He has also been identified with the Military Order of the Loyal Legion, to which only commissioned officers are eligible, and to the Maimed Soldiers' League of Washington. He is likewise a non-affiliated Mason. In politics he has supported the republican party since the Civil war and he takes the interest of a good citizen in everything relating to the public welfare. Through the many years that he has

resided in Lake City he has gained the sincere respect of all who have come in contact with him, whether in business, personal or official relations, and he has also won the warm regard of many.

REV. EDWARD J. NEPPL.

Rev. Father Edward J. Neppl, pastor of St. Mary's Catholic church at Pomeroy, is a native of Carroll county, Iowa, born on a farm near Roselle, a son of John and Walburga (Geiger) Neppl, both of whom were natives of Bavaria, Germany. The father, who was a miller by trade, emigrated to the United States in 1874, locating in Westside, Crawford county, Iowa, where he continued work at his chosen occupation for about a year. He then took up his abode upon an eighty acre tract of land near Roselle in Carroll county, where he spent his remaining years, passing away on the 13th of July, 1912, at the age of sixty-seven years. He was a faithful member of the Catholic church. The mother came to the new world in the spring of 1875 and was here married a few weeks later. She still survives and now makes her home with her son John J. at Mallard, Iowa. She is the mother of seven children: Mary, the wife of Charles Loxtereamp, of Carroll county; John J., who is the pastor of St. Mary's Catholic church in Mallard, Iowa; Emily, who is with her brother John J.; Edward J., of this review; Otilia, the wife of Antony Hoffman, of Remsen, Iowa; Otto, who is engaged in farming at Templeton, Carroll county; and Joseph M., a student in St. Mary's Academy at Baltimore, Maryland, where he is studying for the priesthood and will graduate with the class of 1916.

Father Neppl spent the period of his boyhood and youth to the age of twelve and a half years under the parental roof in Carroll county. He was then sent to Columbus, Ohio, where he entered Josephinum Pontifical College, spending twelve years in that institution. He was ordained to the priesthood June 10, 1904, by Bishop James J. Hartley, after which he became assistant pastor at Willey, Iowa, remaining there four years. He then spent one year in Onawa, having charge of four missions, one in Onawa, one in Bleneoe, and those at Hornick and Whiting. The year 1909 witnessed his arrival in Pomeroy, at which time he took charge of St. Mary's parish here, and he also attends St. Joseph's church at Palmer. Since he has taken charge of St. Mary's many improvements have been made. The church has been moved to a different location and has been remodeled. A par-

sonage has been erected, and in the spring of 1915 a modern school building was erected at a cost of twelve thousand dollars. The parish now has a valuable property, the three buildings covering a half block of ground.

A gentleman of culture and a fine scholar, Father Neppel has ever used practical methods in working toward the ideal, which have found their proof in his effective work in connection with the church in Pomeroy. He has many friends among not only his own parishioners but among the members of the other denominations as well.

HENRY CHARLES REAMAN.

Since the organization of the town of Yetter in 1899, Henry Charles Reaman has been an active factor in its business life. At that time he here engaged in general merchandising, to which he has since added a line of jewelry, while for the past four years he has also handled automobiles, accessories and supplies, being agent for the Buick, Detroit and Pullman cars. Mr. Reaman is of foreign birth, the place of his nativity being Meeklenburg, Germany, and his natal day, June 13, 1870. In the spring of 1873, when a little lad of three years, he was brought by his parents, William and Anna (Otto) Reaman, from Germany to the United States, the family home being established in Racine county, Wisconsin. At the end of six years the father removed with his family to Calhoun county, and located on a farm on section 20, Elm Grove township, where he still resides. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. William Reaman are three children: John F., a resident farmer of Elm Grove township; Henry C., of this review; and Vena, the wife of Harry Oestereich, of Lytton, Iowa.

Henry Charles Reaman was a little lad of about nine years when he accompanied his parents on their removal from Wisconsin to Calhoun county, so that practically his entire life has here been passed. He acquired his education in the common schools and assisted his father in the work of the home farm from the time that he was able to handle a plow. When he reached mature years he decided to quit the farm and enter the business world, and to that end bought a mercantile establishment at Elm Grove Center from Kent Sterling. Five years later, or in 1899, when Yetter sprang into existence, believing that here was an opportunity to conduct a growing and profitable business, he moved his establishment to this place and has since been identified with its substantial and progressive business men. He ear-

ries a full line of general merchandise and draws his trade not only from the town of Yetter but from the outlying districts. He is also agent for automobiles and in this connection, too, he has built up a good trade. In addition to conducting a well appointed garage he has put in a vulcanizing outfit, probably the best in Calhoun county. Aside from his other interests he is a stockholder in the Farmers Grain Company and the State Savings Bank at Yetter, and until recently owned stock in the Farmers Grain Company at Alma, Iowa. His success is well merited for he has ever followed the most honorable methods in carrying on his business and discharges his obligations to the satisfaction of all with whom he has dealings.

It was on the 18th of January, 1901, that Mr. Reaman established a home of his own by his marriage to Miss Hattie Lytle, a daughter of Charles and Alice (Hancy) Lytle, but the former is deceased, his death having occurred in 1909. To Mr. and Mrs. Reaman have been born two children, Alice and Charles. In his political views Mr. Reaman is a democrat and while a resident of Elm Grove Center served as postmaster until the office was discontinued in 1899. His religious faith is that of the Lutheran church, while his fraternal relations connect him with the Modern Woodmen of America. He is numbered among the pioneers in business in Yetter and is known as a most industrious and useful man, whose probity is an unquestioned element in his career.

JAMES OSCAR SMITH.

James Oscar Smith has the distinction of being the oldest living settler of Calhoun county and is a son of the second settler in the county. He has also the satisfaction of knowing that he has contributed to the development of the county along agricultural lines and also along the lines of civic and moral progress.

He was born on a farm in Cass county, Michigan, on the 23d of September, 1851, a son of Peter and Sarah A. (Bosley) Smith. The father was born in Clark county, Ohio, April 4, 1826, and the mother was born on the 4th of October, 1824. Their marriage occurred December 28, 1845, in Cass county, Michigan, whither Peter Smith had removed with his parents at the age of fourteen years. The parents of our subject continued to reside in Michigan, where the father followed agricultural pursuits until 1853, when, in company with his brother Christian, he removed with his family by wagon to Trullin-

ger's Grove, a point near the present site of Mitchellville, Iowa. However, they only remained there a short time and then returned to Michigan. The following summer he and his brother with their families, together with several other families, drove through to Iowa, and the greater part of the party located in Polk county, where there were already a number of settlers, because they feared Indian outbreaks in the newer districts, but the Smiths came to what is now Calhoun county and were its first permanent settlers. Peter Smith entered one hundred and sixty acres of land, a part of which is now within the limits of Lake City. He arrived in time to cut and cure hay before the fall frosts and as soon as that work was done erected a log cabin eighteen by twenty-four feet and a log barn for the shelter of his stock. A few years later a farm house was erected of lumber from logs chopped and sawed upon the premises by horse power. During the first six months of their residence in this county the Smiths were the only residents in the county, with the exception of the first settler, Ebenezer Comstock, but the following spring a number of families arrived and took up their residence on and near the present site of Lake City. The winter of 1855-56 was a very hard one and the heavy crust formed on the snow prevented the deer and elk from getting the grasses which formed their food and as a result they became thin and weak. A number of them were caught by the settlers and used to stock a park in Manistee, Michigan. The Indians were still numerous but as Calhoun county seemed to be a part of a recognized neutral area the settlers were not molested. In those early days the nearest postoffice, gristmill and market was at Des Moines and it was necessary for many settlers to go to Iowa City as Des Moines was still a small settlement. Mail was brought to those living on the present site of Lake City whenever one of their number happened to be in Des Moines. The fruits native to this region grew in abundance and game such as elk, deer, prairie chickens, swan, brant, geese and ducks were plentiful. Although there were some hardships and inconveniences to be faced which are inevitable in pioneer life, the Smith family and others at Lake City were never called upon to suffer as great privations as many pioneer settlers, for they were well-to-do and were able to procure the necessary supplies. In other parts of the county the settlers were sometimes in dire need and the men at Lake City more than once gave them help which enabled them to survive the hard winters. One peril by which all of the settlers in the county were endangered was the prairie fire and the flames more than once swept down upon them with great destructive force. When Mr. Smith first settled in Calhoun county it was still a part of Greene county. After the county

of Calhoun had been organized the United States government proposed to establish a town about seven miles northeast of Lake City and make it the county seat but as the whole population of the county resided at the present site of Lake City they were incensed at this move. They sent an emissary to Boonesboro to ask the advice of Judge Phillips. He told them that they should plat a town, organize and hold an election, declaring Lake City to be the county seat. Accordingly on the 10th of June, 1856, Peter Smith laid out the town of Lake City, which was in due time declared the county seat of Calhoun county and for a number of years it remained the seat of the county government.

Peter Smith engaged in farming until about 1872, when he took up his residence in Lake City and in connection with two of his sons engaged in general merchandising. Three years later he went to Glidden and turned his attention to the elevator business but in 1881 he returned to Lake City, where, in company with a son he established the Lake City Bank, of which he was president until a short time previous to his demise. He proved an excellent executive and under his management the bank gained in business and became firmly entrenched in the confidence of the people. His demise occurred on the 27th of September, 1899, when he was in his seventy-fourth year. His first wife passed away at Glidden on the 27th of May, 1875. To them were born six children, five of whom are still living, namely: Cyrus M., of Colorado Springs, Colorado; Clark M., of Otley, Iowa; James Osear; General C.; and Mrs. Dora B. Patrick, of Lake City, Iowa. The second son, Marcus S., died August 2, 1898, at Independence, Colorado, and was interred at Colorado Springs. The father was married a second time, Mrs. Mary A. Orr becoming his wife on the 22d of August, 1876.

Peter Smith was a member of the Christian church and his political allegiance was given to the democratic party. He assisted in organizing the county of Calhoun and was the first county judge and throughout his life was interested in affairs of local government. Although almost sixteen years have passed since his demise his memory is still honored and his influence is still felt.

James O. Smith received but a limited education as the early schools were only held about four months during the year. In 1871 he began farming for himself on the old homestead and remained there for three years. At the end of that time he purchased eighty acres of land in Jackson township, where he resided for a similar period. He then bought an eighty acre tract east of Lake City, to the cultivation of which he devoted seven years. Subsequently he

removed to Lake City and for twelve years engaged in the grocery business here, after which he returned to the farm, where he remained for seven years. At the end of that time he again located in Lake City and for ten years gave his attention to the conduct of a grocery store, after which he returned to his farm west of town. He has prospered in all that he has undertaken and has gained financial independence. In addition to his other property he still owns five acres of the quarter section which his father entered from the government on first settling in this county.

Mr. Smith was married on the 2d of October, 1870, to Miss Rebecca Lindsey, who died in 1883. To this union were born seven children, of whom three survive: Ilee the wife of R. Gabel, of Des Moines; Loretta, who married E. W. Ripley, of Farhamville; and Eva, who gave her hand in marriage to W. O. Wright, a farmer of Jackson township. On the 30th of November, 1884, Mr. Smith married Miss Mary M. Hansen, who was born in Denmark, October 27, 1858. Their children are: Sarah, the wife of O. E. Mabee, of Des Moines; Osear, at home; Lloyd, who is engaged in the mercantile business; and Hilda N., a school teacher by profession.

Mr. Smith is a democrat and for many years has served as assessor. He holds membership in the First Christian church of Lake City and fraternally is identified with the Modern Woodmen of America. For sixty-one years he has been a resident of Calhoun county and in that time has seen a marvelous transformation. Some of the first settlers described the county as a "God-forsaken place of water and bullrushes" but it is now a prosperous and highly developed region with modern farms and thriving towns and cities. Mr. Smith has had a share in bringing about this wonderful change and has at all times been characterized by a progressive spirit and a willingness to cooperate in securing the further advancement of his community and county.

FRED GUTZ.

Fred Gutz, one of the earliest settlers of Calhoun county, whose reminiscences of pioneer days are an important link between the past and the present, is living retired in Pomeroy and is rich in esteem and honor. His birth occurred in West Prussia, on the 18th of August, 1843, a son of Ernest and Caroline (Westfall) Gutz. The father was born in Pomerania, and the mother's birth occurred in

West Prussia. Ernest Gutz was a tailor by trade but on removing to Canada with his family in 1857 he homesteaded land, which he cultivated until 1867, in which year he came to the United States, settling in Sherman township, Calhoun county, Iowa. He took up a homestead near Twin Lakes but was unable to establish title from the government as the Swamp Land Company claimed an earlier title. Five years later he purchased the same land, to which he was really entitled, from the Swamp Land Company at four dollars and a half per acre. Subsequently he bought an eighty acre tract near Pomeroy in Sherman township, which he improved and cultivated for a number of years, but later returned to the original homestead at Twin Lakes, which he farmed until his demise in 1873, when he was sixty-three years of age. He was a republican in politics and a Lutheran in religious faith. His wife survived him for nine years, dying in 1882 at the age of about sixty-five years. To them were born fourteen children, all of whom are deceased but four, seven dying in infancy. Those who grew to mature years are: Fred; Charles, who died in Nebraska; Albert, who passed away when twenty-two years old at Twin Lakes, due to exposure; William, who is farming in Pocahontas county, this state; Hannah, the wife of John Reese of Pomeroy; Lizzie, the wife of Richard Oman of Chicago; and Matilda, the deceased wife of Emil Diedenbeck.

Fred Gutz was thirteen years of age when the family emigrated to eastern Canada and assisted his father in the arduous work of clearing a farm of heavy timber. In January, 1866, when about twenty-two years of age, he left the Dominion and went to the vicinity of Erie, Pennsylvania, where for one winter he was employed in chopping cord wood and getting out railroad ties. He next went to Chicago, where he had an uncle living, and remained there for two months, after which he went to Winneshiek county, Iowa. There he worked two months for a farmer and then found employment in the harvest fields of Mitchell and Osage counties. He saved enough money to buy a yoke of steers which he broke, and with them he came to Sherman township, Calhoun county, arriving September 13, 1866. He entered eighty acres of land near Twin Lakes, upon which he erected a cabin ten by ten feet inside measurement. During the summers he broke prairie and in the winters he drove stage, being employed on a number of different routes, including those from Sae City to Ida Grove, from Ida Grove to Correctionville and from Twin Lakes to Fort Dodge. At that time there were no good roads and no bridges, and he often was compelled to swim the streams and carry the mail. On the route between Sae City and Ida Grove it was thirty

miles between houses at one place, which gives some idea of the unsettled condition of the country. At one time during the winter of 1867 he spent a night on the prairie between Twin Lakes and Sac City when the snow was two feet deep on the level and when the cold was so intense that he unhitched the team and drove them in a circle around the sled all night in order to keep himself and the horses from freezing to death. At the end of that season he gave up stage driving and for several years thereafter devoted his time to farming and breaking prairie during the summer and to trapping muskrats in the winter, and sometimes he also worked in Lake City to get ready money. He hauled coal from the Des Moines river, thirty miles away, with oxen and traded farm produce for the coal. As this section became more thickly settled and as new towns sprang up which could be used for markets, the farmers secured better prices for their crops and money became more plentiful. Mr. Gutz shared in the increased prosperity and became in time well-to-do. He continued to follow agricultural pursuits for many years but since 1893 has lived in honorable retirement from active labor in Pomeroy. He owns four hundred acres of land which he rents to others.

Mr. Gutz was married in February, 1871, to Miss Anna Sebrantka, who was born near Breslau, Germany, on the 7th of October, 1849, a daughter of Gottlieb and Elizabeth (Gunther) Sebrantka. Her mother died when she was but four years of age, leaving three daughters: Helen, who became the wife of Phillip Miller, of Fort Dodge, and who died in 1915 at the age of sixty-seven years; Mrs. Gutz; and Johanna, the wife of Fred Mahring, of this county. Mr. Sebrantka married again and in 1867 emigrated to the United States, locating in Chicago, whence he removed to Fort Dodge, Iowa. Later he took up his residence in Manson, Calhoun county, and there he passed away at the venerable age of ninety-three years. His widow resides in Chicago, aged ninety-six years. He brought his youngest daughter with him on his emigration to this country and in 1869 sent money over to Germany to pay the passage of his two older daughters. Mrs. Gutz landed in New York on the 6th of May, 1869, and continued westward to Chicago, where she remained until removing to Fort Dodge, where her marriage occurred.

Mr. and Mrs. Gutz are the parents of nine children, namely: Ida, the wife of Gothalt Schmidt, a farmer of Butler township; John F., cashier of the Pomeroy State Bank; Lena, the wife of William Runge, a farmer of Sherman township; Matilda, the wife of Rudolph Balstadt, cashier of the German State Bank of Merrill, Wisconsin; Henry, who is cashier of the Walworth County State Bank at Selby,

South Dakota; Laura, the wife of Rev. August Zell, of Greenville, Ohio; Walter, cashier of the Camas Bank at Camas, Montana; Dora, who married Arthur Moore, assistant cashier of the Camas Bank; and Edna, bookkeeper for the German State Bank at Merrill, Wisconsin.

Mr. Gutz casts his ballot in support of the republican party and has held a number of township offices, proving capable and efficient in the discharge of his official duties. He and his wife belong to the Lutheran church and their lives are in harmony with the teachings of that organization. He is one of the few pioneers of the county who are still living and, although he has reached the age of seventy-two years, he is active and is enjoying excellent health. He has been very successful and takes added pride in his prosperity because it is due to his own determination and well directed industry. Although there were many hardships to be endured in the early days, he had faith in the future of the county and persevered in the work of development and has lived to see a transformation that is little short of marvelous.

REV. HENRY MEYER.

Rev. Henry Meyer has been pastor of St. John's German Evangelical Lutheran church at Pomeroy for over a quarter of a century and in that time has exerted a large influence on the moral and spiritual life of his community. A native of Germany, he was born in the Province of Hanover, August 16, 1862, and there grew to manhood. He attended private schools until he was twenty-two years of age and then entered a theological seminary at Hermausburg, where he completed a four years' course, graduating from that institution in October, 1889, when twenty-seven years of age.

Rev. Meyer at once came to the United States, landing at New York on the 6th of November of that year. He went to Afton, Minnesota, and was examined as to doctrine at the Lutheran Seminary at that place. He received a call as pastor of the charges at Pomeroy and Newell and went to Manson, where he remained for eight days, after which he came to Pomeroy. He was ordained on the 22d of December, 1889, and took charge of the congregation at Pomeroy, which had been organized by Rev. Dagefoerde, of Manson, in June, 1889. The eleven charter members of the church were: C. C. Holtorf, William Knoke, John Breiholz, William Gaedke,

Henry Beeker, Fred Mathies, Hans Holz, Herman Voss, William Baumgart, Henry Dillemath and C. H. Meyer. Rev. Meyer held services in the public schoolhouse at Pomeroy every other Sunday and also preached at Newell, Buena Vista county, where there were seven members in the congregation. In 1890 a church edifice was built at Newell but services were held in the schoolhouse at Pomeroy until 1891, when the congregation here erected a house of worship at a cost of sixteen hundred dollars and paid for the same without outside aid. In 1892 they erected a parochial schoolhouse. On the 6th of July, 1893, the church was destroyed by a cyclone, but it was at once rebuilt on the same site and dedicated in November, 1893. In 1898, a bell weighing, with its mountings, sixteen hundred and ten pounds was purchased and it was used in the new structure. In 1911 a furnace was installed in the church. In that year lightning struck the tower and it was necessary to erect a new steeple. In 1912 the church was further improved by building a gallery. There are now fifty-one members who have signed the constitution and about twenty-five more who attend but have not signed. In 1914 Rev. Meyer celebrated his twenty-fifth anniversary as pastor of the church. He has baptized four hundred and two persons; confirmed two hundred; has administered communion to five thousand, four hundred and ninety-five; has buried eighty-three persons; and has married seventy-six couples. The collections for various benevolences have amounted to eight thousand, fifty-one dollars and thirty-eight cents, all of which has been sent to those in need of help. Rev. Meyer teaches German to the children of the members of his congregation five months in winter and for two months during the vacation periods of the public schools, and all of his sermons are in the German language. In 1907 the pressure of his work in Pomeroy made it necessary for him to give up the pastorate at Newell and since that time his energies have been concentrated upon the affairs of St. John's church at Pomeroy.

Rev. Meyer was married in October, 1889, in Germany, to Miss Mary Schulz, who was also a native of Hanover. She passed away in 1901, leaving three children: Erich, who was graduated from the Lutheran Seminary at St. Paul, Minnesota, with the class of 1915, was ordained July 4, 1915, by his father and has accepted a call to engage in religious work at Yorkton, Canada; Frieda and Bertha are at home. Rev. Meyer was again married, Miss Anna Schroeder, also a native of Germany, becoming his wife. They have four children, all at home, namely: Erika, Martin, Theodore and Marie.

Mr. Meyer is liberal in his political views and casts an independent ballot. He combines religious zeal with sound judgment and business ability and has not only promoted the spiritual growth of his congregation but has also managed the temporal affairs of the church well. All movements seeking the civic and moral betterment of his community receive his hearty indorsement and co-operation and he is recognized as a leader in all that makes for the highest things of life. He not only has the loyalty and affection of his people but also the sincere respect of all of his fellow citizens, irrespective of their religious belief.

WILLIAM C. MOODY.

William C. Moody, the progressive and efficient treasurer and manager of the Manson Lumber Company, which he established, was born in Monroe county, Illinois, November 26, 1850. His parents, William C. and Jane M. (Johnson) Moody, were natives respectively of Massachusetts and New Jersey but were married in Philadelphia about 1835. The father was a farmer but also engaged in the real-estate and loan business. Following his marriage he removed to Illinois, where he resided until 1852, when he went to Oregon. He engaged in mercantile business in that state and remained there until 1865. In that year he returned east, taking a steamer from San Francisco to New York. He remained in New York, Massachusetts and Pennsylvania until 1868, when he located in Cleveland, Ohio, becoming superintendent of rolling mills there. In 1871 he located in Manson, Iowa, and became the owner of two hundred and ten acres of excellent land near Twin Lakes. He was a Douglas democrat before the war but later gave his allegiance to the republican party. He was quite prominent in public affairs, serving as justice of the peace and as mayor of Manson. Fraternally he was a Mason. He was successful in business and was personally popular. He passed away on the 1st of November, 1889, when seventy-five years of age, as his birth occurred in 1814. His wife died in 1879, when sixty-three years of age, her natal year being 1816. The Moody family is of English descent. Our subject is one of the two children living in a family of ten, the other survivor being his sister, Mrs. James Glover, of Bluff City, Kansas, where her husband is engaged in the real-estate business.

William C. Moody received his education in the public schools of Oregon and on putting aside his textbooks became bookkeeper for a mining company. Later he held a similar position in a bank at Silver City, Idaho, where he remained for nine years, during which time he was also agent for the Wells Fargo Express Company and for a stage company. In 1881 he became a resident of Manson and remained with his father until the latter's demise. In 1911 he organized the Manson Lumber Company, of which he is now treasurer and manager, and to the direction of its affairs he gives his time and attention. The concern is a stock company capitalized for twenty thousand dollars and conducts a large retail lumberyard in this city. It is widely patronized and returns good dividends to its stockholders. Mr. Moody also has an interest in a lumberyard at Thor, Iowa, and has gained financial independence.

Mr. Moody was married in 1874 to Miss Sarah Belle Greathouse, a native of California and a daughter of George L. Greathouse, who was engaged in banking and also connected with the Wells Fargo Express Company. To Mr. and Mrs. Moody have been born three children: Louise, a high-school graduate, who is now the wife of Joe Wheeler, a shoe manufacturer of Fort Dodge; Ella C., who married Walter W. Jones, a civil engineer located in Arkansas; and Belle, the wife of E. H. Townsend, who is engaged in the wholesale lumber business in Fort Dodge.

Mr. Moody is a republican and for more than a decade has served as city clerk, discharging his duties to the satisfaction of his fellow citizens. Fraternally he belongs to the Masonic blue lodge, of which he is a past master, and the Royal Arch Chapter, and he is likewise identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Congregational church. He devotes his energies to the growth and expansion of the Manson Lumber Company and his labors have already produced tangible results as that concern is now recognized as one of the leading lumber companies in this section.

FRANK E. KAUFFMAN, M. D.

Dr. Frank E. Kauffman, who is engaged in the practice of medicine at Lake City, was born in Maquoketa, Jackson county, Iowa, November 13, 1868, a son of Charles P. and Katherine (Eidleman) Kauffman. The father was a native of Reading, Pennsylvania, born

August 1, 1829, and was a son of John Kauffman. He received the usual education of his period and during his youth also learned the carpenter's trade under his father. He followed that occupation in his native state until 1852, when he made his way to Ohio, where he remained for three years. He then migrated westward and located at Maquoketa, Iowa, where he engaged in carpentering and contracting. He also purchased a farm, which he hired others to operate for him until 1870. In that year he removed to Grundy county and bought a farm there, the operation of which he supervised until 1900. He then took up his residence in Cedar Falls but was not permitted to enjoy his new home long, as he died on the 9th of April, of that year. He was a democrat in politics and took a citizen's interest in the affairs of government. Religion was a vital force in his life and he was a consistent and devout member of the German Reformed church. He was married August 31, 1851, to Miss Katherine Eidleman, who was also born in Reading, Pennsylvania, her natal day being the 10th of September, 1832. Her father was Samuel Eidleman, and on the maternal side some of her ancestors participated in the French revolution. She passed away on the 28th of February, 1908, having survived her husband for almost eight years.

Dr. Frank E. Kauffman attended the common schools in the acquirement of his early education and later became a student in Western College at Toledo, Iowa, from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1894. In the fall of that year he began the study of medicine at the State University of Iowa and was graduated from the homeopathic department of the medical college in 1897. He at once began the practice of his profession in Sutherland, Iowa, but in 1900 removed to Lake City, forming a partnership with Dr. H. M. Humphrey, which association was maintained until 1913, when Dr. Humphrey retired. Dr. Kauffman has remained a constant student of medical science and in 1904 took post-graduate work in the Illinois School of Electro-Therapeutics, while four years later he took a course of study in the Chicago Polyclinic, specializing in diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat. Although he still engages in the general practice of medicine, he gives special attention to the treatment of the eye, ear, nose and throat. He has a suite of offices over the First National Bank and owns his attractive and commodious residence.

Dr. Kauffman was married August 26, 1903, to Miss Rose Johnston, a resident of Wall Lake, Iowa, who was born in Aurora, Illinois, on the 28th of January, 1877. To this union have been born two children, Roma K. and Helen, both in school.

Dr. Kauffman is a member of the Hahnemann Medical Association of Iowa, serving as president of the same in 1910-11, and is also a member of the American Institute of Homeopathy. He is a republican and is loyal in his support of the candidates and measures of that party. Fraternally he belongs to Zerrubbabel Lodge, No. 240, A. F. & A. M.; Cypress Chapter, No. 99, R. A. M.; and the Order of the Eastern Star. In all relations of life he measures up to high standards of manhood and exemplifies in his conduct the spirit of fraternity which is the basic principle of the Masonic order. He stands high in the ranks of his profession and personally he is popular.

AUGUST AUSBORN.

It is astonishing to witness the success of young men who have emigrated to America without capital and who from a position of comparative obscurity have worked their way upward to success. This is true of August Ausborn, who is successfully engaged in stock dealing and in conducting a harness business in Yetter. He is a native of Holstein, Germany, his birth having there occurred October 6, 1871. He is one of a family of twelve children, of whom one is deceased, and of whom four are residents of America, born of the marriage of Christian and Augusta (Blaas) Ausborn. The father, a stone cutter by trade, passed away in the fatherland, April 22, 1915.

In 1887, when a youth of sixteen years, August Ausborn emigrated to the new world in company with an uncle, who established his home in Iowa. Mr. Ausborn remained in his uncle's home one year, working for him upon the farm and later became a stock buyer in the employ of Louis Henderson at Rockwell City. In 1901 a partnership was formed between them, which existed for three years, or until 1904. Subsequently Mr. Ausborn has continued in the stock business alone and in the spring of 1909 he purchased his present harness establishment of Dennis Shea. He keeps a large stock of all kinds of harness and saddlery on hand and is at all times able to meet the growing demands of his trade. In addition to these business interests he is also stockholder in the Farmers Grain Company and the State Savings Bank at Yetter.

On the 1st of June, 1905, Mr. Ausborn was married to Miss Helena Zierke, a daughter of Theodore Zierke, who emigrated to this state from Germany and for many years was engaged in farming in

Logan township, Calhoun county, but is now making his home in Rockwell City. To Mr. and Mrs. Ausborn have been born four children, Glenn, Helen, Letha and Vendora.

In his political views Mr. Ausborn is a republican. He takes an active part in public affairs and has been a member of the city council since Yetter was incorporated in 1904. He has also served as school director and for two years was president of the school board. In his religious belief he is a Lutheran and his life is in harmony with his profession. The superiority of business opportunities and advantages in America was a fact recognized by Mr. Ausborn and making every possible use of advantages as they have come to him he has worked his way upward to success.

ROLAND EDWARD MOSELEY.

Roland Edward Moseley, who was highly esteemed in Lake City as a business man and public-spirited citizen, was born in Bureau county, Illinois, October 20, 1853, a son of Frederick and Frances (Bryant) Moseley. There were seven children in the family, of whom three brothers are still living, namely: Bryant, a resident of Chicago; Douglas, of Princeton, Illinois; and Raymond, of Los Angeles, California.

Roland Edward Moseley was reared under the parental roof and after graduating from the Princeton high school attended the State University of Illinois at Champaign for one year. He was then in Dallas county, Iowa, for one year and in 1881 came to Calhoun township, Calhoun county, where he bought a half section of land, which he broke and placed under cultivation. He then located in Lake City and in addition to looking after his agricultural interests engaged in the lumber business and other enterprises. He was very successful in his various undertakings and among other things established the local telephone system. He was actively engaged in business until 1895, when he retired to a large extent, although he continued to look after his investments. In 1903 he suffered a nervous breakdown, from which he never recovered, and he passed away in January, 1911, at Cherokee, where he had gone for treatment.

On the 7th of October, 1882, Mr. Moseley was united in marriage to Miss Josephine Huff, of Lake City, a daughter of Thomas B. and Ellen (Gothrope) Huff, and a native of Cass county, Michigan. Her father, who was born in Ohio in 1827, died in 1897. He came

to Lake City in 1868 and followed the mason's trade in addition to farming. His wife, who was born in 1832, died in 1871. Mr. and Mrs. Moseley had two children: Frances, the wife of Dr. G. L. Pray, of Lake City; and Frederiek R., at home.

Mr. Moseley was a Fellow Craft Mason and the principles that guided his conduct were further indicated by his membership in the Presbyterian church. His political allegiance was given to the democratic party, and he always took a praiseworthy interest in public affairs. The high esteem in which he was universally held was given expression at the time of his demise by the Lake City Graphic, which said of him as follows:

"In the death of Mr. Moseley Lake City loses a citizen of the type that a community can ill afford to lose. A man of fine character, with a high sense of honor and of strict integrity, with firm convictions, he stood for and advocated those things which, in the life of a town, are for the best. His tastes and inclinations were essentially domestic, and he found in his home and family circle his chief delight. To those whom he honored with his friendship he was loyal and devoted; he was the friend of his fellows, and truly a 'poor man's friend.'"

CHARLES I. TAYLOR, M. D.

Dr. Charles I. Taylor is one of the younger representatives of the medical fraternity in Calhoun county and since the fall of 1902 has successfully practiced his profession in Pomeroy. He was born in Burlington, Iowa, February 9, 1871, a son of Charles G. and Belle (Chrissinger) Taylor. The father was born in the state of New York but was reared on a farm near East Saginaw, Michigan. When the Civil war broke out he enlisted in the Sixteenth Michigan Volunteer Infantry, with which he served three years, and then re-enlisted, serving until the close of hostilities. Following his return from the front he located in Burlington, Iowa, where he became foreman in the building of railway bridges, and later he became a contractor and builder, with headquarters first at Indianola and later at Valley Junction. He passed away in the latter city in October, 1913, at the age of sixty-nine years. The mother, who was born in Pennsylvania, came in her girlhood days to Burlington and it was there that she formed the acquaintance of Charles G. Taylor. She still survives and now makes her home in Valley Junction.

Dr. Taylor spent the first few years of his life in Burlington and later accompanied his parents on their removal to Indianola when he was eight years of age. It was in the public schools of the latter city that he acquired his education, completing the high-school course. Subsequently he pursued a course in Simpson College at Indianola, and when starting out in the business world he was for several years employed as a clerk in a dry-goods and clothing store, working in this way during the summer seasons, while the winter months were devoted to his collegiate studies. In the meantime he had decided to enter the field of medicine and to this end entered the medical department of the State University at Iowa City in 1898, there spending two years. He next attended the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Chicago, where he spent a similar period, and from which he was graduated on the 20th of May, 1902. He then returned to Indianola, where he opened an office for the practice of his profession but in the fall of the same year, believing that Pomeroy offered better prospects for him in his chosen calling, he removed to this place, where he has now built up a large practice.

In 1894 occurred the marriage of Dr. Taylor and Miss Georgia E. Gordon, a native of Madison county, Iowa. They have one son, Charles G., who completed the high-school course in 1915 and on May 18, 1915, married Gladys Sehneck.

The Doctor is a republican in his political affiliation, and always deeply and actively interested in the cause of education; he has for four years served as school director. He has membership relations with Solar Lodge, No. 475, A. F. & A. M., at Pomeroy and with Lodge No. 306, B. P. O. E., at Fort Dodge, and with the Ancient Order of United Workmen. In the line of his profession he is identified with the County and State Medical Societies. He holds to high ideals both as a professional man and as a citizen, and he and his estimable wife have a host of warm friends in the city in which they now reside.

WALTER RAYMOND EAKIN.

Walter Raymond Eakin, senior member of the firm of Eakin & Smith, who are engaged in the grocery and dry goods business in Lake City, is a native of this county, born in Jackson township, February 26, 1888. Further mention of his parents, Smith and Mary (Jones) Eakin, is made elsewhere in this work. The son attended the

country schools in the acquirement of his elementary education and was later a student in the Lake City high school, of which he is a graduate. He also took a business course in the Capital City Commercial College in 1909 and after leaving school followed agricultural pursuits for a year. He then became a partner of H. J. Hansen and for a year and a half they conducted a grocery and dry-goods business. At the end of that time Mr. Eakin and Lloyd Smith formed the firm of Eakin & Smith and opened their present store in Lake City. They deal in fruits, staple and fancy groceries, dry goods and notions. They carry a large and well selected stock and have been accorded a liberal patronage by the people of Lake City and the surrounding country. They also conduct a milk station. Although Mr. Eakin is one of the younger business men of Lake City, his ability and sound judgment are generally recognized, as is his energy and initiative.

Mr. Eakin was married January 5, 1911, to Miss Neta Foley, who was born in Lake City, Illinois, on the 5th of January, 1892, a daughter of James and Mary (Todd) Foley. Mr. Eakin's religious faith is that of the Christian church, in the work of which he takes a helpful interest, and he gives his political allegiance to the republican party. His entire life has been passed in this county and the fact that those who have known him intimately from earliest boyhood hold him in the highest esteem is proof of his genuine worth.

AUGUSTUS A. GOFF.

Augustus A. Goff, who is successfully conducting a meat market in Yetter, was born in Grand Rapids, Michigan, November 1, 1852, a son of Albert and Eunice (Pangborn) Goff. After the son completed his education he started out in the business world on his own account by farming in Calhoun county, having arrived here from Michigan in the fall of 1873. At the end of two years he took up his abode in Lake City and for one year was employed in a livery barn and for a while in a lumber yard at that place. He then removed to Cadillac, Michigan, and for two years was engaged in the meat business, after which he returned to Lake City, where for nine and a half years he was in the employ of the Eastman-Gardner Lumber Company. During that time he spent two years in Mississippi with the firm, and on the expiration of that period he returned to Lake City, Iowa, and spent one year in the grocery store of J. O. Smith. He next went on a prospecting tour through New Mexico, spending

two and a half years there, when he once more returned to Lake City and entered the employ of the Northern Grain Company, of Chicago, conducting a branch establishment at that place. He spent seven and a half years in that way in Lake City and for two years thereafter was at Lidderdale, this state. For a similar period he managed an elevator at Lake City and then removed to Yetter to become manager for the Farmers Grain Company at this place, remaining in that connection for four years. He afterward established a meat business on his own account at Yetter and his is one of the successful enterprises in this community. He carries a nice line of fresh and cured meats, studies the needs of his patrons and through his honorable dealing, fair prices and courteous treatment has built up a good trade. He also still owns stock in the Farmers Grain Company here.

Mr. Goff was married March 16, 1880, the lady of his choice being Miss Mary E. Chaffee, a daughter of Allen Chaffee, of Lake City. To Mr. and Mrs. Goff have been born three children, but the only surviving member of the family is Daisy, the wife of Fred Wheat, a resident of McIntire, Iowa. A democrat in principle and practice, he believes in a faith born of conviction and in the equality and brotherhood of man. He is a Mason, belonging to Zerubbabel Lodge, No. 240, at Lake City, in which he has filled all of the chairs. He is public-spirited, interested in the growth and development of Yetter and for one year he served as alderman of this place. He is pleasant and genial, although rather quiet and unassuming in manner, and his straightforward business methods have caused him to be looked upon as an exemplary man.

CHARLES A. MARPLE.

Charles A. Marple, who is successfully engaged in the furniture and undertaking business in Pomeroy, was born in Licking county, Ohio, September 2, 1872. His father, Abram Marple, was born in Pennsylvania but removed with his parents to Licking county, Ohio, when about ten years of age. He was a son of Elwood and Annie (Marple) Marple, also natives of Pennsylvania, who about 1878 came to Calhoun county, Iowa, and purchased two hundred acres of land in Sherman township. Three years later the grandmother of our subject died when sixty-five years old and the grandfather within a few years at the age of seventy years.

Abram Marple came to Calhoun county, Iowa, in 1871, but after a year returned to Ohio and farmed in that state until 1874, when he removed with his family to Jasper county, Iowa, where they remained for five years. At the end of that time they came to Calhoun county and the father purchased one hundred and sixty acres in Sherman township and entered a forty acre tract adjoining. He improved and cultivated the two hundred acres for about thirteen years, after which he rented the place and removed to California. About a year later, however, he returned to Calhoun county and located in Pomeroy, where he has since resided. He was married in 1871 to Miss Lucretia Boydston, a native of Cedar County, Iowa, and a daughter of James and Mary (Mahin) Boydston, natives respectively of Ohio and Indiana. They accompanied their respective parents to Iowa when they were children, the Boydsons settling in Cedar county and the Mahins in Muscatine county. James Boydston became editor of the first paper published in Cedar county, and his daughter Mrs. Marple was reared there. Our subject is the oldest of five children, the others being: William H., who is agent for the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad at Lohrville, Iowa; Lee, who is engaged in the meat business at Rolfe, Iowa; Roy, at home; and Elsie, the wife of George Swanson, a farmer of this county. The religious faith of the family is that of the Methodist church.

Charles A. Marple was two years of age when he was taken by his parents to Jasper county, Iowa, which remained the family home until 1879. In that year a removal was made to Calhoun county and the father homesteaded land in Sherman township. During his boyhood and youth our subject assisted in the work of the farm and his education was acquired in the public schools. When eighteen years of age he began teaching, following that occupation for three years, and during that time he saved enough money to enable him to continue his studies at the State College at Ames but was only there a few months when ill health compelled him to leave school. The following summer he spent in Colorado and the next fall he went to Portersville, California, where he worked on a ranch during the winter. In the spring his parents joined him at Dos Palos in southern California, but after residing there for a short time went to Lodi, where they remained until fall, when they returned to Pomeroy, this county. A few months later our subject purchased the interest of Herman Voss in his present store and became the partner of W. E. Dangerfield. At the end of five years Mr. Marple purchased Mr. Dangerfield's interest and since that time he has conducted the business alone. He carries a large and well selected stock of furniture

of good grade and his reasonable prices and fair dealing have gained him a high reputation as a business man. He also conducts an undertaking establishment. In addition to his business he has a third interest in three hundred and twenty acres of excellent land in Pocahontas county, this state.

Mr. Marple was married on the 16th of October, 1898, to Miss Carrie Parker, a daughter of Frank and May Parker, pioneers of Pocahontas county. Her father was for the last few years of his active life a real-estate dealer in Pomeroy. Mrs. Marple was born near Rockford, Illinois, and by her marriage she has become the mother of six children: Raymond, Lola, Clifford, Kenneth, Doris and Roberta.

Mr. Marple is a republican in politics and for the last six years has been on the school board, while he is now serving his second year as a member of the city council. He takes the keenest interest in everything relating to the civic and commercial development of Pomeroy and was one of the organizers and the first president of the Commercial Club, which has been instrumental in promoting the advancement of the city along many lines. Fraternally he belongs to Solar Lodge, No. 475, A. F. & A. M., and to the Modern Woodmen. Both he and his wife hold membership in the Methodist church, of which he is a trustee, and their influence is always on the side of right and justice. He has gained a large measure of material success, which is the result of his enterprise, sound judgment and integrity, and he has also won the unqualified respect and the warm regard of his fellow citizens.

WILLIAM MARIDIEUS LADD.

William Maridieus Ladd, who since the fall of 1914 has been engaged in the tailoring business in Lake City, was born in Gosport, Indiana, April 22, 1873, a son of William J. and Mary E. (Lowe) Ladd. The father followed agricultural pursuits in the Hoosier state until 1875, when he removed to Madison county, Iowa, and there farmed and worked at the mason's trade until his demise, which occurred in 1903. He was a republican in his political belief and held membership in the Christian church. His wife died in 1901.

William M. Ladd attended the public schools of Winterset, Madison county, until he was about twelve years of age and then learned the tailor's trade, which he has since followed. He has engaged in

business in Des Moines, Denver, Omaha, St. Paul and Minneapolis, and since November 3, 1914, has been located at Lake City. Although he has been here but a comparatively short time, he has already gained a fair share of the public patronage and has gained recognition as an expert workman. He carries a complete stock of fine cloth and his work is characterized by excellence in style and fit.

Mr. Ladd was married on the 4th of July, 1910, in Pueblo, Colorado, to Miss Rose L. B. Pederson, a daughter of Benjamin and Mary Pederson. Mr. Ladd supports the candidates and measures of the democratic party at the polls and always takes a citizen's interest in everything relating to the public welfare. The Methodist church has in him a loyal member and he can be depended upon to support movements seeking the moral advancement of his community. He has not only gained a gratifying measure of success in business, but he has also won the respect and good will of his fellow citizens.

D. M. BASLER.

D. M. Basler is manager of the Farmers Grain Company at Yetter and is also conducting a pool hall at this place. He is a native of Iowa, his birth having occurred in Coon Valley, Sac county, December 24, 1880, his parents being James and Ella (Borders) Basler. The father removed from Pennsylvania to Sac county fifty-seven years ago and was therefore one of the pioneers of that section of the state. He is now living retired in Yetter. In his family were eight children, of whom D. M. Basler is the fourth in order of birth.

D. M. Basler remained under the parental roof until he had reached the age of twenty-two years, when he started out upon an independent venture by farming for two years in Sac county. He then removed to Carroll, Iowa, and conducted a livery barn for two and a half years, on the expiration of which period he engaged in selling horses for a Nebraska firm for one year. He then spent some time in Yetter, after which he engaged in farming in Dickinson county, Iowa, for three years. He afterward returned to Yetter and for a time was employed by H. C. Reaman in his garage. In August, 1913, he assumed the management of the interests of the Farmers Grain Company at this place and in this connection is busily and actively engaged. He thoroughly understands the grain business, is systematic and methodical in carrying on his work and ever safeguards the interests of the corporation which he represents. In May, 1914, he opened a

pool hall here and is now conducting this in addition to the grain business.

On the 23d of April, 1909, Mr. Basler was united in marriage to Miss Kate Yepsen, a daughter of George V. and Minnie J. (Blair) Yepsen, who are now living retired in Yetter. To Mr. and Mrs. Basler have been born two sons, Charles and Lloyd.

Where national issues are involved Mr. Basler votes for the democratic party but at local elections he votes independently considering only the capability of the candidate regardless of party ties. He takes a public-spirited interest in community affairs and is now serving as alderman of Yetter. Through his business connections he has gained a wide acquaintance and all who know him entertain for him high regard.

CHARLES L. JONES.

Charles L. Jones, one of the best known pioneers of Calhoun county, who owned and operated a farm for a number of years, was born in Montgomeryshire, Wales, in 1827. He grew to manhood in his native country and there received his education. At length he decided to take advantage of the opportunities which he had heard were offered ambitious young men in the United States and in 1855 he settled in New York, where he remained for three years. At the end of that time he removed to Illinois and rented a farm there for eight years. In 1866, however, he came to Calhoun county and entered eighty acres of land from the government. Later he purchased a forty acre tract from the government and continued to operate his farm during the remainder of his active life. He made many improvements upon his place and brought the land to a high state of cultivation, while his labor yielded him good financial returns. He passed away November 6, 1876, but he is still remembered by the older residents of the county, who knew and esteemed him.

Mr. Jones was married in 1853, in Wales, to Miss Sarah James and to their union were born seven children: David J., whose birth occurred November 19, 1854; Mary J., a widow, who resides upon a farm in this county; Thomas F., a chiropractor of Fort Dodge; Elizabeth, the wife of C. E. Story, of DeKalb, Illinois; Mrs. W. C. Abner, of Sae county, Iowa; Lewis C., a farmer residing near Lake City, this county; and Arthur C., who is on the old homestead.

Mr. Jones was a republican in politics but never desired to hold office. His religious allegiance was given to the Methodist Episcopal church and its teachings guided his conduct in all the relations of life. When he came to this county it was still in many respects a frontier district and he experienced the hardships incident to pioneer life but persevered and before his demise began to reap the reward of his labor, which was a factor in the development of the county.

Following the demise of her husband Mrs. Jones assumed the management of the estate and from time to time purchased additional land. She now owns over three hundred and sixty acres in this county, which fact attests her business ability. Her son, David Jones, operated the homestead until five years ago, when he and his mother removed to town, where they are now living. He is now secretary and treasurer of the Cooperative Grain Company and is proving very efficient and enterprising in that connection. Mrs. Jones is the only surviving charter member of the Methodist Episcopal church of Manson and takes the keenest interest in everything relating to the welfare of that organization. She is one of the best known pioneers of the county and her reminiscences of the early days are of interest and of value. She has done well the work that has fallen to her lot and deserves the high esteem and warm regard in which she is universally held.

ALBERT J. ULVESTAD.

Albert J. Ulvestad has conducted a blaeksmith and repair shop in Lake City since the spring of 1913 and in the comparatively short time that has intervned since that date he has built up a good business and has gained a reputation for excellent work. He has installed an oxy-acetylene welding outfit which enables him to repair all kinds of castings. He was born on the 20th of May, 1875, in Madelia, Minnesota, a son of Lewis O. and Annie S. Ulvestad. In 1869 they removed from Madison, Wisconsin, to Watonwan county, Minnesota. The father engaged in teaching school during the winter months for a few years but subsequently devoted his entire time to agricultural pursuits. He was very successful, leaving an unencumbered estate of five hundred and twenty acres of good land in Watonwan county and one hundred and sixty acres in Stevens county at his death in 1901. He was quite prominent in his community and held a number of county offices.

Albert J. Ulvestad received a good education, having been graduated from the academy in Madison, Wisconsin. In his youth he learned blacksmithing and horseshoeing and on the 17th of April, 1905, he enlisted in the United States Navy as a blacksmith, which rating he held for three weeks. He was then promoted to ship-fitter, first class, which rank he held until he was honorably discharged April 17, 1909. His rating marks were excellent in all branches. On the 2d of January, 1912, he came to Lake City and he was employed in J. H. Russell's blacksmith shop until the 10th of April, 1913. He then established a business of his own on a small scale but has since enlarged his shop to meet the increasing demands of his business. He has installed an oxy-acetylene welding outfit and is thus able to repair satisfactorily all kinds of castings. He not only makes the necessary repairs on farm implements such as plows and cultivators but also repairs wagons and buggies. Much of his business consists of horseshoeing, in which he is expert, and both in that line and in repair work he has given excellent satisfaction.

On the 7th of September, 1898, Mr. Ulvestad was united in marriage, in Blue Earth, Minnesota, to Miss Josephine M. Legvold, a daughter of Hans E. and Emma Legvold. To this union two children have been born, Earl Alton and Lyla Hazel. In his political belief Mr. Ulvestad is in accord with the principles of the republican party, which he supports at the polls. He was a Lutheran in religious belief and was confirmed in the Norwegian Lutheran church but now belongs to the Presbyterian church of Lake City. Fraternally he is a Mason, identified with the blue lodge, and is also a member of the subordinate lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he has served as recording secretary and as vice grand. Since coming to Lake City he has not only won a gratifying measure of financial success but has also gained a high place in the estimation of his fellow citizens.

CHARLES G. KASKEY.

Charles G. Kaskey is one of the leading merchants of Manson and his general store is well patronized, not only by the residents of that city but by people from the surrounding country as well. He was born in Prussia, Germany, on the 24th of January, 1862, a son of August and Louise (Schradler) Kaskey, who were likewise natives of Prussia. In 1870 they emigrated to the United States, landing in

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The following year they removed to Michigan, where they continued to live for five years, after which they removed to Buena Vista county, Iowa, where the father purchased land. After operating his farm for a number of years he went to Storm Lake, where he lived retired until called by death.

Charles G. Kaskey attended the public schools during the winter months but during the remainder of the year it was necessary for him to assist with the work of the farm. Under his father's instruction he not only learned much concerning the methods of agriculture but also learned the invaluable lessons of unremitting industry, thrift and integrity. On starting out for himself he worked as a farm hand for two years for twelve dollars and a half per month and then rented land, part of which he sowed to flax. He only raised a half bushel to the acre and, becoming discouraged with the prospect, he sold his team the following winter for four hundred dollars and became a railroad fireman. He followed that occupation from 1882 to 1885, but in the latter year returned to the homestead, his father having in the meantime sustained a stroke of paralysis. Later our subject accepted a position as clerk with Kendall & Cemans, merchants of Alta, with whom he remained for four years. He then established himself in the mercantile business in Alta, in which connection he met with gratifying success. In 1898 he located in Manson and opened a general store. In the intervening seventeen years he has built up a large business by placing his dependence on strict integrity and the policy of giving full value for the money received. He studies carefully the needs of his customers and buys his stock with the demands of his patrons in mind.

In March, 1887, Mr. Kaskey married Miss Maude A. Burston, of Dyersville, Iowa, and they have five children: Harry, who is employed in his father's store; May, who married Chester E. Long, who conducts a furniture store in Oneida, Iowa; Irene, at home; and Carl and Albert, both in school.

Mr. Kaskey is a member of the German Lutheran church, but his wife and children belong to the Methodist Episcopal church. Fraternally he is connected with the Masonic order and has taken all of the degrees of the York Rite, being a member of the Knights Templar Commandery. His political belief is that of the democratic party, and he is now serving acceptably on the city council. He has also been a member of the school board. For twelve years he has been secretary of the County Fair Association and it is largely due to him that the county fairs have been successfully conducted. Although the management of his store makes heavy demands upon

his time and energy, he is never too busy or too tired to aid in any way possible movements seeking the expansion of Manson and Calhoun county, whether along material, moral or intellectual lines. He is justly accounted one of the leaders in his community and is one of the most valued citizens of Manson.

GEORGE A. STEWART.

