

he has followed have won him the unbounded confidence of his fellow citizens of Westfield township. Mr. Salisbury is a native of Winnebago county, Illinois, where he was born on the 5th day of June, 1837. He is a son of Nelson and Mary (Paine) Salisbury, both of whom were born in Delaware county, New York. About 1832 they migrated to Laporte county, Indiana, where they remained until 1835, when they moved to Winnebago county, Illinois. There the father took up a tract of government land and at once entered upon the strenuous task of clearing it and developing a farm. He lived but a few years after locating there, his death occurring when the subject of this sketch was but a child. The widow and her only child, the subject, remained on the Illinois homestead until 1855, when they came to Fayette county, Iowa, and settled on a farm in Auburn township. In 1860 this farm was sold and from 1863 until 1868 Henry Salisbury was at various points in the West. In the year last named, however, he returned to Fayette county, locating in Bethel township, where for thirty years he engaged in agricultural pursuits, meeting with success commensurate with his efforts. In 1900 Mr. Salisbury came to Westfield township and bought two hundred and forty acres of good land, comprising his present home farm, and to the cultivation of this place he has since applied his energies. He is a man of advanced ideas, thoroughly up-to-date in his methods and in touch with twentieth-century thought in relation to the science of husbandry. He has erected a well-arranged and attractive residence, which is a frequent gathering place for the many friends, who delight in the spirit of hospitality and good cheer which is ever in evidence there. In his farm work Mr. Salisbury does not specialize, raising all the crops common to this section of the state and giving a due share of attention to the raising of livestock.

Politically, Mr. Salisbury assumes an independent attitude and while a resident of Bethel township held a number of township offices, though not in any sense a seeker after office. In his religious views, he is liberal, not being bound by any creed or articles of belief. However, he is charitable, broad-minded and large hearted, and denies to none the fullest liberty of thought and belief. He gives an earnest support to worthy movements having for their object the advancement of the best interests of the community.

In 1860 Mr. Salisbury was happily united in marriage with Antoinette Murphy, a native of New York state, daughter of Rev. George and Rachel Murphy, to which union were born three children, all of whom are now deceased. Reverend Murphy died in 1887 and his wife in 1889 and they are buried in Bethel cemetery, Fayette county. Mrs. Salisbury died in 1880 and

in 1881 Mr. Salisbury married Eva Murphy, a niece of his first wife, and to them has been born a son, Henry Salisbury, Jr., who is now a student at the school of the Order of Benedictine Monks at Oelwein. Mrs. Salisbury's grandparents were Rev. George and Rachel Murphy, both of whom were born in New York state. They came to Iowa about 1855 and here he attained to prominence and great success as a minister of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Salisbury's career has been one of hard work and sturdy integrity, and he is eminently deserving of the respect in which he is held by everyone.

WILLIAM ARTHUR ANDERSON.

A progressive citizen of Fayette county and the worthy son of a worthy sire is William Arthur Anderson, who was born at Bloomerton, Dover township, this county, June 30, 1866, the son of Vincent and Hannah (Bell) Anderson. A sketch of their lives appears on another page of this work.

William A. Anderson was educated in the district schools of his native community, also attended Ainsworth Academy, receiving a fairly good education. He began life for himself as a teacher and farmer, alternating the two summer and winter for a period of seven years, during which time he established a local reputation as an instructor of which anyone might well be proud.

In 1892 Mr. Anderson purchased seventy acres in section 21, Dover township, and he has since made his home here, having improved the place until he has a choice farm, on which he raises a general line of small fruits and does a general nursery business for the local trade. Having prospered at this, he has since added thirty acres to his original purchase, and besides his fruit raising he carries on a general farming business. He has a cozy and substantial home and good outbuildings.

Mr. Anderson was married on March 17, 1892, to Lena S. Olson, a native of Dover township, where she grew to maturity and was educated and where her family has long been well known. Three children have blessed this union, named as follows: Harry Stephens, Oliver Verdi and Florence Myrtle.

Mrs. Anderson is a member of the Lutheran church. Politically, Mr. Anderson is a Republican and he has taken considerable interest in local political matters for some time. He served very acceptably at one time as assessor of Dover township and he is now township clerk.

PHILIP LAUER.

The men who have pushed forward the wheels of progress have been those to whom satisfaction lies ever in the future, who have labored continuously, always finding in each transition stage an incentive for further effort. Mr. Lauer is one whose well directed efforts have gained for him a position of desirable prominence in his community and his energy and enterprise have been crowned by a gratifying measure of success, so that now he is enabled to enjoy a surcease from active labor and live in comfort and ease.

Philip Lauer was born in Germany in April, 1840, and is a son of Peter and Dora (Deal) Lauer, both of whom were natives and lifelong residents of the Fatherland. Philip was reared to the years of youth by his parents and attended the splendid schools of his native land. At the early age of fifteen years he came alone to the United States and first located in Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, where he learned and followed the trade of a carpenter. In 1860 he came to Iowa, locating in Winneshiek county, where he acquired a tract of two hundred and forty-seven acres, to the cultivation of which he devoted himself. He made many improvements and gave much attention to the raising of cattle and hogs. He remained there until 1895, when he bought two hundred and thirty-five acres of fine land lying north of Eldorado, Fayette county, to which he moved the following year, and this has been his home since. He has here followed a general line of farming and stock raising and his efforts were rewarded with marked success. He also owns another tract of twenty acres which he had bought before leaving Winneshiek county. He has looked carefully after the material welfare of his children and has bought and given to his sons tracts of one hundred and sixty, one hundred and thirty-eight and one hundred and three acres respectively. During the past few years he has practically retired from active labor.

In 1862 Mr. Lauer was united in marriage to Gosen Kester, whose death occurred on January 8, 1910. They became the parents of twelve children, namely: Henry, Charles, Philip H., John P., William P., Peter, Fritz, Maggie, Dora, John and Elizabeth, the two last named being deceased.

Politically, Mr. Lauer is a stanch Republican, and he has served six years as township trustee and two terms as school director, and while living in Winneshiek county he was trustee for nine years and school director for many years. He is a member of the Lutheran church at Eldorado, being the oldest member of the society and the first person married in it. He has taken a deep interest in the welfare of the community in which he lives and gives an unre-served support to every movement calculated to benefit his fellow men morally,

educationally, socially or materially. He is a stockholder of the Farmers Insurance Company, of which he has been treasurer for the past twenty-seven years, much of the success of the company being due to his influence and efforts in its behalf, it being one of the solid and beneficial institutions of the county. Personally, Mr. Lauer is genial and companionable, enjoys a wide acquaintance and has a large circle of warm personal friends, who esteem him for his ability and genuine worth.

FREDRICK BECKER, M. D.

The Germans who come to America do not usually enter the professions. Their tastes lead them into commercial pursuits, such as hotels and restaurants, and, in the cities, dry goods and other branches of storekeeping and investments in real estate. Many become farmers and, as is well known, they have no superiors in this line. The states of the Central West and Northwest are especially indebted to the German immigration and they are found by thousands in Wisconsin, Iowa, the Dakotas and Minnesota. Occasionally, however, Germans become physicians and lawyers and when they do it is after the usual careful preparation which they bring to all their work. This sketch deals with a man who became a doctor in early life and for more than a half century has been identified with the West, especially Iowa. Fredrick Becker was born in Gutenberg, Germany, in 1838 and spent the first fourteen years of his life in his native place. His parents were George and Elizabeth Becker, the former for many years proprietor of a large landed estate. He was educated at Marburg University for a minister, but abandoned this calling on account of his father's death. During the Napoleonic wars in 1813-14, when sixteen years old, he enlisted under the German banner, furnishing his own equipment. His son attended the public schools in Germany during his boyhood and came to America in 1852. Locating at Cleveland, Ohio, he began the study of medicine at a medical college in that city. After spending four years there, he entered the Homeopathic Medical College of Missouri at St. Louis and spent the years 1874-5 in that institution. After obtaining his degree, he returned to Taylorsville, Fayette county, Iowa, where he had put in his time before going to the Missouri college. He practiced a while in this town, but in 1875 went to Clermont and carried on his profession until the death of his wife in 1896, since when he has practiced only incidentally. In 1861 he was elected township clerk of Fairfield township and held that posi-



Frederick Becker.

tion and the office of township trustee for several years. In 1889 he was a member of the state board of health and for some years was president of the Homeopathic Medical Association of the state. He filled other places of honor and trust, including president of the state board of medical examiners, president of state board of health, mayor of Clermont and chairman of the Fayette county Republican central committee.

In 1859 Doctor Becker married Sophia Miller, a native of Germany, who came to the United States with her brother. They have three children: Carl F., George A. and Fredrick J. Doctor Becker is a member of the Lutheran church and throughout his life has been a staunch and enthusiastic Republican, following that party during the exciting period of its organization and through the trying ordeals of the Civil war. It is a proud boast of the Doctor that he cast his first vote for Lincoln in Fayette county. He has always been active in party affairs and long one of the local leaders in the county. He has been a useful and influential citizen in various ways in religious circles, political affairs and matters relating to his profession. In this he obtained more than a local reputation, his name at one time being familiar in medical circles throughout the state, he having held the professorship of materia medica in the college at Iowa City.

CHARLES P. ESTEY.

The subject of this sketch, who is numbered among the leading business men of Fayette, Fayette county, Iowa, has by an honorable and upright course of living earned for himself the high regard and sincere respect of all who have come in contact with him. A thorough technical knowledge of his profession, which he has conducted with a right conception of the highest business principles, have brought to him a large share of the public patronage, while his splendid personal qualities have commended him to his associates.

Charles P. Estey is descended from a long line of sterling ancestry, it being possible to trace the family history back to 1630, when Jeffrey Estey, a paternal ancestor eight generations removed, came from England and settled in Pottsville, Massachusetts. In 1692 Mary Estey, who was the mother of nine children and a woman of rare Christian character, well educated and of a high intelligence, was hanged at Salem for witchcraft. Twenty years later the court which convicted her became convinced of its terrible error and in

acknowledgment of this fact granted to the husband a judgment for the nominal sum of twenty pounds sterling.

The Estey family has numerous members, most of which are to be found in the New England states and one of whom is the head of the firm which manufactures the well-known Estey organs and pianos, other members of the family being prominent in other localities in various lines of business activity. The subject's father, Warren Estey, was born at Lester Junction, Vermont, March 9, 1802, and was there reared and educated. On attaining mature years he learned the trade of a painter. He was married in 1832 to Clarissa Hayward and became the father of four sons and a daughter. In 1850 he left his New England home and went by canal to Buffalo, thence by lake to Milwaukee, going from there by wagons to Johnstown Center, Rock county, Wisconsin. He remained there until the spring of 1850, when, leaving his family there, he came alone to Iowa, buying a half section of school land near Postville. In the fall of the same year he sent for the other members of the family. The Indians had left this section of the state but a short time prior to their coming, and the land was all wild and uncultivated. It was mostly prairie land, though there was a little timber near by Mr. Estey's purchase. On the farm was an old sugar camp and burying ground of the Indians, who left behind them many relics of their former occupancy.

Charles P. Estey was born in Addison county, Vermont, in 1841 and accompanied the family on their journey westward. He attended the first school in Winneshiek county, Iowa, their home farm being just over the line in Allamakee county. During the Civil war he remained at home and assisted in the operation of the farm, while two brothers were in the military service. The older brother, Wilbur F. Estey, was a member of Company D, Third Regiment Iowa Volunteer Infantry, under Colonel Brown. He had an honorable military record and died in 1885. The other brother, John F. Estey, was born in 1838, and was a member of the Second Iowa Cavalry, under Colonel Hatch. During a great part of his service he was on detached duty as a spy, in which capacity he rendered effective service to the Union cause, meeting with a number of thrilling adventures and narrow escapes, in all of which fortune favored him. He is now residing in Tama county, Iowa.

In the spring of 1868 the subject of this sketch came to Fayette and began working at the painting trade, which he has followed uninterruptedly since. He soon acquired a reputation as a careful and conscientious workman and did some of the best work in this city. Eventually he began contracting on his own account and for a number of years he has performed the major

part of the work in his line in Fayette and surrounding country, being known as a thorough, reliable workman, and honest and trustworthy in his dealings with others. On November 26, 1861, Mr. Estey married Emily E. Stowell, and this union was blessed in the birth of three children, Carrie A., Addie M. and Charles. Carrie became the wife of William Miller, a minister of the Methodist Episcopal church who is now residing at Brighton, Colorado. Addie M. lives in Des Moines, this state. Charles died in childhood. Mrs. Emily Estey died on June 8, 1867, and on March 3, 1869, Mr. Estey married Emma Scott, of Dover township, Fayette county, the daughter of W. H. and Mary (Meikle) Scott, the former born in Ashtabula county, Ohio, and the latter in Lenoxshire, Scotland. When Mrs. Estey's mother was about twenty-three years old she came with her parents to the United States and joined a brother in Trumbull county, Ohio, where there was a settlement of Scotch Presbyterians, the settlement being known as Little Scotland. In the spring of 1856 the family moved to Dover township, this county, and bought a farm of over two hundred acres, where they made their future home. To Mr. Estey's second union were born two children, Blanche M. and Elbert Harrison. In 1891 Blanche became the wife of Rev. George C. Fort, D. D., a Methodist minister, who had been a former classmate of hers at Upper Iowa University. They are now living at Salina, Kansas, and are the parents of three children, Dorothy, George Hubert and Charles N. Elbert Harrison Estey is a lawyer at West Union, this county, in partnership with D. W. Clements. He graduated from the Upper Iowa University with the class of '93 and subsequently was court reporter for two years under Judge Hoyt. He was located in Waterloo for seven years, and then became associated with the firm of Mullin & Picket, able lawyers, and was afterwards in partnership with George W. Dawson in the law practice there. He located in West Union in 1903. In the same year he married Mary E. Scoby, a daughter of George P. Scoby, of Fayette, and they have one son, Robert F.

Religiously Mr. and Mrs. Estey are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, to which they give an earnest and liberal support. Politically Mr. Estey is a Republican and his first vote was for Abraham Lincoln in his second election. He has taken a commendable interest in local public affairs and is now rendering effective service as a member of the city council of Fayette.

Reverting to Mr. Estey's family history, it is noted that he had three brothers, Wilbur F., John F. (who have been referred to heretofore in this article) and Daniel, who died in Wisconsin November 7, 1850. One sister, Clara M., died in 1857, at the age of twelve years.

PETER PAPE.

As the name would indicate, Peter Pape, a progressive farmer of near Eldorado, Dover township, Fayette county, is of German origin, he himself being a native of that great empire that has sent such a vast horde of her able and most welcomed citizens to our shores, for they have done a great work in placing our country abreast of any in the world, on an equality with the fatherland itself. Mr. Pape is a man who is well thought of in his community, having led a quiet, honest, law-abiding and industrious life; for after a long course of years of daily observations by his neighbors it would be out of the question for them not to know his worth, because, as has been said, "Actions speak louder than words." In this township there is nothing heard concerning the subject of this sketch but good words. He has passed so many years here that his worth is well known, but it will be of interest to run over the busy events of his life in these pages. He was born in Germany in April, 1863, the son of Henry and Anna (Hinch) Pape, who were born, reared, educated and married there, and who came to America in 1876. Their son, Peter, of this review, preceded them by about a year, having arrived here in 1875. He had received a very good education in his home country, and thus when a very young man decided to cast his lot with Americans, believing that here were larger opportunities for one of his tastes. He located in Dover township, Fayette county, Iowa, where his parents also settled when they came. The father bought ninety-five acres of land in this township, where Fred Mettelstadt now lives. The land was wild, but he was a hard worker and soon placed the land under excellent improvements and became very well established here. He was an honest man and took more than a passing interest in the affairs of the Lutheran church, of which he was a member.

The family of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Pape consisted of thirteen children, eight of whom are now living. Their son Peter assisted with the work on the home farm until his marriage, in 1887, to Katherine Schatz, when he bought a farm of eighty acres in the northern part of Dover township and improved it, soon having a very comfortable home. In 1900 he purchased the place where he now lives, east of Eldorado, which consists of three hundred and seventy-one acres, which was known as the Etka place, also the Ropes place. Here he carries on general farming and stock raising in a manner that stamps him as abreast of the times in every respect. He has added many valuable improvements on his fine farm and it now ranks with the best in the township, everything about the place showing thrift and good management. He has a very substantial and comfortable home and good outbuildings. Considering

the fact that he started in life empty handed, and has forged to the front without assistance, the large success that is today his has been well earned and he is certainly deserving of much credit for what he has accomplished. He has left no stone unturned whereby he could better the condition of himself and family, but at the same time he has done his full share in the development of his community, looking out for others' good as well as his own.

The following children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Pape: Henry Lawrence, Fred George, Emma Annettia, William Michael, Leonard Amiel, Elmer Fred, Martha Emelia, Augustoff Samuel, and Herman Ervin.

Mr. Pape and his wife are members of the Lutheran church, and politically Mr. Pape is a Republican; for some time he was school director in his district.

LODELL T. GRAVES.

The office of biography is not to give voice to a man's modest estimate of himself and his accomplishments, but rather to leave upon the record the verdict establishing his character by the consensus of opinion on the part of his neighbors and fellow citizens. In touching upon the life history of the subject of this sketch the writer aims to avoid fulsome encomium and extravagant praise; yet the desire is to hold up for consideration those facts which have shown the distinction of a true, useful and honorable life—a life characterized by well-defined purpose, perseverance and inflexible integrity.

Lodell T. Graves was born in Lacon, Illinois, on the 13th day of May, 1858, and is the son of Rev. A. P. and Elvira L. (Bonney) Graves, the former having been a native of Vermont. At the early age of two years the subject was deprived by death of the loving care and attention of his mother and at that time was placed in the family of William C. Taylor, a farmer at Concord, Minnesota, by whom he was reared. He remained with this worthy man until he was twenty years old and received his education in the public schools of that neighborhood, supplementing this by becoming a student, in 1878-79, in the Upper Iowa University. He was thus fairly well equipped for life's duties and he at once plunged boldly into business affairs. His first venture was as a banker at Emmetsburg, Iowa, where he remained three years, after which he engaged in the same business at Huron, South Dakota, where he remained five years. He then moved to Los Angeles, California, which was his home during the following eleven years, during which time he carried on a collection and commission business, for which he had an unusual aptitude and in which

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he met with a very gratifying degree of success. At the end of the period mentioned Mr. Graves returned to Iowa, locating again at Emmettsburg, where during the following six years he engaged in the real estate business. In the fall of 1904 he came to Fayette and engaged in the real estate and collection business, which lines he still carries on. He is a shrewd and practical business man, possesses an accurate knowledge of real estate values and a soundness of judgment which makes his advice of value in business affairs. He is held in high esteem by his business acquaintances and associates and has earned a place in the front ranks of Fayette's business men.

On August 22, 1883, Mr. Graves was united in marriage to Libby Taylor, a daughter of William and Harriett (Walker) Taylor, and they have become the parents of two children, namely: M. Roy and Arthur Bonny. The former, who is in business in Oelwein, married Fay Brooks. Religiously Mr. and Mrs. Graves are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, to which they give an earnest and liberal support. Fraternally Mr. Graves belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Mrs. Graves is a member of the auxiliary order, the Daughters of Rebekah. They both enjoy a wide acquaintance in the city of their residence and take an active and leading part in the social functions of the community, being highly esteemed because of their splendid personal qualities and their genial dispositions.

William Taylor, father of Mrs. Graves was born in 1832 in Ohio, and when he was three years old his parents moved to LaGrange county, Indiana, of which locality they were pioneer settlers. There Mr. Taylor lived until 1857. In 1856 he had married Harriett Walker and in the following year they came by wagon to Harlan township, Fayette county, Iowa, where he bought two hundred and forty acres of land, for which he paid about a dollar an acre. He was a successful farmer and added to his original holdings until he became the owner of about six hundred acres of good land. In addition to the cultivation of the soil, he was also interested in the handling of livestock, buying and shipping great numbers of animals. At one time he drove an immense flock of sheep from Indiana to this state. In the handling of these animals he was eminently successful, so that among his friends he was often called "Sheep" Taylor. Mr. Taylor died in May, 1904, and Mrs. Taylor died on March 11, 1910.

To Mr. and Mrs. Taylor were born three children, namely: Ida May married J. S. Briggs and lives in Center township, this county, being the mother of two sons; Libby, the wife of Lodell T. Graves, of this sketch; Ora W. is a minister of the Methodist Episcopal church and is located at Rochester,

Minnesota. All of the children completed their education in the Upper Iowa University, and Ora also took a theological course at the Garrett Biblical Institute, Evanston, Illinois. He is a man of marked ability and stands high among the clergy of his church. William Taylor took a keen and intelligent interest in educational matters and for the long period of thirty years rendered invaluable service as a trustee of the Upper Iowa University, to which he also contributed liberally, even when in moderate financial circumstances. He was a man of splendid personal qualities and enjoyed the esteem of all who knew him.

C. E. WAGNER.

Farming is the most independent business on earth. He who follows it is master of his own time, and while sometimes the needs of his crops may hold him closely to work, he can leave whenever necessary. In this the farmer has a great advantage over the city man, and it is this independence which causes so many high-spirited men to remain on the farm where they are their own masters.

John Wagner was born in Pennsylvania, and there married Esther Zaner, to whom three children, Susan, Isaac and Katherine, were born in that state. The family then went to Delaware county, Ohio, where the rest of the family, John and Joseph, Esther, Sarah, Anna, Peter and Harriet, were born. Then, with the exception of three of the daughters, they came to Iowa, making the entire distance by wagon, wintering in Illinois, then coming to Elkader in 1850. The Indians soon went farther west, and then the father and boys took up land. Anna Wagner was married in Elkader to Abner J. Sherman and five years later they moved to the farm in Dover township where Mrs. Stenner now resides. Mr. Sherman took up this farm from the government, three hundred and twenty acres, and improved it, dying there in 1869. Mrs. Stenner was married again in 1874 to Joseph Lewis Stenner, and for a few years lived in Clayton county, but at his death returned to her old place.

Charles E. Wagner was born in Howard county, April 26, 1871, the son of Peter and Mary (Hansinger) Wagner, she born at Evansville, Indiana, he at Columbus, Ohio. He came to Clayton county in 1846, married there, farmed there awhile, then established a meat market at Cresco, Howard county. In 1872 he came to Fayette county and bought a farm in the southern part of Dover township, there lived until, in 1880, he moved to the farm where he now lives. The results of the general farming which he has carried

on have been uniformly satisfying. He is the father of five children, four of whom are now living. Charles E. was educated at the Clifton school in Dover township, and has always remained a farmer. After his marriage, in 1896, to Helen Tottlefson, he rented for two years, then moved to the farm which he now occupies. This farm has excellent improvements, all of which Mr. Wagner has placed upon it. Like his father, he carries on general farming, giving its due importance to stock raising. He is a Republican and merits the confidence of his fellow citizens to such an extent that he has been school director for six years. His wife is a Lutheran. Mr. and Mrs. Wagner are the parents of three children, Mabel, Ruth and Perry, who promise to be worthy descendants of the name they bear. Few men of his age have deserved better than Mr. Wagner.

HON. JAMESON J. BERKEY.

In whatever sphere of life, humble or high, a man moves, the moral element determines his grade and reward. Governed by this rule, the subject of this sketch must command the respect and esteem of his neighbors and fellow citizens to a marked degree. His influence for good has always been widely felt and acknowledged in the community where the greater part of his life has been spent and his high standing in his profession is a refutation of the charge so often thoughtlessly made concerning the moral integrity of those who practice law. During a long and eminently honorable professional career, he has won a large place in the confidence of the people of his adopted county and, notwithstanding having been much before the public in the line of his calling, his life has been singularly free from the faults characteristic of too many professional men.

Jameson J. Berkey, attorney-at-law and claim agent, was born in Holmes county, Ohio, August 3, 1833, being a son of James and Elizabeth (Faith) Berkey, natives of Somerset county, Pennsylvania. They removed to Holmes county, Ohio, where they remained a number of years, and then located in Elkhart county, Indiana, where both died many years ago, well advanced in years. Of their family of twelve children, seven sons and five daughters, Jameson J. is the seventh in order of birth. Lewis, an older brother of the subject, came to Iowa in an early day and was a pioneer merchant of West Union. He was identified with the business interests of the town during its formative period, did much to advance the material affairs of the county

and later, as senior member of the firm of Berkey & Winet, gained wide publicity and honorable repute as an enterprising and far-seeing business man. The above firm operated for some years a large general store, which included hardware, agricultural implements, drugs, millinery, in addition to dry goods, groceries, notions, etc., and was long the leading mercantile house in the county of Fayette. Lewis Berkey located at West Union in 1852 and his business career, which extended over a period of about twenty years, was more than ordinarily successful. Disposing of his interests here at the expiration of the time indicated, he removed to Kansas and purchased a tract of land near Beloit, where he resided some years, his death occurring subsequently in the Indian territory.