George A. Stewart, who is a prominent and well known contractor and builder of Pomeroy, where he occupies a nice home, was born in Pocahontas county, Iowa, March 19, 1866, a son of Robert Charles and Lucy (Lander) Stewart. The former was born in Glasgow, Scotland, in 1826, and in 1834 accompanied his parents to Quebec, Canada, where the family resided for two years. In 1836 the father removed with his family to Norridgewock, Maine. In the latter place he learned the shoemaker's trade and subsequently went to Fulton, Illinois, where he followed the same business for five years. He then went to Carroll county, Illinois, and cultivated rented land until 1870. Subsequently he drove from Carroll county to Pocahontas county, this state, where he entered a homestead claim of eighty acres in Colfax township, his wife and family later joining him in the new home. The father at once began to improve and cultivate his land and in addition to farming also dealt in furs. In 1883 he removed to Pomeroy, having in the meantime purchased a home, and there he worked at the shoemaker's trade and dealt in furs for a time but eventually he abandoned work at his trade and gave his entire attention to the latter business and also to loaning money. He became a very successful man and was active in the life of Pomeroy until his demise, which occurred in 1899. He was a republican and held various offices while residing in Pocahontas county, serving as justice of the peace, town clerk and as a member of the school board. In religious faith he was a Methodist. The wife and mother, who was born in New Portland, Maine, in 1836, passed away in the faith of the Methodist church on the 15th of March, 1915, having for a number of years survived her husband.

George A. Stewart spent the period of his boyhood and youth on the home farm and assisted in the work of the fields during the spring and summer months, while in the winter seasons he pursued his studies in the district schools. He was a youth of seventeen years when the family left the farm and took up their abode in Pomeroy and the son

there learned the carpenter's trade, which he has since followed. Today many of the finest homes of Pomeroy and vicinity stand as monuments to his skill and ability.

On the 15th of April, 1888, Mr. Stewart was united in marriage to Miss Mary Frost, who was born in Toronto, Canada, in 1867 and was but two years of age when she was taken by her parents, Jennette and George P. Frost, to Janesville, Wisconsin, where she was reared and educated. Subsequently she accompanied the family on their removal to Calhoun county, the father afterward engaging in farming in Sherman township. To Mr. and Mrs. Stewart have been born two sons and one daughter: Irvin, associated with his father; Ray F., doing orchestra work; and Mildred Mary, at home.

Following in the political footsteps of his father, Mr. Stewart has always supported the principles of the republican party and he has filled the office of assessor. In religious faith he and his wife are Methodists. In business he is ever true to the terms of a contract and his strict conformity to a high standard of business principles has won him the unqualified regard of his fellow citizens, while the skill and ability which he displays has gained him a liberal patronage in building circles.

HOX. JOHN W. JACOBS.

John W. Jacobs, one of the leading attorneys of Lake City, is widely known beyond the limits of Calhoun county, having for three terms served in the lower house of the state legislature, proving a far-sighted and public-spirited member of that body. He is a native of Calhoun county, born in Jackson township, August 7, 1871, a son of Henry F. and Margaret H. Jacobs, who were among the early settlers of this county and were highly esteemed by all who knew them.

John W. Jacobs first attended the country school and was later a student in the schools of Lake City. Subsequently he entered Drake University, from which he was graduated in 1895 with the degree of Bachelor of Science, and in preparation for his life work he took a special course at the College of Law of the State University. In 1896 he was admitted to the bar and in the nineteen years that have intervened since that time he has advanced steadily in his chosen profession, gaining a high reputation for legal knowledge, ability and uprightness. In preparing his cases he keeps in mind every

possible contingency and consults every authority bearing upon the particular phase of law which applies to the point in question and is thus able to present his cause in the courtroom with confidence. He is courteous to the opposing counsel and at all times respects the dignity of the court but is forceful and convincing in argument and has won many decisions favorable to his clients. His knowledge of the basic principles of law and his careful study of present-day events and conditions well fit him for service as a legislator and his fellow citizens, recognizing this fact, have three times chosen him as their representative in the lower house of the state assembly. During the thirty-third, thirty-fourth and thirty-fifth sessions of that body he represented his district therein and did much effective work both on the floor of the house and in committee rooms. When a candidate at the primaries for his third nomination as representative on the republican ticket he received every republican vote cast in Jackson township. He has also been mayor of Lake City and in that capacity made an excellent record, giving the municipality a businesslike administration.

Mr. Jacobs was married November 18, 1898, to Miss Bertha E. Coe, a daughter of Josiah and Jessie (Kinnis) Coe, and to this union has been born a daughter, Catherine Margaret. As has been indicated, Mr. Jacobs is a stalwart republican in his political belief and is one of the leaders of his party in this section of the state. Fraternally he is identified with the Masonic order, and its principles of kindness and justice are the guiding forces in his life. As a public official he has promoted the general welfare and has discharged all of his duties with ability; as an attorney he has the respect of his colleagues and the general public; and as a man he has won the esteem of all who have come in contact with him.

NELSON PALMETIER.

Nelson Palmetier, of Pomeroy, is one of the few remaining pioneers of Calhoun county and is justly held in high honor by all who know him. His birth occurred near Poughkeepsie, New York, on Friday, April 13, 1837, and he is a son of Peter I. and Susan (Kipp) Palmetier. The father was born near Hyde Park, New York, but his father, Isaac Palmetier, was a native of France, where he was reared and where his marriage occurred. He emigrated to the United States prior to the Revolutionary war and settled in the state of New

York, where both he and his wife passed away, both dying at an advanced age. Peter I. Palmetier was reared in the Empire state and during the War of 1812 served in the American army. He followed agricultural pursuits in his native state and passed away there when about eighty-one years of age. His wife, who was also born in New York, was a daughter of Benona Kipp, a native of Holland, who settled in the United States previous to the war for independence and participated in that struggle. Two of his brothers were killed while at the front. His wife was also a native of Holland. Mrs. Susan (Kipp) Palmetier passed away in New York when about eighty years of age. She was the mother of twelve children, ten sons and two daughters, all of whom grew to maturity and of whom our subject is the youngest.

Nelson Palmetier was reared under the parental roof and when about seven years of age accompanied the family to Greene county, where he was educated in the public schools. Following his marriage, which occurred when he was twenty-five years of age, he devoted his time to farming and to work at the carpenter's trade until 1868. In that year he emigrated westward to Wisconsin and in the summer of the following year he came to Calhoun county, Iowa, and homesteaded land in Butler township. In the spring of 1870 he took up his residence on his farm, having erected a substantial frame house. He devoted much of his time to the development and improvement of his farm and also worked at his trade to some extent. Two years after removing to his homestead he built a house for Charles Perkins and in payment for his work took a colt, as at that time there was scarcely any money in circulation in this county. He erected a number of schoolhouses in the county and also buildings of various kinds in the town of Pomeroy. In 1889 or 1890 he rented his farm and purchased his present residence in Pomeroy, where he has since resided. He has erected many houses in his part of the county and also built many of the bridges on the drainage ditches. All of his work was well done and he gained an enviable reputation in his line. During the last few years he has lived largely retired, although he continues to work in his garden and also takes care of a few hives of bees. He was in Pomeroy at the time of the terrible cyclone on the 6th of July, 1893, when forty-nine people were killed, but as he sought refuge in a cave he escaped injury.

In 1862 Mr. Palmetier was united in marriage to Miss Esther J. Barker, a native of Greene county, New York, who passed away on the 20th of January, 1907. She was a true helpmate and a fine type of a brave and resolute pioneer woman. Many times she had

remained alone upon the homestead while her husband was away on business, but her courage never wavered and she at all times faithfully performed the duties falling to the lot of the pioneer wife.

Mr. Palmetier was a Union democrat at the time of the Civil war, but when Horace Greeley became the democratic candidate for the presidency, he refused to support Mr. Greeley. Since that election, however, he has continued to cast his ballot for a democratic candidate. For two years he was justice of the peace in Pomeroy, for a similar period served as assessor, and has also been a member of the city council. In all of those capacities he proved capable and conscientious, performing his duties with an eye single to the public good. Although he has reached the advanced age of seventy-eight years he is still quite active and his mental faculties are unimpaired. For the last eight years he has had his second sight and can read without glasses. In the early days he often played the violin for dances and still plays that instrument for his own amusement. He has an excellent memory and his accounts of happenings in the county when it was still a pioneer district are of interest and value and serve to connect the present with the past. He has not only witnessed the marvelous development of the county in the last fifty years, but has also done his part in bringing it about and at all times his life has measured up to high standards.

J. MILTON DRURY.

J. Milton Drury, who is a merchant of Lake City, was born January 13, 1883, in Hardin county, Iowa, a son of Judson N. and Phiana A. (Hills) Drury. At the usual age he entered the public schools and completed the high school course in Rockwell City. He then began clerking in a dry goods and clothing establishment in that city, being thus engaged for a few years, after which he became floor manager for the Simon Clothing Company, at Des Moines, remaining in that capacity for two and a half years, when he went to Minneapolis, where for one year he worked in a similar capacity for the Palace Clothing Company. Subsequently he went to Boone, Iowa, and worked on the construction of the sub-station of the inter-urban railway. He remained in that city two years and in the meantime learned candy making. He then located in Rockwell City and for fifteen months was employed in a garage, while in 1913 he came to Lake City and opened Drury Lane, of which he has since been

proprietor. He is a young man of enterprise and as a merchant is meeting with well deserved success.

Mr. Drury was married September 25, 1904, the lady of his choice being Miss Bessie R. Leonard, and by this union there are two daughters: Inez Ray, who was born April 28, 1905; and Irene Faye, whose birth occurred April 3, 1910. Mr. Drury's study of the political questions and issues of the day has led him to give stalwart support to the republican party. Although he has lived in Lake City for only a brief period he has already made many friends and Drury Lane is one of the well conducted business enterprises of the city.

MORRIS W. FITZ.

Morris W. Fitz is president of the Farmers Savings Bank of Manson; of the Griswold Land & Credit Company, also of Manson; of the Iowa Banking Company of Palmer, Iowa, and of the Farmers Lumber Company of Fort Dodge, a line corporation, and also is a successful farmer and stock raiser, with other business interests as well. He gives the closest attention to the management of the affairs of the above named enterprises and it is well known that they are conducted along safe and conservative lines.

Mr. Fitz is a native of Zanesville, Ohio, his birth occurring on the 29th of December, 1857. His parents, James and Elizabeth (Evans) Fitz, were also born in that city and their natal years were respectively 1824 and 1834. They were married in 1856 and nine years later came to Iowa, settling at Newton. The father, who was a farmer by occupation, purchased land in that locality, but in 1878 removed with his family to Greene county, where he bought land. At the time of his death he was living in Churdan. He passed away in 1905 and was survived by his wife for two years. He was a republican and held a number of local offices. His wife was a consistent member of the Baptist church. His father, John Fitz, was born in Pennsylvania but became a resident of Ohio, where he devoted his time to agricultural pursuits and where he was living at the time of his death. The Fitz family is of Dutch descent. The maternal grandfather of our subject, Caleb Evans, was born in Pennsylvania of Welsh ancestry but emigrated to Ohio, where he resided until his demise. He devoted his life to farming.

Morris W. Fitz, the eldest in a family of eleven children, all of whom survive, attended the public and high schools of Newton, Iowa, and after completing the high-school course in 1877 became a student in the Hazel Dell Academy. For two years after leaving school he engaged in teaching but in 1880 entered the employ of H. J. Griswold, who had established a real-estate business in Manson in 1872. In time Mr. Fitz became a partner in the business and following the demise of Mr. Griswold the latter's widow and son continued to conduct the business in partnership with Mr. Fitz. J. Emerson Greenfield also owned an interest in the company but in 1901 sold out to Mr. Fitz and Mrs. Griswold. Two years later Mr. Griswold, Jr., passed away and since that time Mrs. Griswold and Mr. Fitz have been sole owners of the original business. In 1885 they organized a private bank known as the Bank of Manson, which in 1910 was reorganized as the Farmers Savings Bank. This institution now has a larger total of deposits than any other bank in the county, which fact indicates the confidence in which it is held by the people of the community. It is capitalized for fifty thousand dollars, has a surplus of eleven thousand dollars and accrued profits of seven thousand dollars. Mr. Fitz and Mrs. Griswold also deal extensively in farm lands and farm loans under the name of the Griswold Land & Credit Company, which has a capital and surplus of seventy-five thousand dollars. Mr. Fitz is president of the company; Mrs. Griswold, vice president; F. B. Davis, secretary; Isa B. Fitz, assistant secretary; and Roger F. Fitz, notary public. The co-partnership is rated at six hundred thousand dollars and since the demise of Mr. Griswold in 1899 Mr. Fitz has had full charge of the business, so that the splendid condition of its affairs is due to his foresight, acumen and sound judgment. The company holds title to a large amount of farm land and has placed many farm loans over northwest Iowa.

Mr. Fitz was married in 1884 to Isa B. Funk, a daughter of Peter Funk, of Maryland, and to this union have been born two children: Irene, now the wife of Frank B. Davis, cashier of the Farmers Savings Bank and secretary of the Griswold Land & Credit Company; and Roger F., assistant cashier of the bank and notary public for the land and credit company.

Mr. Fitz is a republican and consistently supports the candidates of that party at the polls. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he is a trustee, and takes an active interest in the work of that organization. When he came to Manson he was a poor young man and throughout the years has been compelled to rely upon his own resources, and the unusual success which he has gained

in business is proof of his ability and energy. One important factor in gaining the respect and confidence of those with whom he has had dealings is his fairness and honesty and it is generally recognized that his integrity is unswerving.

DAVID L. ORWIG.

David L. Orwig is engaged in farming, owning one hundred and sixty acres of valuable land on section 9, Garfield township. He is a native of Illinois, born on a farm in West Jersey township, Stark county, July 21, 1869, a son of Sylvester and Rebecca Ann (German) Orwig. The father was born in Ohio and when a small boy came to the middle west with his parents, the journey being made with ox team and wagon. The family located in Stark county, Illinois, and there Sylvester Orwig spent the remainder of his life. He became a prominent and successful farmer of that locality and there passed away at the age of seventy years. A democrat in politics, he ever took an active interest in public affairs and was frequently called upon to hold office. In religious faith he was a Methodist. His wife, who was born in Illinois, is still living there at the advanced age of seventy-eight years, and she likewise holds membership with the Methodist church.

David L. Orwig was reared on the home farm in Stark county, Illinois, and it was there that he received the practical training which fitted him to carry on farming for himself in later life. He was educated in the public schools and remained with his parents until he was twenty-four years of age, when he was married and subsequently located upon a farm in his home locality. He cultivated that place one year but in 1895 came to Calhoun county, Iowa, where he continued to cultivate rented land two years, or until 1897, when he bought his present place of one hundred and sixty acres on section 9, Garfield township, paying for the same thirty dollars per acre. He has since tilled the land and improved the place, erecting thereon a modern country home and substantial outbuildings, all of which are kept in good condition, and the land today is worth two hundred and fifty dollars per acre. He is meeting with success in his work, for he closely adheres to a systematic rule of crop rotation and makes a close study of the adaptability of certain crops to certain soils, so that he annually garners good harvests.

Mr. Orwig chose as a companion for the journey of life, Miss Della C. Patterson, who was born in Bureau county, Illinois, and this union has been blessed with eight children: Lillie M., Charlotte R., Leslie E., Chester L., Mabel V., Letta M., Edna L. and David Franklin, all at home.

In politics Mr. Orwig is a republican but has never been active in public affairs. He has, however, for several years been a member of the school board. He stands as a high type of American manhood, who has won success in a useful field of labor and gained the respect and honor of his fellowmen.

GEORGE GUY HUTCHISON.

Since January, 1907, George Guy Hutchison has held the position of cashier of the First National Bank of Lake City. His birth occurred in Lake City on the 28th of May, 1881, and he is a son of the Hon. Samuel T. and Elizabeth S. (Hold) Hutchison, an account of whose lives occurs elsewhere in this work.

WALTER A. NOEL.

Walter A. Noel is well known in newspaper circles of Calhoun county as the owner and editor of the Advocate of Rockwell City, and he has made that paper a power in the formation of public opinion. He was born in Adel, Iowa, on the 4th of May, 1856, of the marriage of Cole and Catherine (Shuey) Noel. The father was born in Sullivan county, Indiana, in 1818, a son of Matthew Noel, and the mother was a native of Virginia. Cole Noel followed farming while living in Indiana and also engaged in merchandising there. In 1851 he removed to Iowa and first located in Des Moines, but three years later went to Adel, where he engaged in the land business. For eleven years he was clerk of the district court and under Presidents Lincoln and Johnson he served as revenue assessor of the southern district of Iowa. He was well known throughout the state and was one of the leaders of the republican party. In 1869-70 he served in the state legislature and did much to secure the appropriation for the building of the state capitol. He was a member of the Christian church and fraternally was identified with the Masonic blue lodge, of which he

was master: with the Royal Arch chapter, in which he served as high priest; and with the Knights Templar commandery. In the days preceding the Civil war he was associated with the underground railroad and was an ardent abolitionist. He was married to Miss Catherine Shuey in Indiana and they had nine children, of whom our subject is the only one still living. Following her demise in 1858 he married Elizabeth Winchester, by whom he had four children. He was called by death in 1896.

Walter A. Noel was educated in the high school at Adel but when thirteen years of age began to learn the printer's trade. In 1876, when twenty years old, he purchased the Dallas County News, published at Adel, and conducted it successfully until 1893. He then went to Beatrice, Nebraska, and remained there for fourteen years, during which time he was connected with several different papers. In 1907 he came to Rockwell City and purchased the Advocate, which he has since edited and published. It has a circulation of fifteen hundred and is recognized as a valuable advertising medium. Its news columns are reliable, and every effort is made to give the subscribers of the paper an account of all of the local happenings of interest. In addition to publishing the Advocate Mr. Noel does a large job printing business.

In 1879 Mr. Noel married Miss Rebecca Lee, a daughter of R. M. Lee, of Adel, a farmer by occupation. Mr. Noel is a republican and is a loyal worker in behalf of his party. For five years he served ably as postmaster of Adel. His fraternal connections are with the Masonic blue lodge and the Royal Arch chapter. Throughout his career he has relied upon his own energy and ability, and he has gained a highly creditable measure of success in his chosen field of work.

JOHN JOSEPH FOLEY.

John Joseph Foley was engaged in the restaurant business in Lake City for a year and a half but is now devoting his time to auctioneering. He is still quite a young man but has already gained a gratifying measure of success. His birth occurred in Carroll, Iowa, May 14, 1887, and his parents are Bernard Francis and Katherine (Coady) Foley.

John Joseph Foley attended the country schools and the public schools of Carroll and supplemented the education thus acquired by

taking a course in the Morningside Business College of Sioux City, Iowa. For twelve years he was employed at farm work, but at the end of that time he removed to Lake City and entered the restaurant business, so continuing for a year and a half. For the last five years, however, he has engaged in auctioneering and has cried many important sales, including a thirteen thousand dollar sale at Sibley, Iowa, on the 4th of March, 1914. He has gained quite a wide reputation and his services are much in demand.

On the 22d of April, 1914, Mr. Foley was married in Lohrville, Iowa, to Miss Elfie Pratt, a daughter of William A. Pratt. Mr. Foley casts his ballot in support of the candidates and principles of the democratic party and manifests a commendable interest in public affairs. He is a devout communicant of the Catholic church, to the support of which he contributes and whose work he furthers. His energy, reliability, sound judgment and knowledge of human nature insure him continued success in his chosen field of work.

LORIN OSCAR WRIGHT.

Lorin Oscar Wright is proprietor of a billiard and pool hall in Lake City and is also conducting a cigar store in connection, selling to both the wholesale and retail trades. He was born on a farm in Sac county, Iowa, May 22, 1883, a son of Joseph W. and Mary E. (Brooks) Wright. He was reared on the home farm, meeting the usual experiences that fall to the farmer boy as he assists in the work of the fields through the spring and summer months. In the winter seasons he pursued his studies in the country schools of his home locality. He continued under the parental roof to the age of twenty-four years, when he went to Alberta, Canada, and homesteaded a claim of one hundred and sixty acres, remaining in that section for four years. He then disposed of his holdings there and returned to Calhoun county, continuing as an agriculturist here for three years. He next purchased the billiard and pool hall at Lake City and has since been proprietor of this establishment. He also conducts a wholesale and retail cigar business, his trade now covering a wide territory.

Mr. Wright was married August 22, 1911, to Miss Mande Calhoun, a daughter of John C. and Reanna (Johnson) Calhoun. The father was born in Ontario, New York, in October, 1859, a son of Charles Calhoun, who came to this county in 1869 and here engaged

in farming on land which he purchased. In his family were six children but the son John C. and a daughter are the only ones now residing in Calhoun county. John C. Calhoun began farming for himself in 1879, renting land for two years. He then engaged in farming for five years in Elm Grove township, after which he purchased one hundred and sixty acres on section 8, Elm Grove township. He was married November 10, 1883, to a daughter of Pleasant Johnson, who came from Ohio to Calhoun county and engaged in farming in Elm Grove township. To Mr. and Mrs. Calhoun were born three children: Floyd, a resident of South Dakota; Maude, now Mrs. Wright; and Lois, in school. The father is a republican in his political views and has filled some public offices, having a number of times served as school director, while for nine years he was township trustee and two years served as clerk. Mr. and Mrs. Wright have two daughters: Leona May, whose birth occurred April 22, 1913; and Ethel Fern, who was born February 6, 1914.

In his political views and affiliation Mr. Wright is a republican, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Christian church. His success in life is the result of his own well directed labors. His residence in Lake City covers only a brief period but during this time he has gained a wide circle of friends, who esteem him for his many good traits of character.

J. A. BENSON.

J. A. Benson has proved very efficient as manager of the Woodford-Wheeler Lumber Company at Pomeroy and is a valued citizen there. His birth occurred at Britt, Iowa, on the 10th of December, 1884, and he is a son of Olaf and Christina (Swanson) Benson. The father was born in Malmö, Sweden, where he was reared and where his marriage occurred. Subsequently he emigrated to America and located at Britt, Hancock county, Iowa, where he worked as a section hand for a time. Later he was section foreman for the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad. In January, 1885, he purchased a quarter section of land in Hancock county, stocked his place and was preparing to devote much of his time to its operation. On the 9th of February of that year, however, he was killed by a snow-plow. His widow is still living and makes her home at Britt.

J. A. Benson attended the public schools at Britt and when twenty years of age became a student at the State College at Ames. Later

he took a three years' course in the Memorial University at Mason City, Iowa. While attending school as a youth he worked in a blacksmith shop and for the electric light company, thus providing for his own support. In April, 1905, he went to Portland, Oregon, and was employed in landscape gardening until November of that year, when he went to San Francisco, where he was employed as steward on a ferryboat until February, 1906, when he went to Nevada, where he prospected for a time. Later he spent some time at Willow Springs, Nevada, whence he went to San Antone, Nevada. Later he was located at Goldfield, Nevada, where he worked a claim, after which he helped to build the Goldfield Hotel. In the spring of 1908 he returned to Britt, being in employ of the Woodford-Wheeler Lumber Company at Britt and Algona, Iowa, and on the 1st of September, 1911, he took charge of the lumber yard of the company at Pomeroy, Calhoun county. He has built up a large business which he has based on fair-dealing and unfaltering enterprise. He is energetic and has excellent judgment, and the man who possesses such a combination of qualities rarely fails to gain success.

Mr. Benson was married on the 27th of November, 1911, to Miss Mable L. Burbank, who was born in Algona, Iowa, and was there reared and educated. To their union has been born a son, Basil Cyril, who died in infancy. Mr. Benson is a democrat but has never had the least desire for public office. Fraternally he belongs to Solar Lodge, No. 475, A. F. & A. M., of Pomeroy, the Loyal Order of Moose and the Red Men. Both he and his wife hold membership in the Presbyterian church and take an active part in its work. Mr. Benson has resided in many different parts of the country but is convinced that no state offers advantages superior to those found in Iowa and he is at all times ready to further the advancement of his section in every way possible.

JOHN MARION FICKLE.

John Marion Fickle, who for the past eight years has served as city clerk of Lake City, was born November 27, 1853, on a farm twelve miles from Columbus, Ohio, a son of William and Prudence Peabody (Gouldin) Fickle, the former born in Perry county, Ohio, July 10, 1828, and the latter in the same locality, May 31, 1832. They were married May 30, 1850, and spent the first few years of their married life in Ohio, but in 1857 journeyed westward, locating in

Henderson county, Illinois, where the father engaged in farming for eight years. In 1865 the family removed to Boone county, Iowa, and there the father continued work as an agriculturist for three years. At the end of that period, or May 1, 1868, he came with his family to Calhoun county and for a number of years cultivated rented land in Jackson township. In 1888 he bought eighty acres there, which he cultivated until his death, on the 22d of July, 1891. The mother, surviving for a few years, departed this life December 13, 1899.

John Marion Fickle was a little lad of four years when his parents left Ohio to become residents of Illinois, and was a youth of twelve when a removal was made to Iowa, so that his education was practically acquired in the country schools of the latter state. He continued under the parental roof until he was twenty-eight years of age, when he began farming for himself. In 1891 he purchased three acres of land adjoining Lake City, this land being devoted to the raising of fruits and vegetables. For the past eight years he has served as city clerk and his official duties, as well as his private affairs, are ever discharged in a most creditable manner, as is evidenced in the fact that he has so long been retained in this position.

Mr. Fickle was married July 10, 1881, to Miss Louisa Mishler, who was born April 12, 1862, in Fayette county, Iowa, a daughter of John and Mary (Blair) Mishler, the former born August 24, 1824, and the latter November 18, 1828. They were reared in Germany and were there married. Both are now deceased, the mother passing away March 15, 1881, while the father, surviving for a long period, departed this life May 22, 1904, at the very advanced age of eighty years. To Mr. and Mrs. Fickle have been born four sons: Frank W., whose birth occurred April 10, 1882, and who is now a government employe in the postoffice at Seattle, Washington; Henry B., who was born March 18, 1884, and is a dispatcher with the Chicago & Great Western Railway at Clarion, Iowa; Clarence R., who was born February 2, 1891, and is now assistant postmaster at Ketchikan, Alaska; and Robert R., born November 25, 1893, a draftsman at Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Mr. Fickle is prominent in Masonry, holding membership with Zerubbabel Lodge, No. 240, A. F. & A. M., and Cypress Chapter, No. 99, R. A. M., and he is a member of Lake Queen Chapter, No. 119, O. E. S., and has filled a number of chairs in these different organizations. He is also an Odd Fellow, being now a past grand of Lake City Lodge, No. 330, and past chief patriarch of Mount Aetna Encampment, and being the oldest living member in the latter

organization. In politics Mr. Fickle is a republican and with the exception of one year has served on the school board since 1897. He was reelected for his seventeenth term July 1, 1915. He has always been deeply and actively interested in schools in order that his own and other children might receive an education suited to the demands of the time. In his earlier life he engaged in teaching for a number of terms, so that his interest in educational affairs has never abated. His high ideals, his personality, the history of his life and his profound sense of integrity could be made the text of a lesson from which the young men of today might profit.

JAMES F. MCGINNIS.

James F. McGinnis is accorded a large and lucrative patronage as a chiropractor and his standing in his profession is indicated in the fact that he is president of the United Chiropractor Association. He was born in Johnson county, Iowa, July 25, 1873, of the marriage of Joe W. and Clara (Donaldson) McGinnis. The father was born in Iowa in 1848 and the mother in Illinois in 1856 and their marriage occurred in this state in 1872. The father is a son of Michael McGinnis, a native of Ireland, who emigrated to the United States in his young manhood and was married in Iowa. For years he resided in Johnson county, this state. He was a stone mason by trade and helped to build the old capitol building at Iowa City. The maternal grandfather of our subject, James Donaldson, was born in Pennsylvania but became an early settler of Iowa, where he followed agricultural pursuits. Joe W. McGinnis was a carpenter and contractor and has resided in Iowa City during his entire life, with the exception of four years, which he spent in Calhoun county as a representative of the Baker Medical Company. During that time he lived in Lake City but is now living retired in Iowa City.

James F. McGinnis was educated in the schools of Lake City, Corville and Iowa City. Upon beginning his independent career he gave his time and attention to work as a photographer and was later for three years X-ray operator at the State University of Iowa. Subsequently he was in the employ of the government at Rock Island, Illinois, for seven years and at the end of that time went on the road. In 1909 he entered the Palmer School of Chiropractic at Davenport, Iowa, from which he was graduated in 1910. He became one of the faculty of the institution and remained there until November, 1912,

when he located in Rockwell City for the practice of his profession. He has been accorded a liberal patronage from the beginning and has demonstrated the value of the science of chiropractic in eliminating cause of many diseases. He has not only succeeded professionally but he has also gained a gratifying measure of material prosperity.

On the 12th of February, 1904, Mr. McGinnis married Miss Edna McGill, a native of Louisa county, Iowa, and they have two children, Leola and Neola, twins, who are attending kindergarten. Mr. McGinnis is a republican in politics but has never had time to take an active part in public life. Fraternally he belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Masons, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Homesteaders, and his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Presbyterian church. He has what is probably the largest medical library in the county and is constantly studying along professional lines. He has been honored by his colleagues by election to the presidency of the United Chiropractor Association. Since coming to Rockwell City he has gained the respect of his fellow citizens and has won the warm friendship of many.

SAMUEL A. HICKS.

Samuel A. Hicks, the efficient manager of the Joyce Lumber Company at Yetter, was born in Exira, Audubon county, Iowa, on the 3d of July, 1877. He is a son of John A. and Mary B. (Smith) Hicks, the former born in Canada on the 11th of February, 1844, and the latter in Ohio, in 1855. Samuel A. Hicks was given excellent educational advantages and after graduating from the Exira high school in 1897 was for six months a student in the Atlantic Business College. He then entered the employ of the Green Bay Lumber Company at Exira, with which he remained as yardman for five years. He was then for six years manager of that company's yards at Malvern, and at Shelby, Iowa, but on the 19th of January, 1914, he came to Yetter to take charge of the yards of the Joyce Lumber Company. He understands thoroughly all phases of the business and has managed the interests entrusted to him well, gaining recognition as one of the successful business men of Yetter.

Mr. Hicks is a republican in his political belief but has never taken a very active part in public affairs, although he is not remiss in any of his duties of citizenship. Fraternally he belongs to the Masons

and the Knights of the Maccabees, in which he has been called to high office, as for the past four years he has been first master of the guards of the state grand tent. Although he has resided in Yetter a comparatively short time he has gained the unqualified respect of his fellow citizens and has made many warm friends who esteem him for his admirable qualities.

FRANK M. COON.

Frank M. Coon is the president of the F. M. Coon Company, Inc., which conducts one of the large general stores of Manson, and the success of the business has been due almost entirely to his ability as a merchant. He was born in Dubuque county, Iowa, on the 24th of April, 1860, a son of Lewis and Rachel (Campbell) Coon. His maternal grandfather, F. John Campbell, resided for many years in the Hoosier state. His daughter Rachel, who was born in Indiana in 1818, first married J. Dare, by whom she had a son, Theodore, who died in the Civil war. Her second husband, Lewis Coon, was also a native of Indiana, where his birth occurred in 1831, and their marriage was celebrated in that state. About 1855 they removed to Dubuque county, Iowa, where the father operated a rented farm for a number of years. In 1869 the family removed to Greene county, where the father owned eighty acres, which he cultivated for seven years. At the end of that time he sold the property and bought a farm near Jefferson, where he resided until 1879. In that year the family home was established in Grand Junction and Mr. Coon entered the furniture and undertaking business, in which he met with gratifying success. He is now living retired at Grand Junction, having accumulated more than a competence. Politically he is a republican and as he is well informed on public questions he has considerable influence in his community. He holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal church and his integrity and high sense of honor are generally recognized. His wife passed away in 1894. To their union were born five children: Harriet, the wife of J. P. Davis, who is engaged in the furniture and undertaking business in Grand Junction; Emery, a farmer, who died January 31, 1915; Viola, the wife of Henry Lee, a farmer of Greene county; Belle, who married W. S. Livingston of Grand Junction; and Frank M.

The last named received his early education in the public schools of Greene county and later attended an academy at Jefferson, Iowa.

He devoted his energies to agricultural pursuits until he was twenty-three years of age, when he secured employment as clerk in a store, where he remained for three and a half years. In 1886 he came to Manson and started out in business for himself, opening a small grocery store in partnership with M. W. Fitz. It was necessary for him to borrow the capital with which to make this venture but the store gained rapidly in public favor and returned a good financial profit. The partnership between Mr. Coon and Mr. Fitz was maintained for a number of years and at length they added a line of dry goods to their grocery stock and as time passed the store became one of the large mercantile establishments of Manson. In 1898 Mr. Fitz sold his interest to John Harrison, who three years later sold out to Mr. Coon, who subsequently incorporated the business under the name of the F. M. Coon Company, Inc. He is president of the concern, which is capitalized for twenty-five thousand dollars, and gives general oversight to the management of its affairs, although he leaves the actual work largely to others. His policy has always been a liberal one and his customers have recognized the fact that they are certain of receiving full value for their money. The stock carried is not only of high quality but it is also varied and much pains is taken to meet the demands of the public. Mr. Coon owns one hundred and twenty acres of fine land near Manson and in addition to raising grain he breeds Holstein cattle and Chester White hogs, the sale of which yields him a good addition to his income. He also makes a business of buying and selling cattle and gives the greater part of his time to his interests aside from his store.

Mr. Coon was married in 1885 to Miss Anna Fitz, a daughter of James Fitz, and they have one son, Corliss, twenty-two years of age, who is a member of the class of 1916 of the Northwestern Dental College. Mr. and Mrs. Coon are also rearing a son of her brother, Evan Fitz, and have given their nephew parental care since he was three weeks of age.

Mr. Coon is a republican, has served on the school board for twelve years, was school treasurer in 1890 and served for several years on the city council. On one occasion he was elected while absent from home and knew nothing of his election until his return. He has at all times proved capable and conscientious as an official and can be depended upon to further movements seeking the civic betterment of his community. Fraternally he belongs to the Masonic blue lodge, the Royal Arch chapter and the Knights Templar commandery, and both he and his wife are identified with the Order of the Eastern Star, while he is also a member of the Knights of Pythias.

His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, to the support of which he contributes and in the work of which he takes an active part. Mr. Coon began his business career on borrowed capital but soon discharged his indebtedness and by promptly utilizing the opportunities which have presented themselves and by following honorable methods he has built up a large business which is a credit to Manson and which has made him one of the men of wealth of the city.

ALEXANDER THOMAS LIGHT.

Alexander Thomas Light, a resident of Lake City, still owns and supervises the operation of two hundred acres of fertile land in Elm Grove township, Calhoun county. A native of Pennsylvania he was born near Kingstown, Cumberland county, on the 2d of April, 1842. His father, David Light, was born in Perry county, Pennsylvania, July 1, 1820, a son of Mr. and Mrs. John Light. The former was a native of Pennsylvania and was of German lineage. He followed farming until his demise. David Light left home when but thirteen years of age, going to Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, where he began work as a day laborer. In 1847 he went to Pulaski county, Indiana, where he entered eighty acres of land. Subsequently he entered additional land and followed agricultural pursuits until forced to retire on account of ill health. He died in 1882. He was a zealous member of the Methodist Episcopal church and was a local preacher of that denomination. His political belief was that of the republican party. He was married in 1840 to Miss Mary C. Moore, a native of Pennsylvania and of Irish descent. Her birth occurred about 1813 and she died in January, 1845, when only thirty-one years of age.

Alexander T. Light was educated in the pioneer schools of Indiana but although his opportunities for acquiring a knowledge of books were rather limited he gained excellent training in agriculture through assisting his father and also learned valuable lessons of industry, determination and integrity. He remained under the parental roof until he was twenty-one years of age and then went to Warren county, Indiana, where he was employed as a farm-hand for a time. At length he returned to his home and in October, 1864, enlisted in Company E, Eighty-third Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and did guard duty in Georgia and Tennessee, while he also participated in the battle

of Kingston, North Carolina. He served in the Fifteenth Army Corps under General Schofield and he was with Sherman's army at the time that General Johnston surrendered. He participated in the grand review at Washington and was honorably discharged at Indianapolis in July, 1865.

After his return from the front he worked as a farm hand in Warren and Pulaski counties until 1867, when he removed to Bureau county, Illinois, where he remained for three years. Later he went to Ford county, that state, where he purchased eighty acres of land, which he operated for thirteen years, but at the expiration of that period went to Iroquois county, where he owned one hundred and sixty acres, to the cultivation of which he devoted his time and attention for seventeen years. In 1901 he came to Calhoun county and purchased two hundred acres in Elm Grove township, which he still owns. He is now living retired in Lake City, where he owns a modern residence, but he still supervises the operation of his farm. The competence which he has gained is the direct result of his energy, progressiveness and continued industry and his leisure is well deserved.

On the 12th of December, 1877, occurred the marriage of Mr. Light and Miss Jane Ann Smith, of Ford county, Illinois, and their two daughters are: Nellie, the wife of H. F. Jorgenson, of Newell, South Dakota; and Mary Nettie, of Omaha, Nebraska.

Mr. Light is a republican and has served as road commissioner and town clerk. While living in Iroquois county, Illinois, he served as a member of the school board for two decades and for seven years has been a member of the city council of Lake City. He is connected with the Grand Army of the Republic and for the past seven years has been adjutant of Lander Post, No. 156. He is an influential member of the local Presbyterian church and has served as elder during most of his connection with the church. During the fourteen years in which he has resided in Calhoun county he has gained a wide acquaintanceship and has made and retained many warm personal friends.

JOHN HARMS.

John Harms, who resides on section 26, Logan township, is numbered among the substantial and enterprising farmers and stockmen of Calhoun county, owning one hundred and sixty acres of valuable land. His birth occurred in Oldenburg, Germany, on the 14th of

December, 1872, his parents being Herman and Mary (Dehling) Harms, the former born in Germany in 1844 and the latter in Illinois in 1846. In 1882, when their son John was ten years of age, they crossed the Atlantic to the United States, taking up their abode on a farm near Benson, Illinois, where the father carried on general agricultural pursuits until 1902. In that year he purchased land in Calhoun county, Iowa, and was here successfully engaged in farming until 1912, since which time he has lived retired in Lavinia. He has now reached the ripe old age of seventy-one years, while his wife is sixty-nine.

John Harms, the second in order of birth in a family of ten children, acquired his early education in the schools of his native land and continued his studies in Illinois. On attaining his majority he started out as an agriculturist on his own account in Iroquois county, where he owned and operated an excellent farm of three hundred and twenty acres and became widely recognized as a prosperous and enterprising citizen. In 1910 he came to this county, taking up his abode on a tract of one hundred and sixty acres in Logan township which he has cultivated continuously to the present time. He carries on general farming and also devotes considerable attention to live-stock interests, raising Percheron horses and Holstein cattle. The Percheron Society of America numbers him among its members.

In 1896 Mr. Harms was united in marriage to Miss Nona Wilkin, a native of Illinois and a daughter of John and Tillie (Flessner) Wilkin, the former born in Germany and the latter in Illinois. To our subject and his wife have been born six children, namely: Ida, Harry, Nettie, Florence, Raymond and Walter.

Mr. Harms gives his political allegiance to the republican party and has taken an active part in public affairs of his community, now serving as trustee of Logan township. His religious faith is that of the Lutheran church, and his sterling traits of character have gained for him the high regard of all with whom he has come in contact.

B. F. REYNOLDS.

B. F. Reynolds is successfully engaged in raising Belgian horses and Chester White hogs on section 16, Jackson township. He owns two hundred and ninety-two acres of excellent land and is one of the well-to-do citizens of his locality. His birth occurred in Cass county, Michigan, on the 28th of March, 1847, and he is a son of

Edward Miner and Sarah (Beebe) Reynolds, natives of Ohio. They removed from Cuyahoga county, that state, to Michigan, where the father farmed for many years. In 1860 they came with their family to this county, making the journey by team. They traded their farm in Michigan for land on section 13, Jackson township, and became well known in this county. The father was quite active in politics and served for some time as justice of the peace. He died in 1895, having survived his wife for five years, her demise occurring in 1890 in Kansas. To them were born eight children, namely: Edward M., who died aged one year; B. F.; Mrs. Amelia F. Hain, a resident of Oklahoma; James A., a resident of Auburn, Sac county, this state; Celestia A. Skimmer, who died in 1915; Abel B., of Rockwell City; Ollie Evans, of Lytton, Iowa; and Levi J., of Cuba, Kansas.

B. F. Reynolds attended the public schools in the acquirement of an education and remained under the parental roof during his boyhood and youth. On the 20th of February, 1864, when not quite seventeen years of age, he enlisted at Fort Dodge in Company E, Thirty-ninth Iowa Regiment, which was assigned to the Fourth Division of the Fifteenth Army Corps. He joined his regiment at Athens, Alabama, and first saw active service at Chattanooga, Tennessee. Subsequently he participated in the engagements at Smoke Creek Gap and Altoona Pass and accompanied Sherman on his celebrated march from Atlanta to the sea. He participated in the grand review at Washington and was honorably discharged from the service at Louisville, Kentucky, on the 12th of July, 1865.

Mr. Reynolds decided to follow agricultural pursuits and purchased eighty acres of school land at auction for two dollars and a half per acre. He had been trained to the work of the farm and soon had his land under cultivation and as the years passed his resources increased. From time to time he purchased additional land and now holds title to two hundred and ninety-two acres in Jackson township. He raises grain, but expects to pay particular attention to breeding Belgian horses and Chester White hogs and is known as one of the best stock-raisers in his township. The gratifying measure of success which is his today is fully deserved and is the direct result of his untiring energy and sound judgment.

On the 13th of October, 1867, Mr. Reynolds was married to Miss Rosannah Williams, a daughter of Larkin Williams, who removed to this county in 1867 from Cass county, Michigan. He was a farmer by occupation and was well spoken of by all who knew him. His demise occurred in 1909. To Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds have been born four children, two of whom died in 1876. Walter J., who was born

on the 28th of September, 1877, is now assisting with the operation of the home farm and resides with his parents. He belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America and to the Sons of Veterans. He takes quite an active part in public affairs and is at present serving on the school board. He married Miss Nellie Miles, and they have a son, Elvin G. Clara B. is the wife of W. O. Miles and lives in Lake City.

Mr. Reynolds is a republican and has never faltered in his allegiance to the party which stood staunchly by the Union in the time of its greatest peril. Through his membership in Lander Post, No. 156, G. A. R., he keeps in touch with his comrades of fifty years ago, and he has at all times manifested a sincere desire for the public good and the willingness to sacrifice private interests to the general weal that is the essence of true patriotism.

CORNELIUS A. CHRISTOPHERSEN.

Cornelius A. Christophersen, cashier of the State Savings Bank at Knierim, was born at Onawa, Iowa, on the 1st of December, 1878, a son of Martin and Martha (Baalsrud) Christophersen, the former a native of Hurdahl, and the latter of Feiring, Norway. On coming to the United States the father settled near Blencoe, Iowa, where he worked at farm labor. He afterward removed to Onawa, in Monona county, where he was employed at the tinner's trade, at paper hanging and painting, thus leading a busy, active life. In 1855 he left that place and removed to Thor, Humboldt county, Iowa, where he engaged in the furniture and undertaking business, still making his home there at the age of sixty-six years. After he had spent four or five years in America he returned to Norway and brought his wife to the new world. She also survives, as do their two children, Cornelius A. and Olga E., the latter at home.

Cornelius A. Christophersen spent his youthful days under the parental roof and pursued his education in the public schools, which he attended until 1895. He then accompanied his parents on their removal to Thor and secured employment in a store, where he remained to the age of twenty-four years. He next went to Fort Dodge, where he entered the Fort Dodge National Bank as errand boy and janitor. His faithfulness and capability there won him promotion and he was advanced to the position of teller in the five years in which he remained in that institution. On the 1st of March,

1907, he was appointed to the position of cashier of the State Savings Bank at Knierim, where he has since continued and now has entire management of the bank, which he is carefully and successfully conducting. He has made a close study of the various phases of the banking business and his labors have resulted in substantial success.

On the 29th of June, 1907, Mr. Christophersen was married to Miss Emma C. Lindquist, a native of Oseo, Henry county, Illinois, where she was reared and educated. They have one son, Rolf Cornelius, six years of age and attending school.

In his political views Mr. Christophersen is independent, voting according to the dictates of his judgment and not according to the demands of party leaders. He and his wife are members of the Lutheran church and endeavor to shape their lives according to its teachings. In his business affairs he has placed his confidence in the substantial qualities of close application and a careful study of every situation and upon that foundation he has builded his success.

GEORGE G. HOLM.

For many years George G. Holm was a worthy and respected citizen of Calhoun county, living in Elm Grove township until death called him to the land beyond. He was born in Sweden on the 12th of December, 1857, and the days of his boyhood and youth were there passed. He served in the standing army of Sweden in 1879 and 1880 and then, attracted by the opportunities which he heard were to be secured in the new world, he crossed the Atlantic to America in 1881 and, making his way into the interior of the country, settled in Elm Grove township, Calhoun county, Iowa, on a tract of land of one hundred and sixty acres which he afterward farmed until his death. He possessed the industry and determination characteristic of people of his nationality and his success was due to the fact that he worked untiringly, striving to make his farm productive, his labors resulting in the raising of good crops.

On the 1st of October, 1883, Mr. Holm was united in marriage to Miss Louise Nelson, by whom he had four sons and six daughters, namely: Anna, the wife of Frank Smith, residing at Brewster, Minnesota; Edward, at home; Ida, the wife of Edward Blair, of Yetter, Iowa; Bertha and Helen, twins, the former now Mrs. Harry Marlatt, of Elm Grove township, and the latter now Mrs. Glenn Swenk, of Williams township; Gus, a farmer living near Worthington, Min-

nesota: Nora, the wife of Walter Spurgeon, of Elm Grove township; Otto and Olive, both at home; and Oscar, who died in childhood.

Fraternally Mr. Holm was connected with the Knights of the Maccabees, while his religious belief was that of the Lutheran church, to which he always strictly and faithfully adhered, guiding his life by its teachings. The family circle was broken by the hand of death when on the 4th of March, 1904, Mr. Holm passed away. For twenty-three years he had remained in America and he had never had occasion to regret his determination to come to the new world, for here he found the opportunities which he sought and in their improvement gained a gratifying measure of success. He possessed, too, social qualities which won for him warm friendship, so that his loss was deeply deplored when he passed away.

JOHN WILLIAM BLANCHFIELD.

John William Blanchfield is a well known farmer and stock-raiser, residing in Jackson township, where he owns two hundred and seventy-four acres of excellent land. He also owns two hundred and forty acres in Elm Grove township and sixty-four acres in Calhoun township and is recognized as one of the well-to-do citizens of this county. Besides the property just mentioned he has a tract of timber near Lake City and a half interest in one hundred and sixty acres of land in Hyde county, South Dakota.

Mr. Blanchfield was born on the family homestead on section 2, Jackson township, Calhoun county, on the 13th of November, 1871, a son of James and Mary (Kilgore) Blanchfield. The father was born in the north of Ireland about 1838, a son of John and Ellen Blanchfield, and in 1858 accompanied his parents on their emigration to the new world. They located in Canada but two years later removed to Sycamore, Illinois, where John Blanchfield passed away. James Blanchfield received but a limited education but possessed a keen and vigorous mind and proved very successful as a farmer. Following his marriage, on the 16th of June, 1870, to Miss Mary E. Kilgore, he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land in Jackson township, Calhoun county, Iowa, and took up his residence thereon. Eventually he became the owner of six hundred and forty acres in this county and one hundred and sixty acres in South Dakota, and he also held title to a good residence in Lake City, where he removed in 1905. He passed away in 1909. His political allegiance was given

to the democratic party in his early life, but during his later years he was an adherent of the republican party. His wife, who was born near Londonderry, Ireland, is still living at Lake City at the advanced age of about eighty years. Two of the children born to them survive, namely: John W., of this review; and Joseph K., a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work.

John William Blanchfield was early trained in the work of the farm and in 1896, on starting out on his independent business career, began the operation of the farm on which he still resides. He owns land on both sections 1 and 2, Jackson township, but his residence is situated on section 2. He likewise holds title to two hundred and forty acres of excellent land in Elm Grove township and is very successful both as a general farmer and as a stock-raiser. He pays particular attention to breeding Poland China and Chester White hogs and Polled Angus cattle. His farm is well equipped and he has recognized the advantages of modern conveniences in the home, for his residence is supplied with electric lights and other up-to-date improvements. He is identified with local commercial interests as a stockholder in the Farmers Elevator Company at Lake City.

On the 13th of November, 1895, Mr. Blanchfield was married to Miss Flossie Siffert, a daughter of George Siffert, deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Blanchfield were born eight children, one of whom died in infancy; the others being: Marion, Amber, Earl, Virgil, Bernard, Daisy and Phenias.

Mr. Blanchfield is independent in politics, voting for the man rather than the party. Although he has not been an office seeker in the usually accepted sense of the term, he served for several years as a member of the school board. He formerly belonged to the Knights of Pythias at Lake City, but that lodge has now gone out of existence. He holds membership in the Presbyterian church at Lake City and can be counted upon to further movements seeking the moral advancement of his community.

JOHN MASON STEWART.

The demise of John Mason Stewart of Lake City was the occasion of much sincere grief in this county, where he was widely known. He was engaged in the lumber business in Lake City in the early '80s and was subsequently for six years sheriff of Calhoun county, making an excellent record in that connection. He was a man of

genuine worth of character and enjoyed the respect of all with whom he was brought in contact. He was born in Canton, Ohio, on the 8th of February, 1845, and when he was eight years of age he was taken by his parents to Vinton, Iowa, and two years later the family removed to Linn county. There he continued his education, but in August, 1862, when seventeen years of age, he enlisted for service in the Civil war in Company H, Twenty-second Iowa Infantry. At the expiration of his first term he reenlisted, becoming a member of Company D, Forty-fourth Iowa Infantry, with which he served until honorably discharged in November, 1864. He returned home and continued to reside in Vinton until 1871, when he removed to Carroll county, Iowa, settling on a farm north of the present site of Lanesboro. He gave his attention to agricultural pursuits for eleven years, but in 1882 came to Lake City. Here he opened a lumber yard, which he conducted for some time, and he was one of the leading pioneer merchants of the city, which was just beginning its growth in the early '80s. In 1887 he was elected sheriff of Calhoun county and made such an excellent officer that he was twice reelected, serving until 1893. He was both energetic and fearless and also manifested good judgment, and his record was one of which he had every reason to be proud. Following his marriage, in 1897, he removed to Osmond, Nebraska, where he engaged in the real-estate business for five years. In 1902, however, he returned to Lake City, where he continued to live until his demise.

On the 20th of April, 1897, at Le Mars, Iowa, occurred the marriage of Mr. Stewart and Mrs. Elizabeth Cohoon. He was a republican in politics and was a loyal worker for the success of his party at the polls. He was prominent in the Grand Army of the Republic and the Sons of Veterans camp at Lake City bears his name. For twenty-one years he led the Decoration Day parade and was always greatly interested in everything that tended to promote a love of country. He became a member of Zerubbabel Lodge, No. 240, A. F. & A. M., of Lake City, in October, 1876. Together with L. F. Danforth and J. M. Tolliver he took his chapter degrees in Glidden in 1879, and the same three took their commandery degrees in Sac City in 1880. He was an active worker in the lodge and passed through all of the chairs. He died on the 12th of November, 1914, when almost seventy years of age, leaving to mourn his demise his wife; three brothers, James Hudson, of Seattle, Washington, Samuel A. and W. Q., both of Rockwell City; and two sisters, Mrs. Emma M. Chaffin and Mrs. James Cook, both of Santa Maria, California. All who knew him spoke well of him and the esteem in which he was

held is indicated by the resolutions which were passed at the time of his death. Zerubbabel Lodge, A. F. & A. M., in their resolutions, spoke of him as "one of our oldest, most efficient and devoted members, one who has always served with freedom, fervency and zeal, and discharged every important duty intrusted to him with great credit to himself and honor to the fraternity."

Lander Post, No. 156, G. A. R., resolved, "That in the death of Comrade John M. Stewart, Lander Post, No. 156, G. A. R., has lost one of its honored and loyal members, a brave and loyal defender of the flag. To his family he was a true and loving husband. By the Post he was respected and loved as a true comrade and friend, by the community as a loyal and good citizen."

DAVID LEONARD.

For twenty-two years David Leonard has resided upon his excellent farm of five hundred and twenty acres, on section 13, Jackson township, and he has made that place one of the well improved properties of his locality. He is progressive in all that he does and his life has been characterized by determination and energy. He was born in Lieking county, Ohio, on the 6th of December, 1836, a son of Noah and Anna (Floyd) Leonard, both natives of the Shenandoah valley of Virginia and both born in 1802. Their marriage occurred in their native state and subsequently they removed to Ohio, whence they migrated to La Salle county, Illinois, in 1844 and to Benton county, Iowa, in October, 1864. There they passed the remainder of their lives. They were the parents of nine children, but our subject is the only one residing in this county. A sister lives in Iowa county, this state.

David Leonard received a good common-school education and in his boyhood and youth also learned many lessons of thrift, perseverance and integrity that have had much to do with his success. He engaged in farming in Iowa county for many years but in 1893 removed to this county and located on his present farm of five hundred and twenty acres on section 13, Jackson township. The land is in a high state of cultivation, the fields are well fenced, the buildings are well designed and adequate, and the latest machinery is used in the work of the farm. Everything about the place is kept in splendid condition and Mr. Leonard has always been willing to adopt new methods if they promised to give better results than the old.

His home is provided with modern conveniences and is a center of genuine hospitality. He has given the greater part of his time and attention to the work of the farm throughout his active life and the financial independence which is now his is the result of his wisely directed labor. He is a stockholder in the Farmers Elevator Company of Lake City.

On the 17th of April, 1865, occurred the marriage of Mr. Leonard and Miss Martha L. Dutton, a daughter of O. B. Dutton. She was born in Will county, Illinois, but when eleven years of age was taken by her parents to Delaware county, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Leonard have eight living children, namely: O. A., a farmer of South Dakota, who married Miss Mae Willie; Floyd, a resident of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, who married Miss Lena Conrad; Lydia, who married C. W. Riley, a farmer of Lenox township, Iowa county; Vivian, at home; David, Jr., who is also on the home farm and who married Miss Lissie Wood; Bessie, the wife of Milton Drury, of Lake City; C. G., a resident of Zimmerman, Minnesota, who married Miss Mae Titus; and Ruth, a teacher, who is residing at home.

Mr. Leonard is a democrat and has always done his share in bringing about the triumph of his party at the polls, but he has never desired to hold public office. As a man and as a citizen his life has measured up to the highest standards, and he is honored and respected by all who know him. Although he is in his seventy-ninth year he is still active and takes the keenest interest in the happenings of the present day.

JOHN PARSONS.

John Parsons is the efficient mayor of Rinard and in the discharge of his duties is actuated by a public-spirited devotion to the general good. There are in his life record many things worthy of commendation and of emulation. He was born May 11, 1859, in Surrey, England, near Rigate, a son of Henry and Hannah (New) Parsons, the former a native of London and the latter of Hampton, England. In his boyhood days the father learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed in his native country until 1868, when he came to the United States, establishing his home at Harmon, Illinois, where he lived for about a quarter of a century. He became the owner of a farm of one hundred and sixty acres which was operated by his sons.

while he devoted his attention to his trade. He was a resident of Wheaton at the time of his death.

In the family were ten children, of whom John Parsons is the fourth in order of birth. He attended school in England and also continued his education in Illinois following the arrival of the family in the new world. He was a lad of nine years at the time of the emigration to America. When about twenty years of age he began farming and in 1884 came to Calhoun county, where he had purchased land at six dollars per acre. He has since lived in this county and has therefore been a witness of the greater part of its growth and development. When he took up his abode in Cedar township there were only two or three schoolhouses within its borders, one bridge and no churches. When religious services were held the schoolhouses were used for the purpose. Securing a tract of land, Mr. Parsons began the development of a farm. He set out trees and improved the place, carrying on farm work according to modern methods. When invention brought forth new machinery he secured it in order to facilitate the work of the fields. He most energetically pursued the task to which he set himself with the result that he became the owner of a valuable farm, the productiveness of which he enhanced by drainage, instituting a system of tiling his fields. From time to time he added to his holdings until he became the owner of six hundred and fifteen acres of good farm property, on which he not only produced the cereals best adapted to soil and climate but also engaged in raising stock, feeding cattle quite extensively. Year after year his business affairs were thus carefully managed and at length he acquired a handsome competence that now enables him to live retired. In 1910 he put aside the active work of the fields and took up his abode in Rinard, where he has since made his home. He is now a stockholder and director in the Rinard Savings Bank and is also interested in the telephone company and the Farmers Elevator Company. From these and his other business interests he derives a substantial income and is now most comfortably situated in life.

In 1900 Mr. Parsons was united in marriage to Miss Grace Arminie Morrison, who was born in Decatur, Illinois, a daughter of James and Mary (Disney) Morrison. The father, a native of New York, is now living in Rockwell City, Iowa, at the age of seventy-one years. The mother is a native of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. It was in the late '40s when James Morrison removed westward, becoming a resident of Illinois, where he began farming, living there for many years. In 1892 he arrived in Iowa and was connected with agricultural pursuits in this state until he retired and took up his abode in

Rockwell City. At the time of the Civil war he responded to the country's call for troops and did active service at the front in defense of the Union. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and have always been consistent Christian people, so that their many good qualities have gained for them the enduring regard of those with whom they have been associated. To Mr. and Mrs. Parsons have been born three children, who are yet living, Mary, Eugene and Henrietta.

Mr. Parsons is identified with no lodges or elubs. He is, however, a member of the Christian church, in which he is serving as elder, and in the work of the church he has taken a helpful interest. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and as one of its supporters he has been most active in promoting the cause. At the first election after the incorporation of the town in 1914 he was elected mayor and is now the incumbent in that position. Those who know him speak of him in terms of high regard, appreciating his worth and the sterling qualities which he has displayed in every connection in which he has been found. In his business affairs he has been thoroughly reliable, never seeking to take advantage of the necessities of another in any trade transaction, and in every public connection he has manifested the same high sense of honor and loyalty to principles. Having retired from active business cares, he is now giving his attention most largely to his public duties, and the worth of his work is recognized by all.

THOMAS BEVERLY COLLICOTT.

Thomas Beverly Collicott, of Lake City, is successfully engaged in the real-estate business and is recognized as a man of energy and sound judgment. He is a veteran of the Civil war and throughout his life has manifested the same spirit of patriotism and the same willingness to forget personal interests when the public welfare is at stake that prompted him in his early manhood to join the Federal army, offering his life, if need be, in the defense of the Union.

Mr. Collicott was born in Ripley county, Indiana, on the 4th of March, 1840. His father, William Collicott, was a native of North Carolina and his birth occurred in 1809. He was married in the early '30s to Miss Lovisa McGuire, who was born in Kentucky. Her father, Elijah McGuire, fought in the War of 1812. William Collicott removed to Ripley county, Indiana, in the '30s and followed

farming there until 1845, when he removed to Decatur county, that state. In 1852 he emigrated westward, locating in Benton county, Iowa, where he entered land, which he cultivated until his death, with the exception of a year and a half, which he spent in the Union army. He was a member of the Thirty-seventh Iowa Volunteer Infantry, which was called the Greybeards and which was chiefly employed in guard duty and skirmishing. He was a very active member of the Grand Army of the Republic. He supported the whig party until 1856 and thereafter cast his ballot for the candidates and measures of the republican party. He was a member of the Methodist church and cooperated in its work, to which he contributed generously of his means. His death occurred in 1875.

Thomas Beverly Collicott received but a limited education and remained at home until 1862. On the 9th of August, of that year, he enlisted in Company D, Twenty-eighth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and served in the Union army until July 31, 1865, when he was mustered out at Savannah, Georgia. During the three years that he was at the front he participated in a number of important engagements. On the 1st of May, 1863, he was at Port Gibson, Mississippi; on the 12th at Edwards Station; and on the 16th at Champion's Hill. From the 22d of May to the 4th of July, 1863, he took part in the siege of Vicksburg and for seventeen days had only parched corn to eat. On the 11th of August he fought in the battle at Jackson, Mississippi. On the 8th of April, 1864, he participated in the battle of Sabine Cross Roads, Louisiana; on the 23d of that month was at Cane river; on the 8th of May fought at Middle Bayou; and on the 19th took part in the battle at Yellow Bayou, all in Louisiana. Later he was in the Virginia campaign and on the 19th of September, 1864, took part in the engagement at Opequon, Virginia, and three days later charged a Confederate battery at Fisher's Hill, that state. On the 19th of October, 1864, he participated in the fighting at Cedar Creek. Following his discharge in 1865 he returned to Benton county, Iowa, and there followed agricultural pursuits until 1870, when he came to Calhoun county and purchased a farm, which he operated for two years. He has at various times purchased farms, which he has improved and then sold. In 1900 he took up his residence in Lake City and for a time was engaged in the coal and poultry business. He is now a real-estate dealer and specializes in the sale of improved town property. He has negotiated many important transactions and is recognized as an excellent judge of realty values.

On the 17th of November, 1867, Mr. Collicott married Miss Lucinda Knapp, who was born in De Kalb county, Illinois, on the

22d of October, 1849, a daughter of Steven J. and Susan (Parcel) Knapp. Her parents were born on the 21st of September, 1816, and on the 26th of February, 1814, respectively. The father followed farming in Benton county, Iowa, until his demise, which occurred November 26, 1897. He had survived his wife for eight years, as she passed away April 15, 1889. Three brothers of Mrs. Collicott fought in the Civil war. To Mr. and Mrs. Collicott have been born five children: William S., of Sioux City, Iowa; Silas G., a farmer of Carroll county; Charles F., who lives in Lanesboro; Rosa M., the wife of William Uppelt, of Vinton; and James C., of Lake City. Mr. Collicott is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, thus keeping in touch with his comrades of former days. He is an active republican, but, although he has done much efficient work for the success of his party, he has never consented to become a candidate for office. His religious faith is that of the Christian church. He has not only gained a gratifying measure of financial success but he has also won the unqualified respect and the sincere good will of those with whom he has been associated.

EARL PITTMAN.

Earl Pittman, residing on section 16, Calhoun township, is busily engaged in the cultivation of a farm of two hundred and forty acres of rich and productive land and is well known as a breeder of high grade Shire horses. He was born in Champaign county, Illinois, August 26, 1887, a son of William D. and Nettie E. Pittman.

The removal of the family to Iowa, making settlement in Calhoun county, enabled Earl Pittman to attend the Lake City schools, and when his textbooks were put aside he returned to his father's farm, whereon he worked for four years. He then took over one-half of the home farm, or a tract of two hundred and forty acres, and has since engaged in farming on his own account. He has brought his fields under a high state of cultivation and has added various substantial and modern improvements to his place. He makes an important feature of his business the breeding and raising of high grade Shire horses and is numbered among the prominent stockmen of the county.

On the 26th of December, 1913, Mr. Pittman was united in marriage to Miss Anna Nokes, a daughter of Lucius Everett and Nettie (Hutchison) Nokes, of whom mention is made on another page of

this work. In politics Mr. Pittman is an independent republican and fraternally he is connected with Zerubbabel Lodge, No. 240, F. & A. M., and with Cypress Chapter, No. 99, R. A. M., exemplifying in his life the beneficent spirit of the craft. His wife is a member of the Presbyterian church, and they are highly esteemed among the young couples of their part of the county. Mr. Pittman has already made for himself a creditable position in the business world and is regarded as a young man of irreproachable business integrity as well as enterprise.

LOUIS HENRY CLOW.

Among the many alert and up-to-date farmers in Calhoun county is numbered Louis Henry Clow, who owns and operates two hundred acres of excellent land on section 1, Jackson township. He was born in Sterling, Illinois, on the 28th of May, 1857, a son of Edwin Seymour and Margaret (Smith) Clow, natives respectively of Ontario and Wayne counties, New York. Their marriage was celebrated in the Empire state but in 1855 they emigrated westward to Illinois, where they remained until 1869, when they removed with their family to section 1, Jackson township, Calhoun county, Iowa. Here the father and an uncle purchased six hundred and eighty acres, the former buying three hundred and sixty acres from Byron Rice. He was a carpenter by trade and had the reputation of being an excellent workman. He was quite prominent in local affairs and was county supervisor at the time that Rockwell City was established and made the county seat. He passed away February 18, 1894, having survived his wife for just seventeen days, her demise occurring February 1, 1894.

Louis Henry Clow received a common-school education and early began assisting his father in his work as a carpenter and bridge builder. They worked in partnership until the demise of the father, since which our subject has been alone in business. He now gives practically his entire attention to farming and spares neither time nor expense in making his two hundred acre tract in Jackson township one of the best improved properties of the locality. He uses the latest machinery in facilitating the work of the fields and is recognized as a leader in the effort to place farming on a more scientific basis. He also owns stock in the Farmers Elevator Company of

Lake City, the Cooperative Creamery Company of Des Moines and the Farmers Mutual Telephone Company of Rockwell City.

On the 15th of July, 1880, Mr. Clow was married to Miss Clara Thompson, a daughter of Edwin and Visena (Olmstead) Thompson and a native of Cook county, Illinois. She accompanied her parents to Calhoun county, Iowa, in 1870, and her father has since engaged in farming here. Mr. and Mrs. Clow have two children: Ida, the wife of Charles Kinsman, of Calhoun township; and Edwin, at home.

Mr. Clow is a stalwart republican in politics and for two terms has held the office of township trustee, while for one term he was school director. He belongs to the Odd Fellows lodge at Lake City and has served as noble grand in that organization. He also holds membership in the Modern Woodmen of America at Lake City. His religious faith is that of the Methodist Episcopal church, to which Mrs. Clow belongs and of which he has served as trustee for several years. In all relations of life he manifests enterprise, progressiveness and integrity, and it is but natural that he should be recognized as one of the most valued citizens of his community.

REV. EDSON MANNING BELL, D. D.

Rev. Edson Manning Bell, D. D., pastor of the Presbyterian church at Lake City, was born in Wellsboro, Pennsylvania, on the 2d of June, 1863, a son of the Rev. John D. and Jennie S. (Manning) Bell. The father was a native of Weedsport, New York, and was a splendidly educated man. He was graduated from Amherst College with the class of 1855 and he became a prominent divine of the Methodist church and was also widely known for his authorship on metaphysical subjects, his writings attracting wide attention among scholarly men.

Rev. Edson M. Bell accompanied his parents on their various removals, necessitated by changes in the father's pastorates. He was at one time a student in Highland College, then the leading educational institution west of the Missouri river, its location being in northeastern Kansas. He attended the Lane Theological Seminary of Cincinnati, Ohio, from which he was graduated with the class of 1881. For six months he was engaged in ministerial work in Kansas. He then held pastorates in Ohio, covering fifteen years, the last of which was in Columbus, Ohio. For the last ten years he has been

pastor in the Fort Dodge Presbytery, the last two years of which time have been spent in Lake City.

On the 4th of April, 1888, Dr. Bell was united in marriage to Miss Anna M. Stinson, of Sabetha, Kansas, and they have one daughter, Gladys Marie, now attending a school of music. A spirit of unflinching devotion to his chosen life work, an earnestness of purpose and an unremitting zeal have been the secret of Dr. Bell's growing power as a minister of the Gospel, whose broadening influence has proved a force for good in every community in which he has lived.

AUGUST BANGTSON.

August Bangtson, a farmer residing on section 11, Logan township, is a representative of one of the pioneer families of Calhoun county. He has here resided for thirty-five years, during which time he has witnessed many notable changes. He was born at Vestergotland, Sweden, January 5, 1865, and is a son of Swan and Carrie (Anderson) Bangtson, both of whom were natives of Sweden. The father was the owner of a small farm in Sweden, where he resided until 1880, when he came with his family of four children to the new world. He made his way to Calhoun county, Iowa, settling in Logan township. He found about twelve families in this locality and the work of development and progress was in its initial stage. Schools and churches were far apart and much of the land was still undeveloped. There were great herds of cattle, from fourteen hundred to fifteen hundred head, which were run upon the open prairie near his home and there was no house between his residence and Rockwell City. With characteristic energy he began to develop the raw prairie and improve a good farm. He purchased one hundred and sixty acres at six dollars per acre and for many years carried on general farming. When it was necessary to make a journey to the town the first things that were put into the wagon were a spade and scythe, the first to dig the wheels out of the mud and the scythe to cut the grass to put in low places and thus prevent the wheels from sinking. He lived to see notable changes as the work of development and improvement was carried steadily forward, and he bore his part in bringing about advancement along agricultural lines. He assisted in organizing the Swedish Lutheran church of Piper near his home and served as treasurer and trustee of the church, while his wife also took an active part in its work. He died in 1911 at the age of seventy-nine years, hav-

ing for seven years survived his wife, who passed away in 1904 at the age of sixty-six years.

August Bangtson, their eldest child, began farming on the home place on his own account when twenty-one years of age and afterward purchased the property. He has since lived thereon and in fact has occupied this place since 1880, at which time he accompanied his parents to the new world. Like his father, he carries on general farming and the result of his earnest, intelligently directed labor is seen in good crops.

In 1886 Mr. Bangtson was united in marriage to Miss Anna Anderson, who was born in Smolland, Sweden, a daughter of Andrew Anderson, who spent his entire life in that country. He was a shoemaker by trade and also worked as a laborer on the railroads. Mrs. Bangtson's parents died when she was very young and when she was but twelve years of age she came with an uncle to the United States. To Mr. and Mrs. Bangtson have been born eight children, who are yet living: Nettie, the wife of G. Persons, a resident farmer of Logan township; Lovina, at home; Algodt, who is working on the farm; and Hannah, Clarence, Cecil, Josina and Albert, all at home.

In his political views Mr. Bangtson is a republican, having supported the party since attaining his majority. He has served as township trustee and in other local offices. His religious faith is manifest in his membership in the Lutheran church, in which for twenty years he served as deacon, while for many years he has been superintendent of the Sunday school. He puts forth persistent, earnest and zealous effort for the upbuilding of the church and the advancement of the cause of Christianity and he has guided his life according to his professions, being a man who at all times is honorable and upright in every relation.

CHARLES RAY McADAMS.

After a careful study of various systems of therapeutics Charles R. McAdams decided to take up the study of chiropractic and in the practice of that science has gained gratifying success. He is well known in Lake City and is highly esteemed and respected. He was born in East Lynn, Illinois, on the 5th of January, 1885, and is a son of John L. and Mary Josephine (Yount) McAdams.

After graduating from the local high school Charles R. McAdams turned his attention to farming and for a few years followed that

occupation. He then went into the automobile business and for some time worked as a professional chauffeur and repair man. Ill health led him to make a careful study of the merits of various systems of treating disease and he eventually took up the study of chiropractic, entering the Palmer School of Chiropractic at Davenport, Iowa, from which he was graduated on the 27th of September, 1909. He then became an instructor in the school and remained there until coming to Lake City. Since locating in Lake City in July, 1911, he has built up a large and lucrative practice.

Mr. McAdams affiliated with the Baptist church when a boy but as he is liberal in his views he does not consider himself closely bound to any denomination but is in sympathy with all movements which seek to promote the moral and spiritual development of the race. He was married in Urbana, Illinois, on the 25th of April, 1906, to Miss Grace E. Harmeson, a daughter of William P. and Mary Harmeson. He is very progressive, believes that in all activities of life advancement should be made and is always ready to do his share in promoting the welfare of his community. His personal characteristics are such that he has gained many warm friends and they predict for him still greater success in the future.

C. F. HARTWIG.

C. F. Hartwig makes his home on section 18, Greenfield township, where he is actively and successfully engaged in farming. He was born May 10, 1864, in Pomerania, Germany, and was a youth of eighteen years when he left the fatherland for the new world, arriving in America in March, 1882. He settled first in Ogle county, Illinois, and for eight years worked by the month as a farm hand. In 1890 he arrived in Calhoun county, Iowa, where he lived for three years on the Roskey farm, which he rented. He afterward purchased the place which he now owns, comprising three hundred and ninety acres, and the work of improvement hereon has been carried steadily forward. He has erected an attractive modern residence and good barns. He tiled the farm at a great expense, but this added to its productiveness, and the changes which he has wrought have made his place one of the fine farm properties of Greenfield township.

On the 1st of March, 1886, Mr. Hartwig was united in marriage to Miss Rieka Lambke, a daughter of Fred and Carrie Lambke and a native of Pomerania, who came to the United States with her

parents, the family home being established in Ogle county, Illinois. To Mr. and Mrs. Hartwig have been born twelve children: Millie, now the wife of John George, of Calhoun county; Elizabeth, the wife of Ernst Lipke, a resident farmer of this county; Eda, the wife of Carl Balstead, who follows farming in the same county; and William, Robert, George, Fred, Carl, Frank, Grace, Ella and Marie, all at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Hartwig are members of the Lutheran church, and in his political views Mr. Hartwig is a republican. He reads the political news to a point which keeps him well informed concerning the questions and issues of the day and he is thus able to cast an intelligent ballot. He makes other considerations, however, subservient to his chosen life work and by his capable management and indefatigable industry he has provided a most comfortable living for himself and family and has gained a place among the substantial farmers of Calhoun county.

WILLIAM E. MOULDS.

William E. Moulds is farming successfully on section 2, Jackson township, and has the respect and esteem of those who know him. He was born in Livingston county, Illinois, on the 4th of April, 1865, a son of Henry and Elizabeth (Richardson) Moulds, natives of England, who emigrated to the United States and settled in Indiana at an early day in the history of that state. Subsequently they removed to Illinois, where the father followed agricultural pursuits for many years. They were the parents of five sons and one daughter. A brother of our subject, H. N. Monlds, is living in Elm Grove township, this county.

William E. Moulds assisted his father with the farm work during his boyhood and youth and on reaching mature years decided to follow the occupation to which he had been reared. In 1887 he began his independent career and cultivated land in Livingston county, Illinois, until 1896, when he removed to Lake Creek township, Calhoun county, Iowa. After living here for a year he went to Sac county, where he remained two years, but at the end of that time he returned to this county, where he has since resided. He gave his time and energy to the operation of the home place and at the death of his mother in 1910 purchased the farm, which is in a high state of cultivation and is improved with excellent buildings. His labors as a stock-raiser and general farmer bring him in a good financial

return annually and he finds his work not only profitable but also congenial. He is thoroughly up-to-date and at all times is ready to adopt new machinery or new methods that promise to make his work more efficient. He is a director of the Farmers Elevator Company of Lake City and is active in the management of that concern.

On the 24th of November, 1886, Mr. Moulds was united in marriage to Miss Eva Mae Watts, a daughter of Thomas and Harriet (Seabrook) Watts. The father is a native of England but for many years has resided in Livingston county, Illinois, where he is engaged in farming. Mr. and Mrs. Moulds have two children: Pearl Elizabeth, who is the wife of Albert Trotter, by whom she has two children; and Jesse, at home.

Mr. Moulds is independent in his political belief, voting for the man without regard to party affiliations. Fraternally he is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which he is at present serving as noble grand, and with the Modern Woodmen of America at Lake City. He is very active in the work of the Church of Christ at Lake City, of which he is a deacon, and contributes generously to the support of the various activities of that organization. He is highly spoken of and is a factor in both the material and moral progress of his community.

JAMES HOMER SANDY.

James Homer Sandy is engaged in the real-estate business in Lake City, having devoted fifteen years to this undertaking. He is himself the owner of valuable property in the county and in the conduct of his business he has negotiated many important realty transfers. He was born February 9, 1873, in Warren county, Iowa, a son of Joseph C. and Atha (Goss) Sandy. He traces his ancestry back to his great-grandfather, Jeremias Sandy, who was born in North Carolina and became one of the pioneers of Indiana. At the time of the second war with England he espoused the American cause and joined the army. His son, Henry G. Sandy, was born in Washington county, Indiana, in 1816, the year before the admission of the state into the Union. He was there reared amid the conditions of frontier life, sharing in the hardships and privations incident to the establishment of a home in a pioneer district. He married Miss Susannah McCarty, a native of Kentucky and of Scotch descent. They began their domestic life in Indiana, where they remained until

after the birth of eight of their children, the ninth and youngest of the family having been born in Iowa subsequent to the removal of the parents to this state in 1854. In that year they became residents of Warren county, where the father secured a tract of raw prairie land which he developed into a good farm, making it his home throughout the residue of his days. Success attended his efforts in large measure and he made judicious investments in property, becoming one of the largest landowners of his locality, his holdings embracing eleven hundred acres. He died while visiting a son in St. Louis in 1863, while his wife passed away in 1869.

Their son, Joseph C. Sandy, was born in Owen county, Indiana, September 5, 1835, and was therefore about nineteen years of age when the family came to Iowa. His preliminary education was acquired in the public schools of his native state and for one term he was a student in the Iowa State University. He assisted his father in developing a new farm, taking part in the work of splitting rails and fencing the home place in Warren county, while he also followed the breaking plow for many days in turning the first furrows in the fields. He was married February 21, 1856, in Warren county, Iowa, to Miss Atha Linda Goss, a native of Morgan county, Indiana, who came to Iowa in 1851, her father, John Goss, being a pioneer settler of Warren county. After renting land for a few years J. C. Sandy purchased a place in Marion county but in 1876 sold that property and came to Calhoun county, investing in one hundred and sixty acres on section 35, Calhoun township. It was still unbroken and unfenced but his characteristic energy and untiring efforts converted it into a valuable farm property on which he placed many modern improvements, including a good barn and substantial outbuildings. He always gave his political support to the republican party since casting his first ballot for John C. Fremont in 1856. As a pioneer of Iowa he witnessed almost the entire growth and development of the state. In the period of his early residence there were large herds of deer and buffalo to be seen, together with all kinds of feathered game, but where they once fed upon the open prairie, farm animals now graze in well fenced fields and every condition of pioneer life has been replaced by the conditions of modern civilization.

James Homer Sandy was one of a family of seven sons and three daughters born to Joseph C. and Atha Sandy. The country schools afforded him his early educational privileges and he also continued his studies at Glidden and for a year was a student in Drake University at Des Moines. He afterward engaged in teaching school for two years in Calhoun county and for one year carried on farming

but for the past fifteen years has devoted his energies to the real-estate business, maintaining an office in Lake City. He still owns valuable property, including one hundred and sixty acres east of Lake City, two hundred acres in Calhoun township and three hundred and twenty acres in the Smith river valley of Montana. He is thoroughly conversant concerning realty values and has secured a good clientele by reason of his straightforward and honorable business methods.

On the 26th of June, 1900, Mr. Sandy was married to Miss Daisy M. Elliott, a native of Carroll county, Iowa, by whom he has two children, Marvel Lucile and Samuel Paul, both now attending school. He is a republican in politics and is identified fraternally with the Knights of Pythias and the Modern Woodmen of America, while his religious faith is that of the Christian church. Throughout his life he has manifested qualities which have won for him high regard, which have gained for him success in business and which have established him as one of the representative and leading residents of his community.

JERRY L. SMITH.

Jerry L. Smith is now living retired at Lake City, but for many years was actively identified with farming interests and is still the owner of a valuable tract of land of three hundred and twenty acres situated on sections 2, 3 and 11, Jackson township. He is a son of John and Maria J. (Brugger) Smith, both of whom were natives of Germany. The father crossed the Atlantic to America in the early '50s and settled in Wisconsin, where he was married. In the year 1859 he brought his family to Iowa, taking up his abode in Fayette county, where he secured a claim. That land could be obtained from the government is an indication of the conditions that existed at that time, for the county was sparsely settled and much of the land was still unclaimed and unbroken prairie. The family were making preparations to remove to Calhoun county in 1869 when the father passed away, his death occurring on the 1st of May, of that year. Some weeks later the mother and children came to Lake City, the father having previously purchased land on section 11, Elm Grove township.

It was upon that farm that Jerry L. Smith was born on the 1st of January, 1870, some months following his father's death. He was the first white child born in the township and was the youngest of a

family of eight children. He attended the common schools, pursuing his studies through the fall and winter months, while the spring and summer seasons were devoted to farm work which was allotted to him according to his strength. He began farming on his own account in 1893, purchasing one hundred and sixty acres of land at thirty-five dollars per acre. Later he added to his original holdings and is now the owner of three hundred and twenty acres, constituting a valuable and productive property. Year after year he carefully tilled the soil and year after year he gathered good harvests until he was able to save from his earnings a handsome competence. He then retired from active business life in 1908 and removed to Lake City, where he is now enjoying a well earned and richly deserved rest.

On the 23d of March, 1898, Mr. Smith was united in marriage to Miss Louisa Binkert, a daughter of Peter Binkert, and they have become the parents of two children, Eula and August. In his political views Mr. Smith is a republican and his fellow townsmen, appreciative of his worth and ability, have called him to public office. He has served as alderman of Lake City for one term and as a trustee of Jackson township for two terms. He is ever interested in those things which have to do with the progress and welfare of his community and he cooperates heartily in plans for the public good. He has worked along the lines of honorable business activity and his success is the merited reward of his industry.

ALFRED H. WYATT.

Alfred H. Wyatt resides on section 2, Cedar township, where he has five acres of land. He has occupied this place since 1912 and previously he was extensively and successfully engaged in farming but has now practically put aside the work of the fields and is enjoying well earned rest. He was born in Malmesbury, Wiltshire county, England, on the 10th of February, 1859, and his youthful days were spent in that country to the age of seventeen years, when, attracted by the opportunities of the new world, he crossed the Atlantic and made his way to Tama county, Iowa. He there learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed for a number of years. He afterward removed to Webster county with a brother and in his employ engaged in farming for about two years.

On the expiration of that period Mr. Wyatt came to Calhoun county and settled where the town of Somers now stands. There

he worked for another brother for about a year, after which he rented his brother's land and operated it for two years. Having carefully saved his earnings, he felt that he was then justified in purchasing property and invested in one hundred and sixty acres of land, for which he paid twelve dollars per acre. It was raw prairie, which he broke and improved, turning the first furrows in his fields and converting the place into a productive tract. He energetically and successfully carried on farming for many years but in 1912 put aside the more active cares of farm life, sold his land and purchased five acres on section 2, Cedar township, where he now resides.

On the 7th of November, 1881, Mr. Wyatt was joined in wedlock to Miss Esther E. Burns, a daughter of James E. and Margaret Burns. Her parents were early settlers of this county and are now deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Wyatt have been born five children, as follows: Sella Carrie, who is the wife of R. C. Felton, of Sae county; Myrel Annice, who gave her hand in marriage to Alva Kellum, of Webster county; Harry Alfred, living in Calhoun county; Clara Margaret, who is the wife of Ray Marshall and resides near Somers, Iowa; and Burton, who has passed away.

Mr. Wyatt has long voted with the republican party, giving unfaltering allegiance thereto because of his firm belief in its principles. Fraternally he is connected with Cedar Lodge, No. 640, I. O. O. F., and with the Woodmen of the World, while the religious faith of himself and family is that of the Methodist church. He has endeavored to shape his life in accordance with its teachings and he has ever been found honorable in business, reliable in citizenship, faithful in friendship and loyal to family ties. Possessing many excellent traits of character, he has thus gained the goodwill and friendship of those with whom he has been associated.

JUDGE MARION E. HUTCHISON.

Since 1910 Judge Marion E. Hutchison has served on the bench of the sixteenth judicial district of Iowa, his excellent record during his first term having won him re-election. He is a jurist of high standing and unquestioned probity and holds the respect of the bar and of the general public. He was born in Lake City, Iowa, January 31, 1871, a son of the Hon. Samuel T. and Elizabeth S. (Hold) Hutchison, further mention of whom appears elsewhere in this work.

After completing the course offered by the public schools Judge Hutchison matriculated in Drake University, where he remained for two years, after which he entered the College of Law of the State University of Iowa at Iowa City, and was graduated with the degree of LL. B. in 1893. In June of that year he began the practice of his profession in Lake City, being alone until November, 1896, when he became a partner of John Jacobs. They continued to practice together for fourteen years and they gained a large and representative clientage, as both won recognition as able and upright attorneys. In 1910 Mr. Hutchison was honored by election as judge of the court of the sixteenth judicial district and his record in that office has proven that the confidence which the people placed in him was not mistaken. In 1914 he was re-elected and is still serving upon the bench. He possesses in a high degree that poise and impartiality which are so essential in a judge and has also a large grasp on human affairs and an understanding of human nature, as well as of statute and precedent.

Judge Hutchison was married on the 21st of October, 1894, to Miss Ida E. Townsend, of Lake City, who was born on the 25th of October, 1874. They are the parents of three children: Mildred D., who is now attending the State University; Samuel T., a student in the local high school; and Helen, who is attending school.

Judge Hutchison is a republican and consistently supports the candidates and measures of that party at the polls. Fraternally he is identified with the Masonic order, belonging to Zerrubbabel Lodge, No. 240, A. F. & A. M.; and Cypress Chapter, R. A. M. His unquestioned integrity and his moral courage are important factors in his success as a lawyer and jurist, and these qualities give the people confidence that in his court justice is executed without fear or favor. He is rightly regarded as one of the leading citizens of Lake City.

MARCUS ANDREW CHAPMAN.

During the later years of his life Marcus Andrew Chapman lived retired in Lake City but had previously long been connected with the grocery trade there and as a business man and citizen he maintained an unassailable reputation. He was born in Miami county, Ohio, on the 4th of February, 1851, and was therefore sixty-four years of age when death called him on the 25th of June, 1915. His birth occurred upon the farm of his parents, Riley and Harriet (Holecomb)

Chapman, who about 1860 came to Iowa, settling at Big Rock. Upon the home farm there M. A. Chapman was reared with the usual experiences that fall to the lot of the farm lad. His educational opportunities were those afforded by the public schools and when his textbooks were put aside he concentrated his efforts upon farm work, to which he devoted his attention until 1889. It was in that year that he became connected with the business interests of Lake City, where he formed a partnership with Tom La Salle, a connection that was continued until October, 1893, when his partner sold out to James R. Chapman, a brother of our subject. They conducted a well appointed grocery store, carrying a large and carefully selected line of staple and fancy groceries, and their enterprising, reliable methods led to a constant increase in their trade. The business was conducted by the two brothers until 1900, when M. A. Chapman withdrew and retired to private life, spending his remaining days in the enjoyment of well earned rest. He was the possessor of a handsome competence which had come to him through earnest, persistent labor and the utilization of correct business principles.

In 1872 Mr. Chapman was united in marriage to Miss Ida Pierce and unto them was born a daughter, who died in infancy. Following the death of his wife Mr. Chapman removed to Lake City and on the 4th of February, 1894, he was joined in wedlock to Miss Maria Gabriel, who still survives him. She was born February 14, 1860, in Green county, Wisconsin, a daughter of Joseph and Eliza Jane (Cunningham) Gabriel, who were natives of Ohio, born in Union and Darke counties respectively. On leaving the Buckeye state they went to Wisconsin and in 1889 became residents of Lake City, Iowa, where the father lived retired until his death, which occurred in 1900, while his wife passed away in 1904.

Mr. Chapman was a prominent Mason, holding membership in Zerubbabel Lodge, No. 240, F. & A. M., in which he was raised to the degree of Master Mason September 15, 1888. He was also a member of Cyprus Chapter, No. 99, R. A. M., having taken the degrees of Royal Arch Masonry in 1891. He was also knighted in Rose Croix Commandery, No. 38, at Sac City in February, 1911, and was regarded as one of the prominent representatives of the order in Calhoun county, exemplifying in his life its beneficent teachings concerning mutual helpfulness and brotherly kindness. Again and again he extended a helping hand to those who needed assistance and his generous spirit endeared him to many. When death called Mr. Chapman, one hundred of his fellow Masons attended the funeral service in a body and conducted the obsequies, thus paying their last tribute

of friendship and respect to one whom they had long known and honored. Mr. Chapman enjoyed in marked measure the confidence and goodwill of all who knew him, for he lived an upright life, was loyal in citizenship and held friendship inviolable. His best traits of character, however, were reserved for his own fireside and there his loss comes with deepest force.

PETER BINKERT.

Peter Binkert, a well known farmer of Jackson township, was born in Switzerland, May 18, 1838, a son of Joseph and Regina (Miller) Binkert. In 1852 the family emigrated to the United States and settled in Jefferson county, Wisconsin, where the father followed farming, but by trade he was a carpenter. In 1870 a removal was made to Calhoun county, Iowa, and the father gave his attention to cultivating land on section 10, Jackson township. He passed away in 1871. His wife died in Switzerland in 1859. Our subject has one sister living—Mrs. Lucille Gray.

Peter Binkert purchased forty acres of land on section 10, Jackson township, when he first arrived in this county and continued to reside upon his farm for six years. At the end of that time he removed to Wisconsin, but six years later returned to this county. Since that time, or for thirty-three years, he has resided here continuously and has devoted his time and attention to agricultural pursuits, which he has found both profitable and congenial.

Mr. Binkert has a military record of which he has every reason to be proud. In 1862 he enlisted at Sumner, Wisconsin, in Company D, Twenty-third Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, and was mustered in at Madison, that state. His command was sent to Cincinnati, Ohio, and thence marched to Louisville, Kentucky, where it took boat for Memphis, Tennessee. The first battle in which Mr. Binkert participated was that of Arkansas Post, after which he continued down the river to Milliken Bend, remaining there for a time. Later he was in the fighting around Vicksburg and also fought in the battles of Jackson and Port Hudson. He next went to New Orleans and after crossing the river to Algiers participated in two eight-day engagements. He then returned to New Orleans and took part in the Great River campaign. In 1864 he was taken ill at New Orleans and was confined in the hospital for three weeks, after which he was honorably discharged and returned to his home in Wisconsin.

Mr. Binkert was married May 2, 1865, in Jefferson county, Wisconsin, to Miss Wilhelmina Charlotte Volkmann, a daughter of Peter Volkmann, a native of Prussia, who died in Iowa. To Mr. and Mrs. Binkert have been born eleven children, namely: Emma, the wife of Richard Brugger, of Elm Grove township; Eliza, who married Frank Packard, who is farming in Washington; Augusta, the wife of Melvin Peebles, a farmer of Jackson township, further mention of whom is made elsewhere in this work; Minnie, Ida and Nettie, all residing in Lake City; Albert, a farmer of Jackson township who married Miss Minnie Moulds; Louisa, the wife of Jerry L. Smith, of Lake City; Charles, who is living in Idaho and who married Miss Nora Booth; Lilly, at home; and Edwin, who is operating the homestead.

Mr. Binkert is a republican and for several terms has served efficiently as school director. He holds membership in the Lutheran church and its teachings form the guiding principles of his life. He belongs to Landon Post, No. 139, G. A. R., at Lake City, and finds much pleasure in association with others who fought to save the Union. He has the goodwill and warm regard of those who have come in contact with him, for his dominant characteristics are such as invariably win esteem.

JOHN STAAK.

In the period of pioneer development in Calhoun county John Staak became a farmer in this part of the state and he still makes his home in Greenfield township, his place of residence being on section 21. Although he has now passed the eightieth milestone on life's journey, he is still very active for one of his years and is a respected citizen whose success is attributable entirely to his hard work and capable management. He was born in Mecklenberg, Germany, on the 21st of October, 1834, and there spent his boyhood and youth upon a farm, working most of the time from the days of early spring planting until crops were harvested in the late autumn. He was thirty-two years of age when he determined to try his fortune in America and secured passage on a sailing vessel, which, after a voyage of three months, reached New York harbor on the 28th of January, 1867. He made his way at once to Chicago, where he remained for eleven years, during which time he was employed at various kinds of labor. Having no money at the time of his arrival here, he sold his watch for a dollar in order to get something to eat.

He was not afraid of work, however, and was willing to accept any employment that would yield him an honest living.

As the years passed on Mr. Staak was able to save from his earnings and in 1878 he came to Calhoun county and purchased his present home farm, investing in one hundred and sixty acres of partly improved land. The purchase price was ten dollars per acre and after making partial payment he still owed twelve hundred dollars upon the place. He at once went to work to develop and improve the farm. There were no ditches, affording drainage, and no roads in the district. It was an arduous task to convert this place into a productive property, but he did not hesitate to perform strenuous labor and in the course of time his farm was brought under a high state of cultivation and improvement. In 1895 he purchased three hundred and twenty acres of land in Greenfield township and operated both farms until 1910, when he rented his land to his stepsons, and has since lived retired, enjoying a rest which he has truly earned and richly deserves.

Mr. Staak was married in Germany to Miss Marie Mass, who died upon the home farm in this county in 1881. For his second wife he chose Mrs. Annie Leverings, a native of Germany, where she was married. Her first husband died in Chicago and she afterward came to Calhoun county with her three sons, who are now renting Mr. Staak's farm.

In his political views Mr. Staak is a republican but has never wished for nor sought office. While in Germany he served for three years in the army as a member of the cavalry forces. He belongs to the Lutheran church and has lived an upright, honorable life, in which he has won his success honorably and has therefore gained the respect and good will of his fellowmen.

ANDREW CLARK.

Andrew Clark, a retired farmer, who is now one of the valued citizens of Lake City, was born in Delaware county, Iowa, upon a farm, on the 27th of November, 1842, of the marriage of John and Olive (Rexford) Clark. The father was born in Virginia in 1815 and was a son of George Clark, also a native of that state, the family having been established there in early days. In 1825 George Clark removed to Indiana, whence he went to Illinois. On leaving the Prairie state

he made his way to Delaware county, Iowa, where he settled in 1835. His son John became one of the extensive landowners of the county, taking up seven hundred acres of land from the government. He was very successful as a farmer and was highly respected in his community. He married Miss Olive Rexford, a native of Erie county, New York, and a daughter of Leverett Rexford, an early settler of Delaware county, Iowa. Mr. Clark died when about ninety-two years old and his wife reached a still more venerable age, passing away at the age of ninety-six years. Three sons and three daughters grew to mature years, namely: Andrew; Jasper, a farmer of Elm Grove township, Calhoun county; George, who is living in Greene county, Iowa; Cornelia, the wife of Richard Maxwell, of Spokane Falls, Washington; Luey, a resident of Delaware county, this state; and Sarah, who died in early womanhood.

Andrew Clark obtained the limited education afforded by the pioneer schools of the state but he also received much other training as he began assisting his father with the work of the homestead as soon as he was strong enough. In so doing he not only learned practical methods of agriculture but formed habits of industry and perseverance that have been important factors in his later success. He spent the year 1864 in Idaho, working in the mines in the town of Virginia. On returning from the far west he began farming the homestead in Delaware county, Iowa, devoting his time to agricultural pursuits in that county until June, 1871, when he came to Calhoun county. He resided in Lake City for a short time and then purchased forty acres of raw prairie land, paying therefor six dollars per acre. He at once broke his land and put in a crop of corn but it was about three years before the land was thoroughly under cultivation. He was a practical and efficient agriculturist and also managed his financial affairs well and he gradually added to his holdings, believing in the value of farm land as an investment. He accumulated three hundred and twenty acres, which he still owns and which is all fenced and under a high state of cultivation. He not only raised the usual crops but also engaged in stock-raising and both branches of his business proved profitable. In 1912, feeling that he had gained financial independence, he retired from active work and removed to Lake City, where he is now enjoying well earned leisure.

In November, 1865, Mr. Clark married Miss Mary E. Trubey, a native of New York. To their union have been born six children: Perry and Frank, who are farming; Athelbert, who is a minister of the Congregational church; Rolla and Jessie, both of whom are deceased; and Amy, at home.

Mr. Clark is an ardent democrat and has supported that party since he cast his first presidential ballot for George B. McClellan in 1864. He has served as trustee for a number of terms, proving an able and conscientious official. For four years he has been an active worker in the ranks of the party organization and has been a delegate to numerous county and state conventions. His wife holds membership in the United Brethren church at Yetter. He has gained the esteem and respect of all who have come in contact with him and is recognized as a man of unswerving integrity.

JAMES WILKIE.

James Wilkie, who was called to his final rest on the 21st of November, 1913, when he had attained the age of sixty-two years, had been actively identified with agricultural pursuits in Calhoun county for a quarter of a century and at the time of his demise owned one hundred and sixty acres of valuable land on section 28, Jackson township.

Mr. Wilkie was born in County Donegal, Ireland, on the 1st of September, 1851, and spent the first twenty-nine years of his life in that country. In 1880 he crossed the Atlantic to the United States, settling in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where he was married and made his home for eight years. On the expiration of that period, in 1888, he came to Calhoun county, Iowa, and here spent the remainder of his life, being successfully engaged in general agricultural pursuits.

In March, 1900, he took up his abode on a farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 28, Jackson township, where he lived until his demise. He tiled and fenced his fields and erected two good residences on the property, while in connection with the cultivation of cereals best adapted to soil and climate he devoted considerable attention to live-stock interests, owning the highest grade cattle and hogs.

In September, 1884, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Mr. Wilkie was united in marriage to Miss Lizzie Watson, whose birth occurred in County Derry, Ireland, in September, 1852, her parents being Robert and Nancy (MeAdoo) Watson, the former a farmer by occupation. The year 1883 witnessed her emigration to the new world, and by her marriage she became the mother of six children, as follows: Robert, who died in infancy; Martha; Margaret; Rebeeca, who is the wife of Roy Madden; Annie; and Matilda.

Mr. Wilkie gave his political allegiance to the republican party and served in the capacity of school director for a number of years. As above stated, he passed away at his home three miles southwest of Lake City on the 21st of November, 1913, the immediate cause of death being a stroke of paralysis. One of the local papers said: "About six years ago, while attempting to remove a boulder from one of his fields, it fell on him, causing serious injuries from which he never fully recovered. There had been considerable improvement in his condition of late, so that his death was unexpected. Mr. Wilkie was an industrious man, a devoted husband, a loving father. He united with the Presbyterian church in Ireland and subsequently connected himself with the church of his faith in Philadelphia, Lohrville and Lake City. The funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at Cottonwood church, conducted by his pastor, Rev. Edson M. Bell, attended by a large concourse of friends and neighbors and interment was made in the beautiful cemetery adjacent. Among Mr. Wilkie's surviving relatives are two brothers in the old country, William Alexander Wilkie and Robert Wilkie, and a cousin, Mrs. Joseph Robb, also a sister, Mrs. J. F. Kratz, of Lake City." Mrs. Wilkie, who still survives her husband and resides on the home farm in Jackson township, is well and favorably known throughout the community, enjoying the high regard of all with whom she has come in contact.

MELVIN ROYAL PEEBLES.

Melvin Royal Peebles, a well-to-do and efficient farmer of Jackson township, was born in Greene county, Wisconsin, on the 22d of January, 1865, a son of Royal M. and Sarah (Satterlee) Peebles, an account of whose lives appears elsewhere in this work. Our subject attended the district schools in the acquirement of an education and assisted his father with the work of the homestead until 1886, when he began his independent career. He purchased eighty acres of land on section 2, Jackson township, Calhoun county, Iowa, and gave his time to the operation of that farm until 1904, when he purchased eighty acres on section 10, that township, and in 1913 bought eighty acres on section 11, where he now resides. He follows general farming and stock-raising and his well directed activity is rewarded by a good income from his land. He has made excellent improvements upon his farms and in his desire to secure the latest machinery and fine barns and other outbuildings, he has not

neglected the residences; on the contrary, in 1913, he erected a fine home, which is provided with modern conveniences. He owns stock in and is a director of the Farmers Elevator Company of Lake City and the Farmers Mutual Insurance Company, both of which are in a prosperous condition.

On the 17th of October, 1888, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Peebles and Miss Augusta Binkert, a daughter of Peter Binkert, further mention of whom appears elsewhere in this work. To Mr. and Mrs. Peebles have been born two children: Fred A., a farmer of Jackson township, who married Miss Alta B. Bennington, by whom he has a son, Lester H.; and Glenn, who is attending school.

Mr. Peebles is a staunch republican and has taken an active part in local affairs. For three years he was township trustee, for four years township clerk, for seven years he has held the office of township assessor, and he was also for one year school director. Fraternally he is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Lake City and has passed through all of the chairs of that body. He is a representative of a family that has long been honored in this county and has added to the esteem in which the name of Peebles is held.

WILLIAM HENRY HABERMEHL.

Under the business title of "Repairer & Dealer," William Henry Habermehl is doing a good business at Somers, Iowa, in blacksmithing, horse shoeing, auto repairing and wagon work, and also handles gas engines, auto supplies, pumps and windmills. He was born on the 13th of October, 1869, at Frishborn, Kreis Lauterbach, in the duchy of Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, his parents being Conrad and Amy Habermehl. The father's birth occurred in the same village as his son's, while the mother was born in Wallenrod, in Kreis Lauterbach. He was a blacksmith by trade and followed that occupation in Germany until 1889, when he came to the United States, making his way to Moline, Illinois, where he resided until 1893. The following year he removed to Muddy, Illinois, where he established a shop, and in 1897 he became a factor in the business circles of Renner, Boone county, Iowa. In the later years of his life, however, he retired and lived with his sons until his death, which occurred in 1914. He was then seventy-six years of age, his birth having occurred in 1838. He

had long survived his wife, who was born in 1840 and died in Germany in 1883.

William H. Habermehl pursued his education in the schools of the fatherland and afterward learned the blacksmith's trade, having put aside his textbooks when a youth of fourteen. His term of apprenticeship completed, he began work as a journeyman when eighteen years of age. Coming to the United States, he lived in Moline and in Muddy, Illinois, but on the 22d of February, 1900, removed his house and shop from the latter place to Somers, Iowa, being the first man to locate in the village where he now resides. The Rock Island railroad was then building this way from Gowrie and he believed that there was opportunity here and was active in the incorporation of the town, which has enjoyed substantial growth and is now a flourishing place, affording him excellent business advantages.

In 1900 Mr. Habermehl was united in marriage to Miss Mary A. Parks, a native of New York, who accompanied her parents to Iowa in 1887. They have become the parents of four children: Audrey, Norman, Zona and Venus.

Mr. Habermehl holds membership with two fraternal organizations, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Modern Woodmen of America, and has been clerk of the local camp. In community affairs he is deeply interested and his co-operation has been a strengthening element in many movements for the general good. He has served as mayor of the town and is now president of the school board, and his co-operation is a helpful factor in all movements looking to public benefit.

EDWARD L. GREGORY.

Edward L. Gregory, popularly known as "Colonel," was for many years one of the progressive and highly efficient farmers of Elm Grove township, where he still owns two hundred acres of excellent land, but since 1902 he has lived retired in Lake City, having gained sufficient of this world's goods to provide him with all of the comforts and many of the luxuries of life. Since taking up his residence here he has become identified with many public-spirited movements and is one of Lake City's valued citizens.