Jameson J. Berkey acquired his education in his native county, where he also taught school during young manhood, and in the early fifties went to McLean county, Illinois, where for a period of five years he was alternately engaged in teaching and farming. In 1855 he came to West Union, Iowa, where his older brother was then living, and later entered the law office of Judge Milo McGlarthery, under whose tutorship he made rapid progress in his legal studies and in due time was admitted to the bar. Mr. Berkey entered upon his life work well prepared for the duties of the same and it was not long until he gained his proportionate share of the legal patronage and won an honorable standing among the rising attorneys of the county bar. For some years he was engaged in the general practice of his profession, but having demonstrated unusual ability in the matter of pensions and claims, he was gradually drawn into those lines of business and ever since the close of the Civil war has devoted special attention to the same. From the beginning his patronage has steadily grown in magnitude and importance, and it is a fact worthy of note that he has secured more pensions for worthy claimants, their widows and orphans than any other attorney in the fourth congressional district, besides doing an extensive and lucrative business in the general practice.

Mr. Berkey's financial success has been commensurate with the interest and energy which he has always displayed in behalf of his clients and for a number of years he has been rated among the well-to-do men of Fayette county, a conservative estimate placing his wealth at considerably in excess of fifty thousand dollars, a part of which resulted from judicious speculation. Although well advanced in life, he still looks after his large and growing interests, in which for some time he has been associated with his son, Lewis C. Berkey, a young man of much natural and acquired ability, especially proficient in the matter of pensions, which branch of the business has fallen largely to his care.

On August 9, 1862, Mr. Berkey received a commission from Governor Kirkwood to organize a company of troops for the Civil war, and nine days later the quota was full and the organization took place at West Union, with the subject as first lieutenant. This company, which was mustered with one hundred men, was designated Company A of the Thirty-eighth Iowa Infantry, which regiment was subsequently consolidated with the Thirty-fourth Iowa, and saw much active service during the three years it was at the front. As already stated, Mr. Berkey entered the service as first lieutenant, but at the end of eleven months he was promoted to captain, in which capacity he continued from July 1, 1863, until discharged by reason of the consolidation referred to above. He was with his command throughout its varied experience of campaign and battles, sharing with his comrades the vicissitudes of war on many bloody fields and under all circumstances proving a brave and gallant soldier and popular and trusted leader. Among the engagements in which he participated were the siege of Vicksburg, storming of Fort Morgan, the charge on Fort Blakely, and a number of others, to say nothing of skirmishes and minor actions, in all of which he bore himself as a fearless officer, whose aim was the upholding of the integrity of the union. He was one of the charter members of Abernathy Post No. 48, Grand Army of the Republic, and served as commander of the same besides taking an active and influential part to maintain an interest in the organization and make it answer the purpose for which designed. Previous to the breaking out of the Great Rebellion Mr. Berkey was a strong Democrat, but since the war he has been just as ardent in his support of the Republican party and for a number of years he was a recognized leader of the latter in his locality and ever ready to make sacrifices in defense of his principles. He served two terms as mayor of West Union and during the last fourteen years he has held the office of justice of the peace. In both capacities he demonstrated ability of a high order, his career as an officer of the law proving especially acceptable in that he possesses a fine legal mind, which, fortified by thorough legal training and many years' experience at the bar, has enabled him to transact such business as comes before his court with promptness and dispatch and with little fear of his decisions being reversed at the hands of higher tribunals.

Mr. Berkey has been a member of the Masonic brotherhood since 1862, joining the fraternity at Dubuque while awaiting transportation to the army; he retained his membership with Metropolitan Lodge in that city for about ten years, when he dimitted and joined Lodge No. 69 at West Union, with which he is still identified. He belongs to the chapter of Royal Arch Masons at

Decorah and Langridge Commandery, Knights Templar, at West Union, his name appearing on the charter of the latter organization.

The domestic life of Mr. Berkey dates from November 13, 1856, at which time was solemnized his marriage with Mary Ann Marihugh, of St. Lawrence county, New York, the ceremony taking place at West Union. After a mutually happy and prosperous wedded existence of forty-four years, Mrs. Berkey was called to her eternal rest, dying on the 25th of March, 1900. To Mr. and Mrs. Berkey two children were born, Lewis C., his father's business associate, and Laura Belle, who died in infancy. As indicated in a preceding paragraph, Lewis C. Berkey is a young man of fine mind and much more than ordinary intellectual culture, being well versed in the law and very successful in the line of business to which he devotes his attention.

HENRY W. NEUMANN.

A man who boldly faces the responsibilities of life and by determined and untiring energy carves out for himself an honorable success exerts a powerful influence upon the lives of those who follow him. Such men constitute the foundation of our republican institutions and are the pride of our civilization. To them life is real, their lives are bound up in their duties, they feel the weight of their citizenship and are numbered among the solid and substantial citizens of their community. Such has been the career of the subject of this brief notice.

H. W. Neumann was born at Ft. Atkinson, this state, in 1875, and is a son of August and Lisette (Fiebelkorn) Neumann. These parents were born in Pommern, Germany, and came to the United States in 1869, locating first at Watertown, Wisconsin. In the following year they moved to Ft. Atkinson, Iowa, where the father followed his trade of blacksmith until about 1877. He then located a mile south of Eldorado, Fayette county, where he carried on farming operations about two years, doing some blacksmithing as a side line. He then opened a blacksmith shop at Eldorado, which he conducted about seven years and at the end of that time returned to the farm, which comprised fifty-six acres. Then for about eight years he lived on a farm a mile east of Eldorado. The father then returned to Eldorado and opened a shop in order that his eldest son, the subject of this sketch, might learn the blacksmith's trade. During the following five years, or until the father's death, in 1898, the two worked together, meeting with pronounced success. August and Lisette Neumann were the parents of the following children: Bertha, who lives on

the old homestead, east of Eldorado; Anna, at home; H. W., the subject of this sketch; Rev. W. H., of South Dakota; Prof. G. J., who, although twenty-one years of age, is connected officially with the State University at Iowa City, having an enviable standing in educational circles.

The subject of this sketch was reared by his parents and secured his education in the common schools. As before stated, he became his father's assistant in the latter's blacksmith shop and on the death of the father he assumed the shop and carried on the business, giving his entire attention to it until 1908, in which year he bought the store owned by W. P. Lauer and has since conducted a general store. He carries a large and well selected line of such goods as are demanded by the local trade and he has met with a gratifying success in this line, commanding a full share of the local trade. He still continues the blacksmith shop, which enjoys, as it has for many years, a large patronage from the surrounding territory.

In 1901, Mr. Neumann was united in marriage to Nannie Blessin, a daughter of the Reverend Blessin, and this union has been blessed in the birth of three children, Siegmund, Erwin and Herbert.

Politically, Mr. Neumann renders a stanch allegiance to the Republican party, in the affairs of which he has taken an active part, and for several years he has served as president of the school board. He is a consistent member of the Lutheran church, in the various activities of which he takes a prominent part and for several years he has rendered efficient service as superintendent of the Sabbath school. In his everyday life he has the reputation of being honorable and conscientious and he has been true to every trust reposed in him, consequently he enjoys to a marked degree the confidence and respect of the entire community.

AUGUST SCHRADER.

Fayette county, Iowa, has furnished homes for many born on foreign soil, who, deeming that life would mean more to them under the protection of our flag and the encouragement of our free institutions, came to our shores and settled within the boundaries of the particular small division of our great constellation of Union stars mentioned above, with little capital save the intelligence and physical abilities that were the gifts of his Maker, and later attained a competency and a position of influence in the locality in which he chose to reside that, in after years, redounded in an enviable reputation for himself and his descendants. This has been especially true of our adopted

citizens who were born in Germany, and of this number August Schrader, farmer of Dover township, near Eldorado, this county, should be mentioned. His birth occurred in the fatherland on January 19, 1860, and he is the son of Charles and Wilhelmina Schrader, who were born, reared, educated and in fact, spent their lives in their native land. Their son, August, of this review, also grew to maturity and was educated in the common schools of the fatherland, and there for a period of ten years he worked as hostler in one place; but not being satisfied with his lot there, he came to America when a young man and finally landed in Iowa, first finding employment at Ft. Atkinson, then he came to Fayette county and located in Auburn township. By economy he had saved his earnings and when he arrived here bought a farm of sixty acres which he improved and made a fairly good living on. Selling the same in 1900, he soon came to the place where he now resides east of Eldorado, in Dover township, which consists of eighty-three and three-fourths acres, also eight acres of timber, making him a very desirable and highly productive little farm which he worked with good results. He is also interested extensively in the dairy business, understanding well the nature of the same so that his products find a very ready market at all seasons. Although starting with small means, he has labored to goodly ends and now has a comfortable home and a good income.

Mr. Schrader was married in July, 1892, to Mary Steffens, and four children have been born to them, named as follows: Henry died when three years of age; Otto, Anna and Zelma are the living members of their household.

The Schrader family support the Lutheran church and are faithful in their attendance on the same, ranking well in the local congregation.

D. B. ALLEN.

The gentleman whose name heads this paragraph is widely known as one of the enterprising and progressive citizens of Arlington, Fayette county, Iowa. He has lived here a number of years and has been prominently identified with the business interests of the community. His well-directed efforts in the practical affairs of life, his capable management of business interests and his sound judgment have brought to him a definite degree of prosperity and his life demonstrates what may be accomplished by any man of energy and ambition. In all the relations of life he has commanded the respect and con-

fidence of those with whom he has been brought in contact and a history of the county would not be complete without mention of him.

D. B. Allen, the efficient and popular cashier of the First State Bank of Arlington, was born in Carroll county, Ohio, on the 10th day of March, 1860, and is a son of J. W. and Martha (Thompson) Allen, both also natives of Ohio. The family came to Fayette county, Iowa, in 1865, and located on a farm near Arlington. Subsequently he moved to Blockton, this state, where his death occurred at the age of seventy-three years. The subject of this sketch came with the family on their removal to Iowa and remained under the parental roof until he was twenty-one years of age. He received his education in the district schools of the neighborhood and on attaining manhood he became employed as a traveling salesman, handling china goods and kindred lines. His field embraced the states of Iowa, Minnesota and the Dakotas, and he followed this line of effort for nine years, with very gratifying results. Mr. Allen then assisted in the organization of the First State Bank of Arlington, of which he became the first cashier, a position which he has retained to the present time. He necessarily has much of the details of the business under his immediate charge and during his connection with the institution he has given entire satisfaction to the directors and patrons of the bank. The First State Bank is one of the important and influential monetary institutions of this part of the county and has enjoyed a marked success since opening its doors. Mr. Allen also organized and is president of the First State Bank of Lesueur Center, Minnesota, which opened for business in about 1902, and which has enjoyed a steady and satisfactory growth. At the annual meeting of the Iowa Bankers' Association, held at Des Moines, June 17, 1910, he was chosen treasurer of that body. Mr. Allen is also the owner of some splendid farming land in Fayette county, which he rents, receiving one-half of the income in stock and grain. He is a man of splendid personal qualities and is in every respect fitted for the responsible position which he holds. He is a man of rare refinement, genial and approachable, and his friends are in number as are his acquaintances.

In 1885 Mr. Allen was united in marriage to Anna L. Newton, a daughter of Palmer and Hannah Newton, of Arlington, where Mrs. Allen was born and reared. To the subject and his wife have been born two children, M. Marie and Mayland D.

In politics Mr. Allen is a Democrat and takes a keen and intelligent interest in public affairs, though not in any sense a seeker after public office. Religiously he is a member of the Christian church, in which he is serving as elder. His fraternal relations are with the Knights of Pythias and the Modern Woodmen of America.

HENRY A. STEFFENS.

In many of the old countries of the world, particularly those governed by kings or emperors, there is a sharp contrast drawn between persons of title and the laboring classes. The aristocratic members of those countries, from time immemorial, have tried to make it appear that the kings or emperors ruled by divine authority, and the families of the nobility attempted to establish their own superiority over the working classes by claiming the same authority. As a consequence labor was looked upon in those countries as degrading, instead of being the noblest calling to which man can turn his hand. In our country, on the other hand, it has been the aim, since the establishment of our constitution, to ennoble labor, and the result has been to make the farmer and the artisan the peer of the wisest and best in our land, and this has also had a great tendency to induce a vast host of foreign-born citizens, most of them honest, hard working and well-meaning, to come to our shores and establish homes in all our states. Although lines of caste have not been so closely drawn in Germany as most of the other countries of the world, especially during the past half century, yet many of her humbler citizens have preferred to seek a land of absolute equality and free institutions in every respect. One of this vast number is Henry A. Steffens, farmer of Dover township, Fayette county, whose birth occurred in Germany in 1868, and who was born of a good and industrious family. His parents were Dedrick and Christina (Albert) Steffens, the mother being now deceased, but the father is still living in the Fatherland where he is engaged in farming.