He was born in New York city, January 31, 1848, but was only about six years of age when he was taken by his parents to Grant county, Wisconsin, and there he attended the common schools in the

acquisition of his early education, which was supplemented by study in an academy. In 1864, when he was but sixteen years of age, his patriotism prompted him to enlist in the Union army and on the 16th of August of that year he became a member of Company H, Forty-third Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry. His regiment was attached to the Army of the Tennessee and he participated in a number of skirmishes and in the battles of Johnsonville and Nashville. He was at the front until the close of the war and never faltered in the performance of duty, proving a loyal and brave soldier. He was fortunate in that he was never ill nor wounded. In July, 1865, he was honorably discharged in Milwaukee and returned home with a military record of which he had every reason to be proud and doubly so because he was but a youth in years. He continued to reside in Wisconsin until 1873, when he removed to Sac county, Iowa, where he remained for three years. While living there he taught school for two terms. In 1876 he came to Calhoun county and for several years worked by the month as a farm hand, in the meantime carefully saving his money as he was ambitious to own land of his own as soon as possible. In 1881 he purchased eighty acres and at once began the development of his farm, making it one of the well improved places of his locality with the passing of the years. From time to time he purchased additional land and at length held title to one hundred acres of excellent land on section 13, Elm Grove township. He made his place more attractive and more valuable by planting fruit and shade trees, erected substantial barns and outbuildings and in his work used the latest machinery and the most practical methods. He also gave time and thought to improving and beautifying his residence. He carried on general farming and his well directed efforts returned him a good annual income. Since 1902 he has lived retired in Lake City and is recognized as one of the substantial men of his county. He aided in the organization of the Farmers Mutual Insurance Company, of which he has long been a director, and he has been influential in the management of the affairs of this concern, which has proven of value to the people of this section of the state.

On the 9th of July, 1884, Mr. Gregory was married, in Wisconsin, to Miss Maggie Lewis, a native of that state. She is a graduate of the State Normal School and was a competent teacher in Wisconsin for a number of years, after which she taught successfully in Calhoun county. She was a woman of fine intelligence and many excellent traits of character and her demise, which occurred November 15, 1905, was sincerely mourned by her many friends.

Mr. Gregory is a republican and has loyally supported the candidates and principles of that party since he cast his first presidential vote for General Grant in 1872. He is an active worker in the party organization and has been a delegate to both county and state conventions, aiding in nominating Cummins for governor in 1901. Although he has done much to secure the success of his party in his county he has never desired office as a reward for his loyalty. He has, however, served as a member of the school board and for some time was secretary of that body. Fraternally he is quite prominent as he belongs to Zerubbabel Lodge, No. 240, A. F. & A. M.; Cypress Chapter, No. 99, R. A. M.; St. Croix Commandery, No. 38, K. T., of Sac City; and Za-Ga-Zig Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Des Moines. He also belongs to the subordinate lodge of the Odd Fellows, the Encampment and the Patriarchs Militant, and has held all of the offices in these bodies. He owns a lot in the Odd Fellows' Encampment grounds at Clear Lake, Iowa, and is very enthusiastic in the work of the order. In his life is exemplified the principle of fraternity, which is the basic teaching of both the Masons and the Odd Fellows, and he is popular in both of those organizations. He is also a loyal member of the Lake City Presbyterian church, to which his wife likewise belonged. He is widely known throughout the county and is held in high respect and esteem. He has been a factor not only in the agricultural development of the county but also in its advancement along the lines of moral and civic progress, and no movement for the general good lacks his hearty support and co-operation.

MRS. ABBIE EVELINE MARTIN CURTIS.

Mrs. Abbie Eveline Martin Curtis became the first principal in the new high school of Lake City and has so continued for three years. For a much longer period, however, she has been identified with educational interests here and has ever stood for advancement and progress in the field of intellectual development. She was born in Hanover, New Hampshire, on the 18th of December, 1854. Her father, Charles Amaza Martin, was born in Derby, Vermont, January 24, 1822, and had attained the age of eighty-three years when death called him on the 8th of February, 1905. Throughout his business career he was connected with commercial pursuits. On the 23d of October, 1849, he wedded Miss Lucinda Shattuck, who was

born in Lebanon, New Hampshire, January 30, 1822, a daughter of Peter and Ruxbey Shattuck. She was eight years of age when her parents removed to Bridgewater, Vermont, where she continued to reside until her marriage. She had previously engaged in teaching and for some time after her marriage followed that profession, being identified with the schools of Bridgewater, Vermont, and of Lebanon, New Hampshire. While Mr. and Mrs. Martin were living in the latter place their only child, Abbie Eveline, now Mrs. Curtis, was born. In the following year the family removed to Madison, Wisconsin, and while there residing Mr. Martin filled the position of postmaster for fourteen years and was deputy sheriff of Dane county for sixteen years. Following the marriage of their daughter Mr. and Mrs. Martin removed to Paton, Iowa, in 1876, and for eleven years were residents of that place, after which they came to Calhoun county in 1887, residing on the Martin-Curtis farm near Sherwood for two years. On the expiration of that period they became residents of Lake City. In 1875 they both became members of the Universalist church at Lodi, Wisconsin, and their lives were ever afterward in consistent harmony with Christian teachings. For nearly a half century Mr. Martin was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, regularly attending its meetings and taking active part in its work. He passed away on the 8th of February, 1905, and he left behind him many warm friends in his old Wisconsin home and in the different sections of Iowa in which he had lived. His widow survived him until the 16th of April, 1906, when she too was called to her final rest. She was lovingly called Aunty Martin by many. It was no unusual thing for her to take her place at the bedside of the sick and afflicted as friend and nurse and her life was filled with good deeds. Both Mr. and Mrs. Martin were at all times actuated by honorable purpose in their relations to their fellowmen and they left behind them an untarnished name and a memory which is cherished by many with whom they came in contact.

Their only child, Mrs. Curtis, acquired her early education in the schools of Madison, Wisconsin, where she passed through consecutive grades until graduated from the high school with the class of 1870. She devoted one year to further study in the State University and pursued the training course for teachers at Lodi, Columbia county, Wisconsin. She had determined to enter upon the profession of teaching and for six years taught school in Wisconsin, her ability in that direction winning her almost immediate recognition.

On the 10th of June, 1875, Miss Abbie Eveline Martin gave her hand in marriage to Anson C. Curtis, and the following year they

removed to Paton, Iowa, where she engaged in teaching for six years. She then retired from active educational work, devoting her attention to her household and the care of her young daughter for five years. The death of her only child, Edna, occurred on the 13th of April, 1894. She was then a little schoolgirl and at her passing one of the local papers said: "Edna was a most faithful and earnest little student, ever punctual in attendance and prompt in recitation. She always seemed actuated by a sense of right, was strong in her friendship and had a sunny greeting for all, seeking especially to make her little playmates happy." In a series of resolutions passed by her school mates it was said: "That in the death of Edna the school has sustained the loss of an intelligent and lovable pupil, whose young life gave promise of a bright future." No greater sorrow could come to the Curtis household than in the passing of this loved and loving little daughter and one feels the fitness of slightly paraphrasing James Whitecomb Riley's beautiful poem, making it read:

I cannot say, and I will not say
 That she is dead.—She is just away!
 With a cheery smile and a wave of the hand,
 She has wandered into an unknown land,
 And left us dreaming how very fair
 It needs must be since she lingers there.
 And you—O you, who the wildest yearn
 For the old-time step and the glad return,—
 Think of her faring on as dear
 In the love of 'There as the love of Here.
 Think of her still as the same, I say;
 She is not dead—she is just away.

In 1889 Mrs. Curtis resumed professional activity in the school-room, becoming identified with the Lake City schools, where she has continued for sixteen consecutive years, becoming the first principal of the new high school. For twelve years she was in eighth grade work and for three years she has been in the high school, and her efforts were an influencing force in bringing about the erection of the new building. She is a prominent representative of public education in this part of the state and has done much to uphold the high standard and enviable reputation which Iowa has always enjoyed in connection with her public-school system. She is continually thinking out along broadening lines and her work has been most efficacious, as she studies the individual need and has the power to bring out the best in her

pupils. Mrs. Curtis is also well known in connection with Lake Queen Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star and as a member of the Universalist church of Webster City. Her life has even been a radiating force for good and for improvement and wherever she is known she is spoken of in terms of highest respect and regard.

STEPHEN DOUGLAS PRINCE.

The year 1893 witnessed the arrival of Stephen Douglas Prince in Calhoun county and throughout the intervening period of twenty-two years he has followed farming in Logan township, where he still makes his home. He was born in Wabash county, Indiana, January 3, 1864, his parents being John and Susan (Krustenberger) Prince. The father, a native of Virginia, died July 28, 1903, at the advanced age of eighty-six years, while the mother, who was born in Germany, passed away at the age of sixty-two years. Mr. Prince was a pioneer settler of both Ohio and Indiana, settling in both places in the midst of the forests. He cleared his land and hauled away the logs, performing the arduous task of converting the timber tract into productive fields. On removing to Illinois he took up his abode in Champaign county and was always an active, progressive farmer. On leaving that state he established his home in Logan township, Calhoun county, and for eleven years prior to his death lived retired from active business in the home of his son Stephen. His political allegiance was given to the democratic party and he held some township offices. He was also active as a member of the German Lutheran church.

In his family were twelve children, of whom Stephen Douglas Prince is the tenth in order of birth. He began his education in the public schools of Indiana and continued his studies in Illinois, walking two miles to a little log schoolhouse, which was seated with slab benches and had desks of equally primitive construction. When twenty-one years of age he began farming in Champaign county, Illinois, where he lived until 1893. He then removed to Calhoun county and began farming in Logan township, since which time he has here made his home. His place is on section 5 and is known as one of the leading stock farms of the county. He has always been a feeder of cattle and is engaged in the breeding and raising of Shire horses. He is likewise interested in the Farmers Elevator Company at Piper, but concentrates his energies upon the improvement of his

home place, which comprises one hundred and sixty acres of good land. He is regarded as one of the chief stock breeders of this section and he belongs to the American Shire Association.

In 1893 Mr. Prince was united in marriage to Miss Nellie Stephens, a native of La Salle county, Illinois, and a daughter of William C. and Mary (Dowler) Stephens. The father, who was born in New York in 1832, became a sailor in early manhood. In 1861 he enlisted in a Long Island regiment in response to the country's call for troops and served for four years in defense of the Union. He then returned to New York, was married and in 1866 removed to La Salle county, Illinois, where he owned and cultivated a good tract of land. In 1888 he removed to Ford county, Illinois, and was living retired in Gibson City at the time of his death, which occurred October 26, 1903. His wife, who was born in the north of Ireland in 1852, died July 3, 1904. Mrs. Prince was the third in their family of six children and by her marriage became the mother of four children, but Thomas D. and Charles E. died in infancy. The others are: Mary Neva, attending the Rockwell City high school; and Lloyd Gaylord, at home.

Mr. Prince is an Odd Fellow, belonging to the lodge at Rockwell City, and both he and his wife are connected with the Rebekahs. He is also identified with the Modern Woodmen of America and the Mystic Workers. His political support is given the democratic party and he is active in its councils, while in Logan township he has served as trustee. He is also an active member of the Methodist Episcopal church in Rockwell City, a fact which is indicative of the rules which have governed his conduct and of the standards which he endeavors to follow in all of his life's relations.

JOHN R. NESS.

John R. Ness is a prominent and well known farmer of Greenfield township, living on section 26. He is among those of foreign birth who have found in America the land of opportunity. He was born in Norway near Bergen, on the 9th of January, 1864, and is a son of Thomas R. and Ingeborg (Groning) Ness, who were also natives of the land of the midnight sun, where they remained until June, 1868, when they came with their family to the United States and made their way to De Kalk county, Illinois, settling on a farm at Shabbona Grove. Mr. Ness there purchased land and spent his

remaining days upon that place, meeting with a fair measure of success in his undertakings. He died in February, 1912, at the age of eighty-four years, while his wife passed away December 8, 1914, at the age of eighty-eight years. They were members of the Evangelical Lutheran church.

In the family of seven children John R. Ness was the fourth in order of birth and was but four years of age at the time the family left Norway and crossed the Atlantic. His boyhood days were spent on the family homestead in De Kalb county, Illinois, and his aid was given to his father in the development of the farm until he reached the age of twenty-two years, when he went to South Dakota. In that state he was employed at farm labor for four years, after which he came in 1890 to Calhoun county, where for two years he rented land. He then purchased one hundred and twenty acres, constituting a part of his present farm, for which he paid twenty-five dollars per acre. Since that time he has been carrying on general agricultural pursuits on his own account. Only a small portion of the land had been broken when it came into his possession and he had to perform the arduous task of using the breaking plow in order to turn the first furrows. As the years passed on the work of development and improvement was continued and in 1895 he had so prospered that he was able to purchase forty acres more. Twelve years later he bought an additional tract of eighty acres for which he paid eighty-five dollars. In addition he owns two hundred acres at Corwith, Hancock county, Iowa, so that his landed interests are sufficient to return to him a gratifying annual income.

On the 11th of May, 1893, Mr. Ness was joined in wedlock to Miss Anna Knudson, a native of Norway, born and reared in the same neighborhood as her husband. She was brought to the United States in childhood, crossing the Atlantic in 1867. For a year the family lived in Illinois and in 1868 established their home in Webster county, Iowa, which was then a frontier district. To Mr. and Mrs. Ness have been born five children, Ida, Elizabeth, Cora, Nellie and Theodore, all yet under the parental roof.

In his political views Mr. Ness is a republican. He has never sought nor desired office but has served as school treasurer for fifteen years. He belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and both he and his wife are members of the Lutheran church, to the support of which they contribute generously. Mr. Ness came to the new world a poor boy and has depended entirely upon his own resources for his advancement along business lines. He owes his progress to indefatigable energy and persistent purpose. He now has a

well developed property, equipped with all of the accessories and conveniences of the model farm of the twentieth century, and his holdings are now extensive, being the visible evidence of a life of well directed energy and thrift.

JOSEPH KILGORE BLANCHFIELD.

Four hundred and twenty acres of land on section 2, Jackson township, pays tribute to its owner, Joseph Kilgore Blanchfield, who is a well known farmer and stock-raiser. He was born upon the farm which he now owns, on the 24th of February, 1873, a son of James and Mary E. (Kilgore) Blanchfield. The father, who was born in the north of Ireland about 1838, was a son of John and Ellen Blanchfield and when twenty years of age accompanied his parents to Canada. Subsequently the family removed to Sycamore, Illinois, where John Blanchfield passed away. James Blanchfield purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land in Jackson township, Calhoun county, Iowa, and took up his residence thereon. Being very successful as a farmer, he became in time the owner of six hundred and forty acres of land in this county, a quarter section in South Dakota and a residence in Lake City, where he removed in 1905. He lived there in honorable retirement from active life until his death, which occurred in 1909. His political allegiance was given to the democratic party in early manhood, but later he became a staunch supporter of the republican party. His wife, who was born near Londonderry, Ireland, is still living in Lake City at the advanced age of about eighty years. Two of their children survive, the brother of our subject being John W., a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work.

Joseph Kilgore Blanchfield received a common-school education and during his boyhood and youth also gained much valuable knowledge concerning the various phases of agriculture. He has followed the occupation to which he was reared and is recognized as a farmer of unusual ability and efficiency. He understands thoroughly the principles underlying general farming and stock-raising, and as he displays excellent judgment in the management of his affairs, he has prospered from the time that he began his independent career. He now owns four hundred and twenty acres of fine land on section 2, Jackson township, and everything about the place is kept in excellent condition. He also owns stock in the Farmers Elevator Company of Lake City.

On the 18th of April, 1906, Mr. Blanchfield married Miss Cora Woody, a daughter of James A. Woody, a resident of Lake City. Mr. and Mrs. Blanchfield have two children, Glenn and Richard, whom they have adopted as their own.

Mr. Blanchfield is a republican and has served acceptably as school director. He belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Lake City and is highly esteemed not only in that organization but wherever known. He is quiet and unassuming, but his genuine worth and ability have made themselves felt and gained him the unqualified respect of those with whom he has come in contact.

LOUIS SMITH KETCHUM.

Louis Smith Ketchum was for many years a farmer but at the time of his demise was living retired in Lake City. He was born on the 30th of April, 1835, in Victor, New York. His father, who was a cooper by trade, passed away in 1903 at an advanced age. The mother died in 1850.

Louis S. Ketchum attended the district schools in the acquirement of an education and remained at home until 1863, when he went to Gentry county, Missouri, where for one summer he herded sheep. He then enlisted in Company F, Thirty-fifth Missouri Volunteer Infantry, and was with the Union army for two years and ten months, or until discharged. Upon returning to civil life he became a farm hand, following that occupation in Gentry county, Missouri, for three years. He next removed to Fremont county, Iowa, where he worked upon a farm for two and a half years, after which he returned to Gentry county, Missouri, where he engaged in breaking the prairie for one year. His next removal was to Mills county, Iowa, but after farming there for seven years he came to Elm Grove township, Calhoun county, and purchased one hundred and sixty acres. For eleven years he devoted his energies to the cultivation of his land but at the end of that time, having accumulated a competence, removed to Lake City, where he passed away on the 3d of August, 1905.

On the 4th of May, 1877, Mr. Ketchum was married to Mrs. Mary (Hyatt) Gregg, widow of Herman T. Gregg. She was born in Jonesboro, Indiana, on the 12th of August, 1848, a daughter of Eli and Lorinda (Patterson) Hyatt. Her mother passed away when she was but a year old but her father survived until 1900. She was married in Fremont county, Iowa, February 14, 1867, to Herman T.

Gregg, who was born in Wheeling, West Virginia, February 23, 1835, a son of Thomas and Sinia Gregg. His father was by occupation a farmer. Herman T. Gregg enlisted in the Union army at Wheeling and proved a loyal and faithful soldier. In 1867 he removed to Fremont county, Iowa, where he was married. His demise occurred on the 10th of October, 1873, and was occasioned by a horse rearing and striking him in the neck. To Mr. and Mrs. Gregg were born three children: Sinia, the wife of J. M. Lowe, of Wolback, Nebraska; Harry F., who was born October 2, 1870, and who died December 4, 1914; and Jessie L., who died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Ketchum became the parents of a daughter, Norah Etta, now the wife of B. A. Young, of Sac City, Iowa.

Mr. Ketchum was a republican and his religious faith was that of the Baptist church. He was a member of Lander Post, No. 156, G. A. R., and was in sympathy with the aims and purposes of that organization. Throughout his life he manifested a high order of patriotism and did all in his power to promote the public welfare. He made and retained many friends who still cherish his memory. Mrs. Ketchum is an influential member of the Baptist church and does all in her power to further the work of that organization. No worthy cause appeals to her in vain and she is most generous in her contributions to various charitable organizations and institutions. She holds the unqualified respect and the warm regard of those with whom she has been brought into contact.

MRS. FRANCES LEATHERBERRY.

Mrs. Frances Leatherberry has long been recognized as an active factor in church and lodge work and in social circles of Lake City. She was born July 7, 1870, in the town which she still makes her home, a daughter of Franklin and Caroline Cornelia (Hoke) Hogle, who were married in August, 1869. The father was killed by a falling tree on the 18th of January, 1870, while the mother survived until 1912. Mr. Hogle was a soldier in the One Hundred and fifth Ohio Infantry during the Civil war, enlisting in 1863.

After losing her first husband Mrs. Hogle became the wife of Levi D. Aton, who became a well known contractor and builder of Lake City, where he established his home in July, 1870. He was born in Pennsylvania, March 4, 1844, a son of Rufus and Eucebia (Mead) Aton, who were also natives of the Keystone state. Levi D. Aton was

reared and educated in Ohio and on the 15th of May, 1861, with his brothers, L. G. and D. M., he enlisted for service in the Civil war, joining the boys in blue of Company I, Thirty-eighth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, which command was assigned to the Army of the Cumberland. He participated in a number of hotly contested engagements and toward the close of the war was detailed and served for six months in the United States Artillery. Later he re-enlisted and he had been actively engaged at the front for four years and two months when the war ended, receiving an honorable discharge at Cleveland, Ohio, in July, 1865. For two years after his return from the army Mr. Aton engaged in repairing vehicles in Ohio. In 1868 he went to DeKalb county, Illinois, and a year and a half later removed to Lake City, Iowa, where he arrived in July, 1870. On the 2d of August of that year he wedded Mrs. Caroline C. Hogle, whose first husband was an old schoolmate and army comrade of Mr. Aton. By this marriage there is a surviving daughter, Ida E., the wife of Jack Cochran, of Lake City. There were also four sons who died in infancy or early childhood. After residing in Lake City for a time Mr. Aton took up carpentering and has since been identified with building operations, eventually becoming a contractor and builder and erecting many of the residences of the town. He voted for Abraham Lincoln in 1864 and has since given stalwart allegiance to the republican party. He is an active member of Lake City Post, No. 156, G. A. R. His wife held membership in the Presbyterian church and passed away in that faith in 1912.

Her daughter Frances was reared in Lake City, acquiring her education in the public schools, and in 1890 she became the wife of Charles Edward Leatherberry, who was born at Sherwood, Michigan, May 7, 1865. The first thirteen years of his life were there passed and he then went to Clarksville, Nebraska. After a year and a half he removed to Bennett, Iowa, where he lived to the time of attaining his majority. He thence removed to Lake City, where he resided until 1905, when he removed with his family to Auburn, Iowa, to become manager for the Joyee Lumber Company. His entire life was devoted to the lumber business and he continued his residence in Auburn until he was called to his final rest on the 3d of May, 1913, being then only forty-eight years of age. To Mr. and Mrs. Leatherberry had been born two daughters: Mrs. R. H. Flemming, of Lake City, Iowa; and Mildred, who is at home with her mother.

During his residence in Lake City Mr. Leatherberry had united with the Presbyterian church and at his demise his remains were taken back to Lake City for burial, the funeral services being held in the

church in which he had first publicly announced his faith in God. He was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Masonic fraternity, and the funeral services were attended by the Masonic bodies of both Auburn and Lake City and also the Odd Fellows lodge of Lake City, the funeral rites of the Masonic order being observed at the grave. Mr. Leatherberry was a man of many sterling traits of character. He never sought to figure prominently in public connections but his sterling worth was recognized by those with whom he was associated and the circle of his friends constantly broadened. To his family he was devoted and it is in his own home that his loss is felt with greatest force.

Mrs. Leatherberry also belongs to the Presbyterian church and takes a helpful interest in its work. She has been very active along several lines, being president of the Woman's Relief Corps and a past matron of Brilliant Star Chapter, O. E. S., of Auburn, while now she is affiliated with Lake Queen Chapter, O. E. S., of Lake City. She has also been through all of the chairs in the Rebekah lodge, the ladies' auxilliary of the Odd Fellows society, and is now financial secretary of Star Lodge. She attacks everything that she undertakes with a contagious enthusiasm and accomplishes results which would be impossible to a woman of less energetic nature and of less firm purpose.

JOHN H. FITCH.

John H. Fitch is the owner of the Rio Vista Stock Farm, comprising three hundred and forty-two acres in Jackson township and specializes in raising Aberdeen Angus cattle, Poland China hogs and Barred Rock poultry. He was born on the farm where he still lives on the 4th of November, 1872, a son of Captain W. H. and Sarah E. Fitch, further mention of whom is made elsewhere in this work.

Our subject entered the public schools at the usual age and after graduating from the high school at Lake City took a business course at Drake University of Des Moines. In 1896, when twenty-four years of age, he began farming for himself, operating a portion of the one thousand acres of land belonging to his father. At the latter's demise in 1907 the estate was divided and our subject received three hundred and forty-two acres, which he has since cultivated and which is known as the Rio Vista Stock Farm. He breeds high grade Aber-

deen Angus cattle, Poland China hogs and Barred Rock poultry and the sale of his stock yields him a good income annually. He has gained an enviable reputation among the stock-raisers of the county and his cattle, hogs and poultry never fail to bring a good price upon the market. He not only understands the principles of animal husbandry but is also an excellent business man and his resources are steadily increasing. He owns stock in the Farmers Elevator Company of Lake City, of which he is also a director, and is likewise financially interested in the Farmers Mutual Telephone Company. In 1913 he erected a modern residence and everything about his place is kept in excellent condition.

On the 12th of February, 1896, Mr. Fitch married Miss Lida R. Hall, a daughter of John R. and Mary Jane (Barnard) Hall, now of Cedar Rapids. Her father was born in Kentucky in 1835 but in 1862 removed to Butler county, Iowa, where Mrs. Fitch was born.

Mr. Fitch votes independently at local elections but where national issues are at stake supports the principles and candidates of the republican party. He is an influential member of the local Christian church, of which he was a deacon and elder for seventeen years, but resigned those offices a year ago. He is well known throughout the county in which he has passed his entire life and the fact that those who have known him most intimately from boyhood are his staunchest friends is indubitable proof of his worth as a man.

HENRY T. RENCH.

Henry T. Rench carries on general farming on section 26, Garfield township. He is one of the well known residents of this part of the county and his business activity has placed him among its substantial citizens. He was born in Jones county, Iowa, on the 11th of December, 1863, a son of John H. and Martha J. (Campbell) Rench. The father was a farmer by occupation. He was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, and was a son of John H. Rench, a native of Germany, who also devoted his life to agricultural pursuits. Coming to the new world, he continued a resident of Pennsylvania until called to his final rest when he had reached an advanced age. His son and namesake was reared in the Keystone state and was there married. In 1857 he came to Iowa, settling in Jones county, where he carried on farming with a fair measure of success until his death, which occurred when he had reached the advanced age of eighty-six

years. His wife, a native of Indiana, made the journey to Iowa in a covered wagon in pioneer times, antedating the building of railroads. She died at the age of seventy-six years, three months and five days, passing away in the faith of the Methodist church, of which she had long been a devoted member. In the family were nine children, five sons and four daughters: Adella, now living in Cherokee county, Iowa; Charles, a resident farmer of Garfield township; Al, who is proprietor of a grain elevator at Lytton; Florence, who died at the age of twenty-four years; Henry T.; Wilbur, a resident farmer of Garfield township; May, living in Sae county, Iowa; Fannie, in Muscatine county; and one who died in infancy.

Henry T. Rench spent his boyhood days upon the home farm with the usual experiences that come in such an environment. He was educated in the public schools, supplemented by a term of study in the Epworth high school. He enjoyed the work and outdoor life of the farm and so on attaining his majority did not seek to change his mode of life, but began farming on his own account by renting land. He was thus engaged until 1887, when he came to Calhoun county and purchased eighty acres of raw land on section 22 at sixteen dollars per acre. He borrowed one hundred and fifty dollars to aid him in making payment upon the place, which he at once began to improve and develop, living thereon for three years. He then sold that property and purchased two hundred and forty acres of his present place in partnership with his brother Charles. They continued their farming operations together until 1913, when they divided their interests. They had added to their original holdings and at the time of the division Henry T. Rench came into individual possession of one hundred and sixty-eight acres of valuable farm property. For many years he has successfully carried on farming and stock-raising and in addition has operated a threshing machine for forty-five years through Calhoun and adjoining counties. This has brought him a wide acquaintance and he has many friends in his part of the state. In addition to tilling the soil he raises horses and mules and finds this a profitable feature of his business.

In 1894 Mr. Rench was united in marriage to Miss Augusta Strain, a native of Tama county, Iowa, who came to Calhoun county in her girlhood days with her parents, Joseph and Nevada Strain. Her father is now Indian agent at Muskogee, Oklahoma. Mr. and Mrs. Rench have become parents of four children: Hazel, who was graduated in June, 1915, from the Rockwell City high school, winning valedictorian honors in a class of twenty-eight; Metha, Harry and Ethel, all at home.

Mr. Rench is an Odd Fellow, holding membership in the lodge at Lytton. In his political views he is a republican and he has filled the offices of township trustee and school director. He has worked diligently, his days busily employed in farming, stock-raising and threshing, and his carefully directed business affairs have brought him a substantial measure of success, so that he is now one of the well-to-do farmers of Garfield township.

WILLIAM SMITH EAKIN.

William Smith Eakin is a retired farmer residing in Jackson township and is popular with all who know him. He has passed the three score years and ten allotted to man and the rest which he is now enjoying is well deserved, for he was for many years actively engaged in agricultural pursuits. His birth occurred on the 4th of September, 1843, in Greene county, Tennessee, and he is a son of William A. and Mary (Reeve) Eakin. The father, who was born in Virginia, removed to Tennessee, where he resided for many years. He was a minister of the Wesleyan Methodist church and traveled from place to place preaching the gospel. His death occurred in 1861.

William S. Eakin came to Calhoun county, Iowa, in 1877, having bought eighty acres of land in this county for three hundred dollars from speculators in eastern Virginia. In 1884 he removed to his present farm on section 8, Jackson township, and devoted his time and energies to its operation until he retired from active life. He met with a gratifying measure of success and gained more than a competence.

Mr. Eakin was living in Tennessee at the time of the Civil war and in 1861, while attending an academy, was conscripted into the Confederate army. He was sent to join Company A of the Sixty-first Tennessee Infantry, which was being drilled at a place called Henderson's Depot. He participated in the fighting at Jackson, Mississippi, and in the Vicksburg campaign. During the siege of that stronghold he suffered severely and upon its surrender was held captive for some time but was eventually exchanged. Upon his exchange he was placed in the Tennessee Mounted Infantry, which command took part in many small skirmishes but no battles and was disbanded in 1865.

On the 11th of January, 1866, Mr. Eakin was married to Miss Mae Elizabeth Jones, a daughter of John Jones, of Virginia. To

this union have been born nine children, eight of whom survive, namely: Anna, the wife of A. R. Bremer, of Sunrise, Minnesota; William, of North Yakima, Washington, who married Ella Yetter; Bessie, the wife of John Sager; John, who is living in California; Charles, who married Margaret Royce; Clara, the wife of Ed Grantham, of Lake City, Iowa; Lulu, who married Walter O'Connor, a farmer of Jackson township; and Walter, a merchant, who married Annette Foley and resides in Lake City.

Mr. Eakin is a republican and has always been staunch in his support of that party, although he has never desired office as a reward for his loyalty. However, he served as school director for several terms and in that official capacity did all in his power to promote the welfare of the local schools. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Christian church. He is a zealous advocate of the prohibition cause, believing the liquor evil to be at the root of many of the serious problems that confront the country. He is straightforward and sincere and these qualities have gained him the respect of all who have come in contact with him, while his attractive personality has enabled him to gain and hold the warm friendship of many.

SAMUEL J. FARLOW, M. D.

Dr. Samuel J. Farlow has been engaged in the general practice of medicine at Somers since the 15th of December, 1905, and has been an active representative of the profession since 1893, in which year he was graduated from the Iowa College of Physicians and Surgeons. He was born in Randleman, Randolph county, North Carolina, on the 4th of August, 1862, and is a son of Samuel and Anna (Hill) Farlow, who were also natives of the Old North state. The father there spent his entire life and was very active in educational and religious circles in the community in which he lived. He held some local offices and he was a most helpful member of the Friends church. His business interests were diversified. He owned a large farm and also operated a cotton gin and brick making plant and conducted a nursery business. His death occurred in Randleman, North Carolina, in 1896, when he had reached the venerable age of eighty-six years.

Samuel J. Farlow was the tenth in order of birth in a family of twelve children and after attending the common schools he continued his education in Guilford College near Greensboro, North Carolina. In 1882 he made his way to the middle west and spent two and a half

years in Indianapolis, Indiana, where he attended school and also worked as a farm hand. In 1885 he became a resident of Des Moines, Iowa, and for several years was numbered among the capable teachers in the graded schools of that city, but he regarded this merely as an initial step to other professional labor, as it was his desire to become an active medical practitioner, and to that end he entered the Iowa College of Physicians and Surgeons, from which he was graduated with the class of 1893. The same year he began practice at Farnhamville, Iowa, where he continued in general practice for twelve years, and on the 15th of December, 1905, he came to Somers, where he has since remained. A liberal practice has been accorded him at that place, his ability winning him wide recognition as a skilled physician, not only among his fellow townsmen, but also among his colleagues and contemporaries in the profession. In addition to his practice he owns land in Webster county and has large land holdings in Wisconsin, including a dairy and stock farm. He raises Shorthorn cattle and his farming interests are systematically, carefully and successfully conducted, but the major portion of his time is devoted to his general practice.

Dr. Farlow was united in marriage to Miss Alta M. Laud, who was born in Kansas, a daughter of Dr. M. J. and Sarah Laud, who were natives of West Virginia and Iowa respectively. At their marriage they took up their abode in this state, living at Eldon, where Dr. Laud engaged in active practice until the early '70s, when he went to Kansas, practicing in Bronson for several years. In the '80s he returned to Iowa, establishing his home in Calhoun county. He owned a farm and practiced at Farnhamville, being one of the old physicians of the county. He afterward went to Kansas, living at Rose, where he conducted a drug store until he retired from active life. He died in April, 1914, at the age of seventy-seven years, while his wife passed away in 1910 at the age of seventy-three.

To Dr. and Mrs. Farlow have been born three children, Verle A., Vera and Samuel J. The family is well known in this county and the hospitality of the best homes of Somers is cordially extended them. In politics Dr. Farlow is a republican, active in the councils of the party but not an office seeker. Fraternally he is connected with the Masonic lodge at Gowrie, is an active worker in all three branches of Odd Fellowship, is a prominent member of the Knights of Pythias lodge at Farnhamville and also belongs to the Modern Woodmen camp at the same place. His membership relations along strictly professional lines are with the county, state and American Medical Associations, and thus he keeps in touch with the onward march of the

profession. He has taken post-graduate work at Rush Medical College in Chicago and by broad reading and study has kept informed concerning the scientific methods of practice and has thus continually promoted his efficiency.

JOHN A. HITSMAN.

John A. Hitsman is proprietor of a restaurant at Somers, where he is enjoying a good patronage that makes his business one of the substantial commercial ventures of the town. He was born in Boone county, Iowa, August 9, 1869, and is a son of William and Martha Hitsman. The father was born in St. Lawrence county, New York, October 1, 1844, while the mother's birth occurred on the 19th of April, 1845. They arrived in Boone county, Iowa, in April, 1870, and settled in Colfax township, where Mr. Hitsman secured eighty acres of land, there carrying on general farming for several years, after which he sold his property and took up his abode in the city of Boone, where he was engaged in business for about twenty years. During that period he managed to gain a comfortable competence and at the end of that time retired, spending his remaining days in the enjoyment of well earned rest. His death occurred April 28, 1910.

John A. Hitsman spent his boyhood days in Boone county upon the farm and in the town of Boone, his education being acquired in the district schools. He came to Calhoun county in 1882 and worked for his uncle, S. J. Dean, at herding cattle and in other such labor. In 1883 he became a resident of Cedar township, where he worked on farms by the month. He afterward was employed in the store of W. C. Parks at Muddy, remaining in that connection until 1893, when he removed to Fort Dodge, Iowa, where he was employed as a plumber until 1895. He then returned to Calhoun county and rented a farm until 1908, in which year he established a restaurant in Somers and for seven years has successfully conducted the business. He has a well appointed establishment, neat and attractive in appearance, and in the meals he serves all that the market affords.

On the 13th of August, 1894, Mr. Hitsman was united in marriage to Miss Celia Ford, a daughter of W. H. Ford. They have one child, Cleo Williams, at home. In his political views Mr. Hitsman is an earnest republican and fraternally is prominent in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, belonging to Cedar Lodge, No. 640, Somers Encampment, No. 47, and Canton Allison, No. 63. He may truly

be called a self-made man, for he was only thirteen years of age when he began earning his own living and has since been dependent upon his labors for his advancement and for all that he has enjoyed in life. He has worked hard and his present business is the visible evidence of his well directed energy.

MARCELLUS T. WOOD.

Marcellus T. Wood is a highly esteemed resident of Lake City, where he is living retired in the enjoyment of well earned leisure. His birth occurred in Swanton, Vermont, on the 9th of October, 1838, and he is a son of David and Charlotte (La Salle) Wood. The father, who was also born in Swanton, served as a lieutenant in a Vermont regiment during the War of 1812 and bore himself with conspicuous gallantry. He was engaged in the marble business, in which he met with gratifying success. He also owned one of the largest farms in his county and was quite prominent in his community.

Marcellus T. Wood received the usual education of the time and locality and during his boyhood and youth assisted in the operation of the home farm, thus gaining valuable training in agricultural pursuits. On the 8th of August, 1862, he went to the defense of the Union, enlisting in Company D, Eleventh New York Volunteer Cavalry. For a year his command was assigned to guard duty in the vicinity of Washington, D. C., but it participated in the decisive battle of Gettysburg. It also took part in the Davison raid through Arkansas. Mr. Wood served as regimental wagon-master with the rank of first duty corporal and he later became commissary sergeant. He was mustered out at Memphis, Tennessee, in June, 1865, and on returning home went to St. Lawrence county, New York, where he engaged in farming until 1877. During seven years of that period he also kept a hotel. In 1877 he came to Lake City, Iowa, and farmed in Calhoun county and also worked on a railroad until 1900, when he retired from active life.

On the 28th of March, 1867, occurred the marriage of Mr. Wood and Miss Rachel Craig, who died August 19, 1895, leaving eight children: Charles M., of Tama, Iowa; Nathan H., a resident of Mason City; Carrie M., the wife of Ed Phream, of Spokane, Washington; William, whose home is in Carroll, this state; Mary M., who married G. M. Everett, of Missouri Valley, Iowa; George, of Lake

City; Arthur, a resident of Council Bluffs; and Bertha, the wife of S. E. Bradley, of Spokane, Washington.

Mr. Wood gives his political allegiance to the democratic party. He is the oldest Mason in Lake City and belongs to Zerubbabel Lodge, No. 240, A. F. & A. M., and Cypress Chapter, No. 99, R. A. M. He is also a demitted Knight Templar. Through Lander Post, No. 156, G. A. R., he keeps in touch with his comrades of the '60s and is very loyal to that organization. He has many friends not only in Lake City but throughout Calhoun county, and is rich not only in years but also in honor and esteem.

ROYAL M. PEEBLES.

Royal M. Peebles has lived retired in Lake City for two decades and is widely and favorably known throughout Calhoun county. He was born in Wethersfield, Wyoming county, New York, in March, 1842, and he is a son of Philander and Hannah (Hurlburt) Peebles. In the fall of 1842 he was taken by his parents to Green county, Wisconsin, where the father entered three hundred acres of land, for which he paid a dollar and a quarter per acre. He continued to operate his farm until the early '90s, when he removed to Sioux county, Iowa, spending the remainder of his life in honorable retirement. He passed away in 1903 when eighty-seven and a half years of age, and was survived by his widow until 1907, her demise occurring when she was eighty-seven years old.

Royal M. Peebles received a common school education during his boyhood and youth and also gained much practical knowledge concerning farming. On the 21st of January, 1865, he enlisted in Company I, Forty-sixth Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, and went with his command to Alabama, where they were assigned to the duty of guarding railroads. He was with the colors until September of that year, when he was honorably discharged at Nashville, Tennessee. Two of his brothers also fought in the Union army, one being with Sherman on his famous march to the sea. He received a wound, from the effects of which he died shortly after the close of the war.

Following his discharge from the army Royal M. Peebles returned home and worked upon the farm for three years. In the fall of 1868 he came to Jackson township, Calhoun county, Iowa, and bought one hundred and sixty acres of excellent land, to the cultivation of which he devoted his energies for many years. Subsequently

he purchased an additional eighty acres and still owns the two hundred and forty acres, all of which is tilled and in a high state of cultivation. However, since December 8, 1895, he has left the operation of his farm to others and has resided in Lake City in honorable retirement from business cares, having gained more than a competence.

Mr. Peebles was married on the 4th of October, 1863, to Miss Sarah Satterlee, who was born in Edgar county, Illinois, on the 3d of April, 1846, and is a daughter of Ora and Anna M. (Desart) Satterlee. Mr. and Mrs. Peebles have become the parents of four children: Melvin R., a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work; Marian O., who died when thirteen months old; Cora M., who died at the age of six years; and Charlie A., who is operating his father's farm in Jackson township.

Mr. Peebles is a republican and for seven years served ably and conscientiously as trustee of Jackson township. For over twenty years he has been a deacon in the Baptist church and his life has at all times been a force for righteousness and justice. Through his membership in the Grand Army of the Republic he keeps up his association with his comrades in arms and through the years he has manifested that patriotism of peace which consists of the willingness to subordinate private aims to the good of the community.

LUCIUS EVERETT NOKES.

Lucius Everett Nokes, who has been identified with the Citizens Bank at Lake City since 1908, has advanced to his present business connection of responsibility through those qualities which are ever factors in the attainment of honorable success. He has been faithful to the trust reposed in him in various connections and his diligence has enabled him to take one forward step after another. He was born at East Springwater, New York, December 21, 1867, and is a son of Edwin and Celista (Upham) Nokes. The father was a native of Quebec, Canada. The mother was born in Massachusetts.

Spending his youthful days under the parental roof, Lucius E. Nokes attended the public schools, passing through consecutive grades until he became a high-school pupil. He afterward learned the trade of printing and also mastered telegraphy, subsequent to which time he filled various offices in the line of his profession on the Illinois Central and Northwestern Railroads. In 1891 he became a clerk in the store of J. J. Hutchison, of Lake City, and filled that position for ten years.

In 1901 he again entered the service of the Northwestern Railway Company but in 1908 became identified with financial interests as a representative of the Citizens Bank. He has since been identified with that institution and as its assistant cashier is an obliging and popular official.

On the 1st of December, 1889, Mr. Nokes was united in marriage to Miss Nettie Hutchison, a daughter of J. J. Hutchison, of whom extended mention is made elsewhere in this volume. They have three children: Anna, now the wife of Earl Pittman; Lois, who is attending Grinnell College, where she is specializing in languages and liberal arts; and Ralph E., now a high-school student in Lake City.

Mr. Nokes belongs to Zerubbabel Lodge, No. 240, F. & A. M.; Cyrus Chapter, No. 99, R. A. M.; Rose Croix Commandery, No. 38, K. T., at Sae City; and Lake Queen Chapter, No. 119, O. E. S. He is thus well known in Masonic circles and in his life he exemplifies the beneficent spirit of the craft. He closely follows its teachings and again and again extends the helping hand which is one of the strong features of Masonry.

RICHARD BRUGGER.

Richard Brugger is a resident farmer of Elm Grove township, living on section 16, where he has one hundred and sixty acres of good land that responds readily to the care and labor which he bestows upon the fields. He is the youngest of six children who were born of the marriage of Fidel and Mary Ann (Wunderly) Brugger and his birth occurred in Germany on the 12th of January, 1850. Two years later, or in 1852, the parents left the fatherland and came to the United States, establishing their home in Washington county, Wisconsin. It was there that Richard Brugger was reared, while the public schools afforded him his educational privileges. In 1874, when a young man of twenty-four years, he came to Iowa and remained with his brother Jeremiah for seven years. His father had died four years before, passing away in 1870, and his mother's death occurred in 1885.

It was in that year that Richard Brugger started out in business life on his own account and it was also in the same year that he established a home of his own by his marriage, which was celebrated on the 2d of April, 1885, Miss Emma Binkert becoming his wife. She is a daughter of Peter Binkert, mentioned elsewhere in this volume. Four children have been born of this marriage: Herman C., who married

Stella Love, and resides in Lake City; William G., who wedded Luella Hutton, and is engaged in farming in Greene county, Iowa; and Edward L. and Josie, both at home.

In his political views Mr. Brugger is a democrat and has been called to a number of local offices, serving for several years as township clerk and for two terms as township assessor. He has also been school director for several terms and the cause of education finds in him an earnest advocate. He himself reads broadly, keeping in touch with the leading events and issues of the day, and upon all significant questions he is able to express an intelligent opinion. The major part of his time and attention, however, are given to his chosen life work. He has a well tiled farm and the fields are most carefully cultivated and improved. There are good buildings upon the place and his home is a large and attractive residence tastefully furnished. An air of hospitality pervades the place and the Brugger home is the center of many delightful social affairs.

EARL TRULLINGER.

Earl Trullinger is an enterprising farmer residing on section 9, Jackson township. He is a native of this township, born March 14, 1879, a son of Aaron A. and Sabrina (Mormon) Trullinger. The father was born in Fountain county, Indiana, in 1843, and was but two years of age when he was brought by his parents to Iowa, the family home being established in Des Moines. When he was about seventeen years of age the family removed to Colorado but the son remained in Iowa, working as a farm hand in Polk county. Later in life he was married and after the close of the Civil war removed to Calhoun county where he engaged in farming and stock-raising.

Earl Trullinger spent the period of his boyhood and early youth under the parental roof and acquired his education in the common schools of his home locality. He assisted in the work of the home farm and also gained practical knowledge of the stock business, for his father was extensively engaged in raising pure bred Hereford cattle. In 1908 he began farming on his own account and is now cultivating a tract of three hundred and twenty acres, located on section 9, Jackson township. He is practical and progressive in his methods of farm work and each year he gathers good crops as a reward for the care and labor he bestows upon his fields.

On the 5th of September, 1901, Mr. Trullinger established a home of his own by his marriage to Miss Lottie Parker, a daughter of J. C. Parker, of Lake City, Iowa. To Mr. and Mrs. Trullinger have been born three sons, Charles, Melford and Howard. In his political views Mr. Trullinger is independent, voting for the men whom he deems best fitted for office, irrespective of party ties. He has never been active as an office seeker but is now serving as school director. Having spent his entire life in Calhoun county he is well known and he is fully sustaining the high reputation that has always been borne by the Trullinger family.

CYRUS J. COOPER.

Cyrus J. Cooper is the owner of three hundred and twenty acres of good land on sections 35 and 36, Greenfield township, and is numbered among the representative farmers of Calhoun county. He was born February 7, 1851, in Clay county, Indiana, and during his boyhood days accompanied his parents on their removal to Kansas, the family home being established in Linn county, where they remained for five years. On the expiration of that period they removed to Marshalltown, Iowa, and there Cyrus J. Cooper was largely educated. In the spring of 1881 he came to Calhoun county and purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land, for which he paid seven dollars per acre. This he greatly improved, planting groves and cultivating his fields. He made his home thereon for nine years and at the end of that time sold the property. In the spring of 1890 he purchased one hundred and sixty acres, to the further development of which he devoted his energies for five years. He then disposed of that tract and in 1895 purchased the farm upon which he now resides, having made it his home for twenty years. He paid fifty dollars per acre for his place, which comprises three hundred and twenty acres. He has converted his land into rich fields, which he cultivates according to modern scientific methods. His labors are at all times practical and progressive and the result is seen in the generous harvests which he gathers each year.

On the 1st of January, 1879, Mr. Cooper was united in marriage to Miss Mary Burns, a daughter of David and Lucina Burns and a native of Marshalltown, Iowa, born November 25, 1860. To Mr. and Mrs. Cooper have been born ten children: Granville W., a farmer of this county; Effie O., deceased; Orva, the wife of Fred Felton, a

farmer of Calhoun county; Danford, deceased; Alma, who has also passed away; and Nellie Clare, James Alford, Charles, Reginald Kennard and Annie, all at home.

Mr. Cooper is a member of the Methodist church. The family is highly esteemed in the community and that Mr. Cooper has led a life of well directed industry is indicated in his fine farm, which is one of the well improved and highly developed properties of Greenfield township.

JOHN W. MILLS.

John W. Mills is a resident farmer of Cedar township, living on section 16, where he owns and cultivates eighty acres of land. He was born in Hardin county, Iowa, November 17, 1858, a son of Benjamin and Mary Ann Mills. The father, who was born in Tennessee on the 12th of February, 1829, came to Iowa in his boyhood days in company with his parents, who settled in Washington county. In his teens he began work as a farm hand and was thus employed until about the time he attained his majority. He then purchased a farm and began its improvement. Still later he removed to Jasper county and after living there for a time went to Hardin county, where he secured one hundred and twenty acres of land for which he paid three dollars per acre. It was raw prairie on which he turned the first furrows. After breaking the sod and harrowing the land he planted his fields and in due time secured good crops. He continued a resident of Hardin county until his death, which occurred November 21, 1897.

John W. Mills spent his boyhood days in his native county, where he was reared and educated. He early became familiar with the best methods of tilling the soil and caring for the crops and he gave active assistance to his father until he was about twenty years of age, when he began working on a ditching machine and also farmed by the month. Later he rented a farm for about a year and then removed to Hubbard, Hardin county, where he lived for eight years, spending that time in farm work. In 1888 he removed to Calhoun county and rented a tract of land of one hundred and sixty acres, which he continued to cultivate and improve for sixteen years. During that time he carefully saved his earnings and at length his industry and economy enabled him to purchase his present place of eighty acres on section 16, Cedar township. His attention is given to the care and cultivation of his land, to which he has added various excellent

improvements. His time is well spent, his undivided attention being given to the work of the fields, and he annually gathers good crops.

On the 3d of March, 1882, Mr. Mills was united in marriage to Miss Adelia J. Hufford, who was born in Marshall county, Iowa, March 22, 1862, a daughter of N. A. Hufford. Her parents came from New York to Iowa, taking up their abode among the early settlers of this state. Mr. and Mrs. Mills have five children, as follows: Sarah Lodemia, who is the wife of Chester Roekufler, a farmer residing on section 16, Cedar township; Mary Frances, who lives at Clarion, Iowa; Rilla Adelia, a dressmaker residing in Carion, this state; Louisa, who gave her hand in marriage to Dr. Farlow, of Yetter, Iowa; and Bernice, at home.

Mr. Mills exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party and has filled the office of township trustee. He belongs to Cedar Lodge, No. 640, to Somers Encampment, No. 47, and to Canton Allison, No. 63, I. O. O. F. In that order he takes an active interest and is helpful in its work. There are no unusual chapters in his life record. It is the history of a man who has worked earnestly and persistently, recognizing the fact that labor is the source of all honorable success, and it has been by means of his persistency of purpose that he has gained a place among the enterprising and substantial farmers of Cedar township.

JOSEPH J. HUTCHISON.

Joseph J. Hutchison was a well loved citizen of Calhoun county, where for many years he made his home. He was actively identified with its interests as lawyer, teacher and merchant and the integrity and honor of his business career as well as of his private life gave him firm hold upon the esteem and regard of his fellow townsmen. For long years he was one of the foremost merchants of Lake City and he ever belonged to that class of men who, because of sterling personal qualities, upheld the standard of citizenship. He came to Lake City June 30, 1867, from Ohio, his native state. He was born at Cherrytown, now Barnesville, March 27, 1839, his parents being E. E. and Rhoda (Campbell) Hutchison, who on leaving Cherrytown removed to Fairview, Ohio, and afterward to Harriettsville, about the year 1845. Subsequently they took up their abode upon a farm at Master-ton, now Lebanon, this being in the year 1850.

Joseph J. Hutchison spent his youthful days under the parental roof, devoting his time largely to the mastery of the branches taught in the public schools and later he attended school and studied law at Woodsfield, Ohio, there preparing for admission to the bar. He practiced his profession for three or four years in Ohio before removing to Lake City. Here he immediately opened a law office and the early records bear witness to the large clientage that was accorded him and his success in the trial of cases when opposed by such eminent lawyers as Yeoman, Dumseombe and others prominent in the state. Mr. Hutchison also taught school during the early part of his residence in Calhoun county but became identified with merehandising in June, 1871, when he became a partner of Judge Peter Smith and Mark Smith, in the conduct of a dry-goods and grocery store. That relationship was maintained until January 1, 1873, when the partnership was dissolved and Mr. Hutchison was joined by L. F. Danforth, under the firm style of Hutchison & Danforth. The business of the firm prospered and a liberal patronage was accorded them by the early settlers, who recognized the soundness of their business principles and their untiring efforts to please their customers. In January, 1888, this partnership was dissolved and from that time until the fall of 1891 Mr. Hutchison was a partner of Captain W. H. Fitch in the ownership and conduct of a general store. He was afterward alone in business until August 27, 1902, when he disposed of his stock to Frank Stennett, retiring from active life after thirty-one years of continuous connection with mercantile pursuits. Prosperity had rewarded his efforts, his success being well deserved, as it came to him as the direct outcome of persistent energy, experience and straightforward dealing. In the meantime he had made investment in property and was the owner of three hundred and fifty acres of valuable Calhoun county land, of which two hundred and thirty-two acres was within the corporation limits of Lake City. He was also owner of the brick block on South Center street and other city real estate and his investments were sufficient to supply him in his later years with the comforts and some of the luxuries of life.