Henry A. Steffens grew to maturity and was educated in his native community, and when a mere lad, April, 1882, he set sail for the United States, and he finished his education here by attending school during three winters. He came to Iowa and located in Winneshiek county, having made the trip with friends and relatives. He began life here by working on a farm, later coming to Fayette county, where he continued the same kind of labor, he being seventeen years old when he arrived in this county, and he continued to work at various occupations here until his marriage, in 1893, to Dora Katherine Lauer, daughter of Philip Lauer, mentioned elsewhere in this history.

In January, 1893, Mr. Steffens bought the place he still occupies, just north of Eldorado near the county line. It consists of one hundred and three acres, which he has placed under an excellent state of improvement and cultivation, having erected good buildings and made many other very noticeable changes. He has, in connection with general farming, been a successful raiser of hogs and cattle.

Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Steffens, one of whom, Edward Henry Michael Steffens, survives, living at home; the other, Philip Gerhard Steffens, died on May 8, 1904, at the age of three years, six months and seventeen days.

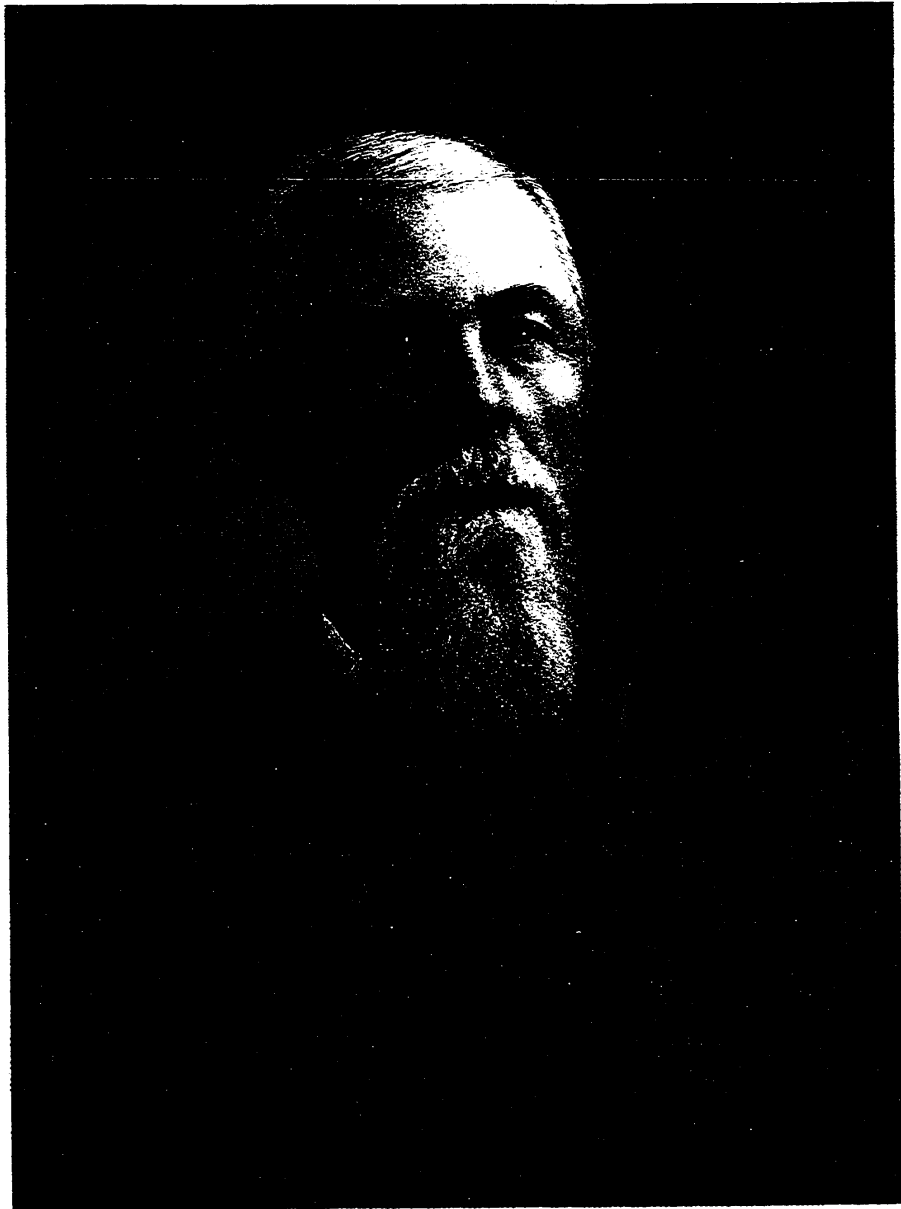
Politically Mr. Steffens is a Republican and he and his wife belong to the Lutheran church.

CHARLES WOODARD.

Few residents of West Union were as well known as the prominent business man whose name introduces this sketch and during his active and successful career few commanded in a more marked degree the confidence of the public. In Charles Woodard were combined many of the best qualities of the sterling New Englander and through a long and busy life he exhibited those qualities and characteristics in such a way as to impress his individuality upon the community and make the world better by his presence and influence. On both his father's and mother's side Mr. Woodard was descended from an old family of Maine, several representatives of which were seafaring men, among the number being his grandfather, a captain of a sailing vessel, who died many years ago in a foreign land. His father, Enos Woodard, whose birth occurred at Lisbon, Maine, October 31, 1799, was married, November 9, 1825, to Lucy Frost, who was born at Danville, that state, on the 8th day of December, 1808. These parents had children as follows: Octavia, born July 23, 1827; Henry, born March 8, 1831; Fannie, born May 12, 1836, and Charles, who was the second in order of birth and who first saw the light of day at Westbrook, Maine, on June 18, 1829.

Charles Woodard was reared in his native state and received a practical education in the schools of his home town and the city of Portland, following which he began life for himself as a lumberman. After a varied experience in different places in New England and elsewhere, he came west and some time in the sixties located at West Union, Iowa, where he started a lumberyard, the first in the town, and in due time built up an extensive and very lucrative business. Indeed, he was much more than ordinarily successful and by diligent attention and efficient management succeeded in accumulating a handsome fortune, much of which consisted of valuable real estate in various part of Iowa.

On January 21, 1863, Mr. Woodard entered the marriage relation with



Char Goodard

Anna B. Wasburn, whose parents, James and Betsey (Wright) Wasburn, were natives respectively of Compton, Canada, and Bradford, Vermont, the former born February 21, 1814, the latter on July 5, 1815. James Wasburn moved to Iowa with his family in 1858 and located at McGregor, with the business of which city he was long and actively identified and where he and his good wife lived to ripe old age. Of their children, nine in number, six survive, all of whom are highly esteemed in their respective places of residence. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Woodard resulted in the birth of one child, George, who died in infancy.

In addition to the lumber business, Mr. Woodard started the first wagon shop at West Union and for some time was also employed with the mercantile trade of the city. He came west with practically no means, but by judicious investments he realized handsome profits, so that in the course of time he became one of the solid and well-to-do men of Fayette county. He served during the late Civil war in a regiment known as "The Gray Beards" and saw much active duty, earning an honorable record as a brave and gallant soldier. In politics he was a Republican, but never sought nor desired office, and as a citizen he was always public spirited, energetic and ever ready to lend his aid and influence to any worthy enterprise for the material advancement of his town and county or for the general good of his fellow men. Although reared under the influence of the Congregational church and acknowledging his indebtedness to the same, he never united with any religious body, having been liberal in his views and ready to accord the same right of opinion to others that he insisted upon for himself. In all that constituted a high standard of manhood and citizenship he was indeed a conspicuous example; his influence was always used to promote the welfare of the community and his name was ever free from the slightest taint of anything savoring of dishonor. He stood for everything that was good and was a man in all the term implies. His life, like an open book, read and known by his fellows, contained little to criticise and much to commend and imitate.

Mr. Woodard departed this life on the 17th day of July, 1908, at his home in West Union, and his death, which was widely and deeply mourned, removed from his family a faithful and loving husband and from his city and county a broad minded, successful business man and a public spirited citizen whose memory will be cherished by those he left behind, as one whose influence was ever on the side of right, as he understood the right, and whose efforts were always put forth to advance the interests of all with whom he mingled.

JOHN HENRY GROSS.

Among the enterprising and successful farmers of Dover township, Fayette county, Iowa, is John H. Gross, whose fine farm of one hundred and eighty-eight acres is well improved and highly cultivated, its owner ranking among the representative citizens of his township. Mr. Gross was born in 1841 in Schlierbach, Germany, and is a son of Henry and Anna Mary (Staeling) Gross, who also were natives of and lived their entire lives in the Fatherland. In his native land John H. Gross was reared to manhood and received a good education in the public schools. On reaching mature years he took up the vocations of farming and milling, in which lines he was engaged until 1887, when he came to the United States, locating at once at Eldorado, Fayette county, Iowa, where he has since resided. Imbued with the idea that prevails in the "old country" that everything that is done at all should be done well, he has devoted himself assiduously to his chosen calling and he has succeeded to a gratifying degree. His fine farm, which is most eligibly situated, is well improved, the attractive residence, commodious barn and other buildings, well-kept fences and highly cultivated fields presenting an unmsitakable appearance of prosperity and the presence of a careful and painstaking husbandman. Mr. Gross raises all the crops usually produced in this section of the state and in connection gives a proper share of attention to the raising of livestock, which is so important an adjunct to the modern farm.

In 1871 Mr. Gross was united in marriage with Katherine Schuetz, and they have become the parents of the following children: Conrad, Henry, Eliza, Mary, Bertha, Fritz and Anna. Politically, Mr. Gross renders a stanch allegiance to the Democratic party, while his religious views are those of the Lutheran church, of which he is an earnest member. Because of the success which he has attained and high personal qualities, Mr. Gross has won and retains to a marked degree the respect and good will of the community in which he lives.

GEORGE E. DOUGHTY.

Among the citizens of Fayette county who have achieved honorable and noteworthy success through their own efforts, George E. Doughty occupies an enviable place, having at the start little capital except his own sterling qualities, these being supplemented, however, by a good education, represented by a diploma from the high school in Fayette.

George E. Doughty was born in Ogle county, Illinois, April 5, 1865. While still a young child his parents moved to Fayette county, where they

settled, and with them he remained, completing his education and making his home with them until he was thirty-one years of age, when he married Emma Reed, who was born in Lansing, Iowa, on March 22, 1874, her parents being Joseph and Juliette (King) Reed. Mrs. Doughty enjoys the good fortune of inheriting excellent old Virginia blood, for her parents were natives of that state.

After his marriage Mr. Doughty moved to Arlington, Fayette county, Iowa, where he engaged in farming, renting a tract on which he lived for two years, when he returned to Smithfield township, where, by reason of wise economy, forethought and thrift, he was able to purchase an excellent eighty-acre tract in section 32. He resided here for three years, when he sold this farm and moved to Bourbon county, Kansas, where he again bought an excellent tract, which he occupied for three years. Mr. Doughty now decided to make his permanent home in Fayette county and returned there, buying a farm in Oran township, where he lived for two years, when he finally purchased his present home, one hundred and twenty acres of excellent land, which he has placed under a state of high cultivation.

In politics, Mr. Doughty is a staunch and representative Republican, although he has never aspired to office nor sought political preferment, which might easily have been his. Through a busy, strenuous life, he has found time to lend his influence and support to the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he and his family are members and in which he is a trustee.

Six interesting children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Doughty, and in this family they have much justifiable pride. The eldest, Carol J., was born February 7, 1898. Then follow Forrest B., born June 10, 1901; Juliette A. and Elizabeth B., twins, on April 18, 1904; Sherman E., November 17, 1908, and the youngest on July 8, 1909.