On the 21st of June, 1866, while still a resident of Ohio, Mr. Hutchison was united in marriage to Miss Sue M. Cowgill, who was born in Belmont county, Ohio, July 24, 1840. They began their domestic life in their native state but after a year removed to Lake City, where their remaining days were passed. In 1872 they took up their abode in part of the house which continued to be their residence until they were called to their final rest. They became the parents of two daughters and a son: Anna, who died in January, 1887;

Nettie, now the wife of L. E. Nokes, assistant cashier of the Citizens Bank of Lake City; and Ralph. In 1887 Mrs. Hutchison became a member of the Presbyterian church and took active and helpful interest in the work of various departments of the church until failing health forced her to desist. Even then her interest did not wane, although she was compelled to cease her church activities. Hers was a beautiful Christian life and her pastor bore testimony to her faithfulness in Christian service when he was called upon to preach the funeral sermon following her demise, on the 25th of April, 1907. Mr. Hutchison survived his wife for five years, passing away on the 15th of April, 1912.

Throughout all his life Mr. Hutchison was progressive and loyal in citizenship and at the time of the Civil war he served with the rank of first lieutenant in the Ohio militia, which resisted the Morgan raid into Ohio. He was honored with positions of trust and dignity in municipal affairs and his keen insight into questions relating to the public good led him to take firm stand on the side of right and progress. He believed, too, in that conservatism which rebuked all policies that are not in harmony with economy and business principles in the handling of public moneys. He voted with the democratic party and held firmly to the old Jeffersonian principles. In 1868 he was made a Mason, being raised in Jephtha Lodge, No. 201, F. & A. M. at Grant City, Iowa. He was one of the last surviving charter members of Zerubbabel Lodge, No. 240, of Lake City, and in the work of the organization he took a deep and helpful interest. The funeral services were in charge of his Masonic brethren and were most beautiful and impressive. On the roll of Calhoun county's leading-citizens there appears the names of no couple more deserving of respect than were Mr. and Mrs. Hutchison. Their lives were upright, their purposes and principles high and they fulfilled the biblical injunction to do unto others as they would have others do unto them. The memory of such lives may well be cherished by their descendants and be sacredly held by the friends whom they left behind.

SEYMOUR CLAYTON GARTRELL, D. O.

Seymour Clayton Gartrell is successfully engaged in the practice of osteopathy at Lake City. He was born upon a farm near Bedford, Taylor county, Iowa, on the 7th of December, 1876, his parents being John Thomas and Elizabeth Mahala (Hicks) Gartrell. The ma-

ternal grandfather served as a soldier in the Civil war, while the great-grandfather in the paternal line defended American interests by active military service in the War of 1812.

In his boyhood days Seymour C. Gartrell accompanied his parents on their removal to western Kansas and there he pursued his education in the public schools. He afterward took up the profession of teaching, which he followed for eight years in the rural schools of Kansas, but at the end of that time he determined upon the practice of osteopathy as a life work and entered the American School of Osteopathy at Kirksville, Missouri, from which he was graduated with the class of 1914. After practicing for a year and a half at Aekley, Iowa, he removed to Lake City, where he opened an office and has already won a liberal patronage. He thoroughly understands anatomy and the component parts of the human body, recognizes the onslaughts made upon it by disease and in his treatment displays comprehensive knowledge of the scientific methods of healing followed by the osteopathic school. His efforts have been attended with good results, as is indicated by his increasing patronage.

On the 4th of September, 1912, Dr. Gartrell was united in marriage to Miss Blanche Henrietta Williams, a daughter of Benjamin and Jennie Williams, of Gravity, Iowa. They now have a daughter, Pauline W. Politically the Doctor may be termed an independent republican, while his religious faith is that of the Presbyterian church. Fraternally he is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and he also belongs to the Stillonian Club. The interests of his life are varied, making a well rounded character, and in his chosen life work he has gained for himself a creditable name and place.

JESSE J. TOOP.

Jesse J. Toop has made his home in Calhoun county since the year 1882 and he is therefore familiar with the progress and development that has here been made in the past thirty years or more. He has watched with interest this development, particularly along agricultural lines, and he has not only been a witness but has been an active participant along lines that have brought Calhoun county to the front rank among the best sections of this great state of Iowa. Mr. Toop was born in De Kalb county, Illinois, April 27, 1871, a son of William Toop, who was born in Winfrith, England, in 1836. At the age of

twenty years the latter emigrated to the new world, and located in De Kalb county, where he began life without a dollar and he was also in debt. He secured employment at farm labor and in due course of time engaged in business on his own account by renting land. Eventually his labors brought to him the capital that enabled him to purchase land and he became the owner of one hundred and twenty acres contiguous to the city of DeKalb. After a time he added to his holdings by an additional purchase which made him the possessor of one hundred and eighty acres, which he improved and cultivated, making it one of the valuable properties of that section of the state. It was while still a resident of De Kalb county that William Toop was married to Miss Sarah A. Whiteman, a native of Illinois, and a daughter of John Whiteman, one of the pioneers of De Kalb county. In 1881 Mr. Toop decided to come to Iowa and after disposing of his property in Illinois he removed with his family to Calhoun county in 1882, where he purchased a half section of land on sections 31 and 32, Jackson township, to the cultivation and improvement of which he devoted his energies for several years. However, for some years prior to his death he was an invalid and the farm was managed by his two sons, William I. and Jesse J., the former of whom now owns the homestead but makes his home on a farm in Sac county. The father departed this life December 3, 1893, at the age of about fifty-seven years. Subsequently his widow made her home with their daughter, Mrs. Florence Behrend, of Auburn, Iowa, but has now departed this life, her death occurring December 24, 1911.

Jesse J. Toop was a young lad when he accompanied his parents on their removal to Calhoun county and his education, which had been begun in the schools of De Kalb county, was continued in the schools of Calhoun county. Subsequently he attended the Western Normal School at Shenandoah, Iowa, from which institution he was graduated. He then returned to the home farm in Jackson township and assisted in its cultivation and management until the time of his father's demise, after which he operated rented land for two years. He then purchased the farm which has since been his home and the scene of his activities, this land lying on section 33, Jackson township. He has here two hundred and forty acres, in the midst of which stand good and substantial farm buildings. In addition to his agricultural pursuits Mr. Toop has always given much attention to stock-raising, his specialty being Shropshire sheep and Percheron horses. He has met with success in his undertakings for he has ever followed modern methods in all his work. In addition to his other interests he is a stockholder in the Farmers and Merchants Bank at Auburn, having

become identified therewith upon its organization in 1903, while for the past eight years he has served on the board of directors.

On the 25th of February, 1892, in Carroll county, Iowa, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Toop and Miss Sophia Koppelman, who was born in Lockport, Will county, Illinois, a daughter of Frederick Koppelman, a native of Germany, but who became an early settler of Will county, whence he removed to Carroll county, this state, in 1890. To Mr. and Mrs. Toop have been born a son and daughter. The former, Elmer, wedded Miss Lottie Desart and has one son, Harold R. They reside with Mr. Toop and the son assists his father with the work of the farm. The daughter, Myrtle, is the wife of Gale Sherman and they make their home in Lake City, Iowa. Mrs. Toop is a member of the Lutheran church. Mr. Toop gives his political support to the democratic party but aside from serving as a school director he has never held public office. He displays excellent business ability in the management of his affairs and the high regard in which he is uniformly held is the just reward of honesty and true worth.

HUBBARD BRAYTON.

Hubbard Brayton, a farmer and stockman residing on section 24, Logan township, has made his home in Calhoun county since 1900. He was born in Ashkum township, Iroquois county, Illinois, on the 26th of January, 1875, and is a son of John H. and Mary (Waters) Brayton. The father was a native of Vermont and when a young man he was employed by his father in a saw and grist mill in Franklin county, New York. In 1855 he removed westward to Illinois, settling in LaSalle county, but the following year he went to Iroquois county, where he engaged in farming. The journey westward had been made by boat and he found in Illinois all the conditions of pioneer life. There were many kinds of wild animals and much wild game was to be secured. In public affairs of the early days he took an active and helpful interest and he gave to the public the land on which the Brayton district school now stands. He had three hundred and twenty acres in his home property, constituting one of the foremost farms of the neighborhood, and the residence which he erected thereon was most attractive. He served as school director for many years and there was no progressive movement instituted for the benefit of the community in which he was not deeply interested. He was long an active member of the Odd Fellows lodge at Ashkum, Illinois, and at

all times he was loyal to the teachings and purposes of that organization. He died in Watseka in 1894 at the age of sixty years, while his wife there passed away in 1892 when fifty-two years of age.

Hubbard Brayton pursued his education in what was known as the Brayton district school and in his boyhood days had the usual experiences of the farm lad, his vacation periods being devoted to the work of the fields. At twenty-one years of age he purchased eighty acres of land which his father had owned and until 1900 continued to engage in farming in Illinois. In that year, however, he came to Iowa, making his way to Muddy in Cedar township, where he purchased three hundred and twenty acres of swamp land, residing thereon for several years, during which time he made many improvements upon the place. He then sold out and purchased his present farm, consisting of one hundred and sixty acres in Logan township. This is one of the splendidly developed properties of the community. Upon it stands a beautiful and commodious residence, built in attractive style of architecture, and there are also large barns, good silos and ample shed room for the shelter of farm machinery. He feeds a considerable amount of stock each year and makes that feature of his business an extensive and important one. He is likewise a stockholder in the Farmers Elevator Company of Rinard and Rands, also in the Farmers Grain & Lumber Company and in the Cedar Telephone Company. He is recognized as a man of sound business judgment, so that his co-operation is eagerly sought, being regarded as a valuable asset in connection with any enterprise.

On the 27th of February, 1902, occurred the marriage of Mr. Brayton and Miss Jennie Larson, a native of Watseka, Illinois, and a daughter of Peter C. and Hannah Larson, who were natives of Denmark. After serving in the Danish army, according to the laws of the land, Mr. Larson came to the United States, making Clifton, Illinois, his destination. For a short time he worked on the railroad there and then began farming in Iroquois county, Illinois, where he still owns one hundred and sixty acres. For a considerable period he carefully tilled the fields, but he and his wife are now living retired in Watseka. He has always been active in political circles as a staunch supporter of the republican party, and in his township has worked untiringly to secure success for his party. His religious faith is that of the Methodist Episcopal church.

To the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Brayton have been born two children, Bernice and Eldred. Fraternally Mr. Brayton is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and also with the Modern Woodmen of America at Somers. Politically he is independ-

ent, voting according to the dictates of his judgment without regard to party ties. He belongs to the Rinard Methodist Episcopal church, in which he is serving as steward and trustee, and in the work of the church he is actively concerned, doing all in his power to make it a strong force in the moral development of the community. In fact, he is one of the progressive citizens of the county, standing at all times for advancement along material, intellectual, social and moral lines and holding ever to high standards for the individual and for society at large.

ANDREW T. NESS.

Andrew T. Ness, who carries on farming on section 26, Greenfield township, was born near Bergen, Norway, January 14, 1857. Mention of his parents is made in connection with the sketch of his brother, John R. Ness, on another page of this work. His youthful days were spent in the usual manner of farm lads. He worked at home, in the fields and at herding cattle and was about twelve years of age when he came to the United States with the family, who made their way direct to De Kalb county, Illinois. He remained at home upon the farm and attended the public schools, after which he continued his residence in Illinois until 1890, when he came to Calhoun county and purchased his present place of one hundred and sixty acres of prairie land. The purchase price was twelve dollars and a half per acre and his capital was sufficient to enable him to make a payment of only four hundred dollars. He at once began to develop and improve the property, however, and as fast as possible he discharged his indebtedness. In 1912 he purchased one hundred and sixty acres adjoining, for which he paid one hundred and twenty-five dollars per acre. This is an indication of the success which he had achieved in the meantime and which came to him as the merited reward of earnest, persistent labor. Year after year he took his place in the fields from the time of early spring planting and continued the work of cultivating the land until crops were harvested in the late autumn. His farm is now well improved. He has tilled the land, thus adding to its productiveness, has erected good buildings and has secured all of the modern equipments and facilities found upon the model farm of the twentieth century.

On the 14th of March, 1894, Mr. Ness was united in marriage to Miss Lena Oen, who was born in the northern part of Norway on the

26th of August, 1872, a daughter of Soren and Lena (Opdeal) Oen, who were natives of that place. The father was a carpenter and in August, 1891, came to the United States, making his way to Calhoun county, where he rented land. Two years later, however, he purchased property in Webster county, where he continued to reside until his life's labors were ended in death when he was seventy-eight years of age. His widow is still living at the age of sixty-eight years. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Ness are six children: Olive Irene, Lillie Marie, Gertrude Amanda, Mabel Agnes, Robert Thomas and Viola Luella.

Mr. and Mrs. Ness are members of the United Lutheran church and in his political belief he is a republican, supporting the candidates of the party but never seeking office as a reward for party fealty. His entire life has been devoted to farm work and the result of his labors is seen in the excellent farm which now pays him annual tribute.

PERRY C. HOLDOEGEL.

Perry C. Holdoegel is a prominent representative of telephone interests in Iowa, being now secretary and manager of the Central Mutual Telephone Company of Rockwell City. A native of this state, his birth occurred in Harrison county, on the 7th of September, 1869. His parents were Hugo and Miriam (Mendenhall) Holdoegel, the former born in Germany in 1834, while the mother's birth occurred in the same year in South Carolina. She was a representative of the Mendenhall family, whose name figures prominently in the history of Methodism. Two of her brothers were presiding elders of that church and another brother was an ordained minister of the same faith. In 1854 Hugo Holdoegel drove through Iowa on his way to Salt Lake City. In 1856, however, he became a resident of Harrison county, Iowa, where he remained until the opening year of the Civil war, when he enlisted at Woodbine for service in the Union army, becoming a member of the Fifth Iowa Cavalry. He served for four years, or throughout the war, as a private and was honorably discharged in 1865. After returning from the front he purchased a farm in Harrison county and the following year was married, there beginning his domestic life. From 1876 until 1880 he engaged in merchandising and then resumed agricultural pursuits, which he followed until a few years prior to his demise. He passed away in 1910 and his wife died

in 1908 in the faith of the Methodist Episcopal church. His political allegiance was given to the democratic party until W. J. Bryan became its candidate for president, when he became a supporter of the republican party and its sound money platform. For two terms he filled the office of deputy county sheriff. His religious belief was that of the Lutheran church and he also held membership with the Grand Army of the Republic, thus keeping in touch with his former military comrades. He was a well educated man and exercised considerable influence in his community. To him and his wife were born two children: Perry C.; and Lena D., now the wife of Jacob Peters, of Dunlap, Iowa.

Perry C. Holdoegel acquired his education in the common schools and in the normal school at Woodbine, from which he was graduated in 1890. He had learned the brick mason's trade and likewise the printing trade and after being employed for some time along those lines became a clerk in a store. He also kept books and thus succeeded in paying his own way through normal school. For fourteen years he followed the profession of teaching, during which time he taught for two terms in the country schools and in the Dunlap schools for three years. He was also superintendent of the schools of Rockwell City for seven years and during five years of that time he had joint charge of the Calhoun County Normal School and was superintendent at Manson for three years. After a number of years he turned his attention to the telephone business, having installed the first independent telephone line in operation in the state of Iowa, this line extending from Logan to Missouri Valley, the work being done in 1893. Subsequently he established other lines and organized the Central Mutual Telephone Company of Rockwell City in 1895. He has continued as secretary and manager of the company since its organization and has directed its affairs wisely. There are now eighteen stations which the company operates in Calhoun county, with lines extending into all adjoining counties, and the concern owns a large modern office building. The secret of its rapid growth is found in the fact that it gives excellent service. Mr. Holdoegel was president of the International Independent Telephone Association for one year, for one year was president of the national organization and for three years held a similar position in the state association. He has many interests aside from his connection with the telephone company. He owns land in Iowa, is interested in timber lands in Minnesota and Wisconsin, has a ranch in Alberta, Canada, and was formerly engaged in stock-raising on a large scale in Wyoming. He is a self-made man, his success being due to his own efforts.

Mr. Holdoegel was married on the 21st of August, 1895, to Miss Mattie Forrest, of Dunlap, Iowa, a daughter of William Forrest, a native of England, who was decorated by Queen Victoria for his gallant service in the engagement at Sebastopol and other battles of the Crimean war. After emigrating to the United States he engaged in merchandising in Dunlap, Iowa, and gained a creditable measure of success. To Mr. and Mrs. Holdoegel have been born two children, Donald and Dorothy, both of whom are in school.

Mr. Holdoegel is a leader in local republican circles and is now serving as chairman of the county central committee and as a member of the congressional district committee. For a term he served as a member of the school board and he has been on the building committees of many of the important structures erected in the town, such as the forty thousand dollar school building, the Methodist Episcopal church and others. Fraternally he is identified with the York Rite bodies of Masonry, including the Knights Templar commandery, and he is a Noble of the Mystic Shrine. He likewise holds membership with the Knights of Pythias and the Sons of Veterans and he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. The handsome pipe organ lately installed in the church was largely secured through the efforts of Mr. Holdoegel, who was active in securing the gift from Andrew Carnegie that made it possible for the church to obtain the instrument and he himself gave liberally to the organ fund. In everything that he undertakes Mr. Holdoegel works on persistently and energetically and such is his determination and perseverance that he seldom falls short of successful accomplishment.

HENRY F. JACOBS.

Henry F. Jacobs, deceased, was one of the worthy citizens of Calhoun county and it was said of him: "Those who knew him best loved him most, and those who knew him least loved him much." The death of such a man is always the occasion of deep and widespread regret and the community feels that one has been called whom it could ill afford to lose. Mr. Jacobs was a native of Maryland, his birth having occurred near Baltimore on the 8th of October, 1833. In his childhood days he went with his parents on their removal to Gambier, Ohio, where he remained through the period of his youth and early manhood.

Mr. Jacobs was twenty-five years of age when on the 6th of September, 1858, he was united in marriage to Miss Margaret H. Lawrence. Two years afterward they removed to Fairbury, Illinois, where they resided for five years, and in May, 1865, Mr. Jacobs arrived in Calhoun county, settling on a farm near Lake City, where he made his home for a third of a century. Within that period he carefully tilled his fields and developed his farm, making it a productive tract of land from which he annually gathered good harvests. The success which attended his efforts in cultivating the fields at length enabled him to put aside further business cares and he removed to Lake City, where his remaining days were passed. To Mr. and Mrs. Jacobs were born three children: Mrs. Ella Cook, John W. and Walter L.

The family circle was broken by the hand of death when on the 17th of June, 1906, Mr. Jacobs passed away. He was everywhere recognized as a man of the highest respectability. The community accounted him a citizen of worth and his judgment in business matters was considered of great value by those who frequently sought it. He enjoyed in full measure the confidence and respect of his fellowmen and he ever fully merited this confidence. He belonged to the Masonic fraternity and was most loyal to the teachings and spirit of the craft. He always had a hearty greeting for those who knew him and he held friendship inviolable, but his chief interest centered at his own fire-side. He had the deepest love for his family and always cherished their interest at heart. His life record covered more than seventy-two years and was ever an influence for good among those who were his associates and companions.

OLIVER T. CRAVEN.

From the period of boyhood down to the present Oliver T. Craven has lived in Calhoun county and has long been identified with its agricultural interests, his time being now employed in the cultivation of a farm on section 9, Cedar township. He was born in Black Hawk county, Iowa, February 9, 1874, a son of Albert and Mary (Edmonds) Craven. The father was born in New York but came to Iowa in the late '50s and took up his abode in Black Hawk county, near Waterloo. He met pioneer conditions there, little of the land having been brought under cultivation, while all kinds of wild game was to be had in abundance. Waterloo was but a village and the most far-

sighted could scarcely have dreamed of the changes which were to be wrought. After a number of years connection with farming interests in Black Hawk county, Albert Craven put aside business cares to aid his country in the struggle to preserve the Union, enlisting in 1862 as a member of the Ninety-second Illinois Infantry, with which he served for three years. He did very arduous and oftentimes dangerous duty as a scout and was in active service throughout the entire time. In an engagement he was wounded in the right leg. He had been working in Illinois at the time of the outbreak of the war and after its close he returned to Iowa. In 1882 he purchased land in Cedar township which was a tract of raw prairie, on which he set out trees and made many substantial improvements in keeping with a model farm. He became the owner of three hundred and sixty acres, on which he raised excellent crops, for his methods were at once practical and progressive. Not only did he win a gratifying measure of success in the conduct of his farming interests but was again and again called to public office and proved a representative citizen of his community. For many years he served as township treasurer and was also trustee for an extended period, filling that position at the time of his death. He was a most earnest and active member of the Methodist Episcopal church of Somers and assisted in building the house of worship there. He also became one of the charter members and organizers of the Muddy Methodist Episcopal church and he did everything in his power to advance the cause of Christianity and promote the moral development of the community in which he lived, his life constituting a potent influence for good in his part of the county. At the time of his death, which occurred March 28, 1915, when he was seventy-one years of age, he was living retired upon his farm. He belonged to the Grand Army of the Republic at Lohrville and thus maintained pleasant relations with the boys in blue with whom he had been associated at the front. His wife died in 1910, at the age of sixty-five years.

Oliver T. Craven is the second in a family of six children, all of whom are yet living in Calhoun county. His early education was acquired in the district schools of Black Hawk county and he continued his studies in the schools of Calhoun county following the removal of the family. His early business training was that of the farm and he entered upon active farm work on his own account on attaining his majority. In addition to tilling the soil he raises stock and he has a well equipped place, provided with every facility to increase the productiveness of the farm and make both branches of his business a paying proposition.

In 1897 Mr. Craven was united in marriage to Miss Bertha Rushton, a native of Nova Scotia and a daughter of Robert and Mary Rushton, who were also born in that province. They came to Iowa from Halifax, Nova Scotia, in 1882 and for many years the father was actively engaged in agricultural pursuits in this county. Since 1905, however, he has lived on a farm in Kossuth county. To Mr. and Mrs. Craven have been born six children, namely: James, Cleo, Belle, Rena, Ben and Mardick.

In his political views Mr. Craven is a republican but has never been an office seeker. He belongs to the Odd Fellows society at Somers and has filled all of the offices in the subordinate lodge and the encampment, while in the canton he is now lieutenant. He has a wide acquaintance in the county where he has long resided and he has gained the favorable regard not only of his associates in the Odd Fellows society but also of those with whom he has had social and business relations.

JOHN HENRY HOLTORF.

John Henry Holtorf, residing on section 8, Butler township, owns three hundred and twenty acres of excellent land, and is recognized as an efficient and successful agriculturist. He was born in that township on the 20th of February, 1872, of the marriage of Carsten C. and Margaret (Spies) Holtorf. His parents, who were natives of Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, were married in that country and continued to reside there until 1869, in which year they emigrated to the United States and made their way to Calhoun county, Iowa. The father's brother, Claus Holtorf, and a brother-in-law, George Spies, had located in Benton county, Iowa. Carsten C. Holtorf took up his residence on a farm on section 10, Butler township, which he homesteaded, and at once erected a sod house and began improving his place, which was in a wild state. He had some money and purchased a team with which he broke his land and as soon as possible he replaced the sod house with a log cabin. When the family first settled in this county there were only three sod houses in sight of their home, and conditions of life were those of the frontier. It was necessary to go to Fort Dodge for provisions, and as there were no bridges the streams had to be forded. About 1882 Mr. Holtorf sold his homestead, but was still the owner of an eighty acre farm in Butler township, known as the Van Vorhees place. He also owned the Page homestead of

eighty acres in the same township, and subsequently bought the Brownell farm, now owned by his son John, and also an additional eighty acres purchased from Mr. Brownell. Besides this property he at one time owned the Patterson farm of one hundred and sixty acres. At length, feeling that he had acquired enough of this world's goods, he retired from active life and removed to Pomeroy, where he passed away two years later on the 6th of November, 1905. He was one of the eleven charter members of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran church of Pomeroy and helped to build the paroehial school. He was very public-spirited and took a great interest in various movements for the general good, including the improvement of roads. His wife is still living and makes her home in Pomeroy.

To them were born ten children, namely: Henry, who died in early manhood; Barthold, who died when about twenty-three years old; Daisy A., the wife of O. Becker, of Butler township; Anna, the widow of J. H. Wells, of that township; John Henry; William, who died in infaney; Frederick, a farmer of Butler township; Alma E., who is the wife of Charles Mohr, of Butler township; August, who is farming in that township; and Carsten M., a resident of South Dakota.

John Henry Holtorf passed the days of his boyhood and youth under the parental roof and received his education in the public schools and in a German paroehial school. He remained at home, assisting his father with the farm work, until he was twenty-five years of age, when his marriage occurred. He then removed to his present home place on section 8, Butler township, on which he has made many improvements in the intervening years. His total holdings comprise three hundred and twenty acres of fertile land which is well tilled, and which is worth about two hundred dollars per acre. He carries on general farming, and his progressiveness and his long experience in his chosen occupation make him one of the most efficient agriculturists of his locality.

On March 24, 1897, Mr. Holtorf married Miss Dora Knoke, who was born in Butler township, and is a daughter of William Knoke, a pioneer of Calhoun county. To Mr. and Mrs. Holtorf were born eight children, of whom three died in infaney, the others being: John H., Jr., Gustave A. W., Christina M., Marie and Dorothy, all at home.

Mr. Holtorf is a demoeerat and works loyally for the success of his party, but he has never desired public office. However, he has served as school director and in that capacity sought to advance the interests of the local schools. Both he and his wife hold membership in St.

John's Evangelical Lutheran church at Pomeroy, and their influence is invariably cast on the side of righteousness and justice. He possesses the qualities of enterprise and sound judgment, and his well directed labors have enabled him to gain financial independence, while his personality has won him the friendship of many.

IRVIN S. JENKINS.

Irvin S. Jenkins is a prominent factor in financial circles of Calhoun county as president of the Lohrville Savings Bank, which he organized in association with a brother in 1904. His birth occurred in Mount Carmel, Indiana, on the 4th of October, 1876, his parents being E. W. and India (Seal) Jenkins. The father was born in Massachusetts and was a lineal descendant of the John Howldon family, who came to this country in the Mayflower. Throughout his active career he was engaged in the practice of medicine at Mount Carmel, Indiana, winning well merited success in the pursuit of his profession. During the period of the Civil war he served for three years as a member of the Sixty-eighth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, participated in all the principal battles of the west and was confined as a prisoner at Andersonville, where he contracted the disease which eventually caused his death. His demise occurred when he had attained the age of fifty years. Mrs. Jenkins, a lady of Scotch descent, came to Iowa following the death of her husband and purchased a farm near Panora, where she reared and educated her children. She is now sixty-nine years of age. Her children are five in number, four sons and one daughter, namely: Phoebe, William E., Freeman H., Irvin S. and Samuel C.

Following his graduation from the Guthrie high school in 1894, Irvin S. Jenkins attended the College of Law of Drake University at Des Moines. Subsequently he was engaged in the abstract business at West Union, Fayette county, Iowa, and in 1904, in association with his brother, Freeman H. Jenkins, organized the Lohrville Savings Bank to take the place of a private bank conducting business under the name of S. G. Crawford & Company, which was established in 1882. The officers of the institution are as follows: Irvin S. Jenkins, president; Abraham Cain, vice president; Charles Allen, cashier; and J. E. Barr and Irvin S. Jenkins, directors. The business of the bank has steadily increased and it has reached extensive proportions at the present time. Mr. Jenkins is also identified with agricultural

interests, operating two farms embracing eight hundred and eighty acres in the immediate neighborhood of Lohrville and making a specialty of the raising of shorthorn cattle, his undertakings in this connection being attended with excellent results.

On the 10th of February, 1895, Mr. Jenkins was united in marriage to Miss Esta Harvuot, a daughter of Lewis and Nettie (Schamp) Harvuot. The father, engaged in the real-estate business, is a very old settler of Guthrie county, Iowa. Our subject and his wife have two children, namely: Myron, who was born April 5, 1899; and Clair, whose birth occurred on the 30th of January, 1902.

Mr. Jenkins gives his political allegiance to the republican party and made an excellent record as a member of the city council for six years, while for nine years he acted as president of the school board. He is now at the head of the Commercial Club, and in this connection is doing much to further the growth of his city along material lines. He is a worthy exemplar of the Masonic fraternity, belonging to Nekoda Lodge, No. 597, F. & A. M., and he is likewise identified with the Knights of Pythias. His religious faith is that of the Christian church, the services of which he attends. He is a man of sterling character and has always merited and received the confidence and respect of all with whom business, official or social relations have brought him into contact.

VIRGIL N. NOEL.

Virgil N. Noel is a lumber merchant at Lohrville and the diligence and industry which he displays in managing his commercial interests constitute the chief features in his growing success. He was born in Dallas county, Iowa, March 21, 1859, and is a son of George W. and Duleina (Thornton) Noel, both of whom were natives of Kentucky. The father was a lawyer and also engaged in merchandising. He lived in Kentucky until 1850, when he came to Iowa, settling in Dallas as one of its pioneer residents. He assisted in establishing the town of Redfield and was otherwise connected with the substantial development of the state. He continued in the practice of law and also turned his attention to merchandising, but in 1862 he put aside all business and personal considerations and responded to the country's call for aid, enlisting in Company G, of the Thirty-ninth Iowa Infantry, of which he became commissary sergeant. He was captured at Corinth while participating in a skirmish with the guerrillas, eight of the Federal

forces being taken prisoners by Mosby's men and later killed near Burnsville, Mississippi. Mrs. George Noel was living near Redfield at the time of her husband's death. Both were consistent and faithful members of the Methodist church, and Mr. Noel had been very active in public affairs of the community.

Virgil N. Noel is the tenth in order of birth in a family of twelve children, several of whom died in infancy. He has but one brother now living. Our subject attended the district schools of Dallas county, Iowa, and began earning his own living at the age of fifteen years as a farm hand. He was thus employed at farm labor until 1880, and has since been engaged in the lumber trade. He had carefully saved his earnings, being ambitious to conduct business on his own account, and for seven years he remained at Redfield, Iowa, but removed in August, 1887, to Rockwell City, since which time he has been a resident of Calhoun county. For twenty-seven years he was associated with Fred Strong, conducting a lumber yard under the firm style of Strong & Noel. They had a yard not only at Rockwell City but also at Churdan. Mr. Noel has been at Lohrville for only a short time, here acting as manager for the S. Hansen Lumber Company.

Mr. Noel was united in marriage to Miss Mary Spillers, who was born in Redfield, Iowa, a daughter of Samuel and Anna (Thomas) Spillers, both of whom were natives of Indiana. They removed from that state to Iowa in the early '50s and at the time of the Civil war Mr. Spillers joined the Union army, becoming identified with the boys in blue of Company G, Thirty-ninth Iowa Infantry. He participated in a number of hotly contested engagements, and after the war he returned to Dallas county, where he followed the occupation of farming, devoting many years to the work of tilling the soil. In the latter period of his life he lived retired at Redfield, there passing away in 1913, when he had reached the age of seventy years. His widow still survives him. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Noel are five children. Guy U., who is engaged in the lumber business at Estherville, Iowa, is married and has three children. Martha is the wife of Roy Kuebler of Webster City, and has three children. La Verne is the wife of H. C. Phetteplace, of Minneapolis, Minnesota, and they have two children. Nadine and John, who complete the family, are at home.

Mr. Noel has been active in the public affairs of the communities in which he has lived. While a resident of Rockwell City he did much to shape public thought and feeling, and he was a recognized leader in the ranks of the republican party. He was elected to the office of city councilman and was later chosen mayor of the city, which posi-

tion he acceptably filled for four years, giving to the public a business-like administration, characterized by needed reforms and improvements. He was also a worthy and helpful member of the school board and has always been a stalwart champion of the cause of education. Fraternally he is a Mason and was very active in the lodge at Rockwell City, serving as master and in other offices. He is likewise identified with the Mystic Workers and with the Modern Woodmen of America, and is loyal to the teachings and purposes of those different organizations, which are based upon a recognition of the brotherhood of mankind.

ANCIL FINEY BOWMAN.

Ancil Finney Bowman, a representative and successful agriculturist of Calhoun county, is the owner of an excellent farm comprising two hundred and forty acres on section 7, Union township. His birth occurred in Piatt county, Illinois, on the 29th of May, 1852, his parents being William and Sarah (Ruckman) Bowman. In the acquirement of an education he attended the common schools, and when not busy with his textbooks assisted his father in the operation of the home farm, thus early becoming familiar with the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. On attaining his majority he began farming on his own account and cultivated land in Illinois until 1903, when he came to Calhoun county, Iowa. On the 2d of March of that year, he purchased a farm of two hundred and forty acres in Union township, which he has operated continuously and successfully to the present time. The place is divided into fields of convenient size by well kept fences, all of the land has been tiled and the property is highly improved in every particular. Mr. Bowman raises stock in connection with the cultivation of cereals best adapted to soil and climate, meeting with a gratifying measure of prosperity in both branches of his business.

On the 25th of November, 1875, Mr. Bowman was united in marriage to Miss Frances J. McMillan, who was born in Pickaway county, Ohio, June 22, 1855. Her parents, Clement and Sarah Jane McMillan, both of whom were natives of Virginia, passed away in Illinois. To Mr. and Mrs. Bowman have been born four children, as follows: Bertha E., who is the wife of Frank Steele, of Union township; W. E., also a resident of Union township; Maggie, who gave her hand in marriage to Earl Orr, of Union township; and Grace, at home.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. Bowman has supported the men and measures of the republican party, and he has also done able public service in local positions. During the period of his residence in Illinois he acted as school director for sixteen years and also held the office of township trustee, while in this county he has served as trustee of Union township for three terms. His religious faith is that of the Methodist church, and his life has been upright and honorable in all its relations, commanding the regard and esteem of those with whom he has come in contact.

JOHN P. CALMER.

John P. Calmer is serving his third term as mayor of Manson, and devotes much time and thought to the business of the municipality. He also looks after his extensive landed interests. A native of Sweden, he was born October 11, 1842, and is a son of Per Olson and Johanna Anderson, a descendant of the Calmer family. The father, who followed agricultural pursuits, passed away in early manhood, and his wife also died when comparatively young. Both were members of the Lutheran church.

John P. Calmer was left an orphan when but five years of age, and while a youth worked as a farm hand for a few years. He also learned the blacksmith's trade while living in Sweden, beginning when ten years old, and for two years followed that trade on his own account. After receiving his papers as a mechanic from the Swedish government, he took advantage of the option accorded him and changed his name to Calmer, by which he has since been known. In 1868 he became a resident of Illinois, where he worked for nine months in a shop and then built and conducted a blacksmith shop of his own for several years. In 1875 he came to Calhoun county, Iowa, where he bought a quarter section of land. Something of his energy and thrift may be gathered from the fact that he purchased the land with money which he himself had earned and saved. In addition to operating his farm he conducted the second blacksmith shop in Manson, and as the years passed his resources increased. While actively engaged in agricultural pursuits he raised many head of stock annually, from the sale of which he derived a substantial addition to his income.

In 1900 Mr. Calmer removed to Manson, where he has since lived, retired from business cares. He still owns six hundred and forty acres of fine land, however, and personally looks after his financial inter-

ests. Mr. Calmer was one of the organizers and is still a director of the Calhoun County State Bank, was one of the organizers of the Farmers Elevator Company at Manson and was one of the organizers and first directors of the Calhoun County Fair. His interests and activities have always been of a character that have contributed to the public welfare as well as to individual success.

In 1869 Mr. Calmer married Miss Christina Nelson, who was born in Sweden in 1847. They have become the parents of eight children: N. Peter, Oscar G. and Albert B., all three operating their father's land; Franz D., who is following agricultural pursuits in Idaho, where he owns three hundred and sixty acres of land that was deeded to him by his father; Josephine, the widow of J. F. Reinhardt, now residing in Naper, Nebraska, where she conducts a hotel; Johanna, the wife of John Van Meter, a resident of South Dakota; Hilda, who gave her hand in marriage to Hans Larsen, a grocer of Nelson, Minnesota; and Ida, who is at home.

Mr. Calmer is a charter member of Morning Light Lodge, No. 384, A. F. & A. M., organized at Manson in 1875, and also a charter member of Manson Chapter, No. 131, R. A. M., with which he is still connected. He is a democrat in politics and has served as township trustee, treasurer and assessor. For a number of years he was a member of the town council of Manson, and he is now serving his third term as mayor of the city, giving to the municipality an excellent administration characterized by efficiency and devotion to the public welfare. He has always taken a deep interest in the public schools and was for years a member of the school board, and during the greater part of that time served as president of the board in Lincoln township. He takes pleasure in the opportunity which leisure affords him to serve his community and gives his thought and energy unreservedly to promoting the best interests of Manson.

JOHN P. WICKLAND.

John P. Wickland is engaged in general farming on section 27, Logan township. He was born in Vermland, Sweden, January 3, 1842, and is a son of Olaf and Mary Eunice Peterson, who were also natives of Sweden. The father owned a small tract of land there and engaged in general farming, but his life's labors were ended in death in 1875. He had for a number of years survived his wife, who passed away in 1859.

John P. Wickland attended school in Sweden, where he remained during the first thirty years of his life. He then determined to try his fortune in America, and in 1872 sailed for the United States. He lived at Lynnville, Illinois, where he worked on a farm until he was able to save from his earnings a sum sufficient to enable him to purchase land. He bought land at five dollars per acre in Calhoun county, but continued to reside and work in Illinois until his land was paid for. He took up his abode in Calhoun county in 1879 and has since lived upon the same farm. It was raw prairie, very swampy, when it came into his possession. The roads were almost impassable, and he had to carry lumber on his back from Morrison because the wagons would become so deeply imbedded in the mud. Under these difficulties and obstacles he managed to build a shanty, around which he put sod the first winter. During that season he made considerable money catching muskrats, the skins of which brought good returns. At that time he had only a few neighbors, Mr. Powell, Mr. Catlin and Mr. Carmichael, living in his part of the county, and the work of improvement and development seemed scarcely begun. His first crop was planted in sod cut by an ax, but when the harvest was gathered he could get no cash for what he had raised. Moreover, he had to haul his produce to Jefferson. On his farm he planted trees, which are now large and constitute one of the attractive features of his place, and he also gave many trees to his neighbors. He had to go to Gowrie to attend church—the Swedish Lutheran—and in taking one of his children there for baptism was nearly drowned in the rain. Mr. Wickland not only worked earnestly and persistently in developing his own farm, but also took an active part in early day affairs of the township, in building bridges, laying out roads and otherwise aiding in the early development of the district. To his original property he added until at one time he was the owner of four hundred and eighty acres of good land. He has since disposed of much of the property, however, but still retains one hundred and sixty acres, which he devotes to general farming. His has been an active and useful life, and good results have attended his efforts.

Mr. Wickland was united in marriage to Miss Mary K. Johnson, who was born at Vertergoland, Sweden, in 1843, a daughter of John and Mary Swanson, who were also natives of Sweden, where the father followed the occupation of farming. Mrs. Wickland came to the United States in 1873 and was of great help to her husband in gaining a start in Illinois and in establishing and developing a new home in Iowa. Unto them were born nine children, of whom four died in infancy, the others being: Ida, who became the wife of Carl Berg-

strom, and died, leaving a daughter, who is now living with her Grandfather Wickland: Annie, who married Charles Dexter, of Montezuma, Iowa: Matilda, the wife of N. W. T. Peterson, a farmer of Montezuma: Hilma, the wife of John Ericson, a farmer of Montana: and Emma, who married August Nelson, a farmer of Calhoun county.

Mr. Wickland has always been interested in the moral as well as the material development of his community and helped to organize the first Swedish Lutheran church of his neighborhood. His political allegiance is given to the republican party, but while he does not seek nor desire public office he is interested in all that pertains to the welfare of the community and cooperates in many movements for the general good.

J. W. HARTINGER.

J. W. Hartinger, editor of *The Index*, published at Farnhamville, was born April 21, 1874, in Hardin county, Iowa, and was there reared and educated. He attended the public schools and afterward worked for his father upon the home farm until 1891, when, at the age of seventeen years, he entered upon an apprenticeship to the printer's trade in the office of *The Star*, at Union, Iowa, completing his apprenticeship on *The Citizen* at Iowa Falls. Still later he took a position as a reporter at Sheldon, Iowa, where he remained for fifteen months and on the expiration of that period he went to Inwood, Iowa, where he managed the *Herald* for eight years. All through the time from the beginning of his apprenticeship he had been gaining in knowledge and experience and felt that he was qualified to take charge of a paper of his own. He then purchased the *New Hartford Review* at New Hartford, Iowa, which he managed for about six months and then sold. At that time he came to Calhoun county, arriving on the 10th of February, 1914, and purchased the plant which he now owns, becoming editor of *The Index*, which he has made a popular paper, liberally patronized in both its circulation and advertising departments.

On the 30th of July, 1895, Mr. Hartinger was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary O. Triem, a daughter of the Rev. Clinton J. W. Triem, of Union, Hardin county, Iowa. They have one son, Newell Dwight. Politically Mr. Hartinger is a republican and has held the office of town clerk. He is known in lodge circles as a Knight of Pythias and as an Odd Fellow, while his religious faith connects him with the

Methodist church. He is a man of strong purpose guided by ideals that are creditable and by rules of conduct which will bear the closest investigation and scrutiny. Through the columns of his paper he advocates progress along many lines and his efforts have had direct bearing upon the welfare of the district in which he lives.

LOUIS E. ESLICK, M. D.

Since the summer of 1894 Dr. Louis E. Eslick has been engaged in the practice of medicine in Rockwell City, and he now enjoys a lucrative practice, and has gained a reputation that classes him among the successful physicians of Calhoun county. He was born in Dakota territory, July 19, 1868, a son of John D. and Lucinda (Cline) Eslick. His father served in the regular army for a number of years, and emigrated to the new world in early life. He is now a successful farmer, residing near Dayton, Iowa. He served in the Civil war and attained official rank. He is a democrat in politics and his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the United Brethren church. In his family were nine children, of whom seven survive.

Dr. Louis E. Eslick pursued his studies in the common schools and subsequently attended a seminary during the year 1888. In 1889 he entered upon his medical studies and was graduated with the M. D. degree. He later pursued post-graduate work in the Cincinnati Eclectic Medical Institute before coming to Rockwell City, Iowa. He there made a special study of chronic diseases and diseases of women and children. He intended to take up a city practice only. But being a student of nature he wanted to get out where he could enjoy some of nature's beauties, and therefore decided to locate in Rockwell City, Iowa. He is courteous in his treatment of all, and has been very successful in his profession.

Dr. Eslick was married in 1895 to Miss Ella Bass, of Dayton, Iowa, a daughter of James Bass, who early located in this state, and became a successful farmer. Dr. and Mrs. Eslick have one son, Louis H., in high school. Mrs. Eslick is a member of the Presbyterian church, while the Doctor holds membership in the United Brethren church, and for three years served as pastor of a church of that denomination in Dayton, while for similar periods he served as pastor at Lucas, Des Moines and Carlisle and for one year was presiding elder of the south district of Des Moines conference.

In politics Dr. Eslick is a republican and has served as mayor of Rockwell City four years. He is an Odd Fellow and a Knight of Pythias and has filled all of the chairs in the latter organization. He has likewise served as coroner of Calhoun county for a number of years. In the line of his profession he is identified with the Northwestern Medical Society and with the Iowa State Eclectic Medical Society, of which he has been president for the past ten years. He is largely a self-educated as well as a self-made man. He first worked in a humble capacity, but he was determined to gain an education and get a foothold in the business world, and to that end he saved his earnings and entered college with the result that he is now one of the well-known physicians of Calhoun county. He possesses a character that makes him strong, forceful, determined and aggressive, and yet he is ever affable and approachable, and all who know him speak of him in the highest terms of praise and admiration.

JOHN C. STEPHENSON.

John C. Stephenson is now practically living retired from active farm work, but for many years was closely connected with agricultural pursuits and still makes his home on section 18, Cedar township. He was born in a log house on a farm in Hamilton county, Indiana, March 22, 1847, and is a son of Richard and Laura (Fineb) Stephenson. The father, a native of Kentucky, died in 1883, at the age of sixty-four years, while the mother, a native of Indiana, passed away in 1889. On leaving the Buckeye state Richard Stephenson went to Indiana, where he carried on merchandising and farming until he removed to Illinois in 1852, settling in Knox county, where he engaged in farming, owning a good tract of land there. Prior to 1852 he was engaged in merchandising at Noblesville, Hamilton county, Indiana. He continued a resident of Knox county, Illinois, until 1865, and in the meantime he rendered valuable aid to his country in the Civil war, enlisting in 1862 as a member of Company A, Fourteenth Illinois Cavalry. He was twice wounded, first in the battle of Nashville and later on another occasion, but neither wound was very serious. He went to the front with the rank of sergeant and was promoted to the rank of lieutenant, while at the close of the war he was captain of his company. His command formed a part of the division of General James Thomas, who was familiarly and lovingly called Pap Thomas by the boys. He participated in many hotly contested engagements

that led up to the final victory which crowned the Union arms, and when the war was over he returned home with a most creditable military record. Not long afterward he removed to Fort Dodge, Iowa, when there were only five business houses in the town, and he afterward worked at odd jobs until his death. There were no railroads as far west as Fort Dodge at the time of his removal, and hence the journey was made by wagon. The old log forts were still standing, but the soldiers had been removed in 1864. Stages ran from Fort Dodge to Sioux City, Iowa, Iowa Falls and Cedar Falls. After reaching his destination he homesteaded land in Calhoun county and was the owner of one hundred and sixty acres at the time of his death. He, however, made his home in Fort Dodge and there passed away. He was an active member of the Grand Army of the Republic and also of the Masonic fraternity.

John C. Stephenson is the eldest son in a family of nine children. He attended the district schools of Knox county, Illinois, sitting on a slab bench in a little log building, where the methods of instruction were very primitive. He began to earn his living as a farm hand in Illinois and later followed the same work in Webster county, Iowa. On attaining his majority he began farming on his own account in Webster county and carefully saved his earnings until he was able in 1880 to purchase two hundred and forty acres of land on section 18, Cedar township, Calhoun county, for which he paid seven dollars per acre. There were no improvements upon the tract, which was covered with prairie grass during the summer months and dotted with a million wildflowers, while in the winter seasons the tract was covered with a dazzling and unbroken sheet of snow. Thousands of head of cattle were driven from the older counties of the state and pastured in Calhoun county. There were no bridges, no churches, no roads, no schools and there were only about a half dozen houses in Cedar township, some of which were sod. It was no unusual thing to see wolves. There were also deer and all kinds of wild fowl, and it was entirely possible on various occasions to shoot wild game from his own doorway. In order to build his house he hauled lumber from Fort Dodge. The little building was only twelve by twenty feet, but it required great labor and effort even to secure this home, for while enroute from Fort Dodge he had to stop many times on the way to unload his wagon, which would become stuck in the mud, after which he would have to reload and proceed with great care. He had been a resident of the county for two years when the railroad was built into Lohrville, the work having been begun a year after his arrival. He set out trees upon his farm and has developed a fine grove, while the beautiful

shade trees that adorn his lawn were planted by his father-in-law. For twenty-five years he engaged in the breeding of shorthorn cattle and made exhibits at the Calhoun county fairs, where he was always a prize winner. He has one hundred and sixty acres of land, and in his farm work has so managed his business interests that success in considerable measure has come to him, now enabling him to live retired. For fourteen years he has enjoyed this well earned rest, leaving the active work of his farm to others.

In 1870 Mr. Stephenson was united in marriage to Miss Jane Hutchinson, a native of Ohio and a daughter of Jonathan and Hannah (Firestone) Hutchinson. Her father, who was born in the Buekeye state, learned and followed the trade of a millwright there. In 1853 he removed to Polk county, Iowa, and lived in Des Moines for two or three years. Later he went to Webster county, and for a year was a resident of Fort Dodge. He also worked at his trade in Humboldt, Iowa, and became the owner of one hundred and sixty acres of land in Humboldt county. He was there residing at the time of the Spirit Lake massacre and formed one of the relief party that went to assist the citizens at the time of the Indian onslaught. In 1862 he raised Company I, of the Thirty-second Iowa Infantry, and went to the front as its captain. He was an active and loyal soldier and, winning promotion, was advanced to the position of major of his regiment. He saw very arduous and active service and, moreover, he had to experience the added burden of having his son Mathias, who was a member of the father's company, killed in the battle at Pleasant Hill. He was always a very active and influential citizen in the community in which he lived and was honored and respected by all who knew him. His political allegiance was given to the republican party, of which he was a very earnest supporter. For fourteen years he served as treasurer of Webster county, making a most creditable record in that office. Although he became the owner of considerable land in Webster county and won success in the careful management of his business affairs, he was living retired in Fort Dodge at the time of his demise. He was active in the Grand Army of the Republic and in Masonic circles and his life was well spent, making the world better for his having lived.

To Mr. and Mrs. Stephenson were born seven children: Carrie, now the wife of John Tullis, a farmer of Cedar township, by whom she has three children; Guy, a carpenter, living at Rinard, who is married and has eight children; Edward, who is married and follows farming in this county; Charles, a drayman of Rinard, who is married and has two children, Blair and Beryl, who make their home with their

grandfather; Harl, a farmer of Cedar township, who is married and has three children; Cloyd, who is operating the home farm and who has a wife and one son, Kenneth; and Lola, the wife of Rae McDermott, a farmer of North Dakota, by whom she has one child.

Mr. Stephenson belongs to the Odd Fellows lodge at Somers, and has filled all of the chairs in the subordinate lodge, the encampment and the canton. He has also been major of the battalion and is a very prominent representative of that organization. In politics he is a republican, but has no political aspirations. He is now spending his days in the enjoyment of well earned rest, having no active business cares. He is, however, a stockholder in the Farmers Elevator Company of Rinard, and he gives personal supervision to his invested interests. As a pioneer settler he is widely known in the county, and he has witnessed the greater part of its growth and development. There is no important event connected with its early history with which he is not familiar, and he has taken an active interest in furthering the public welfare in every possible way.

WILLIAM MAHON.

For almost twenty years William Mahon has been a resident of Calhoun county, having arrived here in 1896. The basis of the success which has come to him was farm work. Through a long period he was actively identified with agricultural interests, but is now living retired, making his home in Lake City. He has passed the Psalmist's span of three score years and ten, being now seventy-five years of age. He was born in Orleans county, New York, on the 15th of February, 1840, a son of David and Sarah (Jewell) Mahon. His father was the owner of a packet on the Erie canal, and died in the year 1845, while the mother, long surviving, passed away in De Kalb, Illinois, in 1895.

William Mahon had but meager educational opportunities. Upon the death of his father he went to the home of an uncle in Washington county, Pennsylvania, where he remained for ten years upon a farm. He then returned to his old home in New York and became a mule driver on the Erie canal, spending two years in that way and one year as steersman. On the expiration of that period he sought a home in the middle west, settling in Will county, Illinois, where he worked at farm labor by the month for three years. Following the inauguration of the Civil war he watched with interest the progress

of events in the south and, his patriotic spirit being aroused, he responded to the country's call for aid, enlisting on the 14th of December, 1861, as a member of Company F, Thirteenth Illinois Cavalry. He served in that command until November 14, 1862, when he was honorably discharged on account of physical disability. He had in the meantime participated in the battle at Cotton Plant, Arkansas, on the 7th of July, 1862.

When mustered out Mr. Mahon returned to Plainfield, Illinois, and all through the ensuing winter was in ill health. He afterward went to Dekalb county, Illinois, in the spring of 1863, and there worked upon farms until he managed to save from his earnings a sum sufficient to enable him to purchase forty acres of land. He then cultivated that tract until 1896, when he removed to Calhoun county and purchased one hundred and sixty acres in Calhoun township, continuing to successfully till and improve that place until about twelve years ago, when he removed to Lake City, where he has since lived retired. He still owns his farm property, however, which is well fenced and tiled and has good buildings upon it, and from the farm he derives a gratifying annual income.