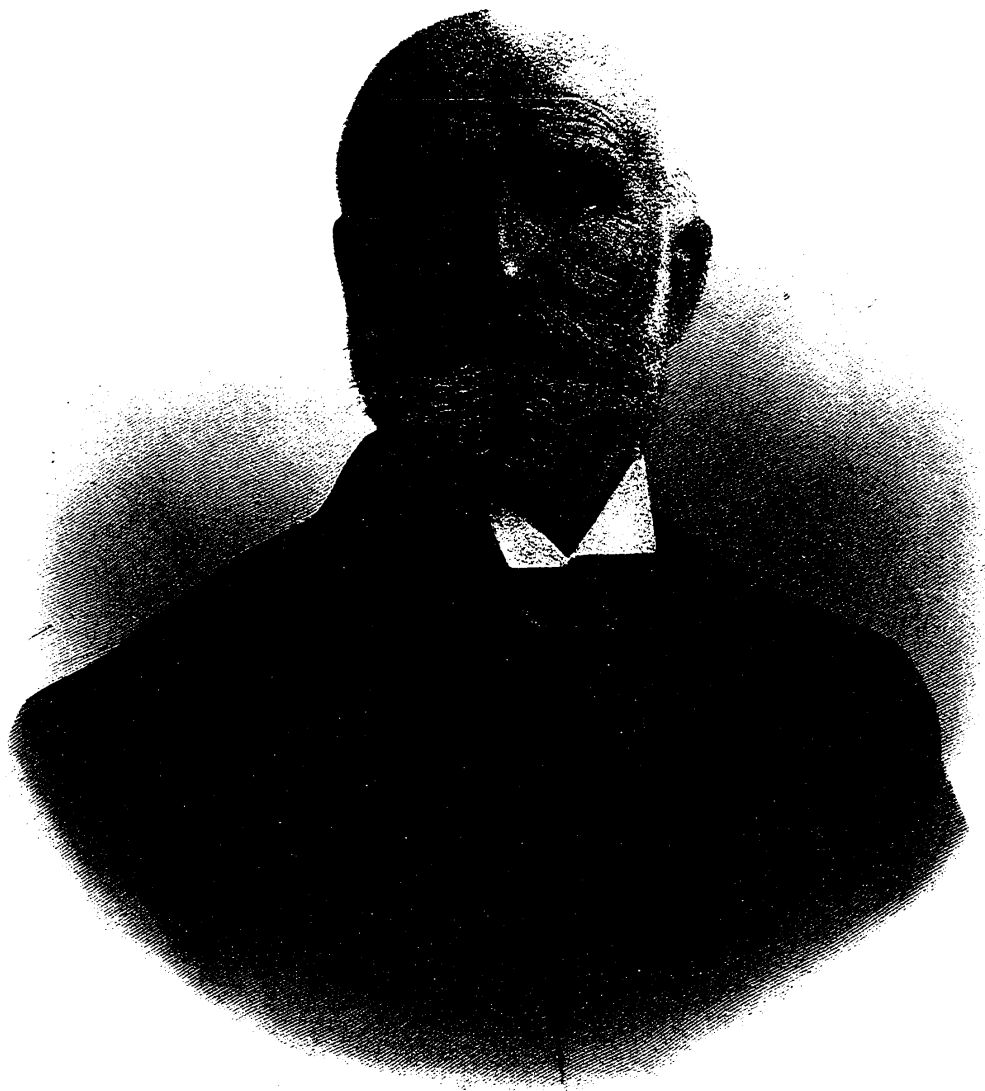
In the success, materially and socially, which has come to Mr. and Mrs. George E. Doughty, is shown the result of perseverance and achievement under early difficulties, the sure reward of such effort, sustained under high and right ideals.

BENJAMIN F. THOMPSON.

A progressive and influential agriculturist of Smithfield township, Fayette county, is Benjamin F. Thompson, the subject of this sketch. Mr. Thompson, the son of Thomas and Susan M. (Vincent) Thompson, was born in Racine county, Wisconsin, on July 8, 1861. His father was born in Lancashire, England, on September 18, 1810, and his mother was born in New York

state on August 25, 1823, and so there came to him, both paternally and maternally, blood from good stock of many generations—a priceless heritage—and on this heritage he has builded well. His parents were married in Albany, New York, on February 26, 1840, and in August, 1848, moved to Racine county, Wisconsin, where Benjamin F., the next to the youngest of their children, was born. In 1873 Thomas Thompson moved from Wisconsin to Smithfield township, Fayette county, Iowa, and in the spring of 1875 purchased one hundred and sixty acres of splendid farm land in section 31 (also some timber in another section), where he lived until his death on April 16, 1895. Mrs. Thompson survived her husband, her death occurring on November 22, 1904. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson were religiously inclined, and did many good works, although they were never formally united with any one church. Politically, Mr. Thompson was a Republican, and while never holding any public office, was actively interested in furthering the cause of his party locally. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson were the parents of seven children, one of whom died in infancy. They had the great privilege, during their lifetime, of offering three sons to the service of their country, in the Civil war: William R., born November 13, 1842, who enlisted in April, 1864, in the Second Wisconsin Cavalry, and served until the winter of 1865. He was a resident of Marengo, Illinois; twins, Edgar and Edwin, were born January 7, 1847. Edwin enlisted in the First Wisconsin Heavy Artillery in September, 1864, and served until the close of the war in July, 1865, and died on October 13, 1893. Edgar enlisted on February 5, 1865, in the Wisconsin Infantry, and in March, while in Racine, Wisconsin, contracted measles, from which he died. Their daughters were Sarah A., born November 13, 1853, wife of A. Ecker, of Harlan township; Eugenie V., born January 1, 1856, wife of Stephen Masters, of Smithfield township, and Helen C., born August 31, 1864, widow of John Mittlestadt, a resident of Oelwein, Iowa.

On the death of his parents, Benjamin F. Thompson became heir to the home farm, to which he had added forty acres, and now owns, therefore, two hundred acres of fine farm land, highly cultivated; on this farm he has a nice home, with good surroundings, and everything about the place shows that a man of good taste is the owner. On April 4, 1906, he married Bertha Guritz, who was born December 16, 1886. Mrs. Thompson is the daughter of August and Emma (Davis) Guritz, of Harlan township, Fayette county. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson are the parents of two children, Benjamin F., Jr., who was born December 19, 1908, and Arthur E., born March 26, 1910. Mr. Thompson is a Republican, and has been active in local politics, having held the office of township clerk for ten years, and was also secretary of the school board for twenty years.



S. B. Figler.

HON. SAMUEL BENJAMIN ZEIGLER.

The subject of this article was a veteran figure in the group of distinguished men in Fayette county. He was the pioneer banker of the county; the projector of many of the admirable institutions and systems of our county and municipal life; a leader by force of intuitive merit; a scholar and a philosopher. He came to this county as a young lawyer, poor and without friends or influence. For a number of years in early pioneer days, he traveled to the courts in adjoining counties on horseback, and it is said that occasionally he made these journeys on foot. But he was ever the same genial, companionable gentleman, and he soon drew around him a horde of admiring friends, while his ability to speak the German language made him a favorite with the incoming pioneers from the Fatherland. He remained the same indefatigable worker throughout all the years of phenomenal success, that he was when he opened his modest little law office in West Union, in 1856. As success crowned his efforts, a large part of his cash accumulations was invested in real estate, mostly in the Northwest. He owned or controlled vast areas of improved and unimproved lands in Iowa, the Dakotas and Montana. But his principal financial development during the last forty years was due to mortgage loaning and banking. He opened the first banking institution in Fayette county in April, 1866. About this time, and for several years subsequently, he was interested in various banking projects in this and adjoining counties.

In July, 1872, Mr. Zeigler was one of the organizers of the Fayette County National Bank, and was elected vice-president, serving in that capacity until the retirement of Hon. Joseph Hobson in 1887, when Mr. Zeigler succeeded to the presidency. This position he held until his death, April 19, 1909. S. B. Zeigler was also one of the organizers of the Fayette County Savings Bank, in August, 1875, and president of the same for many years. Of the local industries, he was interested in the organization of the Union Creamery Company, in West Union, and the Elgin Canning Company, the latter a large and flourishing institution.

Mr. Zeigler was a public-spirited citizen, always active and zealous in the promotion of any enterprise which would redound to the credit of West Union and Fayette county. Few were more liberal to the poor and distressed, and his name was usually found near the head of every public subscription list. He was a zealous Mason, having attained high rank in that time-honored fraternity. At the time of his death he was a member of the board of regents of the Upper Iowa University, a position to which he succeeded on the

death of the late Doctor Fuller, on December 8, 1900. Doctor Fuller being president, Mr. Zeigler was elected to fill the vacancy, and served some two years as such, resigning because of enfeebled health.

S. B. Zeigler was a shrewd and far-seeing business man, ever alert and active in the promotion of his own interests, but equally zealous in the protection of other's interests entrusted to his guardianship. In 1877 he formed a business partnership with the late Ira M. Weed, in law, banking and real estate transactions, which was continued with mutual profit and satisfaction until the death of Mr. Weed, after a business relation covering a period of about thirty years.

Mr. Zeigler was not a politician in the sense of seeking official preferment, though he was a very active and zealous advocate of Republican principles, and was ever ready to assist his friends and the cause, being a strong and forceful campaign speaker. He served several years as mayor of West Union (1867 to 1871), but otherwise never aspired to local office.

S. B. Zeigler was born in Rebersburg, Center county, Pennsylvania, on the 6th of August, 1831. He was a son of Isaac Zeigler, and his antecedents were of German extraction. He acquired a thorough and practical education in his native state, which was supplemented by a life-time of extensive reading and self culture. This broadening of an already superior mind, coupled with extensive travel and observation, rendered him one of Iowa's best informed men. He came west in 1854, locating in Dubuque, Iowa, and there studied law for two years. June, 1856, witnessed his arrival in West Union. Here he was admitted to the bar and formed a law partnership with the late Judge Milo McGlathery, which continued until the elevation of his partner to the circuit judgeship. The details of his later career are brought out in the preceding lines.

Mr. Zeigler married Laura W. Adams, daughter of Samuel L. and Harriet (Cobleigh) Adams, of Montpelier, Vermont. Mrs. Zeigler is a lady of rare accomplishment, and is especially talented as a vocalist, having been under the training of Old World masters of voice culture for years.

The domestic life of Mr. and Mrs. Zeigler was an extremely happy one. Their home was ideal in all its appointments, and all the comforts that wealth and culture could suggest were theirs for the asking. Mr. Zeigler passed to his final reward on the 19th of April,—that day memorable in our National history,—1909. The funeral obsequies were unostentatious, but extremely impressive. After an able sermon, delivered by Rev. F. M. Dowlin, of Bethel Presbyterian church, the ritualistic service of the Knights Templar completed the ceremony.

THOMAS H. FOXWELL.

Perhaps no name on the list of Illyria township's honored dead is better remembered or elicits more and deeper expressions of regret than that of the late Thomas H. Foxwell, a man who was long influential in local affairs and who played well his part in the development of this locality, so that his name should certainly be emblazoned on the pages of history. He was born on September 21, 1812, in parish Mullion, county Cornwall, England, and his death occurred in Fayette county, Iowa, when fifty-seven years of age. He was the son of William and Ann (Harris) Foxwell, the mother born in the parish of Constantine and the father in the parish of Mullion, England. He was a local preacher for fifty years in a branch of the Methodist Episcopal church and he built a chapel on his place; later he joined the Wesleyan Association and was a great temperance worker. In 1807 he received a medal for saving several lives from the frigate "Anson" on the Loe Bar. He studied astronomy and was a great scholar. His death occurred in 1843; his wife came to America with her children in 1845, there being nine in number, namely: Ann Maria, who married Samuel James and went to Oregon; Susan, who married Thomas Moyle and lived at Yorkville, Wisconsin; John, who also lived in that place, is deceased; Elizabeth, who married H. Shephard, of Yorkville, is also deceased; William H., who was in the Civil war and who lived in Kansas, is now deceased; Thomas H., of this review; Mary Ann, who married Henry Gartdell and they are both deceased; Amy married Ed. Richards and they, too, are both deceased; Matilda died single.

Thomas H. Foxwell received the advantages of a liberal education; he studied astronomy under his father, who was an expert, and the son also became a musician of much more than ordinary ability and was also an excellent vocalist. He first married Mary (Carter) Thomas, of the parish of Mullion, England. Thomas H. Foxwell came to America in 1842 and located at Caledonia, Wisconsin, where he secured a farm. His wife died in 1845 and he went back to England, remaining there two years; returning to America in 1849, he took up his residence again in Caledonia, Wisconsin, and in May, 1863, he came to Illyria township, Fayette county, Iowa. His second marriage was solemnized on October 5, 1852, to Frances Humphrey, who was born April 26, 1833, in county Cornwall, England; she was the daughter of Walter and Ann (Truscott) Humphrey, her mother being a native of Fal-mouth, England, and the father of the parish of Mawman, Cornwall, where Mrs. Foxwell was born. This family farmed there until 1849 when the parents, with their six children, started to America in the sailing-vessel "Java"

and were six weeks on the voyage. They landed in New York City and soon came west to Caledonia, Wisconsin, where a son, Walter, had located on the previous spring, being associated there with Thomas H. Foxwell. These two gentlemen came together to Illyria township, Fayette county, Iowa, and got land here, and three years later the family took up their residence on the same, the father dying here in 1869, the mother surviving until 1887. He was an Episcopalian, while she was a member of the Methodist church. Nine children were born to them, namely: James died in London, when twenty-eight years old; Walter first married Charlotte Von Vleet, and second, Elizabeth Elry; after her death he was married to Emily Harver; he was a farmer and his death occurred in Santa Barbara county, California; Elizabeth married John Paddleford, and they both died in California; William Henry died in infancy; William Henry, the second, who is also deceased, married Nannie Kentthorn; he lived on a farm in Illyria township; Sampson first married Hannah Van Vleet, and second, Angeline Kohler; he lives at Pacific Grove, California; Mary Ann is deceased; Frances, wife of Thomas H. Foxwell, of this review; Catherine H. married Morris Hitchcock, who is deceased; she is living in Tacoma, Washington.