In December, 1869, Mr. Mahon was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Ann Challuye, who passed away in 1893, leaving three children, as follows: Mary, who is now the wife of G. Streeter, of Carroll county, Iowa; Oliver, living in Dundy county, Nebraska; and Benjamin, who is a resident of Roberts county, South Dakota. On the 22d of December, 1897, Mr. Mahon was again married, his second union being with Miss Julia A. Puckett, who was born in Randolph county, Indiana, July 7, 1851, a daughter of Elijah and Katherine (Keever) Puckett. Her father came to Iowa in 1854, settling in Guthrie county, and the following year removed to Carroll county, entering three hundred and forty acres of government land in the northern part of that county. That land was still to be secured in that way was an indication of the pioneer conditions which existed. He shared in all the hardships and privations of frontier life and bore his part in advancing the early development and improvement of the section in which he lived. As the years passed on great changes were wrought, the wild prairie country being transformed into fine farms which were the homes of a prosperous and contented people. Mr. Puckett died in the year 1896, while his wife survived until 1904.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. Mahon has voted with the republican party and has ever kept in touch with the leading questions and issues of the day. He belongs to Lander Post, G. A. R., of which he is surgeon major, and he also has mem-

bership in the Presbyterian church. His has been a well spent life in which he has ever been loyal to duty, faithful in friendship, honorable in business and progressive in citizenship, and in the evening of his days he receives the respect and regard which should ever be accorded those whose lives have been well spent.

CHARLES BEACHAM.

Charles Beacham, residing at Farnhamville, is cashier of the bank at that place, and is associated with his father in important and extensive business enterprises. He was born in Mayview, Champaign county, Illinois, on the 21st of October, 1868, a son of H. W. and Cornelia (Hamilton) Beacham. His youthful days were spent at Gifford, Illinois, and after attending the public schools he entered the University of Illinois as a member of the class of 1890. His business career has been marked by steady progression. In 1889 he engaged in the hardware trade at Gifford in connection with his father, and in 1892 he removed to Farnhamville, Iowa, where he established the Bank of Farnhamville under the firm style of H. W. & Charles Beacham, bankers, his father being president, while he is cashier of the institution. He has continued actively in the banking business since the doors of the bank were opened on the 9th of January, 1893, and has made this a strong, safe and reliable moneyed institution. A liberal patronage has been accorded the business and the bank is now in excellent condition. Charles Beacham is also actively and extensively interested in farming, owning considerable land, his aggregate holdings being more than nine hundred acres. He has greatly improved his property, has brought his fields to a high state of cultivation, has built fine homes and commodious barns and outbuildings upon his farms and thus has developed valuable property. He carries on general farming and stock-raising and his well defined plans meet with substantial success, for he is ever persistent and determined in carrying forward to completion whatever he undertakes. In addition to these interests he is president of the Rinard Savings Bank and is a stockholder in the Fort Dodge National Bank.

As a companion and helpmate on the journey of life Mr. Beacham chose Miss Laura M. Wilson, a native of Dupage county, Illinois, their wedding being celebrated at Farnhamville, this county. Her parents are Alexander and Mary D. (Carrington) Wilson, the former a native of Scotland and the latter of Connecticut. A sketch of her

father, a retired agriculturist residing in Farnhamville, is given on another page of this work. Our subject and his wife have two children, namely: Fern, who is a student in Morningside College of Sioux City, Iowa; and Frances, who is attending high school. In addition Mr. and Mrs. Beacham are rearing two boys, Orville and Oscar, twins, to whom they are giving a good home and the advantages which would be given children of their own.

In community affairs Mr. Beacham takes the deepest interest and has put forth helpful effort for the benefit of the community. He is concerned in all those affairs which are a matter of civic virtue and civic pride. He aided in the incorporation of the town and served as its first mayor. He assisted in organizing the Commercial Club of Farnhamville and was its president. He is deeply interested in moral progress and in this connection has served as superintendent of the Sunday school of the Methodist Episcopal church for about twenty years. He takes an active interest in all departments of the church work and he was a delegate to the general conference held in Minneapolis in 1912. He is a trustee of Morningside College at Sioux City and of the Iowa Children's Home at Des Moines. Mr. Beacham is recognized as a man of resourceful business ability, strong in his power to plan and to perform, strong in his honor and his good name. At the same time he is known as one whose broad humanitarianism has reached out along various lines of helpfulness. He has given generously to charitable and benevolent institutions and yet his charity is at all times unostentatious. In a word, he recognizes the obligations of the individual to his fellows, and it is well known that he fully meets every obligation that devolves upon him.

A. J. McDERMOTT.

A. J. McDermott, one of the leading capitalists of Calhoun county, has been a prominent factor in financial circles as president of the Commercial Savings Bank of Lohrville since 1907. His birth occurred in Peoria county, Illinois, on the 4th of May, 1851, his parents being John and Jane (Spier) McDermott. The father, a native of County Rosecommon, Ireland, accompanied his parents on their emigration to the new world, the family home being established in Peoria county, Illinois, after a short stop in Schenectady, New York. Throughout his active business career he was engaged in farming and

brickmaking, maintaining his residence at Streator, Illinois. During the period of the Civil war he joined the Union army as a member of the Forty-seventh Illinois Volunteer Infantry, serving with that command until honorably discharged because of wounds received in battle. He participated in all of the early engagements of the west and fought in some of the most severe battles of the war. His demise occurred when he had attained the age of seventy-six years, while his wife was seventy-two years old at the time of her death. To them were born four children, three sons and a daughter, namely: Mary; Charles, who is deceased; A. J., of this review; and John G., who has also passed away.

A. J. McDermott was early thrown upon his own resources and therefore deserves great credit for the success he has achieved. In the fall of 1880 he came to Iowa and purchased a farm of one hundred and sixty acres which he still owns in association with others. At the present time his holdings embrace one thousand acres of land in Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota and Texas. In 1907 he became president of a stock company which on the 4th of March bought out D. A. Evans, who had founded the Commercial Bank as a private institution on the 1st of July, 1902. The Commercial Savings Bank of Lohrville now has a capital stock of twenty thousand dollars, with surplus of ten thousand dollars, and is controlled by the following officers: A. J. McDermott, president; J. W. Moore, vice president; G. W. Evans, cashier; and Fred S. Buffum, assistant cashier. D. A. Evans passed away in 1914, when he had attained the age of sixty-four years.

Mr. McDermott has been twice married. In 1869 he wedded Miss Mary E. Griffin, by whom he had seven children, namely: Cenora C., the wife of H. A. Squires, an agriculturist of Minnesota, by whom she has three children; Thomas O., a merchant of Quimby, Iowa, who married Miss Belle Tuller and has one child; Le Roy G., of Lohrville, whose wife bore the maiden name of Daisy Shackelford and by whom he has two living children; Lillian, the widow of J. C. Stratton; A. J., Jr., who died in 1899, at the age of twenty, as the result of gasoline burns; Sylva B., living in Oklahoma City, who is the wife of P. J. Hodgins, a practicing attorney, and has two children; and Ora Faye, of Sioux City, Iowa. On the 4th of May, 1899, Mr. McDermott was again married, his second union being with Miss Mary E. Loehner, of Carroll county, Iowa, a daughter of George and Alice (Brimmer) Loehner, the former a farmer by occupation. Mrs. McDermott, one of a family of seven children, has become the mother of three children, as follows: Vera V., who was born January 18,

1900; Kenneth B., whose birth occurred on the 2d of April, 1904; and Verta V., whose natal day was February 14, 1911.

Politically Mr. McDermott is a staunch advocate of the democracy and his fellow townsmen, recognizing his worth and ability, have called him to positions of public trust. He held the office of postmaster at Lohrville during Cleveland's second administration, and for three terms served as mayor of Lohrville, proving a progressive executive who did much for the growth and welfare of the town. For three terms he likewise acted as a member of the school board. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, the teachings of which he exemplifies in his daily life. Mr. McDermott came to this county as a comparatively poor man in 1880 and has since worked his way upward by industry, ability and perseverance to a position among the foremost citizens and leading bankers of his community.

JOHN E. BARR.

John E. Barr is filling the office of mayor of Lohrville and at the same time is actively identified with the farming interests of Calhoun county. In his career the affairs of life are evenly balanced. He gives due attention to public duties and to private interests, and his fellow townsmen have come to value him for his devotion to the general good and his support of those measures which prove of worth to the community. He was born in Will county, Illinois, near Joliet, February 9, 1864, and is a son of George and Jane (McGraw) Barr, the former a native of Scotland and the latter of the north of Ireland. During his boyhood days the father went with his parents to the Emerald isle and in the year 1855 he crossed the Atlantic to the new world and became a resident of Illinois, where he was married in 1857. He then began farming and remained a resident of that state until his death, which occurred in 1878. He was the owner of two hundred acres of good land in Will county and was regarded as one of the representative agriculturists of that community. In 1855 he herded cattle on the open prairie of Will county, and he purchased land from the government at a dollar and a quarter per acre. He hauled goods from Chicago and took his crops to that city in order to secure a market. For about five years he engaged in herding cattle and throughout his life he was perhaps more a stockman than a general farmer, always engaging in feeding cattle. In the early period

of his residence in Will county there were no houses between his home and Joliet, and he shared in all of the experiences of pioneer life. Mr. Barr though active in the councils of the democratic party, was never an office-seeker. There was no church within fifteen miles of his home, religious services, if held at all, being held in the homes of the settlers. Various kinds of wild game were plentiful, including deer and geese, and there were also many wolves in the district. On one occasion, when hauling lumber in the early days, he had to ford a creek. The coupling pin came out of the wagon and he was obliged to take the lumber off by hand and carry it ashore. The weather was so cold that his clothes froze to him. Such were some of the experiences which the early settlers endured in their efforts to reclaim the frontier for the purpose of civilization. Mr. Barr continued to live in Will county until his death, which occurred in 1878, and he is still survived by his wife, who is now living in Joliet at the age of seventy-six years.

John E. Barr attended the public schools of Will county, and in early life he began ditching and also worked upon the home farm with his brothers until he reached the age of twenty-one years. In 1885 he was married and began farming on his own account on the old homestead, which he purchased from the other heirs, residing thereon until March, 1901. At that date he removed to Lohrville, where he has since been engaged in farming, being now the owner of three hundred and twenty acres, three-quarters of a mile from the town. He feeds sheep and cattle, and in 1914 fed two thousand sheep. Upon his place he has a very fine new home containing every modern convenience, this being one of the most splendidly equipped residences in the township. To his place he has added all modern conveniences, and one cannot but be impressed with the well kept appearance of his place and the air of neatness and thrift which pervades it in every department. Aside from his other interests he is a director and stockholder in the Lohrville Savings Bank and a stockholder in the Farmers Elevator Company of Lohrville.

In 1885 Mr. Barr was united in marriage to Miss Ella A. Jones, who was born in Will county, Illinois, a daughter of David and Amanda Jones, both of whom were natives of England. They settled in Will county in the late '50s, the father there owning land and engaging in farming until his death, which occurred in 1890. He was never so prominent in politics, but was very active in the Methodist Episcopal church, and helped organize congregations and build churches near his home. He was the owner of two hundred and forty acres of valuable land and was living in Manhattan, Illinois, at the time of his death. To Mr. and Mrs. Barr have been born three chil-

dren: Bernice, who is bookkeeper for the Lohrville Savings Bank; Earl, who was born November 21, 1894, and is attending the Iowa State College; pursuing the agricultural course; and Newell, at home. The residence of the family is a new stucco dwelling, large, commodious, carefully arranged and built in attractive style of architecture. Upon the place are extensive barns, and the farm is one of the fine places of the county.

Mr. and Mrs. Barr take a very active and helpful part in church work, and are also prominent in social circles. They are identified with the Methodist Episcopal church, and Mr. Barr has for many years served as trustee and was a member of the building committee when the new church was erected. He belongs to Nakoda Lodge, No. 597, A. F. & A. M., of Lohrville, to the Knights of Pythias, and to Evergreen Camp, of the Modern Woodmen of America, being a trustee in the last named. In politics he has long been an influential factor as a supporter of the republican party, and he has served on the school board, as a member of the town council and is now mayor of Lohrville, in which connection he carefully studies the needs and opportunities of the city and works for its benefit and upbuilding along practical, substantial and permanent lines.

MICHAEL G. BECK.

Michael G. Beck is a retired farmer now engaged in the insurance business at Farnhamville. He was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, on the 28th of February, 1843, and is a son of George and Mary (Schwartz) Beck, who were likewise natives of that country. The father spent his entire life in Germany. The paternal grandfather, John Beck, went to Russia with Napoleon I and was one of the few soldiers of that great army who lived to return. His son George was also a soldier in the German army.

Michael G. Beck pursued his education in the schools of Germany. His memory goes back to the time when fires were started in the old-fashioned way, as matches had not then been invented. He learned the trade of a miller, serving a three years' apprenticeship, and was employed in Germany along that line until 1867, when he sought the broader business opportunities of the new world, being then a young man of twenty-four years. On coming to the United States he settled in Bureau County, Illinois, near Peru, where he worked at his trade, being employed in and also operating water mills for several years.

He devoted his attention to that business until the introduction of the roller process in milling. In 1879 he came to Iowa and operated a water mill at Big Rock, which was afterward removed to Rockwell City. In 1881 he arrived in Calhoun county and purchased land in Reading township at ten dollars per acre. At that time there were no railroads and practically no towns and the work of development and improvement seemed a thing of the far distant future. In 1882 he settled on section 24, Reading township, building one of the best homes in the township. All around him was raw prairie, but he broke the sod and began tilling the fields. He also planted trees and made various other improvements. Notwithstanding the many difficulties and obstacles which had to be encountered because of the pioneer condition of the country, he resolutely continued on his way and in the course of years his efforts were crowned with success. In the early days the roads were so bad that an empty wagon would often get stuck in the mud. He continued upon the farm and developed his property for many years but eventually put aside the work of the fields and is now living in Farnhamville, where he is engaged in the insurance and loan business, in which connection he has secured a large clientele. He is also a stockholder and one of the directors of the Farmers Lumber Company and of the Farmers Mutual Telephone Company. He still retains the ownership of two farms, which embrace three hundred and sixty acres of land and from which he derives a handsome annual income.

In 1867 Mr. Beck was joined in wedlock to Miss Margaret Bauer, a native of Wurtemberg, Germany, and a daughter of John Bauer, who was an agriculturist by occupation. She emigrated to the United States in 1867 and by her marriage has become the mother of six children, as follows: John, who is married and has one child and is the general manager of the Hanson Lumber Company of Boone, Iowa; Lucy, the wife of D. B. Farnham, by whom she has one child; Margaret, the wife of H. L. Foster, a farmer of Greeley, Colorado, by whom she has three sons and two daughters; Will and Frank, twins, both of whom are married and reside on the home farm; and Charles H., cashier of the Farmers Savings Bank. In 1914 Mr. and Mrs. Beck took a trip back to their native land, visiting the scenes and meeting the friends of their early life and experienced some little inconvenience in returning to the United States, by reason of the outbreak of the great European war.

Business and family interests have made large demand upon Mr. Beck's time and yet he has had opportunity to co-operate in many plans for the public good and has contributed in large measure to

general progress. He established a school near his home in pioneer times that his six children might have the opportunities of acquiring an education, and he was continually officially connected with the school from its organization until he removed to Farnhamville in 1902. He has also been active in public affairs in the town and is holding three offices at the present time, the duties of which he discharges with marked promptness and fidelity. In his political views he has always been a republican and he is able to support his position by intelligent argument, for he keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day. He is a member of the Congregational church and is very active in Sunday school work, serving for some time as superintendent, while at the present time he is teaching the men's Bible class. His church work is one of the chief interests of his life and his efforts in that field have been a potent force in holding high the moral standards of the community. Those who know him entertain for him warm regard, for men have learned that what he promises he will do, that his word is always as good as any bond solemnized by signature or seal and that his ideals of life are high.

JOSEPH SHIMA.

Joseph Shima, a well known and successful agriculturist of Elm Grove township, residing on section 18, is the owner of an excellent farm comprising one hundred and twenty acres. His birth occurred in Bohemia, Austria, on the 10th of February, 1844, his parents being Joseph and Teckla (Kaspar) Shima, who emigrated to the United States in 1855 and took up their abode in Johnson county, Iowa, where they spent the remainder of their lives. To them were born two children, a son and daughter, but the latter is deceased.

Joseph Shima of this review, who was a youth of eleven years when he accompanied his parents on their emigration to the new world, made his home in Johnson county until 1881 and then removed to Carroll county, this state, where he continued to reside until 1901. In the latter year he came to Calhoun county and has since been engaged in the operation of a farm of one hundred and twenty acres on section 18, Elm Grove township. General agricultural pursuits have claimed his attention throughout his entire business career and have yielded him a gratifying annual income. In connection with the cultivation of cereals he devotes considerable attention to live-stock interests, raising Durham and Hereford cattle and Poland China

and Duroc Jersey hogs. He is a stockholder in the Farmers Grain Company of Yetter and enjoys recognition as one of the substantial and representative citizens of the community.

In April, 1872, in Johnson county, Iowa, Mr. Shima was united in marriage to Miss Katie Prochaska, a daughter of Joseph Prochaska, who came to this country from Bohemia and settled in Johnson county, this state. To our subject and his wife have been born eight children, as follows: Lizzie, who gave her hand in marriage to L. J. Jaeobus, an agriculturist of Minnesota; Anna, who is the wife of E. A. Clark, a farmer of Emmet county, Iowa; Frank J., at home; Mary, who is engaged in teaching school; Matilda, the wife of Samuel Siders, living at Perry, Iowa; George, who is attending school; and Joseph L. and Lillian, both at home.

Mr. Shima gives his political allegiance to the republican party and has ably served as school director for several terms. He and his family attend the services of the United Brethren church at Yetter and are highly respected in their home community. Mr. Shima has now passed the seventy-first milestone on life's journey and his record is that of a self-made man whose prosperity has come as the direct result of his untiring industry, energy and perseverance.

JOHN D. E. REED.

John D. E. Reed is a retired farmer living at Rockwell City. He was born in Vigo county, Indiana, December 4, 1839, so that he is now almost seventy-six years of age. His boyhood days were spent in the usual manner of lads of that locality and period. That county was then largely a pioneer district and the entire middle west was only slightly improved. It was before the era of railroad building and before the day of modern farm machinery, so that much of the work of the fields was done by hand. He remained upon the home farm until seventeen years of age, when he began working by the month as a farm hand, and at the age of twenty years he began farming on his own account by renting land. He devoted five years to that work and then came to Iowa, reaching Cedar county on the 10th of March, 1865. He made the journey across the country on horseback and for three years he rented land. In 1868 he removed to Tama county, where he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land near Dysart. There he carried on farming until 1875 and he converted the prairie tract into richly cultivated fields. In the year mentioned, however, he

sold out and rented eighty acres a mile north of Traer. This he continued to work until 1900, when he came to Rockwell City. In 1888 he had purchased two hundred and eighty acres of land in Lake Creek township, seven miles south of Rockwell City, for which he had paid thirty-seven dollars and a half per acre, and he has always rented this to tenants. In 1901 he purchased one hundred and sixty acres in Cedar township, for which he paid fifty dollars per acre. His farm property has largely increased in value, owing to the care and labor which he has bestowed upon it and to the improvements which have been made thereon. His holdings are sufficient to yield him an excellent income so that he is able to live retired.

On the 24th of February, 1859, Mr. Reed was united in marriage to Miss Letitia Watts, who was born in Kentucky but was reared in Indiana. They have four children: George, a retired farmer living near his father's residence in Rockwell City; Mary Ellen, the wife of Charles Palmer, of Rockwell City; Charley, who owns and cultivates a farm in Lake Creek township; and John D. E., Jr., who is in the west.

In his political views Mr. Reed is a democrat. He was active in politics while residing in Tama county. He is not, however, a politician in the usually accepted sense of office seeking, although he keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day. In his business affairs he has been successful and an analyzation of the methods which he has followed commends his course to others. He has never sought success by questionable methods but has won his advancement through persistent, earnest purpose. He has carefully watched the markets and the sale of his farm products and his wise investment in land have been the means of bringing him the success which he has enjoyed.

WILLIAM M. SCHNECK.

William M. Schneck is conducting one of the leading mercantile establishments in Pomeroy, having been identified with the business interests of the city since 1896. He was born in Niles, Michigan, August 19, 1866, a son of Frederick and Dorothea (Eisle) Schneck. The former was a native of Germany and there learned the carpenter's trade. In 1852 he came as a young man to the new world and purchased eighty acres of land on the Michigan and Indiana state line. This he improved and cultivated and also worked a part of the time at his trade. In 1859 he made the overland trip to California,

prospecting and working in the mines there for four years. He likewise followed his trade on the Pacific coast. He eventually returned to his home in Michigan and sold his land, after which he removed to Niles, there to devote his entire time and attention to the carpenter's trade. He died there about 1895, when he was seventy-three years of age, passing away in the faith of the Lutheran church. The mother of our subject was also a native of Germany, and accompanied her parents to the new world during her girlhood days. The family home was established in northern Indiana near Niles, Michigan, and there the father engaged in farming. Mrs. Schneck died June 19, 1915, at the advanced age of seventy-nine years, at the home of her daughter in Chicago. She was the mother of nine children, but three of the number died when young.

William M. Schneck was reared in Niles, Michigan, to the age of ten years, when the family removed to Stevensville, Michigan, and there he continued his education in the common schools. At about the age of eighteen years he began clerking in a general store, being thus employed in Stevensville until 1888, when he came to Pomeroy, Iowa, and continued in the same line of work here four years. He was then appointed postmaster under President Cleveland's administration, serving for the full term of four years. In 1896 he formed a partnership with Solomon Johnson and engaged in his present business, the partnership so continuing three years. Mr. Schneck and his brother John then bought Mr. Johnson's interest in the store and that partnership existed for three years, at the end of which time Mr. Schneck of this review purchased the interest of his brother and has continued business alone. He carries a line of clothing, dry goods, groceries and, in fact, everything that is usually found in a general mercantile establishment. He has met with marked success in this undertaking and investigation into his history discloses the fact that he has based his business principles and actions upon strict adherence to the rules which govern economy, industry and unswerving integrity.

Mr. Schneck was married on Thanksgiving day of 1891 to Miss Margaret Loekie, who was born in Pomeroy, a daughter of Charles Loekie, who was an early settler in this locality, and is a carpenter and builder by trade. Mr. Loekie was born in Illinois, while his wife was a native of Kansas. To Mr. and Mrs. Schneck have been born two children, Gladys and Pearle W. Gladys was married to Charles Taylor, son of Charles D. and Georgia E. (Gordon) Taylor, May 18, 1915.

Mr. Schneck is a democrat in his political affiliations and has taken an active part in public affairs, having served on the city council

eighteen years, while for three terms he was a member of the school board. In religious faith he and his wife are Presbyterians and he is a Mason, belonging to Solar Lodge, No. 475, and to the Modern Woodmen. He is public spirited and takes a deep interest in all matters which tend toward the development and improvement of the city in which he resides. He has a kindly, genial nature and is very considerate in his intercourse with all people, being to all equally affable, whether they are poor or have wealth.

JOHN T. REYNOLDS.

John T. Reynolds is a well known farmer and stockman residing on section 25, Logan township, where he owns four hundred and sixty-nine acres of rich and productive land. His birth occurred in Whiteside county, Illinois, on the 6th of March, 1861, his parents being Wilson and Paulina A. (Miller) Reynolds, the former born in Morgan county, Illinois, in 1833, and the latter in Greene county, that state, in 1835. Wilson Reynolds devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits throughout his entire business career, owning a well improved tract of land and being actively engaged in the pursuits of general farming and stock-raising. He did not enter the Union army because of physical disability and was called to his final rest in the year 1863, his community thus losing one of its esteemed citizens and substantial men of affairs. His widow still survives and now makes her home in this county.

John T. Reynolds acquired his education in the schools of his native county and when eighteen years of age began working as a farm hand, being thus employed for five years, on the expiration of which period he was married and started out as an agriculturist on his own account. In 1902 he removed to Hamilton county, Iowa, where he purchased land and carried on farming until 1906, when he came to Calhoun county. Here he has been actively engaged in general farming and stock-raising continuously to the present time, owning one hundred and sixty acres of land in Logan township and three hundred and nine in Calhoun township. He has made a number of substantial improvements on the property and owns an attractive and commodious residence. He materially augments his annual income through his activities as a feeder and shipper of stock and at one time he served as president of the Farmers Mutual Elevator Company at Wightman.

Mr. Reynolds has been married twice, his first wife bearing the maiden name of Dibble N. Spencer and being a native of Greene county, Illinois. Her father, John Spencer, was a successful agriculturist of that county and a very active man of affairs, being an extensive landowner. At one time he owned and operated a large farm near Cedar Rapids, Iowa, but at present makes his home in Ohio. To John T. and Dibble N. (Spencer) Reynolds were born four children, as follows: Merle, the wife of Robert Richardson, who is a farmer residing in Lawton, Oklahoma, and by whom she has two children, Ruth and Mary; Charles, who is pursuing an agricultural course in the Iowa State College at Ames; LeRoy, a student in the State University of Iowa at Iowa City; and Stanley, at home. The mother of these children passed away in 1896 and for his second wife Mr. Reynolds chose Miss Essie Winget, a native of Indiana and a daughter of Joseph and Nancy (Dowell) Winget. The father, born in Ohio in 1822, removed to Indiana in an early day and in that state owned and cultivated a small tract of land, devoting his attention to the pursuits of general farming and stock-raising. He enjoyed an enviable reputation as an active, progressive citizen of his community and reached the venerable age of eighty years, passing away in 1902. His wife, who was born in Ohio in 1842, died at the age of forty-two years. Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds are the parents of four children, namely: Dorothy and Jesse, who are students in the high school at Lohrville; John T., Jr.; and Glenn.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. Reynolds has supported the men and measures of the republican party, believing firmly in its principles. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church at Lohrville, in the activities of which he takes a helpful part, serving as steward and being also an active Sunday-school worker. Fraternally he is identified with the Modern Woodmen of America, and his life in all of its various relations has been of such a character as to command the respect and esteem of those with whom he has been associated.

GEORGE A. SUMMERS.

George A. Summers is now living retired in Farnhamville, but was formerly closely identified with agricultural interests and became the owner of three hundred and twenty acres of valuable land on which he carried on general farming and stock-raising. He was born in Jack-

son county, Indiana, June 22, 1850, a son of James and Mary (Dukes) Summers, natives of Indiana and of Tennessee respectively. Having the adventurous spirit that is in so many boys, the father ran away from home when in his teens and was employed on boats on the Mississippi river until he reached the age of twenty-two years, when he was married and turned his attention to farming. He became a resident of this state in 1854, at which time he settled in Lucas county, becoming one of its pioneer residents. He found there a district largely undeveloped and unimproved and he bore his part in the work of reclaiming the region for the purposes of civilization. In 1873 he arrived in Calhoun county, Iowa, where he resumed agricultural pursuits, continuing his residence in this county to the time of his death, which occurred in 1907, when he had reached the venerable age of eighty-seven years. In 1861 he joined the Union army, enlisting as a member of Company G, Thirty-fourth Iowa Infantry, but after serving for one year was honorably discharged because of illness.

George A. Summers was but four years of age when the family home was established in Lucas county, Iowa, where he pursued his education in one of the old-time log schoolhouses, conning his lessons sitting on a bench and writing his copy on desks which were placed around the wall. He spent his boyhood on the home farm and began plowing corn when but nine years of age, using a one-shovel plow and one horse. His youth was largely a period of earnest and unremitting toil, but thereby he gained the experience which qualified him for taking up farm work on his own account when he attained his majority. He started out in farm life in Lucas county but in 1872 removed to the vicinity of Lehigh, Iowa, and in 1873 purchased land in Reading township, Calhoun county, although he did not locate thereon until 1874. That was a tract of raw prairie on which there was no evidence of the work of development or improvement having been begun. There were only three or four houses between his home on section 11, Reading township, and the town of Gowrie. There was no settlement at Farnhamville nor at Lohrville and broad stretches of land were still covered with the native prairie grasses and the wild flowers which lent a touch of beautiful color to the scene. Mr. Summers hauled his coal from Lehigh. He worked hard to bring his land under cultivation and to his original tract of forty acres he kept adding from time to time until three hundred and twenty acres were embraced within the boundaries of his farm. He was always active in the management and operation of his property and in connection with the tilling of the soil he successfully raised Duroc-Jersey hogs. Since 1913 he has lived retired in Farnhamville, where he has a nice modern home and is

enjoying the comforts of life in the midst of a well earned rest. He is a stockholder in the Farmers Elevator Company of Farnhamville and was once its vice president. He is also a stockholder in the Farmers Mutual Telephone Company and his investments have been judiciously made.

In 1870 Mr. Summers was united in marriage to Miss Catherine McVey, a native of Ohio and a daughter of Festus and Permilla (Day) McVey, both of whom were born in Pennsylvania. The father, an agriculturist by occupation, came to Iowa in the '70s and followed farming in Lucas county until the time of his removal to Calhoun county, here spending the remainder of his life. To our subject and his wife have been born nine children, as follows: Charles Augustus, who died when a youth of sixteen years; Laura, who died at the age of twenty years; Nellie, the wife of Wesley Pollock, who follows farming in Greene county, Iowa; Alice, the wife of Walter Craigmile, who is engaged in the real-estate business in California and by whom she has three children; Edgar, an agriculturist of Calhoun county, who is married and has three children; Edith, the wife of Elza Haynes, who is a farmer of Reading township, this county, and by whom she has three children; Frank, living on his father's farm, who is married and has two children; Ersey, the wife of P. C. Newcomb, a farmer of this county, by whom she has two children; and Erma, at home.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Summers are active church workers, holding membership in the Congregational denomination, in which Mr. Summers is now a deacon. He has also been superintendent of the Sunday school and he and his wife do everything in their power to advance the work of the church. Their many excellent traits of character are recognized by all and their fidelity to principle furnishes an example which others might well emulate.

JAMES MADISON HICKS.

James Madison Hicks is a resident farmer of Union township, owning and cultivating one hundred and sixty acres of land on section 16. He was born in Scholarie county, New York, March 27, 1842, a son of Jacob and Lana (Rodman) Hicks. The father and mother were both born in 1815. The father passed away in 1897 and the mother died in 1900. He was a native of the Empire state and a farmer by occupation, devoting his attention to that pursuit first in New York and afterward in Clinton county, Iowa, to which place he

removed in 1856. The family numbered two daughters and five sons, but James M. is the only one now living. The ancestral history in the United States can be traced back to Robert Hicks, who came to the new world in 1621, landing on the 11th of November from the ship *Fortune*, which followed the *Mayflower*, bringing over people who could not make the voyage on the first vessel. Robert Hicks' father was a lineal descendant of Ellis Hicks, who was knighted by Edward, the Black Prince, on the battlefield of Poitiers, September 9, 1356, for bravery in capturing a set of colors from the French.

James M. Hicks acquired a common-school education and afterward worked with his father upon the home farm in Clinton county, Iowa, until the outbreak of the Civil war. He watched with interest the progress of events in the south until his spirit of patriotism was thoroughly aroused and he could no longer content himself to remain at home. He then enlisted on the 24th of August, 1861, becoming a member of Company L, Second Iowa Cavalry, under Colonel Elliott, with which command he remained until honorably discharged on the 19th of September, 1865, following the close of the war. He was mustered in at Davenport, Iowa, and remained at Camp McClellan until the fall of 1861. He took part in the engagements of Island No. 10, Memphis, the first and second battles of Corinth, Booneville and Nashville, being engaged in active service in Missouri, Kentucky, Tennessee, Arkansas, Mississippi and Alabama.

When the war was over and the country no longer needed his aid he returned to Clinton county, where he began farming on his own account, there residing until 1885, when he came to his present location in Union township, Calhoun county. He has since here devoted his attention to general agricultural pursuits and in addition to developing and cultivating his farm he is a stockholder in the Farmers Elevator Company of Lohrville.

On the 19th of October, 1867, Mr. Hicks was united in marriage to Miss Louise Whitham, a daughter of William H. Whitham, a native of Canada. Mrs. Hicks was left an orphan at an early age and came with an aunt to Clinton county, Iowa. Five children have been born of this marriage: Ralph, who is the owner of a garage in Lohrville and is filling the position of township clerk in Union township; Earl, who married Anna Everhart and is a farmer of Chippewa county, Wisconsin; Alice, at home; Frank, who wedded Maude Evans and lives in Lohrville, his attention being given to the cultivation of the home farm; and Carrie, the wife of Walter Rassady, of Lohrville.

In his political views Mr. Hicks is a republican and is prominent in local affairs. For more than twenty years he served as township

clerk but was not in the office continuously for that long. He has been school director and he is a valued member of Howland Post, No. 349, G. A. R., of which he has been commander for several years. He is deeply interested in everything that pertains to the welfare of his old army comrades and for a decade he was a member of the County Soldiers' Relief Committee. He belongs to Nekoda Lodge, No. 597, F. & A. M., and he and his wife and daughter are members of Deborah Chapter, No. 418, O. E. S., in which Mrs. Hicks served as treasurer for several years. He became a member of the Masonic order at Preston, Iowa, and later demitted to Lohrville lodge, of which he was a charter member. He belongs to the Christian church, in which he is serving as a trustee, and high and honorable principles actuate him in all of the various relations of life, his course commending him to the confidence and goodwill of those with whom he has had business or social relations.

JOHN BUFFHAM.

John Buffham well merits the proud American title of a "self-made man." He came to the new world when a youth of fourteen years and without any special educational or other advantages he started out in life, depending entirely upon his own resources for advancement. In fact, he has largely earned his own living since reaching the age of eight years. He is now enabled to live retired in the enjoyment of well earned rest with a competence sufficient to supply him with all of the necessities and some of the luxuries of life. He was born in Lincolnshire, England, January 21, 1842, and is a son of John and Mary Ann (Green) Buffham, who were likewise natives of Lincolnshire. The father, who was born in 1814, died in the year 1850, while the mother, whose birth occurred in 1816, passed away at the advanced age of seventy-seven years. Mr. Buffham was a farmer by occupation and continued a resident of England until his demise. In the year 1856 the mother brought her family to the new world, settling in Plainfield, Will county, Illinois. She had three children: John, Joseph and Mrs. Mary Stafford, the last named now deceased.

John Buffham attended the district schools of Will county, but his opportunities in that direction were limited to a short period in the winter seasons. The schoolhouse was a primitive building with seats around the walls, and he had to walk two and three quarter miles to

school. He began to earn his living at the age of eight years and after coming to America he worked out, the compensation for his labors being his board and the privilege of attending school. In 1858 he went to Kendall county, Illinois, where he was employed at farm labor until after the outbreak of the Civil war, when his patriotic spirit was aroused by the attempt of the south to overthrow the Union. He offered his services to the government, enlisting on the 11th of August, 1862, as a member of the Eighty-ninth Illinois Infantry. With the boys in blue of Company H, he went to the front and served until the close of the war, participating in the battles of Stone River, Liberty Gap, Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge, Rocky Face Ridge, Resaca, New Hope Church, Dallas and others. In the Atlanta campaign and near Atlanta, Georgia, he was wounded, and on the 11th of September, 1864, he was taken prisoner at Atlanta and was confined in prisons at Macon, Milan and Savannah, Georgia, and from the last named place was taken several miles into the forest and kept under guard for several weeks. On the 24th of December, 1864, he was taken to Andersonville, where he was incarcerated until the close of the war. He was then taken to Baldwin, Florida, and with others he made his way to the Federal lines, more dead than alive, after being liberated on the 29th of April, 1865. He never has recovered from the effects of his confinement and the brutal and inhuman treatment which he received from some of the men in charge of southern prisons. He was mustered out at Springfield, May 29, 1865, having rendered valiant and valuable aid to his country.

When the war was over Mr. Buffham returned to Will county, Illinois, where he resided until 1866, and then removed to Kendall county, where he had purchased eighty acres of land. In 1875 he went to Livingston county, Illinois, where he resided until 1901. He then came to Calhoun county and purchased three hundred and twenty acres of rich and productive land which he still owns. His life has been devoted to general farming and stock-raising and upon his place in Calhoun county he has erected good buildings, has drained the fields and has improved the farm in many respects. He has not been actively engaged in the cultivation of the crops, however, since coming to Iowa, but has lived retired, leaving the actual work of the farm to others, although he gives direct supervision to his place.

On the 12th of September, 1865, Mr. Buffham was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Ann Kirton, who was born in Lincolnshire, England, May 16, 1843. Her father, Thomas Kirton, lived in that country until 1853, when he came to America, accompanied by his wife and two children. He established his home in Cleveland, Ohio, but in

1855 removed to Illinois, living near Mount Carroll until 1856. He then went to Will county and died at the home of Mrs. Buffham in 1879. She had a brother, William Kirton, who served in the Civil war as a member of the Seventeenth Illinois Cavalry and died from illness at Glasgow, Missouri. Mr. and Mrs. Buffham have become parents of five children: Joseph K., of Lohrville, who is married and has a daughter, Dorothy; Mary E., who has five children; John T.; William, who is operating the Waveland Farm and is married and has one child; and Fred S., who is assistant cashier of the Commercial Savings Bank of Lohrville.

Mr. Buffham is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, connected with Howland Post, No. 349, in which he has filled several of the offices and in the work of which he has taken an active and helpful part. He was a charter member of Dwight Post, No. 626, at Dwight, Illinois, and served as commander and in several minor offices, thus filling all of the chairs in the Grand Army of the Republic. He is interested in the affairs of the community and served as justice of the peace in Nevada township, Livingston county, Illinois, being elected to that position on the republican ticket. He is an active member of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he has been a trustee. The rules which govern his conduct are those which measure up to high standards. His life has been one of unremitting industry. He has never been afraid of hard work and his persistent labor has brought him his success. At the same time he has never been neglectful of other duties of life, especially his obligations to his fellow-men, and he has put forth earnest, effective effort to aid in the work of making the world a better place in which to live.

JAMES H. HILDRETH.

James H. Hildreth is engaged in general farming and stock-raising in Logan township, his home being not far from Rockwell City. He was born in Logan county, Illinois, September 26, 1868, his parents being William and Samantha (Whiteman) Hildreth. The father was born in Jay county, Indiana, in 1849 and the mother's birth occurred in that county in 1848. In early life William Hildreth was connected with agricultural pursuits in Indiana and on leaving that state removed to Logan county, Illinois, where he lived, however, but four years. In 1871 he removed with his family to Polk county, Iowa, where he entered land and engaged in farming until his death,

which occurred when he was but thirty-six years of age. He was the owner of two hundred and forty acres of rich and productive land and was regarded as one of the enterprising, active and progressive men of his township. He took a deep interest in the republican party and its success and did all in his power to secure the adoption of its principles. He was also equally earnest in religious work and assisted in organizing a church near his home. He was also successful in business affairs and became one of the leading stockmen of his district, raising cattle extensively on the prairie. There were very few settlers in Polk county at the time of his removal there and there was only one store on the east side of the river in Des Moines. He bore his part in the early development of the district and was regarded as one of the representative citizens of his locality. His widow still survives and is now living with her son.

James H. Hildreth had but limited educational opportunities. The little "temple of learning" in which he pursued his studies was a log building with primitive furnishings, to which he walked a distance of three miles. His training at farm labor, however, was not meager and when about twenty-three years of age he began farming on his own account, purchasing land on which he lived for eight years. He became an extensive feeder of cattle and carefully, persistently and energetically directed his farming interests. In 1900 he removed to Calhoun county, where he secured three hundred acres of rich land, since which time he has devoted his energies to general agricultural pursuits upon this place. He now has six hundred and forty acres, having added to his holdings as opportunity presented until he is now one of the large landowners of the county. Upon his place he has erected a commodious and pleasant residence and large barns. In fact, there is every facility for carrying on the farm work upon his place, including the latest improved machinery. He has always been more of a stockman than general farmer, however, having always engaged in buying and shipping stock. He is an excellent judge of cattle and his purchases have been judiciously made, while his sales have returned to him substantial profits. He has improved nearly his entire farm of six hundred and forty acres and is one of the most active, energetic men of the township. In addition to his farming interests he is vice president of the Farmers Mutual Elevator Company at Rhodes and is secretary of the Logan Township Farmers Telephone Company.

In 1891 Mr. Hildreth was united in marriage to Miss Carrie M. Gross, who was born in Polk county, Iowa, a daughter of Chris and Emma (Hirschberger) Gross, the father a native of Germany and

the mother of Ohio. They are now living in Des Moines at the ages of seventy-eight and seventy-six years respectively. Mr. Gross came to the United States in his boyhood days with his parents and after the outbreak of the Civil war, loyal to his adopted country, he enlisted in defense of the Union in 1861, becoming a member of an Iowa regiment, which went to the front from Mahaska county. He joined his command as company blacksmith and served for four years. He saw some very hard service and was wounded while in battle. Following the close of the war he lived on a farm in Mahaska county until 1875, when he removed to Polk county, where he owned and cultivated land, becoming one of the progressive agriculturists of that community, his farm embracing two hundred and forty acres. He has also been prominent in public affairs there, has filled all of the township offices and served as county commissioner of Polk county. In politics he is very active as a supporter of the republican party, doing everything in his power to promote its growth. He is also a most earnest church worker, holding membership with the Methodist denomination, and his aid and influence are untiringly given to advance the moral progress of the community. He has been commander of the Grand Army post of Des Moines, and is at the head of the committee having charge of the relief work of the post, having his office in the courthouse of the capital.

To Mr. and Mrs. Hildreth have been born eight children: Gertrude, who was graduated in music at Perry, Iowa; Forrest, attending the Capital City Commercial College; Christy; Carroll; Benjamin; Dale; Otis; and Gross. Mr. and Mrs. Hildreth take a deep and earnest interest in religious work. They aided in organizing the United Brethren church near their home and have been most helpful in advancing its interests. They stand loyally for all that is uplifting in life, for those forces which make the world better and which enable the individual to hold to higher ideals. Both Mr. and Mrs. Hildreth are greatly esteemed wherever known and they have an extensive circle of warm friends in Calhoun county.

NORMAN IRA RICHARDS.

Norman Ira Richards is engaged in general farming on section 24, Union township. He is one of the native sons of New England, his birth having occurred in Charleston, Vermont, January 1, 1833, his parents being Ira and Annah (Warren) Richards. The father was a brother-in-law of Colonel Ethan Allen, who commanded the

famous regiment of Green Mountain boys at the battle of Bennington, and the mother was related to General Warren, who commanded the American troops at Bunker Hill. Indeed, other representatives of the family were also connected with the Revolutionary war and patriotism has been one of the strong traits of character of those who bear the name of Richards.

Norman I. Richards had but meager educational opportunities. He was a youth of sixteen years when his mother passed away in Wisconsin and his father afterward died in Minnesota. In his youthful days the son learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed for several years or until after the outbreak of the Civil war, when in 1862 he enlisted in the First Marines, being stationed for duty on the Sentinel. He remained in active service until the close of hostilities and after the war he returned to Illinois, where he resumed work at the carpenter's trade, being employed for a time in a wagon shop. Later he removed to Wapello county, Iowa, where he remained for ten years, and in 1882 he arrived in Union township, Calhoun county. Pioneer conditions still existed and the land which he secured was then a tract of unbroken prairie. He turned the first furrows in the field and carried on the work of general improvement year by year. He also drained his land, using many rods of tile, and he divided the farm into fields of convenient size by well kept fences. That his methods were practical is indicated in the excellent crops which he has gathered from his farm of one hundred and seventy acres, which is today one of the valuable properties of the district.

On the 24th of December, 1863, Mr. Richards was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary A. Wing, who was born in Chautauqua, New York, June 1, 1840, her parents being Ira and Ann (Wood) Wing. They came west in the year 1867 and passed away in Wapello county, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Richards have five children, as follows: Esther M., who is the wife of Matthew McDonald, of Sarcxie, Missouri; Lutheria Ann, who gave her hand in marriage to H. C. Tiegner and resides in South Dakota; Clara, the wife of William Cudderford, of Lohrville, Iowa; and Warren I. and Rhoda J., both at home.

In his political views Mr. Richards has always been a republican since the organization of the party and while living in Illinois he served as assessor, but has never been a politician in the sense of office seeking. Fraternally he is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He has now passed the eighty-second milestone on life's journey and this period covers a most momentous epoch in the history of the country. He has lived to see notable changes, the building of the railroads, the establishment of the telegraph and the telephone

systems, the introduction of steam power, later followed by that of electricity. All these changes have carried the world far forward on the path of civilization and Mr. Richards has ever been an interested witness of this development. He is now well known in Calhoun county, where he has lived for a third of a century and where he is now numbered among the venerable and esteemed citizens.

L. L. PARKER.

Lohrville has a number of residents who in former years were identified with agricultural pursuits but are now enjoying in well earned rest the fruits of their former toil. To this class belongs L. L. Parker, who for a considerable period was engaged in general farming and stock-raising in Calhoun county. He was born in Indiana on the 22d of October, 1855, and is a son of John B. and Elizabeth (Davis) Parker, who were also natives of Indiana. In the year 1856 the father brought his family to Iowa, traveling across the country to Benton county. He cast in his lot with the early settlers of that district and began farming according to the pioneer methods. The first grain and hogs which he sold he hauled to Iowa City. With characteristic energy he began to improve his land and as the years passed he converted his holdings into a fine farm. In 1870 he removed to Calhoun county, settling near Lake City, and he was living upon a farm near Lohrville at the time of his death, which occurred in 1907, when he had reached the venerable age of eighty-one years. John B. Parker took a very active interest in public affairs in Iowa in an early day and while a resident of Benton county assisted in establishing churches and schools, building roads and otherwise improving the district in which he lived. He was a Baptist in religious faith and had more than local fame as an exhorter. After removing to Calhoun county he also continued as an earnest church worker and as a stalwart champion of the public-school system. In fact, his influence was always on the side of progress and improvement and he gave as far as possible of his time and effort to advance the general good. In his business affairs he won substantial success as a general farmer and stock-raiser notwithstanding the fact that he had to endure many hardships and privations in the early days. He had to haul coal from near Lehigh and there were no available railroad facilities to assist him in getting supplies or in transporting his produce to market. When he first came to Calhoun county there was not a single house in Cedar

township but he lived to see a marked change as the county became thickly settled and the work of improvement was carried forward. At the time of the Civil war he enlisted from Benton county in response to the country's call for troops and went to the front, but before the expiration of his term of enlistment he was honorably discharged because of illness.

L. L. Parker is the fifth in order of birth in a family of thirteen children. He attended school only a short time while in Benton and Calhoun counties and the schoolhouse in which he pursued his studies while in Benton county was a little log structure. He was only eight years of age when he began to earn his own living as a farm boy, uncovering corn with an old single-shovel plow and feeding the hogs. He drove with an ox team and bobsled in the winter time in order to accomplish his tasks. Later he worked in brickyards in Benton county and in 1870 he came to Calhoun county, after which he was employed at farm labor for several years. After a time he began farming for himself and devoted his attention to that pursuit until he retired from active business life in 1904. He still owns two hundred and forty acres of land in Calhoun county and he has large holdings in Minnesota and South Dakota. He certainly deserves much credit for what he has accomplished, for he started out with nothing and has been dependent upon his own resources from the age of eight years. By hard work and good management he has so controlled his affairs that he has become the possessor of a handsome competence. When on the farm he had the reputation of raising the best corn in the county and bought and sold considerable stock but was not a feeder. While a resident of Union township he there held various offices and at one time was nominated for the office of county treasurer. He is still filling the position of trustee in Union township, having served in that capacity for eighteen years, a fact indicative of his capability and fidelity to the trust reposed in him.

In 1876 Mr. Parker was united in marriage to Miss Adaline Greenwood, who was born in Maryland, a daughter of Abraham and Caroline (Schney) Greenwood, who were also natives of that state. The father was a miller by trade and came to Iowa in 1867, settling in Benton county, where he followed the occupation of farming. He was living in Shellsburg, Iowa, at the time of his death. He was drafted for service in the Confederate army ere his removal to the north and once for service in the Union army, but he hired substitutes who went to the front in his stead. In religious faith he was a Presbyterian. Mrs. Parker was the ninth in order of birth in a family of fifteen children and by her marriage she became the mother of five

children. Howard, who lives on a farm in Minnesota, is married and has five children. Omar, who carries on farming in the same state, is married and has three children. Lawrence, living in Minnesota, is married and has one child. Elsie is the wife of James Oakes, of Minnesota, and Cecil is at home. The son Lawrence served for four years in the United States Navy, traveling ninety-five thousand miles on the Battleship West Virginia.

Fraternally Mr. Parker is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He belongs to Lohrville Lodge, No. 469, of which he is noble grand. He is regarded as one of the progressive men of his town. He believes in advancement at all times and the spirit of progress has actuated his life. In all of his business career he placed his dependence upon his own labors and did not seek to win success through fortunate circumstances. Gradually he worked his way upward, gaining the rewards of industry and perseverance, and today he is numbered among the men of affluence in Lohrville.

ALBERT COON.

Albert Coon is the president of the Farmers Mutual Telephone Company of Farnhamville. For many years he was prominently and actively connected with agricultural and stock-raising interests, but at length retired from that business and took up his abode in Farnhamville, where he still makes his home. He was born in Jones county, Iowa, March 11, 1852, and is a son of Samuel and Maria (Woolston) Coon. The father was born in Pennsylvania, in 1823, and his death occurred in Jones county, Iowa, in 1900, when he had reached the advanced age of seventy-seven years. The mother, who was born in Ohio in 1825, died in 1899, at the age of seventy-four. The father followed farming and carpentering in Ohio but at length with a number of relatives came to the west, journeying across the country with ox teams and taking up his abode in Jones county, Iowa, in 1849. He lived in a rail pen covered with a thatched roof until a log house could be built, and in that primitive home he met all of the hardships, privations and experiences incident to pioneer life. Indians were still in the neighborhood, various wild animals were to be seen and game of many kinds, including deer, was to be had in abundance. He was among those who took the initial step in developing the region and reclaiming it for the purposes of civilization. He purchased land at a dollar and a quarter per acre and began the development of

a farm, his place comprising two hundred and forty acres. Davenport, forty-five miles distant, was the nearest trading point and it will readily be imagined that the settlers did not go often to market. Mr. Coon lived for fifty-one years upon the same farm and developed it into a valuable property. At the time of his arrival there were no churches nor schoolhouses in the locality. He took an active part in public affairs in the early days and aided in organizing the Lutheran church.

Albert Coon is one of a family of twelve children. His educational opportunities were very limited. He conned his lessons while sitting in a plank laid on trestles in a little log school building, and instruction was given in little else than the "three rs, readin', 'ritin' and 'rith-metic." He spent his boyhood days on the home farm in Jones county and though his educational opportunities were meager, his training at farm labor was not limited. In 1874 he became identified with farming interests in Clinton county and in 1878 removed to Sac county, where he secured land rent free. The preceding years the grasshoppers had destroyed the crops and the owners wanted the lands cultivated rather than let them return to sod. In Sac county he faced all the conditions of pioneer life and in 1881 he became a pioneer settler of Greene county, where he purchased land at seven dollars per acre. There he carried on his farm work until 1887, when he removed to Reading township, Calhoun county. He has taken an active and helpful part in the pioneer development of five different counties and has thereby contributed much to the material progress of the state. In addition to tilling the soil in the cultivation of crops best adapted to climatic conditions, he has raised polled Durham cattle and Poland China hogs, selling all of his stock in the home market. His investments in farm property made him the owner of three hundred and twenty acres of rich and productive land, from which he annually gathered good harvests. He carried on the work of the farm until 1906, when he retired from active life and removed to Farnhamville, where he has since made his home. Indolence and idleness are utterly foreign to his nature, and as he could not content himself without some business connection and saw the need and the opportunity for the establishment and development of a telephone system, he assisted in organizing the Farmers Mutual Telephone Company, of which he has been president for several years.