In 1863 Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Foxwell came to Illyria township, Fayette county, Iowa, where he had purchased three hundred and twenty acres of land. He sold off a part of this farm until the place now consists of two hundred and forty acres, and here he labored to goodly ends, laying by a competence for his family and here his death occurred. Mrs. Foxwell and children still live on the place and are successfully operating it.

To Mr. and Mrs. Foxwell seven children were born, namely: Stephen H. died when two years old; Catherine M. married Thomas F. Richard, of Illyria township; Mary Ann, who formerly taught school in California, has for many years been a very successful teacher in Fayette county, this state; Charlotte E. married Frank L. Medberry and lives on a farm in Pleasant Valley township; Zephine is the wife of Rev. Wilbur F. Albright, who was born in Illyria township, this county; he was a missionary to Chili, South America, for twelve years, representing the Methodist Episcopal church. He formerly preached in Floyd county, Iowa, also at Burr Oak, East Dubuque and Manana, Iowa; he is also a teacher and is engaged at present in teaching at Lima, Iowa. Stephen H. Foxwell, the first of the family to be born in Illyria township, Fayette county, was born on September 17, 1863; he has always lived on the old place and has devoted his life to farming. In April, 1907, he married Elizabeth Humphrey, a native of England, and a daughter of J. T. and Viola Z. Humphrey, the father now living in this township; Stephen

H. Foxwell and wife are the parents of two children, Frances Grace and Ellen Frances Foxwell, who is now teaching school at Wadena, Iowa; she has taught very successfully in Fayette county for many years.

All these children have been well educated, and some of them have taken up music and painting. The family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and each member is highly respected in this locality, maintaining the high standard of living set by their worthy father.

FRANK R. CHITTENDEN.

A man who is now in the prime of life and usefulness is Frank R. Chittenden, farmer, of Smithfield township, Fayette county, and his influence as an honorable, upright citizen is productive of much good upon all with whom he comes in contact and therefore he is held in the highest esteem by his neighbors and acquaintances. He was born in Orwell, Vermont, of sterling New England parents, July 18, 1864, but, leaving there when a child, and coming to Fayette county, Iowa, he grew to maturity and was educated in Smithfield township. He is the son of DeWitt Clinton and Adelia P. (Sheldon) Chittenden, the former a native of Vermont and the latter of St. Lawrence county, New York. They moved to Fayette county, Iowa, about 1858 and bought one hundred and forty-five acres of land in sections 4 and 9, Smithfield township. Returning to Vermont in 1862, they remained there until the spring of 1867, when they returned to Fayette county and made their home on the farm until the fall of 1888, when they moved to Fayette, where they live at present. Four children were born to them, of whom one died in infancy, Frank R., of this review, being the youngest.

The subject has always made his home on the farm. In 1902 he made a contract with his parents by which he secured the home farm, to which he added eighty acres, but later sold forty acres of that tract, owning at present one hundred and eighty acres, which he has kept well improved and on which he conducts a general farming and dairying business, handling some good grades of stock. The products of his dairy, owing to their superior quality, find a very ready market—in fact, he has been very successful with all lines of his chosen vocation, and he has a good home, the surroundings of his place being most pleasant.

Politically, Mr. Chittenden is a Republican and he has for some time taken more or less interest in local political matters, having held the office of

township trustee for several terms, very faithfully performing his duties in this connection. Fraternally, he is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America.

On November 7, 1888, Mr. Chittenden married Anna B. Doughty, who was born in Ogle county, Illinois, January 28, 1867, the daughter of John and Hattie (Parker) Doughty, of Fayette county, Iowa, and this union has resulted in the birth of six children, Mabel I., wife of Isaac Paul, of Smithfield township, born July 10, 1890; Ralph R., born June 30, 1893, died April 6, 1908; Madge E., born June 21, 1895; Francis B., born October 27, 1902; Fernie, born November 5, 1904; DeWitt Clinton, born March 25, 1910.

REV. JASPER S. MOORE.

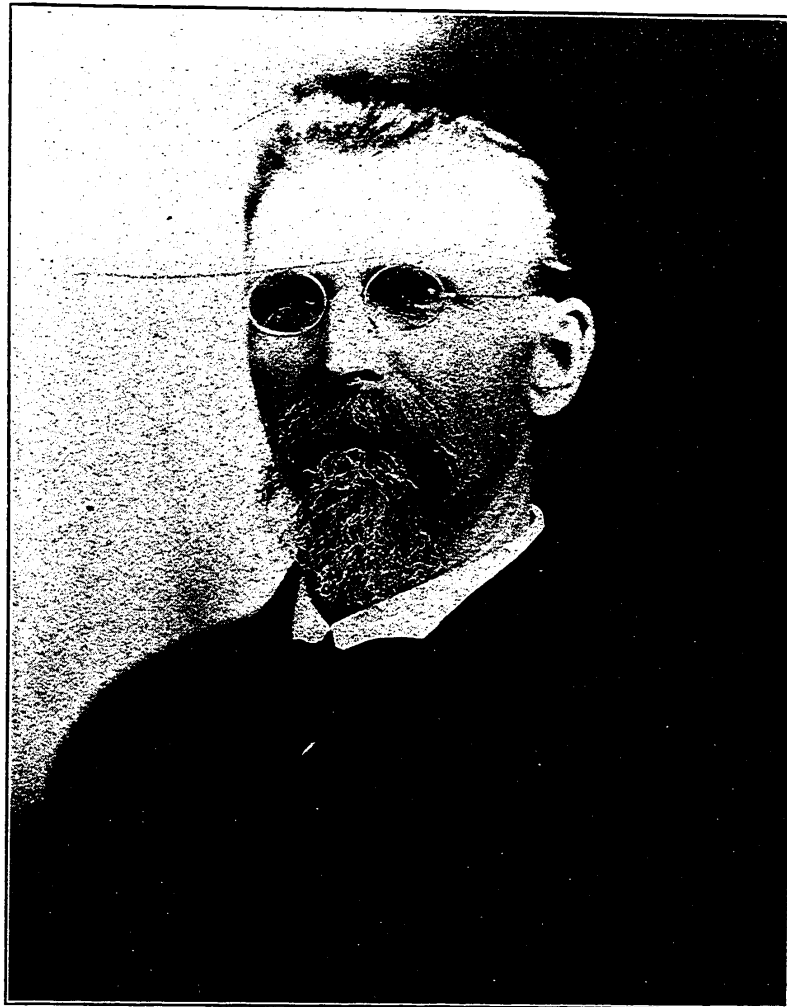
The gentleman whose life record is herewith briefly set forth is a born nobleman, belonging to nature's aristocracy, having dignified every station in life with a charm that has constantly added to his personal worth and has discharged his every duty as a citizen with the earnestness and loyalty characteristic of such men of altruistic principles. Recognizing his probity of character and his sterling worth as a citizen and advocate of the gospel of the Nazarene, his fellow men hold him in lasting regard wherever he is known.

Jasper S. Moore was born in Illyria township, Fayette county, May 21, 1855, and his present residence is at Wadena, he having preferred to spend most of his life on his own heath, and to him belongs the distinction of having resided in the township longer than any other person. He is the son of the Rev. William and Catherine (Robbins) Moore, the father born October 9, 1813, at Hookstown, Pennsylvania, and the latter on November 20, 1817, in Vermont. They were the parents of ten children, and they came to Illyria township, Fayette county, Iowa, in 1854 and spent the remainder of their lives here. The father was a farmer, also preached some in the United Brethren church. His death occurred on April 21, 1873, and the death of his wife on September 19, 1907.

Rev. William Moore, who was long an influential man in this county, was descended from Scotch-Irish ancestors and was reared in the faith of the Presbyterian church. His wife's people were early settlers of the New England states. Her father, Willard Robbins, died in Fayette county, Iowa, at a ripe old age. (For a complete history of these parents and the brothers and sisters of the subject of this sketch the reader is directed to the biography of Edwin O. Moore, appearing on another page of this work.)



MRS. MARY MOORE.



REV. JASPER S. MOORE.

Rev. Jasper S. Moore received a good education in the public schools, having alternated schooling and farming in his youth, remaining on the home farm until he reached manhood, and he began his life work by teaching. He was converted in 1877 and began preaching in 1887, and was ordained elder in 1894. He traveled circuits for twelve years. He was presiding elder in the Iowa conference in 1904 and re-elected in 1909, having served three years in that capacity. He has been three times a delegate to the general conference of his church, first at Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, Caledonia, Michigan and Huntington, Indiana, these having convened during a period of twelve years. He is regarded as an earnest, forceful and often eloquent preacher, never failing to delight and interest his audience, and he has accomplished a great deal of good wherever his lot has been cast, and he is held in the highest esteem by the people whom he seeks to serve.

Rev. Mr. Moore owns the old family homestead in section 23, Illyria township, embracing two hundred and fifty acres, upon which are excellent improvements. He and his sons make a specialty of raising thoroughbred Duroc-Jersey hogs, and they also handle large herds of cattle, also horses and sheep, and they have been very successful not only as general farmers but as stock raisers.

Rev. Jasper S. Moore was married on July 8, 1877, to Mary L. Crane, daughter of Myron and Elizabeth Crane, of Carthage, South Dakota. This union has been blessed with the following children: Charlie I., born May 5, 1879, died August 30, 1880; Gertie, now Mrs. Bert Sackett, of Delaware, Iowa, was born July 28, 1881; Myron M., born July 11, 1884; Ethel, born September 3, 1886, married Robert Frey, living at Wadena, Iowa; Ira Clark, born March 12, 1889, who is at home, married Mary Yearous, of West Union; William Francis, who was born September 9, 1891, is a student in the West Union high school.

Politically, Rev. Mr. Moore is a Republican with prohibition sympathies; he is president of the Illyria township school board, and he is at present serving as justice of the peace. He advocates the doctrine of the United Brethren church.

STEPHEN T. PAYNE.

A man of quiet, gentlemanly demeanor is Stephen T. Payne, farmer of Smithfield township, Fayette county, highly esteemed by his neighbors and fellow citizens of the community, and perhaps none occupy a more favored

place in the minds and hearts of the people by whom he is known. His private character is above criticism and he has always aimed to keep his name and reputation unspotted.

Mr. Payne was born in Harlan township, this county, June 22, 1865, and he received his education in the public schools of his native community. He is the son of Allan S. and Melissa A. (Morton) Payne, natives of Cattaraugus county, New York, the father having been born on May 14, 1838, and the mother on February 14th of the same year, she being exactly three months his senior. They grew to maturity and were married in New York and lived on a farm there for several years. In 1864 they came to Fayette county, Iowa, and bought a farm in Harlan township, where they made their home until 1888, when Mr. Payne sold out and moved to Fayette, where he makes his home at present. His wife is also living, and they are highly respected by a large acquaintance.

To Mr. and Mrs. Allen S. Payne eight children were born, of whom five are living, namely: Ernest resides at Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Watson lives in Idaho; Stephen T., of this review; Charles S. lives in Otterville, Iowa; Fitch W. lives in Fayette county.

Stephen T. Payne of this review lived on the farm with his parents until twenty-one years of age, when he married and rented a farm in Harlan township, which he worked for a period of five years, during which time he got a good start, and in the fall of 1890 he bought a good place of eighty acres in section 20, Smithfield township, where he has since made his home; he prospered from the first and has added another eighty to his original purchase, in the same section, now having one of the choice farms of the community, which has been well improved and on which stand excellent buildings.

On March 27, 1886, Mr. Payne married Caroline L. Hollister, who was born in Illyria township, this county, in September, 1869. She is the daughter of Henry Allen and Mabel (Talcott) Hollister, the father born in Vermont and the mother in Ohio, and they were married in the last-named state. About 1868 they came from Lake county, Ohio, to Fayette county, Iowa, and located on a farm.

Henry Hollister served his country in the war of the Rebellion, being a sergeant in Capt. Charles J. McDowell's Company F, One Hundred and Seventy-seventh Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He received an honorable discharge at the close of the war. He held many public offices of trust and was a man of sterling worth and integrity. He died in 1877, at the age of thirty-seven years, respected by all who knew him. Mrs. Payne was one of a family of five children, namely: Alice Mabel, the wife of J. F. Cum-

mings, of Alpha, Iowa. Horace Frederick, at the beginning of the Spanish-American war, enlisted in Company E, Fourteenth Regiment Minnesota Volunteer Infantry, and was honorably discharged at the close of the war. He was afterwards killed by a vicious horse at Egan, South Dakota. Caroline Louisa is the wife of the subject of this sketch. Lua Ellen is the wife of Edwin L. Cline, of Quimby, Iowa. Lydia Belle died at the age of twenty-four years. Mrs. Payne has also a half-sister, Mary Angeline Strickland, the daughter of Orion and Mabel (Hollister) Strickland.

To Mr. and Mrs. Payne seven children have been born, named as follows: Ellen E., who was born November 4, 1887, is the wife of William H. Barnes, of Harlan township; Maude E. was born June 22, 1894; Frank E. was born May 2, 1896; Alice M. was born September 22, 1904; Dorothea M. was born June 19, 1907; Henry A. and Helen A. (twins) were born August 8, 1909.

Mr. Payne is a Republican, but he has not found time to mingle much in political affairs and is no aspirant for public office, though he is always ready to support any measure looking to the general good of his community and county.

EGBERT L. UPTON.

One of the wide-awake, prosperous farmers of Smithfield township is Egbert L. Upton, whose past success gives assurance of something yet to come, and he will doubtless continue to be one of the potent factors for good in this portion of Fayette county. He was born in Danvers, Massachusetts, March 14, 1860, and there he grew to maturity and received the principal part of his education, finishing his text-book training in the schools of Fayette county, Iowa, and spent the spring and fall terms of 1879 at the Upper Iowa University. He is the son of Augustus and Aseneth (Phillips) Upton, the father a native of Danvers, Massachusetts, born January 2, 1818, and the mother was born in Wheelock, Vermont. The paternal grandfather, John Swinerton Upton, was born in Danvers, Massachusetts, December 29, 1792, he having been a descendant of John Upton, who emigrated to the town mentioned above, either from southern Scotland or northern England, in 1650. He traded a saddle and a pair of leather breeches for the farm on which he located, consisting of one hundred and twenty acres, at Danvers. Augustus Upton was a shoemaker by trade, although reared on a farm; he usually made shoes in winter and worked the farm in summer. His death occurred in Danvers in 1871. His wife was born September 1, 1814, and died about

1862. Five children were born to them, namely: Augustine, born December 10, 1844, resides in Lynn, Massachusetts; Mrs. Alice Smith, born December 24, 1846, lives at Chelsea, that state; Mrs. Frances Bennett, born August 5, 1849, lives in Melrose, Massachusetts; Lizzie, born August 16, 1852, died January 3, 1880; Egbert L., of this review, was the youngest child.

The subject made his home with his mother until her death, when he went to live with his grandmother until about eleven years old. Then he worked a year for a Mr. Conant, driving a milk wagon. In November, 1876, he came to Chickasaw county, Iowa, and made his home with a half brother, H. F. Lambkin, with whom he remained one year, spending the next two years as a farm hand, attending school part of the time. In the winter of 1879 and 1880 he taught a school in Westfield township, this county, then taught two years during the winter months in Center township and two months in the spring of 1884 in Palo Alto county. In the winter of 1884 and 1885 he taught his last term in Westfield township. He was very successful as a teacher and was popular with both pupils and patrons. After leaving the school-room, in the spring of 1885, he moved to a farm of one hundred and twenty acres in section 7, Smithfield township, which he bought in 1884, and he has continued to make his home on this place since 1885. In 1905 he added forty acres to the original purchase and now has one of the choice farms of the township, well improved and well cultivated, on which stand excellent and convenient buildings, and he has followed general farming and dairying with marked success. In 1881 he bought one hundred and twenty acres in Palo Alto county, Iowa, and there he spent the summers of 1882, 1883 and a part of 1884, selling the place in 1884.

Politically, Mr. Upton is a Republican, and he held the office of township clerk from 1894 to 1898, and previously he held the office of justice of the peace for two years; he has also held this office during the past four years, his term expiring in January, 1911. He has proved to be a very efficient public servant and takes much interest in all local affairs. Fraternally, he is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America.

On March 1, 1883, Mr. Upton married Louisa H. Elphick, daughter of James and Martha Elphick, he a native of England and she of New York state, both parents going to Wisconsin when children. They located in Fayette county, Iowa, in the early sixties. Mrs. Upton was called to her reward in May, 1884, when twenty-three years old. On February 22, 1886, Mr. Upton married Cora Ingraham, who was born in Summit county, Ohio, February 8, 1860; she was the daughter of Chauncey and Abigail (Proctor) Ingraham, the father a native of Connecticut and the mother of southeastern Ohio. Mr.

Ingraham died in Ohio, and in 1871 Mrs. Ingraham and three children moved to Fayette county, Iowa. Mrs. Upton was the youngest child. The mother died on November 29, 1906, at the advanced age of eighty-four years and ten months. Mr. Upton's second marriage resulted in the birth of five children, namely: Elvira Louisa, born January 23, 1887, a school teacher by profession, who graduated from the Iowa State College at Ames, Iowa, with the class of 1909, and now resides with her parents; Elizabeth A., born November 13, 1888, graduated from the Iowa Teachers' College, at Cedar Falls, with the class of March, 1910, is a school teacher, and lives with her parents; Alice C., born December 31, 1890, who graduated from the Oliver Business College, of New Hampton, Iowa, in the fall of 1909, is a stenographer by profession; Harry A., born September 25, 1892, is also a member of the home circle; Henry W., born January 10, 1896. All these children have been well educated and they give promise of bright futures. Mrs. Upton is a member of the Baptist church.

ANDREW N. TOUTSCH.

One of the progressive farmers and well-known citizens of Smithfield township, Fayette county, was Andrew N. Toutsch, who, like many of the most thrifty and enterprising citizens of this locality, was of German birth, he having first seen the light of day in the fatherland in 1853, the son of Nick T. and Catherine (Wilmuth) Toutsch. The father died in his native country at the age of seventy-one years. The mother came to America and is living at Elkader, Iowa, at the age of seventy-four years. The subject of this sketch resided in the United States since 1872. The first six years of his life here were spent in Elkader, then he lived for six years at Strawberry Point, Iowa, then returned to Elkader and engaged in the produce traffic for several years, then came to Fayette county. He was married in 1891 to Marcella Snedigar, daughter of Fielding and Miranda (Hayes) Snedigar. Her father was born in Pike county, Missouri, March 27, 1822, and her mother in Montgomery county, Missouri, May 5, 1824. In 1844 Mr. Snedigar came west, locating in Iowa county, Wisconsin, and engaged in mining until 1847, when he removed to Jo Daviess county, Illinois, and engaged in lumber traffic until 1851, in which year he came to Iowa and settled in Clayton county, being employed there by a milling company. In 1861 he embarked in the mercantile business, which he prosecuted until 1868, then settled on a farm in Smithfield township, Fayette county, so well known as the "Corn Hill Farm." Two saw-mills

at different times were located and operated on this place, and on this farm was an old tavern kept by a Mr. Hendrickson, who formerly owned the farm. United States mail carriers changed horses here and many travelers shared its hospitality in the old days. Mrs. Toutsch's father kept a store at Elkader during the years of the Civil war, and he was postmaster there, keeping the office in his store. He was a successful merchant and he made many friends among his customers by his many acts of kindness shown his patrons during the trying days of the war. He was justice of the peace for many years. His death occurred at Elkader in 1882, and in this place his widow is still living, having reached the advanced age of eighty-six years. They were the parents of seven children, named as follows: James M., born September 8, 1842; Edward, born October 10, 1844; Martha J. (Mrs. Sterns) was born April 4, 1849; Irena A. (Mrs. Craudel) was born August 23, 1851; Henry F. was born February 10, 1854; George M. was born April 8, 1856; Marcella M. was born August 10, 1862. Mrs. Toutsch's grandparents, Robert and Mary (Butler) Snedigar, were natives of Bourbon county, Kentucky, and were the parents of thirteen children. They emigrated from that state to Pike county, Missouri, in 1818 and there lived until Mr. Snedigar's death in 1863. Mrs. Toutsch's mother was a great-granddaughter of Daniel Boone. She had two brothers who served in the Civil war, James M. in the one-hundred-day service, and Edward D., who enlisted in 1862 in Company D, Twenty-first Iowa Volunteer Infantry, was in thirteen engagements and was with Sherman on his march to the sea.

Mr. and Mrs. Toutsch began their married life at Elkader, then moved on her father's well-known homestead farm, of which they owned three hundred and twenty-nine acres, which Mr. Toutsch greatly improved in every respect until today it ranks with the choice farms of the county, just as it did in the early days, the soil having been so skillfully tilled that it has not lost any of its original strength. In 1899 he built a modern and attractive residence and remodeled the barn. These buildings stand on an eminence, covered with a fine growth of elms and other native timber, beautiful pines and many varieties of shrubbery, giving the place a picturesque appearance, indicating that it is one of the old historic places of this locality.

Mr. Toutsch was known as a very enterprising and successful farmer, using exceptionally good judgment in his general farming and stock raising. He kept a good grade of stock of all kinds and fed for the market, and, being a splendid judge of livestock and knowing how to properly care for them, he found very ready sales for all he had to offer. Mr. Toutsch's death occurred on August 7, 1910, after an illness of but a week, and he was buried in the Fayette cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Toutsch became the parents of four children, named as follows: Marshall, born in 1893; Harvey, born in 1894; Henry, born in 1899; Bessie was born in 1903 and died when six weeks old. The oldest child, Marshall, attended a normal school in Austin, Minnesota, the winter of 1909 and 1910 and took a course in civil engineering along with other studies, and he made a splendid record in that institution. The other children have received good educations in the home schools.

Mr. Toutsch gave his political allegiance to the Democratic party, while in religion he gave faithful support to the Catholic church.

HERMAN J. KRUG.

Among the industrious and enterprising citizens of Fairfield township, Fayette county, the subject of this sketch occupies an enviable position, and because of sterling qualities of character he enjoys the high regard of all who know him. Mr. Krug was born in 1881 and is therefore one of the younger men of the county, but he is the stamp of young man to whom the community must look for its future growth and development,—for it is the present generation of young men of ambition, courage, energy and brains upon whom the public not only depends at this time, but will rely upon wholly during the next generation.

Mr. Krug is the son of Fred and Mary B. (Nus) Krug, Mr. Krug being a native of Germany, where he was born on April 7, 1853, coming to America in 1873 and locating in Fayette county on September 25, 1879. Mrs. Krug is a native of Fayette county, and was born on April 9, 1857, being the daughter of Hugo and Henreicka Nus, early settlers in Fayette county, who, since becoming residents of the county, have prospered exceedingly and hold a place among the prominent and influential families of Fairfield township. His parents were married on September 25, 1879, and began their domestic life on the farm where they still make their home, a fine farm in section 26, Fairfield township. The father is an energetic, practical farmer, most up to date in his methods of farming, handling stock and breeding. His place is well equipped with all modern improvements, with a tasteful and substantial house with good surroundings. His advanced ideas in farming and stock breeding are especially shown by the fine buildings he has erected for the housing of his stock, particularly with a view to protecting the young. In politics he is a Democrat. He has shown his public spiritedness in many ways and has served

his school district for twenty-five years. Both parents are members of the Lutheran church. Their four children are, Matilda, wife of S. Koehler, residing in Clayton county, Iowa; Alma and Hulda, who make their home with their parents, and Herman J., the subject of this review.

Herman J. Krug is already proving his ability as a farmer on land which he has leased, for on this tract he is very successfully doing general farming, as well as raising and breeding fine stock. He is a well-informed young man of exemplary habits and industry, is unmarried and makes his home with his parents. He is a member of the Lutheran church. Politically he is a Republican and takes an active though quiet interest in the fortunes of his party locally.

ROBERT J. YOUNG.

In the register of Fayette county's prominent citizens and representative business men few are as widely and favorably known as the gentleman whose career is briefly reviewed in the following lines. He is an American by adoption, but none the less true and loyal to the government under which he has spent so much of his life and achieved such signal success, while the county which for nearly fifty-five years he has honored by his citizenship is proud to number him among its most enterprising and public spirited men of affairs. Robert J. Young, dealer in real estate and insurance, also one of the leading financiers of the city in which he resides, was born in London, England, November 15, 1844, being a son of Richard N. and Sarah Young, the father born December 25, 1820, in London, where he grew to manhood and in early life became a gas fitter. Mrs. Young, prior to her marriage Sarah Butler, was born in Berkshire in 1820 and belonged to an old and respected family of her native city. In 1848 this couple bade farewell to the land of their birth and, crossing the Atlantic, located at his trade in Brooklyn, New York, where Mr. Young worked at his trade and where his wife died on September 29, 1854. The year following his sad bereavement Mr. Young removed to Chicago, but after spending three years in that city changed his residence to Hazleton, Buchanan county, Iowa, where he remained until his removal later to the county of Fayette. Subsequently he went to Marshalltown, this state, where his death occurred in 1894. The family of R. N. and Sarah Young consisted of two children, the subject alone surviving, his sister, Sarah Jane, having died in Brooklyn, New York, September 30, 1854, at the age of eight years.