On the 28th of February, 1874, Mr. Coon was united in marriage to Miss Maggie Picht, a native of Germany and a daughter of Phillip Picht, who emigrated to the United States in 1868 and took up his abode in Jones county, Iowa. There he purchased land and carried

on general agricultural pursuits throughout the remainder of his life. He was a devoted and consistent member of the Lutheran church, taking an active part in its work. Mr. and Mrs. Coon have five living children, as follows: Elizabeth, who is the wife of Sanford Bassett, an agriculturist residing in Gates, Oregon, and has three children; Emma, who gave her hand in marriage to William Hoyle, a farmer living on his land near Lake City, by whom she had three children; George, an agriculturist of Calhoun county, who is married and has two children; Nettie, living near Gowrie, who is the wife of Clarence Streams and has three children; and Elmer, at home.

In politics Mr. Coon has always been an active and earnest republican and it is well known that he is fearless in defense of his honest convictions, political and otherwise. A member of the Methodist Episcopal church while in Greene county, he served as Sunday-school superintendent when the meetings were held in the schoolhouse near his home. He is now an active and earnest member of the Methodist Episcopal church of Farnhamville, contributes liberally to its support and does all in his power to further its interests. He has been school director for nine years and for the last eleven years has served as trustee, and he has taken a progressive stand upon many vital questions. He has ever been an earnest advocate of drainage and good roads and is greatly interested in the welfare of the community in which he makes his home. There are few, if any, in the state more familiar with conditions of pioneer life than Mr. Coon, who has lived upon the frontier in five different counties. He was one of those who hauled the lumber from Scranton, Iowa, with which the first store in Lohrville was built, and he has been identified with many of the early events which have left their impress upon the history of county and state. Moreover, he may truly be called a self-made man, for when he left home and started out to earn his living he had no financial assistance whatever and has depended entirely upon his earnest labor and perseverance for the success which has come to him, making him one of the prosperous residents of Calhoun county.

EDWIN L. CRAWFORD.

Edwin L. Crawford, postmaster at Rinard, was born in Portage, Wisconsin, on the 1st of December, 1861, and is a son of Alexander S. and Melissa E. (Wilcox) Crawford. His father was born in Orange county, New York, and died in 1901 at the age of sixty-four years.

The mother, a native of Oshkosh, Wisconsin, is still living in Monroe county, that state. Alexander S. Crawford was only four years of age when he went to Wisconsin in company with his parents, the journey being made with ox teams and high-wheeled wagons. His father, William Crawford, was one of the early pioneers of the vicinity of Portage. As he traveled westward he passed through Chicago, which was then a tiny village and gave no indication of ever becoming the great metropolitan center that it is today. He secured a large farm and devoted his life to general agricultural pursuits, save for a brief period. In 1861 he made his way westward to the Rocky Mountains and worked in the gold fields there for three or four years. He did this to please his wife, who did not wish him to go to war. With this exception his entire life was devoted to general agricultural pursuits and he owned valuable farm land in Monroe county, Wisconsin. Upon his place he always kept a large dairy herd and made that part of his business one of the important features of his growing success. He took an active part in community affairs and was an earnest supporter of the republican party. He was also a staunch champion of the cause of education, the schools finding in him a most earnest advocate and supporter. He was likewise very active in prohibition work and was instrumental in putting the saloons out of Byron, Wisconsin. He never used alcoholic drinks nor tobacco and indeed was most temperate in all of his habits.

Edwin L. Crawford attended the district schools of Monroe county, Wisconsin, and when twenty-one years of age homesteaded a farm near his parents' place. There he carried on general farming until 1885 and the following year he came to Iowa, where he engaged in farming near Fort Dodge. He continued there for about nine years, or until 1895, when he returned to Wisconsin, where he continued to live until 1904. That year witnessed his arrival in Rinard, where he began the erection of a store building. He was associated with J. F. Townsend, of Fort Dodge, in the conduct of a general mercantile establishment, also engaged in dealing in live stock and was manager of the elevator. For two years he likewise conducted a hotel in Rinard and for the past five years he has been connected with general merchandising under the name of the New Exchange Company, the firm being Townsend & Crawford. They had the first store in Rinard and from the time of his arrival here Mr. Crawford has been most active in advancing the interests and promoting the business activity of the village. He is actuated in all that he does by a spirit of enterprise and in business affairs he displays sound judgment as well as indefatigable energy and persistency of purpose.

In 1885 Mr. Crawford was united in marriage to Miss Charity E. Hunt, a native of New York and a daughter of Elijah and Mary (Randall) Hunt, both of whom were natives of New York. The father was a carpenter by trade. In 1890 he removed from Wisconsin to Fort Dodge, Iowa, where he lived retired. To Mr. and Mrs. Crawford has been born a daughter, Laura M., whose birth occurred in Fonda, Iowa, and who is now the wife of Thur Catheart, one of the younger farmers of Cedar township. They have one daughter.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Crawford are very active in church work, holding membership in the Methodist Episcopal church. They contribute generously to its support and take a helpful part in its work. Mr. Crawford was one of the organizers of the church and has served as one of the trustees, and has borne his full part in every movement for the good of the community. He was the original advocate of the consolidation of the school districts. He has also been an interested factor in political affairs in his county, taking as active a part along those lines as his other duties and interests would permit. He is an earnest republican and on the 28th of July, 1905, he was appointed postmaster of Rinard, in which capacity he has since served. He helped organize and became foreman of the Rinard Lodge several years ago and he also helped organize the Woodmen camp at Shennington, Wisconsin. He is a member of the Masonic lodge at Lohrville, Iowa, the Odd Fellows lodge at Tomah, Wisconsin, and is also connected with the Yeomen and the Modern Woodmen. It would be almost impossible to mention any activity that has had marked effect upon the welfare and upbuilding of this district with which Mr. Crawford has not been associated. He is a capable business man and yet he has never allowed personal affairs to interfere with the performance of his public duties. He has ever recognized his obligations to the community in which he lives and has spent much time and effort as well as money in furthering the public welfare. His fellow citizens entertain for him the warmest regard and appreciate his unselfish, effective efforts for the benefit of the community.

HERBERT W. WILSON.

Herbert W. Wilson is a general merchant of Farnhamville, where he is also filling the office of city councilman. He was born in Cook county, Illinois, December 11, 1883, a son of William W. and Agnes (Harrison) Wilson, who were also natives of that county. The father

followed farming in Cook county until 1884, when he removed westward to Calhoun county, Iowa, finding here all of the conditions of pioneer life. He took up his abode in Reading township, becoming the owner of a farm of two hundred acres. The land was raw prairie when it came into his possession but he turned the first furrows, breaking the sod until he had brought the entire farm to a high state of cultivation and added to it many modern improvements. He also engaged in buying stock. He was an active member of the Congregational church and died in that faith at the age of forty-two years. His widow survives and now makes her home in Farnhamville.

Herbert W. Wilson pursued his early education in the district schools at Farnhamville, and afterward attended Highland Park College at Des Moines. When fifteen years of age he made his initial step in the business world as clerk in a general store in Farnhamville, remaining there for three years. He afterward attended school at Des Moines and following his return home again engaged in clerking for two years, but during that period carefully saved his earnings with the hope of accumulating sufficient capital to enable him to engage in business on his own account. In October, 1904, he established a general mercantile store at Farnhamville, where he has since conducted a growing business, carrying a well selected line of goods, while his honorable methods in trade and his reasonable prices have brought to him a gratifying patronage. He is also a stockholder in the American Merchants Syndicate of Chicago, a corporation composed of many of the progressive merchants of the country. They buy merchandise direct from the factory and thus save jobbers' profits, so that they are able to give their customers the benefit of this saving. Mr. Wilson is also a stockholder in the Farmers Lumber Company of Farnhamville and the Farmers Mutual Telephone Company and is recognized as a man of sound business judgment, resourceful and enterprising.

In May, 1904, Mr. Wilson was united in marriage to Miss Fannie Beacham, her father being H. W. Beacham, a sketch of whom appears on another page of this work. Our subject and his wife have three children, namely: Charles Wayne, Jim and Henry Warren. Fraternally Mr. Wilson is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and is treasurer in the local lodge. He has filled all of the offices in the Knights of Pythias lodge, is secretary of the Yeomen and is also secretary of the Commercial Club. In politics he is an earnest republican, staunchly advocating the principles of the party because of a firm belief in their efficacy as factors in good government. At local elections, however, where no issue is involved, he casts an

independent ballot. He is now serving as a member of the city council and exercises his official prerogatives in support of many measures for the general good. He belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church, taking an active part in its work and in that of the Sunday school and serving as steward in the church. He is justly accounted one of the progressive young merchants of the town and is recognized as one whose efforts have been of the utmost value and worth in contributing to the material development and to the intellectual, political and moral progress of his community.

F. V. HIBBS, M. D.

Dr. F. V. Hibbs, who since 1902 has been successfully engaged in the practice of medicine in Lohrville, is a native son of Iowa, his birth having occurred in Polk county on the 12th of February, 1874. He comes of Quaker stock and is a son of J. L. and Hannah (Marmon) Hibbs. The father was born in eastern Ohio, a son of William Valentine Hibbs, who was a native of Virginia. In 1854 J. L. Hibbs accompanied his parents to Polk county, Iowa, from the Buckeye state, and both the father and son there engaged in farming. In 1882, however, they took up their abode in Lake City, Calhoun county, where they are now living retired. In the meantime, however, J. L. Hibbs was for a few years engaged in the real-estate and insurance business, in which he met with substantial success. In his family were six sons and three daughters but one son is deceased. Another is engaged in the practice of dentistry, two are following farming, and, as above stated, our subject is engaged in the practice of medicine.

Dr. Hibbs was reared in Polk county to the age of eight years and in the common schools began his education, which has continued in the schools of Lake City, to which place the family had removed. Having decided upon the practice of medicine as a life work, to this end he entered the medical department of the State University of Iowa, from which he was graduated in 1902, being then a young man of twenty-eight years. Having thus carefully prepared for the profession he then came to Lohrville and opened an office, since which time he has been successfully engaged in practice. Dr. Hibbs also has a creditable military record, having for eighteen months served in the Spanish-American war as a member of the Fifty-first Iowa Volunteers and doing duty in the army hospital while in the Philippines.

Dr. Hibbs was married on the 5th of September, 1906, to Miss Minnie E. Baird, of Lohrville, a daughter of Andrew and Elizabeth Baird and one of a family of five children. Mrs. Hibbs was accorded liberal educational advantages, for subsequent to completing the high-school course in Lohrville she pursued a course in Buena Vista College. By her marriage she has become the mother of a son and a daughter: Wayne, whose birth occurred December 12, 1907; and Ruth, who was born March 5, 1910.

The family attend the Presbyterian church, while in his fraternal relations the Doctor is connected with the Masons and Knights of Pythias. In politics he is a republican and for one year served as mayor of Lohrville, while for five years he has been a member of the town council. He keeps in touch with the advancement that is being made in the medical fraternity through his membership in the Calhoun Medical Society, of which he is now serving as secretary; is also a member of the Iowa State and American Medical Associations. The Doctor is highly esteemed in Lohrville and vicinity, not only as a professional man but also as a friend and citizen who is ever ready to cooperate in any movement tending to promote the public welfare.

J. C. CRISSINGER.

The business interests of Farnhamville have a worthy representative in J. C. Crissinger, who is proprietor of a drug store. He was born in Columbia county, Ohio, January 25, 1860, and was brought to Iowa when but eight years of age, the family home being established in Iowa county. There he pursued his education in the common schools while spending his youthful days in the home of his parents. Through the periods of vacation he worked upon the farm and was thus employed until he reached the age of seventeen years, when he resumed his education as a pupil in the Iowa City Academy, which he attended for two years. On the expiration of that period he settled at Guthrie, Iowa, where he remained for about six months and then came to Farnhamville, where he established a drug store of which he has since been owner and manager. He carefully conducts the business, carrying a well selected line of goods, and his honorable business methods, progressive spirit and careful attention to the wants of his patrons have brought him a constantly growing trade.

On the 10th of June, 1882, Mr. Crissinger was united in marriage to Miss Luey Shrader, a sister of Dr. J. C. Shrader, who is a profes-

sor in the medical department of the Iowa State University. To this union were born three children, namely: Clinton, who is deceased; Lillian; and Donald, a practicing dentist of Farnhamville, Iowa. The wife and mother passed away on the 25th of January, 1890, and her demise was the occasion of deep and widespread regret. In 1893 for his second wife Mr. Crissinger married Nettie J. Crary, by whom there were two children: Eugenia and Bruce.

By his ballot Mr. Crissinger indorses the principles of the republican party and is a recognized leader in its local ranks. He has been called upon to fill a number of public positions, serving as justice of the peace, as mayor of Farnhamville and as postmaster for nine years. He has also been a member of the school board for twenty years and indorses all plans that seem feasible for the development and improvement of the schools. Aside from his commercial interests he has been manager of the telephone company for twelve years. Fraternally he is connected with the Odd Fellows Lodge, No. 390, Farnhamville Lodge, No. 296, K. P., and the Modern Woodmen camp at Farnhamville. He is alert to the opportunities of the day, both for business and in behalf of the public welfare, and he is never so taken up with trade interests that he cannot give active co-operation to measures and movements which have claim upon his time because of the duties of citizenship.

ANDREW BAIRD.

Andrew Baird, a wholesale and retail dealer in butter, eggs and poultry at Lohrville, was born in County Antrim, Ireland, July 8, 1854, his parents being Andrew and Agnes (MeAllister) Baird, who were likewise natives of County Antrim. The father was born in 1831 and passed away in 1854, being then but twenty-three years of age. He was a farmer by occupation and he died three months before the birth of his son Andrew. The mother afterward married again and lived in Ireland to the time of her death, which occurred when she was fifty-eight years of age. Both were members of the Presbyterian church.

Their only child, Andrew Baird, attended the common schools and when fifteen years of age was apprenticed to the blacksmith's trade, his term of indenture covering four years. He afterward continued to work at his trade for five years in Ireland and then sought a home in the new world, coming to the United States in 1878. He took up his

abode in New York city, where he worked at his trade for a year, and in 1879 he came to Iowa, settling at Reinbeck, Grundy county. There he followed his trade for a brief period, but afterward went to Chicago, where he continued until 1881, when he returned to Iowa and followed his trade at Hudson for about five years. The town was at that time a village containing only about twenty-five families. In 1888 he removed to Lohrville, where he established a blacksmith shop, and carried on work at his trade for fifteen years. On the expiration of that period he turned his attention to the produce business, in which he has since engaged, and in 1914 he established a creamery and a cold storage plant. His business has steadily grown and his equipment is excellent. He now furnishes employment to from fifteen to twenty people and conducts a wholesale, as well as retail, business in butter, eggs and poultry, devoting practically his entire time and attention to this undertaking. However, he is also one of the stockholders and a director of the Commercial Savings Bank of Lohrville and he owns Canada lands.

Mr. Baird was married in Ireland in 1878 to Miss Elizabeth Huston, who was born in that country, a daughter of Hugh and Mary (Hamilton) Huston. Her father was a farmer and never came to the United States, spending his entire life on the Emerald isle, where he died at the age of sixty years. His wife there passed away at the age of fifty. Mr. Huston was active in all public affairs of his community and was an earnest, faithful member of the Presbyterian church. Mr. and Mrs. Baird became the parents of five children who survive. Hugh, who is associated with his father in business, married Margaret Wight, a daughter of a Presbyterian minister, and they have two children. James Alexander is engaged in the life insurance business in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Minnie is the wife of Dr. Hibbs, of Lohrville. Agnes is the wife of Harry Cummings, proprietor of the Fair store of Lohrville, and they have two children. Ruth is attending the Iowa State College at Ames. The mother of these children passed away in October, 1914, and her death was deeply regretted by many friends as well as by her immediate family.

In his fraternal connections Mr. Baird is a Mason and has served as master of Nekoda Lodge, No. 597, F. & A. M. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and he desires to bring about all those wholesome and purifying reforms which are growing up in connection with the political conditions of the country. His cooperation can be counted upon as a factor in the affair for the betterment of the community and he is an active and earnest member of the Presbyterian church, in which he is serving as elder. Those who have come in

contact with him know that he is a man to be depended upon in any emergency, that he is loyal to high standards and that his word is as good as any bond ever solemnized by signature or seal.

JOHN HENRY JANSEN.

John H. Jansen, auditor for the W. T. Joyce Lumber Company, is an Iowa product and his education was acquired in the public schools. Since 1900 he has occupied his present position as auditor of the W. T. Joyce Lumber Company, which is one of responsibility as the company owns several yards in Iowa, and that his duties are promptly and capably performed is indicated by his long connection with the company.

DEWITT W. AULT.

Dewitt W. Ault is the manager of the Farmers Elevator Company at Farnhamville. No matter in how much fantastic theorizing one may indulge as to the cause of success, he must ultimately reach the conclusion that advancement is won through close application and unflinching determination. Such have been the salient qualities displayed by Mr. Ault and few men enjoy in larger measure the confidence of the business public. He was born in Morrow county, Ohio, November 13, 1867, and is a son of F. W. and Clarinda M. Ault, both of whom were natives of the Buckeye state. The father was a farmer by occupation and on coming to Iowa settled at Marshalltown, in Marshall county, in the year 1869. There for seventeen years he engaged in general farming or until 1886.

The boyhood days of Dewitt W. Ault were spent in the usual manner of farm lads, his time being divided between the work of the fields, the duties of the schoolroom and the pleasures of the playground. In 1886 he left Marshall county and went to Jasper county, where he secured employment as a farm hand, spending about two years in that way. In the fall of 1888 he arrived in Calhoun county and for about sixteen years he was engaged in general farming, living upon several rented farms during that period. In 1904 he purchased a livery and feed barn, which he conducted for two years, and on the 29th of July, 1906, he assumed the management of the Farmers Ele-

vator Company, at Farnhamville, in which connection he still continues, covering a period of nine years. That his work has been thoroughly satisfactory is indicated by his long connection with the position. He has intimate knowledge of the grain trade and carefully and wisely directs the business at this point in the interests of the company which he represents.

On October 25, 1893, Mr. Ault was united in marriage to Miss Viola Earhart, who was born in Scott county, Iowa, on the 30th of March, 1871, her parents being George W. and Adaline Earhart, early settlers of Calhoun county. To our subject and his wife have been born five children, as follows: Fern, who gave her hand in marriage to Irvin Jackson, of Scranton, Iowa; and Orville, George, Donald and Hazel, all at home.

In his fraternal relations Mr. Ault is an Odd Fellow and is also identified with the Modern Woodmen of America. He exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party, and keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day. His religious belief is that of the Methodist church, and he has guided his life according to its teachings, so that the course which he has pursued is one which awakens confidence and high regard on the part of his fellowmen.

W. H. GREEN, M. D.

Dr. W. H. Green, engaged in the general practice of medicine at Farnhamville, was born in Clayton county, Iowa, on the 7th of December, 1874, his parents being Thomas and Emma Green. The father, who was born in England on the 14th of February, 1849, came to America in 1869, when twenty years of age, and settled in Clayton county, Iowa, where he carried on general agricultural pursuits. His death occurred in June, 1911, but his widow survives and is now a resident of Farnhamville.

Dr. Green was reared in Clayton county, Iowa, to the age of twelve years and began his education there in the public schools. His parents then removed with the family to Green county, Iowa, where he lived for about three years, after which he became a resident of Lohrville, Iowa. At twenty-four years of age he began studying medicine, entering the medical department of Drake University at Des Moines. He spent four years there and afterward put his theoretical training to the practical test in a year's experience in the Meth-

odist Hospital at Des Moines, gaining that valuable knowledge which only hospital training can bring. He then came to Farhamville and opened an office, since which time he has engaged in general practice here. He is careful in diagnosing his cases and the sound judgment which he has displayed has led to excellent results.

On the 9th of November, 1902, Dr. Green was united in marriage to Miss Bertha Marohn, a daughter of Fred and Eva Marohn, of Des Moines, Iowa. They have one child, Margaret Emma. Dr. Green is a republican but without political aspirations and leaves office holding to others. He belongs to the Odd Fellows lodge and to the Modern Woodmen camp, and of the former is secretary. In religious belief he is a Methodist and he sets up before him high standards which he is constantly striving to reach. He is conscientious in the performance of his professional duties and equally so in his connection with his fellowmen, who esteem him because of his stalwart adherence to high principles. He has ever been a close and discriminating student of his profession and he keeps in touch with modern thought and progress along that line.

J. F. ADAMS.

J. F. Adams has since 1905 been at the head of a successful furniture establishment in Lohrville, although since the 1st of April, 1915, the management of the business has been assumed by his son Ray, who is a most practical and enterprising young man. Mr. Adams is a native of Green county, Wisconsin, his birth having occurred June 8, 1854, and in the maternal line he comes of English ancestry. He is one of a family of three sons and two daughters, born of the marriage of John and Ellen (Clark) Adams, the former a native of Mansfield, Ohio. In that state he was reared and married, and in 1851 removed to Green county, Wisconsin, where the family home has been maintained for many years.

J. F. Adams was reared in the county of his nativity, and it was there in the public schools that he acquired his education. After he had reached the age of twenty-one years, or on the 25th of November, 1875, he was united in marriage to Miss Mary L. Vanpelt, a native of Saratoga county, New York, and a daughter of Potter and Phoebe (Burealow) Vanpelt. Subsequent to their marriage the young couple established their home upon a farm in Green county, Wisconsin, where they spent three years. As farming did not appeal to Mr.

Adams, and believing that he might more quickly attain success in the commercial world, he then removed to Lohrville, Iowa, and opened a general mercantile establishment, which he conducted for seven years. He then disposed of his store and engaged in the lumber business for thirteen years. In 1905 he opened a furniture store here, which has since claimed much of his time and energies. Throughout the greater part of this period he has been ably assisted in the store by his son Ray, who, after having enjoyed superior educational advantages and having graduated in embalming that he might take charge of the undertaking department, which is conducted in connection with the furniture business, has since April 1, 1915, practically managed the business and is proving himself capable of assuming responsibilities in this connection. In addition to his business interests Mr. Adams also owns a well improved farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Calhoun county, and has a large and substantial modern residence, it being one of the attractive homes of Lohrville.

To Mr. and Mrs. Adams have been born three children, but the eldest, Ellen, died in infancy. Clara May and Percy Ray, twins, were born April 15, 1890, and both are still at home. The son is a graduate of Capital City Commercial College of Des Moines, while the daughter pursued a musical course in Drake University of that city and is now engaged in teaching music.

The family are identified with the Presbyterian church, and in politics Mr. Adams is a republican. In all his business connections his efforts have been crowned with success—the success which may always with safety be predicted as the reward of steady, strong and well directed energy. He has now passed the sixty-first milestone on life's journey and has acquired a competence that will permit him to enjoy all the comforts and many of the luxuries of life throughout his remaining days.

DAVID W. NOEL.

In the history of Calhoun county it is imperative that mention be made of David W. Noel, who for many years was an active business man of Rockwell City, widely known and respected. He took up his abode there in 1883 and was connected with the lumber trade for more than two decades, or until his death, which occurred in 1904. His activity along that line and his support of many plans and movements

which he deemed of value to the community led him to be recognized as one of its foremost citizens.

Mr. Noel was a native of Iowa, born in 1851. There were no unusual or exciting experiences in his life record. He came to correctly value opportunities and advantages and realized that honorable success is the direct result of carefully directed energy and intelligent purpose. Upon coming to Rockwell City in 1883 he established a lumberyard and for twenty-one years was active along that line of business, securing a very liberal and well merited patronage.

Mr. Noel was united in marriage to Miss Ella Houghan, now deceased, and they became the parents of two children: Don, who is editor of the Anaconda Standard, published at Anaconda, Montana; and Blanche, who is a teacher in the Seattle high school. David W. Noel married Myrtle Woodruff for his second wife and she is now a resident of Long Beach, California.

In addition to his lumber interests Mr. Noel was a stockholder in the First National and Savings Bank of Rockwell City. His business affairs were always carefully managed and the integrity of his methods was never questioned. He was equally prominent and active along other lines, for he never neglected the duties and obligations of life. He helped to organize the Methodist Episcopal Sunday school and took a very active part in advancing the work of the church. He helped to organize Twin Lakes Lodge, A. F. & A. M., and was its first master. He advanced high in Masonry, becoming identified with all of its branches, and his life was the exemplification of those basic principles upon which the order rests. In politics he was deeply interested as a supporter of the republican party, and he made speeches throughout the county in connection with E. C. Stevenson and J. F. Lavender, of Rockwell City. In a word, he was actively concerned with those things which are vital and significant in the life of the individual and the community, and he ever took his stand in support of advancement, progress and improvement.

THOMAS PARSONS.

Thomas Parsons has been identified with public interests in Calhoun county in many ways. He was formerly actively engaged in farming and has been active in promoting many progressive measures having to do with the substantial development and upbuilding of the district. He is now living practically retired from business, but his

interest in community affairs has never ceased and his cooperation is a valued factor in many plans which are working out beneficially for the advancement of city and county.

Mr. Parsons was born at Reigate, County Surrey, England, on the 18th of February, 1855, his parents being Henry and Hannah Parsons, who were also natives of the same country. In the year 1867 they came to the United States, settling first in Chicago, and in 1868 they removed to Lee county, Illinois, establishing their home about half way between Sterling and Dixon on a tract of raw prairie land. Pioneer conditions existed all about them, and in the work of early development and improvement they took an active and helpful part. Mr. Parsons met a fair measure of success in his business interests and at a later date the town of Harmon was established near his land. He afterward retired with a competence, which had accrued from his labors and the sale of his lands, and was living at Wheaton, Illinois, at the time of his death.

Thomas Parsons attended the district schools of Lee county and continued his education in Dixon. He came to Iowa in 1878 with a brother, and they purchased adjoining farms on section 27, Cedar township, Calhoun county. Henry Parsons, however, rented a farm in Carroll county, Iowa, which he cultivated, while Thomas Parsons established his home in Calhoun county, Iowa, and broke the prairie on both his own and his brother's farms. He also engaged in teaching school in Reading. There was no school in Cedar during the first two years of his residence in the county and the settlers were widely scattered. In fact, various conditions of pioneer life existed and involved considerable difficulty in the establishment of a home. Mr. Parsons hauled his merchandise from Gowrie, and he had to take his products a long distance to market. His first purchase of land was eighty acres, for which he paid six dollars per acre. To this he kept adding from time to time until he now has seven hundred acres in Cedar township, constituting one of the valuable farm properties of the county. He brought his land to a high state of cultivation, and the fields returned to him gratifying harvests for the care and labor which he bestowed upon them. He was always a large grain raiser, and likewise engaged quite extensively in raising and feeding stock. As time passed on he cultivated his farm according to modern methods, introducing the latest improved machinery and facilitating the work of the fields in every possible way. Year after year chronicled for him increased success and at length, with a very gratifying and substantial competence, he retired in 1899 and took up his abode in Farnhamville, where he has erected a fine residence surrounded by beautiful shrub-

bery, flowers and shade trees. The most envious cannot grudge him his success, so honorably has it been earned and so wisely used. While he is not now actively concerned in business affairs, he is still a stockholder in the Farmers Elevator Company and in the Farmers Telephone Company of Farnhamville, and is a director and stockholder in the Farmers Lumber Company. He is likewise a stockholder in the bank at Guthrie Center, and his investments have been so judiciously placed that he derives therefrom a substantial annual income.

Mr. Parsons was one of the three men who advocated the establishment of a city park, and when the movement was carried through he was appointed park commissioner, and has served in that capacity for fifteen years. The town has now one of the most attractive parks to be found in any town of similar size in the state. Mr. Parsons has also served as a member of the city council, and for ten years was mayor of Farnhamville, directing the policy of the city and introducing many needed reforms and improvements. He was elected county supervisor from the fourth district and served in that capacity for six years. There has been no more stalwart advocate of the development of a modern drainage system than Mr. Parsons, who was especially active in support of the movement when it was a fighting issue in the state. His position almost brought him political defeat, but time has demonstrated the wisdom of his course and his opinions. Many new districts have been formed and today the people recognize the value that drainage has been to the state. His public service began the first fall after his arrival, when he was elected to the office of township clerk. He served for twenty consecutive years as justice of the peace and, as there was no preacher in the township, he married about thirty couples, many of whom are now numbered among the county's most prominent citizens. He also served as township assessor and in every public connection he has stood for progress and improvement, his labors bringing about many good things for the community.

In 1879 Mr. Parsons was united in marriage to Miss Mary Clutter, who was born in Ohio and died in Farnhamville in 1900. Her father, W. H. Clutter, was an early settler of this state, and on removing to Calhoun county took up his abode in Reading township, where he was very active in community affairs as well as in business life. In politics he was a stalwart democrat and of the Congregational church he was a faithful and devoted member. Mrs. Parsons was also very active in church work and in her girlhood days she was instrumental in having religious services held in schoolhouses in her township before the building of churches. Her life radiated an influence for good that was strong and permeating, and her memory remains as a blessed

benediction to those who knew her. To Mr. and Mrs. Parsons were born four children. Alfred H., who owns and operates a farm in Cedar township, is married and has four children. John L., who attended Cornell (Iowa) College, is now a civil engineer of Humboldt, Iowa, and is an associate member of the Western Society of Engineers. His work, *Land Drainage*, is a very complete treatise on drainage and the laws affecting it in Iowa. He is married and has two children. Flora E. is the wife of C. H. Beck, cashier of the bank at Guthrie Center, Iowa, and has one daughter, Bertha M., who attended Grinnell College, is now at home.

Mr. Parsons is a member of the Knights of Pythias. His political allegiance has always been given to the republican party, but he is not bitterly partisan, and he is always able to defend his political faith by intelligent argument because of his wide reading concerning the questions and issues of the day. An earnest member of the Congregational church, he has for the past ten years been superintendent of the Sunday school. His life has been actuated by high and honorable principles, and the course that he has followed commends him to the confidence, goodwill and respect of all.

GEORGE W. VONTREES.

George W. Vontrees needs no introduction to the readers of this volume, for he has long been a prominent and highly respected resident of Calhoun county, his home being in Cedar township. He has lived in the county since pioneer times, and is now one of its most venerable citizens. He was born in Clay county, Indiana, July 6, 1833, and has therefore passed the eighty-second milestone on life's journey. He came to Iowa in 1854, making the trip on horseback from Indiana, being then twenty-one years of age. He made his way to Boone county, and there took up his abode in a small settlement near Boonesboro. The conditions of pioneer life existed in the district at that period. The homes were widely scattered and the work of development and improvement was yet in embryo. There were all kinds of wild game, including deer and all the feathered game. There were also bears and wild cats in the district, and it was a most common sight to see representatives of the Sae and Fox tribe of Indians. At the time of the Spirit Lake massacre there was a great feeling of unrest in that vicinity because of the Indians, but the warfare upon the whites was not waged in that district.

Mr. Vontrees purchased land, using a land warrant issued to his father, Jacob Vontrees, who was a soldier in the War of 1812, and who served in three campaigns under General Jackson. Having entered his claim, Mr. Vontrees built a log cabin and broke his land, but sold it before he began its cultivation. He then purchased land in Worth township, was married and began farming there, taking an active and helpful interest in bringing about the improvement of the county along agricultural lines. He converted his own place into a rich and productive tract, on which he planted trees and improved his place generally, adding all the accessories and conveniences of a model farm. He has lived to see remarkable changes and improvement. It was in 1884 that he removed from Boone county to his present home in Cedar township, Calhoun county, which was then a sparsely settled district.

On September 5, 1862, Mr. Vontrees was united in marriage to Miss Sarah E. Patterson, who was born in Morgan county, Ohio, in 1845, and who passed away in Calhoun county, Iowa, in 1910, at the age of sixty-five years. They became the parents of four children, one who is deceased: Elvira B., now the wife of E. J. Woodcock, of Cedar township; and William and Ross, who are mentioned elsewhere in this volume.

In the early days Mr. Vontrees belonged to the Union League. He was an opponent of the system of slavery and a stanch advocate of the Union cause, and he voted for the first republican of his county who ever ran for office. He has always been loyal to the party and still advocates its principles by casting his ballot for its candidates. His has been an active, useful and well spent life, gaining for him the respect, confidence and goodwill of all who know him. He has lived long to witness the development and progress of this part of the state and is justly accounted one of the worthy pioneers.

D. J. TOWNSEND, M. D.

Dr. D. J. Townsend has been a representative of the medical profession at Lohrville for the past third of a century, and in fact, was the first physician of the town. He has likewise been an active and prominent factor in public life and from 1900 until 1904 ably represented his district in the state legislature. His birth occurred in Bureau county, Illinois, on the 9th of December, 1856, his parents being John and Sarah (Valentine) Townsend, the former a native of

Vermont and the latter of New York. The family was represented among the early settlers of western New York. John Townsend and Sarah Valentine were married in Erie county, New York, and in 1856 moved to Illinois. At the time of the Civil war the father enlisted for service with the Union army as a member of the Fifty-seventh Illinois Volunteer Infantry, continuing in Sherman's command until the cessation of hostilities between the north and the south. On the 22d of February, 1866, he took up his abode near Fort Dodge, Iowa, and a little later purchased and began the operation of a farm in Webster county. To him and his wife were born five children. In 1887 Dr. D. J. Townsend was graduated from Drake University. He is a life member of the Surgeons Club at Rochester, Minnesota, and attends its clinics. It was on the 8th of August, 1881, that he had opened an office in Lohrville, of which town he was the first physician and which has always remained the scene of his professional labors. Since 1902 he has held the position of surgeon for the Chicago Great Western Railway Company.

On the 15th of May, 1884, Dr. Townsend was united in marriage to Miss Myra M. Hawthorne, of Blackcreek, Wisconsin, a daughter of George H. and Mary J. (Whorton) Hawthorne. To them have been born four children. Blanche, whose natal day was December 8, 1885, is a graduate of the West Side Hospital of Chicago and is now connected with that institution as a nurse. Orville J., born January 18, 1888, served in the United States navy for four years and made the trip around the world with the fleet. On the 23d of December, 1914, he wedded Miss Vida Griffin, of Des Moines, and he is now foreman for the Dingur Auto Repair Company, of Odebolt, Iowa. Irwin H. was born in February, 1895, and the birth of Dewitt J. Townsend occurred on the 6th of July, 1899.

In politics Dr. Townsend is known as a stand pat republican, and his public career has been characterized by faithful, able and conscientious service. He acted as president of the school board for five years, was a member of the county board for four years and for a similar period held the position of coroner, while he was further honored by election to the state legislature, representing the interests of his constituents in that body from 1900 until 1904. Fraternally he is identified with the Masonic fraternity, belonging to the following organizations: Nekoda Lodge, No. 597, A. F. & A. M., of which he is a charter member; Cypress Chapter, No. 99, R. A. M., of Lake City; and Rose Croix Commandery, No. 38, of Sac City, Iowa. He likewise belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and was a charter member and the first presiding officer of the Lohrville lodge.

He owns a handsome residence in Lohrville and has long been numbered among its foremost representatives in both professional and public life.

I. E. BABCOCK.

I. E. Babcock, deceased, was a well known and representative farmer of Calhoun county, and his death was deeply regretted by many who knew him. He was born in Geauga county, Ohio, on the 21st of March, 1842, and after leaving the Buckeye state went with his parents to Elkhorn, Walworth county, Wisconsin, where he assisted in the arduous task of developing and improving a new farm, his attention being there given to general agricultural pursuits until after the outbreak of hostilities between the north and the south, when his patriotic spirit was aroused and he enlisted as a member of Company A, Tenth Wisconsin Infantry. He served for two years with that command and later reenlisted as a member of Company I, Mississippi Marine Brigade. He was discharged one year from the following January and returned home with a creditable military record, having loyally and valiantly defended the Union cause.

Mr. Babcock then again went to Wisconsin, but came to Iowa in the year 1865, settling in Tama county, where he purchased a farm of one hundred and sixty acres, for which he paid five dollars and a quarter per acre. He then engaged in general farming for fifteen years and wrought a marked transformation in the appearance of his place during that time. Later he removed to Calhoun county and purchased two hundred and forty acres of land, on which his son now resides, on section 25, Reading township. He again engaged in general farming and his labors were rewarded by good crops that reached the proportions of general harvests.

On the 31st of October, 1866, Mr. Babcock was united in marriage to Miss Helen S. Rushton, who was born September 16, 1847, her parents being J. H. and Sarah A. (Martin) Rushton. They lived near Bangor, Maine, and subsequently took up their abode among the early settlers of Tama county, Iowa. To Mr. and Mrs. Babcock were born nine children, as follows: James, who is deceased; Charles, twin brother of James, who follows farming in Reading township, Calhoun county; Edith Rose, Edward E. and Albion C., all of whom have passed away; Daisy May, who gave her hand in marriage to Frank

Theis, a druggist of Ames, Iowa; R. R., who is a resident of Farnhamville; Lettie E., deceased; and E. A. Lynd, who has also passed away.

In his political views Mr. Babcock was a republican and filled the offices of township trustee and road supervisor. He also served as school director and was interested in advancing the cause of public instruction. His religious belief was that of the Methodist church, and in that faith he passed away on the 22d of December, 1908, leaving behind him many warm friends who have sincerely mourned his death. He possessed many sterling traits of heart and mind which endeared him to his friends, while in his own family he was honored as a loving and devoted husband and father.

WILLIAM VONTREES.

William Vontrees carries on general farming on section 14, Logan township. He was born in Boone county, Iowa, January 22, 1871, a son of George Washington and Sarah (Patterson) Vontrees, who were natives of Indiana and Ohio respectively. The father, who was born July 6, 1833, is still living in Calhoun county. He came to Iowa in 1854, settling in Boone, where he lived for a considerable period and then came to Calhoun county.

William Vontrees pursued his education in the district schools of Calhoun county, and when he started out in life on his own account began farming in Cedar township on a small tract of land which he owned and now constitutes the town site of Rinard. In 1900 he removed to Logan township, where he owns and cultivates two hundred acres of rich and productive land. He carries on general farming and stock-raising, devoting his entire time to this business, and his close application and persistent energy are important factors in his growing success.

In 1910 Mr. Vontrees was married to Miss Hannah Wolfe, a native of Boone county, Iowa, and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wolfe, who were natives of Germany, and still live in Boone county. They came to the United States in childhood and arrived in Iowa in 1860, settling in Boone county. Mr. Wolfe was a very energetic and capable business man and became the owner of three hundred and twenty acres of excellent land, which he devoted to the cultivation of cereals best adapted to soil and climate and to stock-raising. He was very active in township affairs and aided in advancing many measures for the public good, but was never an office seeker. He also assisted

in organizing the church near his home. At the present time he is living retired from active business, and he and his wife occupy a pleasant home in Boone.

To Mr. and Mrs. Vontrees has been born one daughter, Erma. The family is well known in the community, Mr. and Mrs. Vontrees having many warm friends. He is an Odd Fellow, holding membership in the lodge at Somers, in which he has filled all of the offices. He is likewise an active member of the encampment. Other than this he concentrates his energies upon his business affairs and his diligence and determination have been the guiding forces in his life and constitute the secret of his success.

FRANK A. WHITNEY.

Frank A. Whitney is the efficient cashier of the Somers Savings Bank. He was born at Fonda, Iowa, September 3, 1878, a son of Charles and Louisa (Blakeslee) Whitney, both of whom were natives of New York. The father devoted his life to the work of the farm and upon leaving the east established his home in Minnesota, whence he afterward removed to Iowa, settling in Sac county, where he cast in his lot with the pioneer settlers. He took up his abode on Coon river, becoming a resident of Iowa in the early '60s. He afterward removed to the vicinity of Fonda, Pocahontas county, and took a helpful part in promoting the early development and upbuilding of that region. His aid and cooperation could always be counted upon to further plans and measures for the general good, and his name became associated with the material, intellectual and moral progress of his community. He was one of the organizers of the First Methodist Episcopal church of that locality, and his interest in church work proved a foreeful element in its advancement.

Frank A. Whitney received good educational opportunities. He supplemented his early training by a high-school course in Fonda and afterward pursued a commercial course in Valparaiso, Indiana. His initial step in the business world was made as a clerk in a grocery store at Pomeroy, where he remained until 1901, when he came to Somers and was made assistant cashier of the Somers Security Bank. In 1911 this institution was incorporated under the name of the Somers Savings Bank, of which he became the cashier and also one of the stockholders and directors. His business ability, his spirit of enterprise and his determination have been strong elements

in advancing the growth of this institution and establishing its business upon a sure foundation.

Mr. Whitney was united in marriage to Miss Bessie Moore, who was born in Calhoun county, Iowa, a daughter of Thomas F. and Minnie (Cheselie) Moore. In 1875 the father arrived in Calhoun county and engaged in farming in this county until his retirement from active business life. He still owns land in this part of the state, but makes his home in Somers, and he is also a stockholder and director of the bank. He has long been an active worker and earnest supporter of the Odd Fellows society, being identified with the subordinate lodge, the encampment and the canton. He was quite active as one of the organizers of the lodge at Somers and has done much to further the interests of the order. Mrs. Whitney is an only child and by her marriage has become the mother of one daughter, Mary Frances.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Whitney hold membership in the Methodist church, in the work of which they are deeply and helpfully interested, and in social circles she is likewise very prominent. Mr. Whitney has become a well-known leader in the local ranks of the republican party, his opinions carrying weight in its councils. He has served as one of the city aldermen and has done much in support of a progressive administration that will work not only for the immediate but for the future good of the town. He belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and has been active in all three branches of that order. In a word, his influence is on the side of advancement and improvement and he indorses all those measures and principles which have to do with the material, intellectual, political, social and moral progress of the community.

REUBEN AND CHARLES M. STENNETT.

The gentlemen whose names introduce this review are successful farmers of Jackson township, their holdings comprising two hundred and twenty acres on section 34. The former was born in Cass county, Michigan, December 23, 1859, while the birth of Charles M. Stennett occurred on a farm in Jackson township, Calhoun county, Iowa, March 9, 1862. Their father, John Stennett, was born in Ayrshire, Scotland, in February, 1831, and in the year 1852 made his way to Canada, where, on the 1st of May, 1853, he was united in marriage to Miss Eliza Wilson, of Thurl, Canada. In 1854 they removed to

Cass county, Michigan, where they spent the succeeding seven years, subsequently coming to Iowa and settling near Oxford Mills in Jones county. Later they removed to Calhoun county and located on a farm in Jackson township, upon which they resided for fifty-three years, the father there passing away March 30, 1913, when he had passed the eighty-second milestone on life's journey. The mother had preceded him in death, having departed this life in 1911, when she too had reached an advanced age. Four sons of the family survive, the brothers of Reuben and Charles M. being William, who makes his home in Lake City; and Frank, who resides on the old homestead.

Reuben and Charles M. Stennett were reared in much the usual manner of farm lads, assisting in the work of the fields during the spring and summer months, while in the winter seasons they pursued their studies in the district school of the locality. They are now engaged in farming on two hundred and twenty acres on section 34, Jackson township, which they have operated for the past seven years. They have made all the improvements on the farm, which include modern and substantial buildings, and the appearance of the place indicates the thrift of the owners. In addition to general farming they raise shorthorn cattle and Duroc Jersey hogs, and this branch of their business is bringing them a substantial and gratifying return. The younger brother, Charles M., is also a stockholder in the Farmers Elevator Company at Lake City.

The last named gives his political support to the republican party, while Reuben Stennett supports the principles of democracy, and his fraternal relations connect him with Lake City Lodge, I. O. O. F. The name Stennett is an old and honored one in Calhoun county, and the brothers whose names introduce this review fully sustain the reputation which the family have ever enjoyed and deserve to be classed among the representative agriculturists of this section of the state.

JAMES H. BRADT.

In several lines of business activity James H. Bradt has gained prominence and he is one of the best known citizens of Rockwell City. He began his independent career as a poor boy but is now one of the men of affluence in his locality and it is greatly to his credit that his success is due entirely to his own efforts. In winning prosperity he has at all times adhered to the highest standard of business ethics.

A native of the Empire state, Mr. Bradt was born in Deerfield, Oneida county, on the 29th of November, 1847, a son of James and Abbie (Vanderhoof) Bradt. His paternal grandfather, Anthony Bradt, was a lifelong resident of the state of New York and there followed agricultural pursuits. He was of Holland Dutch descent, as was the maternal grandfather, Gilbert Vanderhoof, who also lived in New York throughout his entire life. James Bradt was born in New York on the 7th of November, 1807, and was married in that state, June 14, 1837, to Miss Abbie Vanderhoof, who was born on the 1st of February, 1812, and was likewise a native of New York. In 1871 they emigrated to Iowa and settled in Calhoun county, the father purchasing a farm in Lake Creek township, which he continued to cultivate until he retired from active life and removed to Rockwell City, where his demise occurred. He was a republican in politics and his religious faith was that of the Methodist Episcopal church. He was an upright, unassuming man and was well liked by all who knew him. To him and his wife were born five children, three of whom survive, those besides James H. being: Daniel R., who is living retired in Kelly, Kansas; and Mrs. Sarah E. Smith, of Idaho Falls, Idaho.

James H. Bradt first attended the common schools of New York in the acquirement of his education and was later a student in the Whitestown Seminary of Whitestown, that state. In 1870 he removed to Calhoun county, Iowa, and engaged in farming for ten years. At the end of that time he was elected county recorder without even knowing that he had been nominated as a candidate, and he served in that office for four years. At the expiration of his term as recorder he engaged in the real-estate and abstract business. He still deals in real estate and also places farm loans for a number of life insurance companies. He understands conditions in the commercial world and as he has an accurate knowledge of the worth of land in Calhoun county he has been very successful in both branches of his business, and in fact has gained a comfortable fortune. He is also president of the First National Bank of Rockwell City, an institution which is conservatively managed and which is in an excellent financial condition. It is capitalized for fifty thousand dollars, its surplus and undivided profits total sixteen thousand, four hundred dollars, and its deposits aggregate more than three hundred thousand dollars. Mr. Bradt also started the summer resort at Twin Lakes and established the hotel there.

Mr. Bradt was married in December, 1899, to Miss Kate Sanford, of Vermont, and they have become the parents of four children.

of whom two are living: Stella, the wife of J. F. Hutchison, of Rockwell City, who until recently was president of the Rockwell City Savings Bank; and Lois G., at home.

Mr. Bradt is a republican and does all in his power to secure the success of that party at the polls. He served as delegate from the Tenth Iowa District to the national convention of his party held in St. Louis when McKinley was nominated, and for a number of years he was mayor of Rockwell City, proving a capable and upright official. He has also held other municipal offices and as a member of the school board has done a great deal to promote the welfare of the public-school system, in which he takes the deepest interest. He keeps well informed on all questions and issues that come before the people for settlement at the polls, and his opinion on any matter of public policy is listened to with respect. He and his wife are not members of any church, but the daughter Lois is identified with the Presbyterian church. Mr. Bradt belongs to Twin Lakes Lodge, No. 478, A. F. & A. M., of Rockwell City; Cypress Chapter, No. 99, R. A. M., of Lake City; Rose Croix Commandery, No. 38, K. T., of Sac City; and Za-Ga-Zig Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Des Moines, and is a past master of the blue lodge. He is also identified with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. His personal character is such as to inspire confidence in his integrity, and in all relations of life he has proved faithful to the trusts reposed in him. His energy and business acumen have enabled him to accumulate much of this world's goods, but he has at the same time gained the sincere respect and the goodwill of all who have been brought in contact with him and he is justly regarded as one of the leading citizens of his community.

VINCENT P. McMANUS.

Vincent P. McManus is an able and successful attorney of Manson, where he has practiced his profession continuously during the past twelve years. His birth occurred in Guthrie county, Iowa, on the 8th of November, 1878, his parents being Michael L. and Anna (Kerrigan) McManus, the former born in Madison, Indiana, in 1840, and the latter in England in 1845. Their marriage was celebrated in Scott county, Iowa. Michael L. McManus came to Iowa in 1859, settling in Scott county, and devoted his attention to merchandising and farming throughout his active business career.

Success attended his undertakings and he is now living retired at Adair, Iowa. During the period of the Civil war he served for three years and six months as a member of Company A, Fourteenth Iowa Infantry, being wounded several times. He is independent in politics and has held some minor offices, while his religious faith is that of the Catholic church, of which he is a devout communicant. Both the paternal and maternal grandfathers of our subject were natives of Ireland. To Michael L. and Anna (Kerrigan) McManus have been born eight children, as follows: Ella, who is the wife of a Mr. Walsh, a merchant of Adair, Iowa; Agnes, the wife of William Walsh, who is engaged in the real-estate business at Adair, Iowa; Theresa, who is the wife of a Mr. Brennan, an agriculturist residing at Coon Rapids, Iowa; John, a banker of Adair; Loretta, at home; Vincent P., of this review; Joseph, a physician and surgeon of Parnell, Iowa; and Aliee, the wife of Joseph Walsh, who is engaged in the real-estate business at Adair.

Vineent P. McManus was graduated from the high school of Adair in 1897, and subsequently pursued a law course in the Iowa State University, being graduated from that institution in 1900. He practieed at Winterset, Iowa, for two years and for one year at Pomeroy, this state, while in 1903 he came to Manson and has here since remained. His clientage is now large and of an important character and he practices in all the courts.

In 1907 Mr. McManus was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary Armstrong, her father being Samuel Armstrong, a horse buyer of Winterset, Iowa. In his political views Mr. McManus is a demoaerat and he has served for one term as county attorney of Calhoun county, making a most commendable reoord in that eonnection. His religious fajth is that of the Catholic church. In all the relations of life in which he is found, whether soeial, professional or publie, he has been true to high prinieples of manhood, and his salient charaacteristics are such as have won for him the honor, respect and goodwill of his fellowmen.

JOHN J. COADY.

A reoord of absolute eapability and faithfulness in offee is that of John J. Coady, who for fifteen conseentive years has filled the position of county supervisor from Lake City. Equal fidelity and trustworthiness had he previously displayed in business connee-

tions, and thus he has manifested traits of character which may well be emulated by those who read his life history. He was born in Ogle county, Illinois, July 19, 1861, a son of Michael and Mary (Conlin) Coady, both of whom were natives of Ireland. The father was born in County Mayo and died in Story county, Iowa, in the year 1872.

John J. Coady acquired a common-school education in Ogle county, Illinois, and in Story county, Iowa, his parents removing to the latter county in the year 1871. When about sixteen years of age he began earning his living by working as a farm hand and was employed in that manner until he reached the age of twenty, when he became connected with the bridge building force of the Northwestern Railway as a day laborer. He applied himself diligently to the task assigned him and his efficiency and reliability won the favorable attention of those under whom he served and promotion naturally followed, so that in five years' time, through his merit, he had been advanced to the position of foreman, in which capacity he continued to serve for twelve years. For eleven years of that time he had charge of the work in his line on the railroad between Jewel Junction and Wall Lake, and between Wall Lake and Maple River Junction. After resigning his position he devoted two years to buying and shipping stock, and since that period has concentrated his efforts upon public service. In 1899 he was elected county supervisor of Calhoun county from Lake City and has been the incumbent in the office for fifteen consecutive years, during which time he has closely studied conditions that have to do with the office and has worked untiringly and effectively to promote the best interests of the county to the extent of his official prerogatives.

On Christmas Day of 1888 Mr. Coady was united in marriage to Miss Lydia Dolan, and for almost twenty-five years they traveled life's journey happily together, but were separated by the death of the wife on the 27th of July, 1913, her demise being the occasion of deep regret to many friends, to whom she had become endeared through many excellent traits of character. She was born in Woodstock, Illinois, in 1866 and when twelve years of age became a resident of Story county, Iowa, where she remained until she gave her hand in marriage to Mr. Coady. For three years thereafter they resided in Ames and subsequently spent five years in Dayton before coming, in 1897, to Lake City, Iowa. For four years prior to her death Mrs. Coady was in ill health, and although everything possible was done, fate had decreed that she must pass on. She bore her suffering uncomplainingly through the long years of her illness and was most kind and patient. She was a communicant of St.

Mary's church and the funeral services were there conducted and her remains were then taken to her old home at Colo for burial. Many beautiful floral offerings expressed the respect and love in which she was held by all who knew her.

Mr. Coady's political belief is that of the democratic party, and it is upon that ticket that he has been elected again and again to the office which he has filled and is now so ably filling, his record being unexcelled by that of any other official of the county.

JOHN LOTT.

A well developed and highly improved farm in Garfield township is the property of John Lott, who has spent almost his entire life in Iowa. He was born in Pennsylvania in 1851, a son of Herman and Charlotte (Kenney) Lott. The son was a little lad of but eight years when he left home and went to live with an aunt in Fayette county, Iowa, remaining there about six years. He was trained to the duties of the farm but was not able to attend school. When still in his teens he worked by the month as a farm hand, being thus employed for sixteen years. He then purchased forty acres of raw prairie in Twin Lake township, which he improved and cultivated for some time. He then disposed of that property and purchased his present farm, comprising one hundred and sixty acres on section 16, Garfield township, paying for the same thirty dollars per acre. This was school land and was still in a wild state, but Mr. Lott at once began to improve it and eventually brought the fields to a high state of cultivation so that the land is now very productive. He has tilled the fields and has erected substantial buildings on the place, so that his farm is today considered one of the most valuable in that section of Calhoun county.

Mr. Lott married Miss Whaley, who was born in Cedar county, Iowa, on the 8th of June, 1866, a daughter of Wallace Whaley. After a married life covering more than four decades, Mrs. Lott was called to the home beyond, her death occurring in 1909. She had become the mother of nine children: Wallace, who follows farming in Garfield township; Oley, who is at home; Ralph, who is engaged in farming in Oklahoma; and Alva, Addie, Myrtle, Fern, Hazel and Beryl, all under the parental roof.

In politics Mr. Lott is a republican. He may truly be called a self-made man. Starting out to make his own way in the world at an early age, he has worked persistently and energetically, and today he is classed among the honorable and substantial citizens of Garfield township and Calhoun county.

ROSS VONTREES.

Ross Vontrees is a farmer residing in Cedar township. He needs no introduction to the readers of this volume, for his activities have brought him before the public and he is recognized as one of the leaders in political circles in this part of the state. He was born in Boone county, Iowa, August 26, 1876, and after attending the district schools he became a student in the preparatory department of Drake University. When sixteen years of age he began serving an apprenticeship at the printer's trade, spending three years in that way. He afterward divided his time between work at his trade and attendance at school. He was a young man of twenty-one years when, on the 16th of June, 1898, he enlisted for military service in the Spanish-American war, joining Company F, of the Fifty-first Iowa Volunteer Infantry, at Des Moines. With that command he went to the Philippines and served until November, 1899, when he was mustered out at San Francisco. He saw active service at San Fernando and at Calumpit, and made a creditable military record in his defense of American interests in the Philippine islands.

After his return from the war Mr. Vontrees became a resident of Calhoun county, Iowa, where he engaged in farm work and also taught in the district schools. In 1902 he was elected to the office of county clerk on the republican ticket, and was twice reelected and served for three terms, retiring from the office on the 1st of January, 1909. Even those of opposite political faith spoke of his record in the highest terms and at each election he received a strong vote, which indicated his personal popularity and the confidence reposed in him. Resuming his farm work, he is now busily employed in the cultivation of an excellent tract of land of one hundred and sixty acres in Cedar township.

In 1904 Mr. Vontrees was united in marriage to Miss Daisy Dixon, who was born at Monroe, Iowa, a daughter of Seth and Louisa (Farley) Dixon, who were natives of Ohio and Iowa respectively. The former came to this state and, establishing his home in Monroe,

there conducted a hardware store for a considerable period. About 1895 he removed to Rockwell City, where he again became engaged in the hardware trade, there conducting a profitable business until he retired from active life. He was a soldier in the Civil war, enlisting in 1861. He has always been quiet and unassuming, never seeking public favor or popularity, but his genuine worth is recognized by many friends whom he has made during the period of his residence in this county. His political allegiance has always been given the republican party.

To Mr. and Mrs. Vontrees have been born two children, Sara Yvonne and Daisy Caroline. Mr. Vontrees is a member of the Masonic lodge at Rockwell City. He now gives his political allegiance to the progressive party and has been very active as one of its supporters.

JAMES BRUCE.

Among the successful business men of Lake City, Iowa, is James Bruce, who has built up a large trade as a coal dealer. His birth occurred in Lockport, Illinois, on the 20th of March, 1846, and his parents were Hugh and Ann (Arthur) Bruce. The father, who was born near Aberdeen, Scotland, in August, 1818, was a son of Hugh Bruce, Sr., a descendant of the royal family of Bruce, of Scotland. His wife died in that country but in 1842 he emigrated to America with his family and settled at Lockport, Illinois, where he passed away in the early '50s at the remarkable age of one hundred and four years. His son Hugh learned the mason's, carpenter's and plasterer's trades and later conducted a brickyard. He also engaged in lumbering to some extent near Lockport. In 1856 he took up his abode on a farm in the southern part of Will county, Illinois, and the northern part of Kankakee county. Following the close of the Civil war he went to Peotou, Illinois, and engaged in contracting there until 1886, when, having accumulated a competence, he retired. He passed away two years later. He was a republican in politics and was a member of the Presbyterian church. He married Miss Ann Arthur, who was born in Aberdeen, Scotland, in 1816, and died in February, 1889.

James Bruce enjoyed only meager educational opportunities, as he attended school in all but four terms, and one of those after returning from the army. On the 18th of December, 1863, when seventeen years of age, he enlisted in Company G, Sixty-fourth Illinois Volun-

teer Infantry, at Joliet and served in the army for two years. He participated in forty-two battles and skirmishes, including that of Resaca, Georgia, and was with Sherman on his march to the sea. During the battle of Kenesaw Mountain on the 27th of June, 1864, he was wounded by a minie ball which passed through his body, entering his chest and passing out near the spinal column. When shot he was only about forty rods from the enemy. He was confined in a hospital at Rome, Georgia, for five months. After participating in the grand review at Washington, D. C., he was mustered out on the 22d of July, 1865, in Chicago. He returned to the farm in Will county, Illinois, where he remained until 1869, when he removed to Polk county, Iowa. He continued to follow agricultural pursuits there for some time and for twelve years worked in the coal mines. In 1884 he removed to Carroll county, Iowa, where he remained for eleven years, and came to Calhoun county in 1895. He followed farming here until 1909, when he took up his residence in Lake City and engaged in the coal business, in which he has continued to the present time. He handles all grades of hard and soft coal, and as he gives full weight and is satisfied with reasonable prices his patronage has grown steadily.

Mr. Bruce was married on the 3d of July, 1870, to Miss Nancy Ellen Copper, a native of Pennsylvania, born March 30, 1846. To their union were born eleven children, ten of whom survive, as follows: Maggie, the wife of Fred Sifford, who is farming in Jackson township; William A., a plumber of Des Moines; Anna, the wife of Cal Harriet, a farmer of Jackson township; Florence, the wife of W. L. Hobbs, who is carrying on agricultural pursuits in Jackson township; Arthur, who is a bookkeeper and resides in Des Moines; Charles, of Lake City, who is employed on the Chicago & Northwestern Railway; May, who gave her hand in marriage to Perry Williams, of Delhart, Texas; Fred A., a resident of Lake City; Ed A., who is farming in Calhoun township; and Roy O., a farmer of Carroll county.

Mr. Bruce is a republican and while living in Carroll county served as constable for four years. During the entire period of his residence there he was also school director. For two years he served as alderman of Lake City and has always taken the interest of a good citizen in public affairs. His religious faith is that of the Presbyterian church, and fraternally he is connected with the Yeomen, and with Lake City Lodge, No. 330, I. O. O. F., of which he is a past grand. He has been active in the work of the Grand Army of the Republic and is at present commander of Lander Post, No. 156.

He has been successful in business and has also found time to devote to other interests of life, being recognized as a valued citizen of Lake City.

H. W. BEACHAM.

Honored and respected by all, there is no citizen of Calhoun county who occupies a more enviable position in public regard than H. W. Beacham, the president of the Bank of Farnhamville and one of the enterprising business men and citizens of this part of the state. He is notably prompt, energetic and reliable, and in his business affairs he has displayed marked ability in discriminating between the essential and the nonessential. Mr. Beacham was born in Clark county, Illinois, August 28, 1842, a son of Levi and Nancy J. (Dosier) Beacham, both natives of Tennessee. The father was a cabinetmaker by trade, and in early life removed to Illinois, casting in his lot with the pioneer settlers of Clark county, which at the time of his arrival there was practically an undeveloped wilderness. There were Indians still living in the neighborhood, wild animals hunted the forests and wild game of all kinds was to be had in abundance. The journey to Illinois was made with ox teams after the primitive manner of travel at that time, and in true pioneer style Levi Beacham began life in Clark county, but was not long permitted to enjoy his new home, his death occurring there when his son, H. W. Beacham, was a small boy.

The latter pursued his education in one of the old-time log school-houses. He continued at home until 1861, when at the age of nineteen years he offered his services to the country in defense of the Union cause, enlisting in Company B, Seventh Illinois Infantry, with which he remained for four years and three months. He saw active service at Fort Henry, Fort Donelson and Shiloh, and after the war he returned to Illinois and began farming in Champaign county, where he owned land. His entire life has been one of unfaltering activity in which he has carefully formulated his plans and carried them forward to successful completion. On removing from Illinois to Iowa, he settled at Farnhamville, where he established the Bank of Farnhamville in connection with his son Charles. This is a private banking institution of which he is the president, while his son, as its cashier, is the active manager of the business. Mr. Beacham is numbered among the most prominent and progressive agriculturists of his part of the

state, owning today four hundred acres of rich and valuable land. The different tracts are now splendidly improved and have been brought under a high state of cultivation, nearly all of the land being devoted to the raising of grain. He utilizes the latest improved machinery to facilitate the work of the fields and everything about the farm indicates his careful supervision, his well defined plans and his progressive methods.

In 1868 Mr. Beacham was united in marriage to Miss Cornelia Hamilton, a native of Ohio and a daughter of James and Sarah (Burner) Hamilton. The father homesteaded a tract of land in Crawford county, Illinois, and there carried on general farming throughout the remainder of his life. He was a devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal church, taking an active and helpful interest in its work. Mr. and Mrs. Beacham are the parents of four children, as follows: Charles, who is cashier of the Bank of Farnhamville; May, who gave her hand in marriage to Charles Carlson, an agriculturist of this county; Fannie, the wife of Herbert W. Wilson, who is engaged in general merchandising at Farnhamville; and Gem, who is the wife of Geo. J. Merriman, of Corpus Christi, Texas.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Beacham are active members of the Methodist Episcopal church. He has long been a most earnest worker in that organization and his entire life has been guided by his religious belief. While in Illinois he assisted in organizing two churches in the community in which he lived and also was active in Sunday-school work. He has continued his helpfulness in both church and Sunday school work since coming to Iowa, and his influence and aid have been far-reaching and beneficial. His wife, too, is an earnest worker in the church and their influence has been a potent force for good. Mr. Beacham's religious faith actuates his entire life and permeates his every action, so that in all the relations of life he has proved himself a man of high honor and therefore enjoys the respect of all with whom he has been brought in contact.

JOSIAH CHAUNCEY MUNDIE.

Josiah Chauncey Mundie, a well known capitalist who has resided in Rockwell City during the past three or four years, has been one of the most extensive farmers and cattle feeders in Calhoun county, and is still prominently identified with business interests as a real-estate dealer and agriculturist. His birth occurred near Mendota, La Salle

county, Illinois, on the 4th of October, 1867, his parents being John and Elizabeth (Condell) Mundie. The father, born near Aberdeen, Scotland, was there reared to the age of about nineteen years, and in 1846 emigrated to the United States, locating in Chicago, Illinois, where he worked in an elevator for Armour & Company for a time. Subsequently he was employed in an elevator in southern Illinois, next conducted a butcher shop in Mendota, that state, and later purchased a farm near the town, becoming one of the leading stock feeders and dealers of La Salle county. He shipped train loads of stock at a time and continued actively engaged in that business until seventy years of age, when he retired and took up his abode in Mendota, where his demise occurred when he was eighty-seven years old. The prosperity which he enjoyed came as the direct reward of his own industry and perseverance, and he was widely recognized as one of the substantial, enterprising and representative citizens of his community. In politics he was a staunch republican, while his religious faith was that of the Baptist church. It was in Mendota, Illinois, that he wedded Miss Elizabeth Condell, a native of Montreal, Canada, and of Irish extraction. She came to the United States in 1848 and died in Mendota, Illinois, passing away in the faith of the Baptist church. One of their nine children died at the age of eleven years, and our subject is the sixth in order of birth.

Josiah C. Mundie spent the period of his boyhood and youth on the home farm and received his education in the public schools. When about twenty-three years of age he rented a tract of land, being busily engaged in agricultural pursuits as a farmer and feeder of cattle in Illinois until 1901, when he came to Calhoun county, Iowa. Here he operated a rented farm of six hundred and forty acres in Greenfield township for four years and then leased eight hundred acres of land in Logan township which he cultivated for eight years. During this period he purchased four hundred and eighty acres in Logan township and three hundred and twenty acres in Center township, improved the property and has leased it to tenants, the land being now worth one hundred and seventy-five dollars per acre. He also owns three hundred and twenty acres in Marshall county, Minnesota, and another half section in Blue Earth county, that state, so that his holdings are extensive and valuable. On the 1st of March, 1915, he discontinued the cultivation of rented land and is now farming his own property. As above stated, he has been one of the largest farmers and cattle feeders of the county and his undertakings in this connection and as a real-estate dealer have been highly profitable. He still owns considerable land in Calhoun county and in Minnesota, and during the

past three or four years has made his home in Rockwell City. He was one of the organizers of the Commercial Savings Bank of Lohrville, and is numbered among the leading and influential citizens of his community.

On the 22d of March, 1894, Mr. Mundie was united in marriage to Miss Anna Belle McDowell, who was born in La Salle county, Illinois, October 24, 1875, her parents being William J. and Elizabeth (Whitney) McDowell, natives of Pennsylvania and New York respectively. Her father was formerly a successful agriculturist in Illinois, but during the past six years has lived retired in Calhoun county. To Mr. and Mrs. Mundie have been born seven children, as follows: John William, who is operating one of his father's farms; Paul H., Hazel Adele, Gladys Lucile, George West, Myrle, and Evelyn Grace, all at home.

Mr. Mundie gives his political allegiance to the republican party, and fraternally is identified with the Modern Woodmen of America and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Rockwell City. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Presbyterian church, to which his wife also belongs. 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 the utmost commendation.

THOMAS D. LONG.

Thomas D. Long, of Manson, is now giving his time to the supervision of his property interests, which are quite extensive. He was born in Deauville, Dane county, Wisconsin, on the 4th of December, 1861, a son of Alonzo and Mary (Dean) Long. On the paternal side he is of Irish ancestry, the first representative of the family in America being John Long, who emigrated to the United States from the Emerald isle. He made his home near Boston for a number of years, but his son John removed to Shelburne, Massachusetts, where he engaged in farming and where he was living at the time of his demise. The old farm is now in the possession of the seventh generation of the Long family. The maternal grandfather of Thomas D. Long, Richard Dean, came to the new world in 1849 from England and made his way to Wisconsin, where he remained until 1864. In that year he removed to Marion county, Missouri, where he passed the remainder of his life. He was a designer of ceramics in England, but owing to labor

troubles was blacklisted in that country and decided to come to America.

Alonzo Long was born in Massachusetts in 1805, and in 1853 removed to Wisconsin, where he took up his residence upon a farm and where he became widely known as "The Horseman," shipping many animals from New England. His demise occurred in Wisconsin in January, 1863. His political belief was that of the republican party. He was married in Wisconsin to Miss Mary Dean, who was born in England in 1830 and died on the 28th of July, 1900. Following the demise of Mr. Long she was again married, becoming the wife of Nelson Bacon in 1865, by whom she had one son, Marlin. Her religious faith was that of the Protestant Episcopal church. Four children were born to the parents of our subject, but he is the only one living. The others were George, Irving, and Ada. George was the father of two children, Irving and Illiah.

Thomas D. Long received his education in the country schools of Calhoun county, where he has lived since 1868. On beginning his independent career he turned his attention to farming, but in 1880 he removed to Manson and purchased the Journal, which he conducted successfully with his brother, George I. Long, until October, 1914. For thirty-four years they were the owners of the paper and made it a forceful factor in the direction of public opinion in this county. It gained a wide circulation and won recognition as a valuable advertising medium. Since disposing of his interest in the paper Mr. Long has devoted his time to looking after his extensive property interests. He owns a great deal of real estate and together with his brother's widow owns the Long Hotel. Some of the best business property in Manson belongs to him and he is a stockholder in both of the banks. In all that he has undertaken he has met with gratifying success.

In June, 1883, Mr. Long married Miss Maggie Crilly, a daughter of George Crilly, a native of Ireland, although her birth occurred in Webster county, Iowa. To this marriage have been born three daughters, Ada, who died in infancy in 1884; Beulah, the wife of Casper Schenk, an attorney of Des Moines; and Merian, who is attending Drake University.

Mr. Long is a republican and for thirteen years was postmaster of Manson. For a number of years he was a member of the town council and for one term he held the office of mayor, doing much to promote the advancement of Manson while serving the city in an official capacity. He was also a member of the school board for five years. The Methodist Episcopal church finds in him a loyal and active member, and its principles form the guiding rules of his life. He is

one of the wealthiest men of Manson, but in gaining prosperity has never resorted to questionable methods, his integrity and uprightness being unassailable. He is living retired in a measure, enjoying a period of comparative leisure after many years of strenuous and well directed activity in the newspaper field and as a business man.

CAPTAIN JOHN LEBRIGHT REX.

In the death of Captain John Lebright Rex, on the 4th of August, 1905, Calhoun county lost one who had long been numbered among its representative farmers. He was born in Bendersville, Adams county, Pennsylvania, on the 25th of May, 1830, a son of William and Mary (Minnich) Rex. The family is of German lineage, but the father was born in this country and served in the War of 1812. While plowing in the cornfield during the progress of the Civil war he passed away.

Captain Rex was provided with liberal educational privileges that prepared him for the practical and responsible duties of life. In his youthful days he learned the trades of carpentering and cabinetmaking and in early manhood he alternated school-teaching with work at his trade, being identified as a teacher with the schools of Millport, Clearfield county, Pennsylvania, for about four years. All business and personal considerations, however, were put aside at the time of the Civil war, for he responded to the country's call for troops in 1861, enlisting on the 20th of August, of that year, as a member of Company B, One Hundred and Forty-ninth Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. He went to the front and proved his valor and his loyalty on many battlefields, ably defending the old flag and the cause it represented.

When his military service was over Captain Rex returned to Millport, Pennsylvania, but on the 8th of August, 1865, removed to De Kalb county, Illinois, where he purchased one hundred acres of land. There he engaged in farming for three and a half years, on the expiration of which period he made his way to Lake City, Iowa, and soon afterward invested in eighty acres of land in Jackson township. He was one of the pioneer farmers of the locality and converted raw prairie land into richly cultivated fields, from which he annually gathered good crops. He met with many of the hardships and difficulties incident to frontier life, but with perseverance he carried on his work with the result that in time he became the owner of a valuable farm

property. He was busily engaged in its further cultivation until 1900, when he suffered a stroke of paralysis, which rendered him unfit for further labor in the fields, and his remaining days were spent in enforced retirement.

On the 3d of November, 1854, Captain Rex was united in marriage to Miss Mary J. McClure, who was born in Clearfield county, Pennsylvania, December 21, 1836, a daughter of Wilson and Mary McClure. The father died during the girlhood of his daughter. The children of Captain and Mrs. Rex were: Frank, who is living in Canada; E. M., a resident of Lundgren, Iowa; William W., Elizabeth and Ella, all now deceased; Dora, who makes her home in Winterset, Iowa; Blanche, of New Mexico; Mable, of Canada; and Flo.

The family circle was again broken by the hand of death when, on the 4th of August, 1905, Captain Rex passed away, being then seventy-five years old. He had long given his political allegiance to the republican party and he took much interest in politics, staunchly advocating party principles, yet he did not seek nor desire the rewards of office in recognition of party fealty. He was interested in all that pertained to the welfare of the community and served as school director. He held membership in the Lutheran church and was identified with Lander Post, G. A. R., thus maintaining pleasant relations with his old army comrades, with whom he had met all of the experiences of the tented field. He was ever as true and loyal in matters of citizenship as when he followed the flag on the military campaigns through the south, and there were many beside his immediate family who felt deep regret at his death.

JOHN MOHR.

John Mohr, who has lived retired in Pomeroy since 1901, was for a number of years actively identified with agricultural pursuits in Calhoun county, owning two hundred and forty acres of valuable land in Butler township. His birth occurred in Holstein, Germany, on the 25th of June, 1846, and there he was reared to manhood on a farm. In 1868, when twenty-two years of age, he crossed the Atlantic to the United States, landing in New York in the month of August. He at once made his way to Davenport, Iowa, and began working as a farm hand, being thus employed by the month for about three years. On the expiration of that period he was married and rented a tract of land, carrying on both farming and dairying until 1890, when he came to Calhoun county and purchased two hundred and forty acres in Butler

township at from fifteen to seventeen dollars per acre. In the operation of this place he was busily engaged until 1901 and met with a gratifying measure of success in both his farming and dairying interests. Fourteen years ago he left the farm and took up his abode in Pomeroy, where he has since lived in honorable retirement, leaving the active work of the fields to his sons.

On the 25th of June, 1871, Mr. Mohr was married. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Walze, is also a native of Holstein, Germany, and they had long been acquainted. She came to this country in May, 1871, and by her marriage became the mother of six children, three of whom died in infancy, the others being: William, who passed away at the age of twenty years; and August and Charles, who operate the home farm in Butler township and are widely recognized as enterprising agriculturists and worthy citizens of the community.

Mr. Mohr is a democrat in politics, but has never sought nor desired office as a reward for his party fealty. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the German Evangelical Lutheran church of Pomeroy. He has never had occasion to regret his determination to seek a home in the new world, for here he found the opportunities which he sought and in their wise utilization won the prosperity that now enables him to spend the evening of life in ease and comfort. His career has ever been upright and honorable and he enjoys the esteem and regard of a host of friends.

CHRISTOPHER WASHINGTON OWENS.

Farm work claims the time and attention of Christopher Washington Owens, who is one of the large landowners of Calhoun county, having five hundred and ninety-eight acres on sections 20, 31 and 32, Calhoun township. He was born in Marshall county, Illinois, March 2, 1859, his parents being William and Sarah M. (Schofield) Owens, both of whom were natives of England. When twelve years of age the father came to the new world with his parents, the family settling near St. Louis. Sarah M. Schofield was a little maiden of eight summers when she accompanied her parents to Illinois and in early womanhood she gave her hand in marriage to William Owens. Unto them were born three sons and a daughter. It was in the year 1886 that the family removed to Carroll county, Iowa, but Christopher W. Owens and his eldest brother, W. R. Owens, did not accompany the

others of the household but came four years later, settling on the father's farm near Rockwell City in Center township.

Christopher W. Owens assisted his father until he attained his majority, and then started out in business life on his own account. He had been equipped for this step by a common school education and by the training which he had received under his father's direction. In the fall of 1890 he came to his present location, securing one hundred and sixty acres of land in Calhoun township. To this he has added from time to time as his financial resources have increased and he now has a valuable farm which is highly cultivated and splendidly improved. He has enhanced the productiveness of his land by a well-ordered system of tiling and upon his place he has all the modern machinery. He raises fine cattle and hogs and he annually harvests good crops as a reward for the labor which he has bestowed upon his fields. The appearance of his place and his well known enterprise class him as one of the most progressive citizens of the county.

In February, 1890, Mr. Owens was united in marriage to Miss Jennie Dale, a daughter of Thomas Dale, one of the early settlers of DeKalb county, Illinois, and who at a pioneer period in the development of that state conducted a store in Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. Owens have become parents of three children, Clifford, Grace and William, all now at home. In his political views Mr. Owens is a republican but has never sought nor desired office. He belongs to the Christian church at Lake City, but is identified with no lodges or clubs, being a strictly home man. It is said of him that he never talks upon a subject unless he is sure of himself, and therefore his opinions count as of marked worth. The business of his life is farming, and he studies it just as carefully and thoroughly as a mechanic does his trade, and at all points keeps in touch with the most progressive methods, his labors therefore resulting in the attainment of most gratifying success.

FREMONT RISELEY.

Fremont Riseley is an esteemed citizen of Rockwell City, where he is now residing after having been for many years an energetic and successful farmer and stock-raiser of this county. He was born on the 10th of January, 1857, in Buchanan county, Iowa, a son of Albert and Margaret (Broadstreet) Riseley. The paternal grandfather, William Riseley, was born in the state of New York and served in the war of 1812 with the rank of colonel. The father, like-

wise a native of the Empire state, came west in 1854 with his family, and after developing a farm in Buchanan county, Iowa, came to Calhoun county in 1882. He died in 1910 at the age of eighty-seven years. His wife, who was born in New York in 1820, died in this county in 1899, at the age of seventy-nine years. To their union were born nine children, namely: Abigail; Joseph; Jacob, deceased; Polly; Hannah, deceased; Fremont; Abraham; Albert; and John, who is deceased.

Fremont Riseley became a resident of this county in 1882 and engaged in farming. In 1890 he purchased the old home place of his father. He raised considerable grain, but specialized in stock-raising, breeding shorthorn cattle and Poland-China and Duroc-Jersey hogs, besides a number of good grade horses for farm use. He met with gratifying success and year by year his resources increased, due to the wise management of his affairs. On the 15th of March, 1913, he retired from farming and took up his residence in Rockwell City, where he now resides.

In 1885 Mr. Riseley was united in marriage to Miss Louie Stevenson, who was born at Orion, Ill., the only child of Samuel and Mary Stevenson. Her father is still living at Bonaparte, Iowa, but her mother died when she was but three years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Riseley have two children: Nellie, who is the wife of Bert Chappel and lives at Cedar Rapids, Iowa; and Gladys, who married Fred Willoughby and lives upon a farm in this county.

Mr. Riseley is a republican and has held a number of minor public offices, such as road supervisor for five years, treasurer of the school board for eight years, township trustee for twenty years and in 1914 was chosen street commissioner of Rockwell City. His has been an active life. He has been industrious and temperate in his habits, and these qualities have brought to him a measure of success above the average. He is still known as one of the business men in the community.

H. F. STEIN.

H. F. Stein is a resident farmer of Elm Grove township, where he has one hundred and sixty acres of land on section 19, which he has brought to a high state of development, the well kept appearance of the place indicating his enterprise and determination. He was born in Chicago, Illinois, February 8, 1872, his parents being Herman and Johanna (Popp) Stein. The father was of German birth, and

after leaving his native land became a resident of Chicago. In his family of three children H. F. Stein was the eldest, the others being: William, who is now a resident of Sac county, Iowa; and a sister, Mrs. William Kreft, also living in Sac county. After living in Chicago for a time the father purchased a farm at Arlington Heights, where the family resided until they removed in 1898 to their present location in Calhoun county, where the father purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land at thirty dollars per acre. The mother passed away in 1900 and the father died in 1913.

In early life H. F. Stein became familiar with all departments of farm work through the practical training which he received under the direction of his father. His educational advantages were those afforded by the public schools, and he has devoted his life to farm work. To the age of twenty-five years he assisted his father on the farm near Chicago and today he is the owner of a fine farm of one hundred and sixty acres, of which one hundred and ten acres is in a high state of cultivation. Upon his place he erected a large modern residence in 1913—a tasteful and attractive home that is one of the pleasing features of the landscape. There are also good buildings upon his farm for the shelter of grain and stock and in his stock-raising ventures he makes a specialty of Duroc-Jersey hogs and shorthorn cattle.

On the 29th of April, 1905, Mr. Stein was united in marriage to Miss Martha Schwartz, a daughter of Joseph Schwartz, one of the old-time residents of Sac county, but now living in South Dakota. Mr. and Mrs. Stein hold membership in the German Lutheran church, and their influence is always on the side of advancement, progress, truth and justice. In his political views he is a democrat, but has never held nor desired office, preferring always to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs, and in addition to his farming interests he is a stockholder in the Farmers Grain Company of Yetter. He is well known and well liked, for his salient traits of character are those which win high regard and command for him the respect of all with whom he has been brought in contact.

ROBERT MICHAEL REID.

Robert Michael Reid, who since 1913 has concentrated his energy upon his duties as postmaster of Lake City, was previous to that year engaged in the operation of his farm adjoining the city. His birth occurred on a farm in Pickaway county, Ohio, on the 8th of January, 1867, and he is a son of Nelson and Caroline (Weaver)

Reid. The father was also born in Pickaway county on the 16th of November, 1838, and received his education in the public schools of that period. His father died when he was but three months old and it was necessary for Nelson Reid to assist in the operation of the farm as soon as he was strong enough. He became a resident of Illinois and followed agricultural pursuits there until he enlisted in Company E, One Hundred and Seventh Illinois Volunteer Infantry. He participated in a number of engagements and at all times proved a brave and loyal soldier, making a military record of which he had just cause to be proud. When peace was restored he returned to his old home in Ohio, where he remained until 1868, when he removed with his family to Piatt county, Illinois, and located upon the farm where they still reside. He has met with gratifying success as an agriculturist and is highly esteemed in his community.

Robert M. Reid was educated in the common schools of Piatt county, Illinois, and received valuable training in agriculture through assisting his father with the work of the home farm. In 1890 he began his independent business career and followed agricultural pursuits in various parts of his native state until 1906, when he came to Calhoun county, Iowa, purchasing one hundred and ten acres adjoining Lake City and three acres within the limits of the city. He gave his attention to operating his farm until 1913, when he was appointed postmaster and has since that time concentrated his energies upon the duties of that office. While living in Piatt county, Illinois, he served as tax collector for two years and as assessor for one year. He is committeeman from the First ward of Lake City in the local democratic organization and is an efficient worker for the success of his party.

Mr. Reid was married on the 3d of April, 1890, to Miss Cora Belle Leathers, of Shelby county, Illinois, and they have one son, James Byron, who is at home. Mr. Reid is identified with the Modern Woodmen of America and has many friends both within and without that organization. As a farmer he gained success and as postmaster he is discharging his duties with ability and conscientiousness, proving an excellent official. All who have been brought in contact with him have for him sincere respect and the utmost confidence in his integrity.

BEAUMONT E. STONEBRAKER.

Beaumont E. Stonebraker, son of Austin F. and Maggie E. (Jack) Stonebraker, was born January 11th, 1869, on a farm near

Le Claire, Scott county, Iowa. In the spring of 1883 he came with his parents to Rockwell City, Iowa.

Mr. Stonebraker obtained his education in the common schools and at the Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Indiana. During 1887 he was a compositor on the Rockwell City Leader, a democratic newspaper then published at Rockwell City. The following four years he was employed in the offices of the county auditor and treasurer. In 1891 he purchased a half interest in his father's furniture business. The partnership continued until his father's death in 1901. He started a branch store at Lake City in 1898, which he conducted for four years. The business in Rockwell City was continued until 1906 and then sold.

On June 1st, 1892, he was married to Elma J. Gregg, daughter of J. H. and Mary Gregg of Rockwell City. To them one child, Mary M., was born August 7th, 1893. She married Ray E. Gunn, an abstractor of Napa, California, where they now reside. Mrs. Stonebraker died August 4th, 1902. August 23rd, 1905, Mr. Stonebraker was united in marriage to Mira Mae Roberts, daughter of A. B. and Susan May Roberts of Lake Creek township in this county. To this union three children were born, namely: Maurine R., on October 14th, 1896, and Robert L. and Charles E., twin boys, on February 21st, 1912. Charles E. died of pneumonia on February 3rd, 1915.

Several minor public offices have been held by Mr. Stonebraker, including county auditor for seven years. He served also on a special state tax commission, created by the acts of the Thirty-fourth General Assembly, receiving his appointment from Governor Carroll. He is the present secretary of the Commercial Club of Rockwell City.

ALEXANDER WILSON.

Alexander Wilson was formerly identified with farming interests in Calhoun county and at one time filled the office of postmaster of Farnhamville, but is now living retired. He is of Scotch birth and ancestry, the place of his nativity being the parish of Alford, in Aberdeenshire, Scotland, while his natal day was May 9, 1843. He was a lad of only ten years when he came across the water and settled with his father in Cook county, Illinois. He remained at home until 1864, when at the age of twenty years he enlisted in the one-hundred-day service and went to the front as one of the boys in blue

of Company H, One Hundred and Forty-first Illinois Infantry. During most of the time he was on guard duty at Columbus, Kentucky. In 1865, however, he reenlisted and became a member of Company D, One Hundred and Fifty-sixth Illinois Infantry, with which he served until the close of the war.

After the war Mr. Wilson returned to Cook county, Illinois, where he engaged in farming and also took up the work of veterinary surgery. In 1872 he removed to Champaign county, Illinois, which was then a sparsely settled region, exhibiting the conditions of frontier life. He took an active part in its early development and progress and assisted greatly in the advancement of civic affairs. The year 1890 witnessed his arrival in Calhoun county, at which time he purchased land near Farnhamville and began its cultivation. There he carried on general agricultural pursuits and also practiced veterinary surgery until 1897, when he retired from the farm and took up his abode in Farnhamville, where he continued as an active practitioner. He is still the owner of one hundred and sixty acres of productive land and while upon the farm he always raised high-grade stock, keeping all that his farm would support.

In early manhood Mr. Wilson was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary D. Carrington, a native of Connecticut and a daughter of Starr Carrington, who was born in New York. In an early day the father made his way westward to Illinois, settling in Cook county, where he spent the remainder of his life on a farm and took an active part in civic, political and church affairs. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson became the parents of the following children: Laura, the wife of Charles Beacham, a sketch of whom is given on another page of this work; John, who died in infancy; Mabel, who died leaving two children and who was the wife of A. B. Carlson, a member of the general mercantile firm of P. C. Carlson & Son; Myrtle, who died in infancy; Starr, who was a very active and popular citizen of Calhoun county until 1914, when he removed to Sac county and has since been engaged in the banking business as president of the Farmers Bank of Odebolt; and Minnie, at home.

There were less than one hundred inhabitants in Farnhamville at the time of Mr. Wilson's arrival, and on coming to the county he found it in a primitive pioneer condition. In the work of general improvement and development he has ever borne his part and has staunchly advocated many progressive public measures. His political allegiance has always been given to the republican party and for four and one-half years he was postmaster of Farnhamville. Since the incorporation of the town he has served as a member of the city

council and he has exercised his official prerogatives in support of various public measures which have been of the greatest worth and value to the community in advancing public interests. His religious belief is evidenced in his membership in the Congregational church, of which he is serving as one of the trustees. He has many of the sterling traits of his Scotch ancestry, combined with the spirit of enterprise and progress which has been the dominant element in the upbuilding of the middle west. While he has greatly advanced his own fortunes, he has at the same time cooperated in measures for the general good, and his name in Calhoun county is synonymous with progressive citizenship.

WILLIAM WINKELMAN.

William Winkelman is engaged in general farming on section 15, Union township. He was born August 28, 1867, in Greene county, Iowa, his parents being Jacob and Nancy (Rhoades) Winkelman. The mother was born in Champaign, Illinois, in 1840, and was a descendant of Colonel Nicholas Rhoades, a Revolutionary soldier. The father was born in Berne, Switzerland, in 1838, and when sixteen years of age came to the United States. He worked at carrying rock at ten cents per day in order to earn the money which would enable him to secure passage to the new world, and, the voyage over, he landed at New York with a cash capital of five dollars. Making his way westward, he remained in Illinois for a time and then went to Greene county, Iowa, purchasing land near Jefferson. There he continuously engaged in agricultural pursuits until 1896, when he took up his abode in the town of Jefferson, where he remained until called to his final rest, his death occurring in February, 1901. He was a successful farmer and highly esteemed citizen.

William Winkelman acquired a common-school education, pursuing his studies in that manner until he reached the age of eighteen years, while later he spent one year as a student in an academy at Jefferson. When twenty-two years of age he entered the employ of the Great Northern Railroad Company and devoted a year to that work. He afterward spent a year in Greene county and on the expiration of that period removed to Calhoun county, where in the fall of 1890 he purchased two hundred and forty acres of land at twenty-five dollars per acre, situated two miles south of Lohrville,

upon which he engaged in general farming for ten years. He spent the succeeding three and a half years in the town, where he engaged in the real-estate and transfer business, and on the expiration of that period he traded his south of town interests for his present farm, comprising three hundred and fifty-three acres of rich and productive land on section 15, Union township. He gave acre for acre and paid one hundred dollars per acre for the balance. Later he purchased one hundred and twenty acres at the edge of town. He has fenced the place and has divided it into fields of convenient size. He has enhanced its productiveness by a system of tiling and he introduces all modern improvements which add to the value and worth of the farm. He raises cattle, sheep and hogs for the market and has been a member of the Hereford Association for fifteen years. For nine years he handled Belgian horses with an imported Belgian at the head of the stud. He owns an automobile and he has everything about his place in excellent condition. The land which he is now cultivating was originally purchased at twelve and one-half dollars per acre, and afterward sold at thirty dollars. Mr. Winkelman paid one hundred dollars per acre for the property and people laughed at him, but today the land is worth more than two hundred dollars per acre. He has twenty head of working horses and the very latest farm machinery and there is no equipment or accessory of the model farm that is lacking.

In April, 1891, Mr. Winkelman was united in marriage to Miss Ella Cain, who was born on the 20th of September, 1870, her parents being Abram and Ellen Jane (Kermode) Cain of Lohrville. Mrs. Winkelman was born in Warren county, Illinois, but when five years old removed with her parents to Greene county, Iowa, where she received her early education. Later she attended Jefferson Academy and Simpson College at Indianola, Iowa. To Mr. and Mrs. Winkelman have been born four children, as follows: Frieda Eleanor, who is a senior in Morningside College; Ewart Cain, Dwight William and Frances Emma, all of whom are attending school at Lohrville. In every way Mrs. Winkelman has been an ideal helpmate to her husband, and her sound advice has guided him in various transactions. Aside from his farming interests Mr. Winkelman is connected with the Farmers Elevator Company, of which he has been a director for nine years, and he has numerous other outside interests. In his political views he is a republican but casts an independent local ballot. He has been a member of the local school board for a number of years. His religious faith is that of the Methodist church, and in

every relation of life he has endeavored to follow the Golden Rule, doing unto others as he would have them do unto him.

THOMAS WILLIAM JOHNSON, D. D. S.

Dr. Thomas William Johnson, a successful dentist of Lake City, is a native of this county. He was born on the 29th of October, 1879, of the marriage of John and Mary (Graham) Johnson, natives respectively of Ireland and of Cumberland county, England. The Doctor received his early education in the public schools of Lake City, from which he was graduated on the 28th of May, 1902, and in the fall of that year entered the State University of Iowa, remaining a student in the dental department of that school for one year. In 1903 he matriculated in the University of Nebraska, which conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery on the 28th of April, 1905. He has gained a gratifying measure of success in his chosen profession and is recognized as one of the able dentists of Lake City.

Dr. Johnson was married in Chicago, Illinois, on the 26th of December, 1908, to Miss Mildred A. Thayer, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Thayer, who removed westward from Ithaca, New York, when their daughter was young. She was educated in the public schools of Perry, Iowa. Dr. and Mrs. Johnson have one son, William Thayer. The Doctor is a democrat in his political belief and his religious faith is that of the Roman Catholic church. He is well known and highly esteemed personally, not only in Lake City but throughout Calhoun county, and professionally has gained high standing.

F. L. MILLER.

F. L. Miller, engaged in general farming on section 36, Reading township, is a native of the neighboring state of Illinois. He was born in Fulton county, August 20, 1870, and is a son of George and Christina (Kline) Miller. The father, a farmer by occupation, removed from New Jersey to Fulton county, Illinois, where he was long known as an enterprising and progressive citizen. His fellow townsmen, appreciative of his ability, elected him to the office of

county supervisor. In 1876 he removed to Piatt county, Illinois, where he owned over two hundred acres of land and engaged in general farming. He belonged to the Baptist church and his life was one of the highest respectability and worth.

F. L. Miller pursued his education in the high school at Mansfield, Illinois, and at twenty years of age began farming in Piatt county, where he remained until 1902, when he established his home near Farnhamville, Iowa. In 1902 he became a resident of Reading township and is today one of its most extensive and prosperous farmers, owning and cultivating six hundred and forty acres of rich and productive land. In fact he is regarded as one of the most successful farmers of the county and manifests equal capability in feeding and selling stock. He is likewise a director of the First National Bank of Churdan and is prominently identified with business interests in Farnhamville as a stockholder of the Farmers Elevator Company, the Farmers Lumber Company and the Mutual Telephone Company.

In early manhood Mr. Miller was united in marriage to Miss Ella May Stauffer, a daughter of Menno Stauffer, who became an early settler of Illinois. The latter devoted his attention to general agricultural pursuits, owning two hundred acres of valuable land, and also preached the gospel as a minister of the German Baptist church. He led an active, busy and useful life and passed away while a resident of Greene county, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Miller have three children, namely: Elsie, Bruce and Bernice. Such in brief is the life history of F. L. Miller, who is justly accounted one of the representative agriculturists of his community. He is a resourceful business man, energetic, alert and determined, and his success has come through the fact that he has utilized and improved opportunities which others have passed heedlessly by. His plans are always well defined and carefully executed and he is systematic and diligent in all that he undertakes, so that he has become possessed of a handsome competence which he richly merits.

CHARLES F. HAYNES.

A farm of two hundred and eighty acres pays tribute to the care and labor bestowed upon it by Charles F. Haynes, whose systematic and carefully managed business interests are bringing to him substantial and gratifying success. He is one of Iowa's native sons, his birth having occurred in Pleasantville, Marion county, on the 10th

of September, 1861, his parents being Silas and Mary (Rose) Haynes, who were natives of Ohio. The father was a farmer by occupation and also followed blacksmithing on his farm in the Buckeye state. Before the building of railroads across the country he journeyed westward with wagons and oxen and settled on the river in Marion county. There he built a log cabin and the family began life in the primitive style of the true pioneer. Day after day Mr. Haynes devoted his attention to the work of the fields, and later he left his original farm and removed to a place in the vicinity of Pleasantville, where he had one hundred and sixty acres. He became an active man in community affairs, particularly in advancing the moral progress of the district in which he lived, helping to organize the church near his home.

Charles F. Haynes attended the district schools of Marion county, Iowa, and also was a pupil in the school at Pleasantville. At twenty years of age he began farming on rented land in Marion county, and in 1886 removed to Calhoun county. Prior to this time he took a claim in Dakota but lived there for only eight months before coming to this county. Renting a farm in Reading township, he has lived in the township for the past twenty-nine years and is today the owner of two hundred and eighty acres of rich and productive land which he has carefully tilled and developed, bringing his place under a high state of cultivation and adding to it many modern improvements.

In early manhood Mr. Haynes was united in marriage to Miss Emma Galvin, a native of Marion county and a daughter of John J. and May (McGinnis) Galvin, who were born in Kentucky and Ohio, respectively. Her father became one of the early settlers of Marion county, Iowa, casting in his lot with the pioneers of that district in the '50s. As time went on he became the owner of considerable land in the county and also extensively engaged in raising and feeding stock. He likewise owned land in Reading township, Calhoun county, having about six hundred and forty acres, but he never lived in this county. In the later years of his life he lived retired on his farm at Pleasantville, and his wife since his death has continued to make her home in Pleasantville. He was interested in the bank at that place and was regarded as one of the most prominent and progressive men of his community. In business affairs he displayed sound judgment and keen discrimination, and moreover he had many likeable qualities that endeared him to those with whom he came in contact. He was generous and kindly in spirit and displayed those commendable manly attributes which everywhere awaken confidence and regard. In township affairs he was very active and

filled all of the local offices. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Haynes were nine children, as follows: Elza, an agriculturist residing in Reading township, who is married and has three children; Eton, the wife of A. B. Kennedy, an agriculturist who is also engaged in the real-estate and ice business at Lake View, Iowa, and by whom she has two children; Julia; Sadie, the deceased wife of O. Cresswell, of Belle Plaine, Iowa; and Joe, Vance, Jack, Dee and Margaret, all of whom are still on the home farm.

Fraternally Mr. Haynes is connected with the Modern Woodmen of America. He attends the Christian church and is interested in all that pertains to the welfare and upbuilding of his district. For twelve years he served as school director, but he has never had desire for political office, preferring that his public service shall be done as a private citizen. Both Mr. and Mrs. Haynes are held in high esteem, their many good qualities endearing them to all with whom they have come in contact. In his business affairs Mr. Haynes is progressive and alert and what he undertakes he carries forward to successful completion.

SALATHIAL McCLOUD.

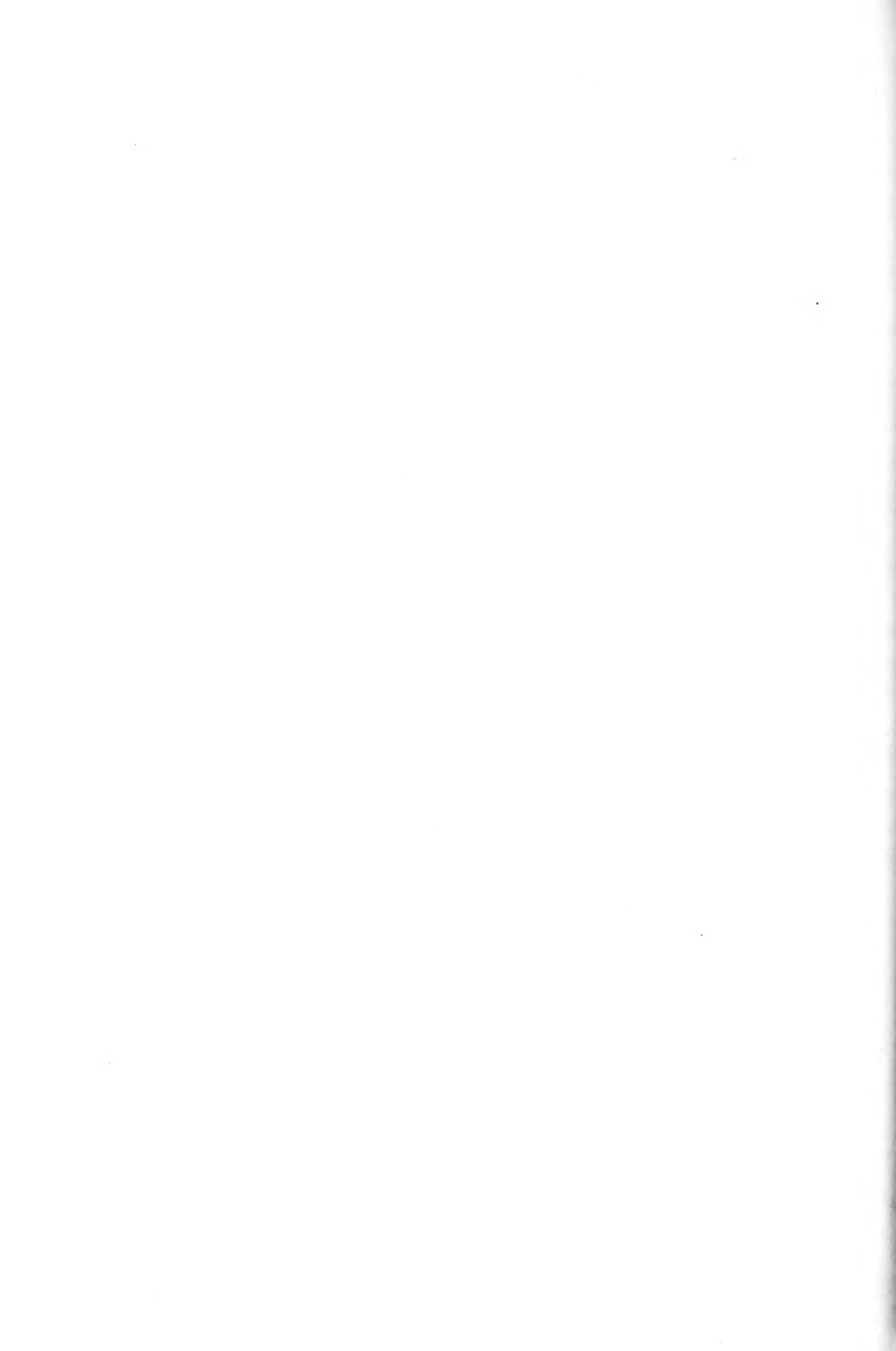
Salathial McCloud is now living retired in Lohrville, possessing a competence that relieves him from the necessity of further labor to provide for his own support. Moreover, his life record proves what may be accomplished through energy and determination, for he started out practically penniless, earning his first money by catching muskrats and prairie chickens. Eventually he became the owner of an excellent farm and now finds it possible to leave the farm work to others, while he rests in the enjoyment of the fruits of his former toil. He was born in Urbana, Champaign county, Illinois, July 5, 1847, and when eight years of age went to California with a family by the name of Baker, settlement being made at Marysville, California, where he remained until 1864, when he enlisted for one hundred days' service in the Civil war, joining the boys in blue of Company G, Eighth Artillery Regiment of California Volunteers. He served with that command until mustered out at San Francisco on the expiration of his term.

Soon afterward Mr. McCloud returned to Illinois and afterward came to Iowa, establishing his home in Calhoun county about 1870.

He had no capital with which to start out in business life but earned money by catching muskrats, the hides of which brought a good return. He also caught and sold prairie chickens and he carefully saved his earnings. He also made a ditching machine and began breaking prairie and did ditching for others, thus aiding in draining the land and rendering it cultivable. At length, when he had acquired some money, he purchased eighty acres of land at eight dollars per acre and eventually he bought two hundred and twenty acres situated in Union township. He then carried on general farming and year after year his fields were carefully tilled and excellent results rewarded his efforts, for the land was naturally rich and productive and brought forth good crops. He not only earned a comfortable living but managed to save a tidy sum for the evening of life and in 1913 he removed to Lohrville, where he has since lived retired, occupying a beautiful and attractive home.

On the 20th of October, 1875, at Montpelier, Indiana, Mr. McCloud was united in marriage to Miss Brown, who was born July 4, 1858, a daughter of David Brown. To them have been born twelve children, as follows: Elmer Hayes, who is a resident of Texas; Clarence, living in Des Moines; Jennie, who acts as assistant post-mistress at Lohrville; Jesse, of Lohrville; Carl, who is deceased; Oran, who makes his home in Pocahontas county, Iowa; Doris, a resident of Cherokee, this state; Melvia, living in Red Oak, Iowa; James, Salathiel, Jr., and Fay, all at home; and Lena, who lives at Storm Lake, Iowa.

In his political views Mr. McCloud has always been an earnest republican, supporting the party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. His religious faith is that of the Methodist church, to which both he and his wife belong. They are widely known and wherever known are held in high esteem, for they possess many sterling traits of character which have gained for them warm and enduring regard.



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