ROBERT J. YOUNG.

After the death of his mother, Robert J. Young lived with an uncle until twelve years old, when he started out to make his own way in the world. In the meantime, when twelve years old, he accompanied his relative to Buchanan county, Iowa, and when a youth of nineteen tendered his services to the government, enlisting at Independence in 1863, for three years' service and being assigned to Company F, First Iowa Cavalry. This regiment was mustered at Dubuque and immediately thereafter joined the Army of the West, with which it took part in a number of campaigns and battles, including the actions at Princeton, Camden, Spoonville, Little Rock, Elkins Ford, Moreau River, Jenkins' Ferry and many others. He was also in the ill-fated Red River expedition and at the close of the war went with General Custer to Alexandria, Louisiana, thence to Houston, Texas, and in March, 1866, was mustered out at Austin, that state. Taking passage on a steamer for New Orleans, the same month, he reached his destination in due time and from there proceeded north of Davenport, Iowa, where he received his discharge a few days later. Mr. Young devoted three strenuous years to the service of his adopted country, shared with his comrades the dangers and vicissitudes of war in many trying situations, and retired from the ranks with a record for bravery and gallantry of which he feels deservedly proud. At the expiration of his period of service he returned to Iowa and engaged in farming in Fayette county, which honorable calling he followed with marked success until his removal in 1893 to Oelwein, since which time he has been connected with various business enterprises, devoting especial attention for some years to real-estate and insurance and building up an extensive and lucrative patronage in both lines.

Mr. Young is enterprising in all the term implies, manifests a deep and abiding interest in everything pertaining to the progress of his city and county and the prominent position to which he has attained in business, political and social circles mark him as a natural leader of men. Politically, he is a staunch supporter of the Republican party and as such exercises a strong influence in behalf of its principles and candidates, both as a worker in the ranks and an adviser in its councils. From time to time he has been elected to various local offices, including those of justice of the peace, township clerk, and for a period of fourteen years he rendered effective service to the cause of education as a member of the school board.

As a business man, Mr. Young is energetic, progressive, honorable in all of his dealings and no suspicion of wrong doing has ever attached to his name or character. At the present time he represents twelve insurance companies, fire, lightning and tornado. He was the treasurer of the Iowa State Mutual Windstorm Association, besides serving twenty years as a director of the

same; was also secretary of the County Mutual Fire Insurance Company, of Des Moines; a director of the Town Mutual Fire Insurance Association of Des Moines for seventeen years, and adjuster of the Iowa Mutual Windstorm Company, also of the Fayette County Association. In addition to his large insurance interests, which are steadily growing in magnitude and importance, he commands, as already indicated, an extensive real estate business in Fayette and other counties, his success in all of his enterprises being commensurate with the ability and energy which he has ever displayed, being at the present time in independent circumstances and one of the financially strong and solid men of the county.

Mr. Young is an active member of Griffith Post No. 134, Grand Army of the Republic, which he has served two terms as commander and since the year 1892 he has held the position of adjutant in the same. He was formerly a member of Fairbank Lodge No. 148, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, but on moving to Oelwein took his dimit to Hebron Lodge No. 374, at the latter place, in which for a period of seven years he has held the office of secretary. He is also identified with several of the higher branches of Masonry, belonging to Langridge Commandery No. 47, Knights Templar, at West Union, Chapter No. 130, Royal Arch Masons at Oelwein, Iowa Consistory No. 2, at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, El Kadir Temple, Mystic Shrine, at the latter city, and Eastern Star Chapter No. 45 at Oelwein. He was elected delegate to the meeting of the Imperial Shrine at New Orleans which met in April, 1910, besides being honored at various times with important trusts by the different organizations mentioned above. He was also a member of the Odd Fellows, belonging to Oelwein Lodge No. 284, in which he has passed all the chairs, and for some years he has been an influential worker in the Modern Woodmen of America.

The domestic chapter in the life of Mr. Young bears date of 1873, at which time he was happily married to Belle Ross, a native of Indiana and a daughter of Samuel A. K. and Angeline (Malott) Ross, the former born December 27, 1820, in New York, the latter on May 7th of the same year. The marriage of these parents was celebrated in Ripley county, Indiana, whence they migrated in 1867 to Fayette county, Iowa, settling in Oran township. Mr. and Mrs. Young set up their first domestic establishment in that township and there lived and prospered until their removal to their present home in Oelwein, as stated in a preceding paragraph. Their children are four in number, the oldest being Amelia E., who was born December 21, 1874; on September 4, 1895, she became the wife of James Willson, a contractor of Oelwein, the union being blessed with four sons, Donald, Athol, James and

Calvin, aged respectively eleven, nine, six and four years. George W. Young was born May 12, 1878, and is now a clerk; he married, on March 2, 1904, Carrie Elzy, by whom he has one child, a daughter, Rachel E., whose birth occurred in the year 1908. Clarence B. Young, born January 9, 1880, is a registered pharmacist of Des Moines and a young man of fine professional and business ability. Robert L., the youngest of the family, is associated in the business with his father at Oelwein and still a member of the home circle; he was born July 24, 1888.

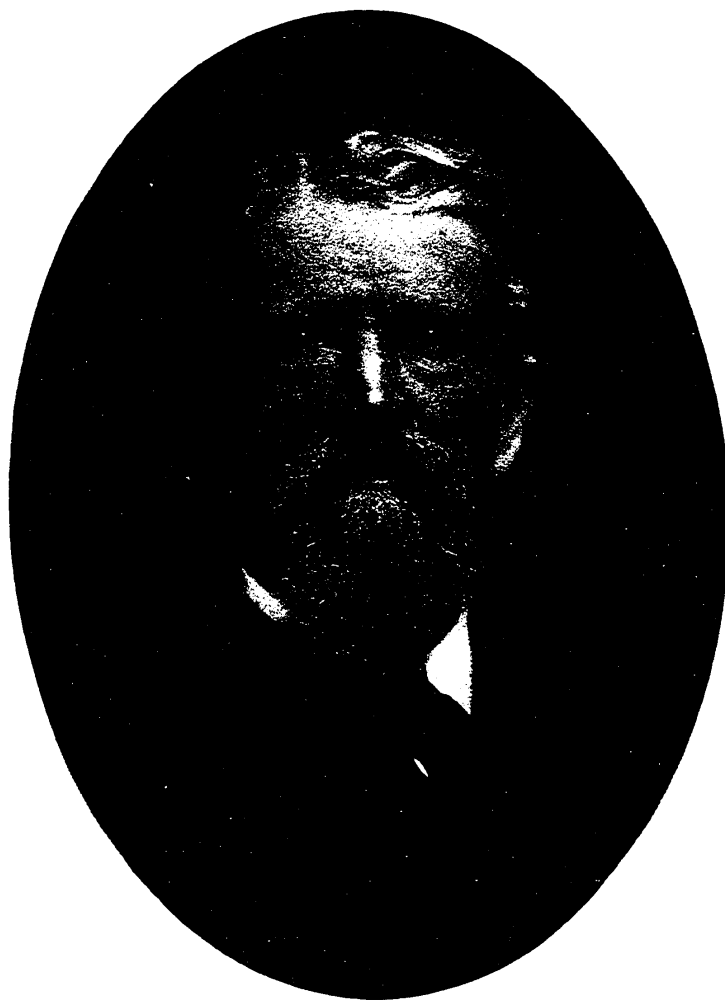
Mr. Young is a man of domestic tastes, a great lover of family and home, and has spared neither pains nor expense in providing for the comfort of his wife and children. The fine dwelling which the family now occupy is one of the most beautiful and attractive in Oelwein, being commodious, provided with all the fixtures and conveniences calculated to render home pleasant and agreeable and pervaded by a spirit of hospitality which sweetens the welcome and lingers as long as possible the departure of the visitor or guest. Mrs. Young is a lady of gracious presence and beautiful Christian character, one whose example at home and in society is always for high ideals and right living and the number of warm friendships she enjoys indicate the wide esteem in which she is held. She belongs to the Order of the Eastern Star, which she has served five years as chaplain, and is a devout Christian and active in all lines of religious work under the auspices of the Methodist Episcopal church of Oelwein, with which she holds membership.

DAVID HENRY TALMADGE.

Examples that impress force of character on all who study them are worthy of record. By a few general observations may be conveyed some idea of the high standing of David Henry Talmadge, familiarly known as "Harry" Talmadge, proprietor and editor of the *Gazette* at West Union, Fayette county, Iowa, until the consolidation of that paper with the *West Union Argo* in May, 1910, being an editor of unusual felicity of expression and good management, or as a wide-awake business man and public benefactor. United in his makeup are so many elements of a solid and practical nature, which during a series of years have brought him into prominent notice and earned for him a conspicuous place among the enterprising men of the county of his residence, where other members of his family have also wrought to good purpose, that it is but just recognition of his and their worth to write, at some length, of their lives and achievements.

Mr. Talmadge was born in the city of Providence, Rhode Island, September 24, 1867, being the eldest son of Charles H. and Lucy H. (Whittemore) Talmadge. The father was the late editor and proprietor of the *West Union Gazette*, and was born in Girard, Erie county, Pennsylvania, October 10, 1842, and was the son of Henry O. and Lydia (Miller) Talmadge. His father was born in Westfield, Connecticut, and was descended from an old New England family of Welsh origin. He settled in Chautauqua county, New York, with his parents, in his youth, and married Lydia Miller, in Erie county, Pennsylvania, of which place she was a native, and to this union six children, five sons and a daughter, were born, of whom the daughter and three sons are deceased. The family moved to Winnebago county, Illinois, in 1850, where they lived until the spring of 1856, when they fitted out a "prairie schooner" and migrated to Iowa, locating about midway between Osage and Mitchell.

The following year Charles H. Talmadge entered the printing office of Talcott & Parker, proprietors of the *Mitchell Republican*, in which office he remained two years. He attended school at remote intervals during the succeeding three years, and in 1860 he worked with Noyes & Brainard on the *Clear Lake Independent*, with a little time on the *Mason City Democrat* and *North Iowan, of Osage*, the latter a journalistic venture of Stilson Hutchins. In the spring of 1861 he returned to the home of his parents near Mitchell, and while there decided to cast his fate with the national Union in its struggle with the Confederacy, a number of patriotic citizens having gathered at a meeting in Mitchell soon after the fall of Fort Sumter. An address was made by M. M. Trumbull, of Clarksville, at the close of which volunteers were called for to form a company which Mr. Trumbull proposed to organize, and Mr. Talmadge was one of the first to inscribe his name on the roll. A few days later the little band of Mitchell county boys journeyed by teams to Clarksville, and thence to Charles City, Waterloo and Dubuque. Between the two latter cities Mr. Talmadge experienced his first sensation of riding on the rail. In Dubuque the organization of the company was completed, and in rendezvous at Keokuk became Company I, of the Third Iowa Infantry. He was in Hurlbut's division at the battle of Shiloh, and his regiment helped to make up the "hornet's nest" where the Confederate general, Albert Sidney Johnston, met his death. He also took part in some minor engagements. During the last part of his service he was on detached duty, under special orders from General Curtis. At the expiration of his term of enlistment, Mr. Talmadge was appointed to the pay department, continuing in this important and responsible service until the close of the war and the last Iowa regiment was mustered out and paid off.



CHARLES H. TALMADGE.

This portrait is placed in this work as a mark of respect and love by ten of his admiring friends and business associates in West Union.

After his army career, Mr. Talmadge came to West Union, Iowa, and became assistant to James Stewart, county treasurer. On November 25, 1867, in company with J. W. Shannon, he purchased the material of the edefunct *Clermont Leader*, and removed the outfit to West Union for the purpose of establishing a Republican paper, which they named the *Republican Gazette and Clermont Leader*. The venture proved a decided success. In December, 1868, Mr. Shannon was compelled to withdraw on account of failing health. In 1885 the form of the paper was changed from an old folio to that of a neat quarto of eight pages. Under the management of its founder the *Gazette* became a consistent Republican paper, ably edited and neatly printed. During the more than forty years of its existence it was always abreast of the times in politics, news and local enterprises, and won a strong hold on the esteem of its patrons. The office was equipped with modern machinery, the facilities for doing all kinds of job work being complete, the presses operated by steam and the plant clean and well lighted, the business being generally conceded to be in a prosperous condition.

Charles H. Talmadge was appointed postmaster of West Union in the spring of 1879, and so faithfully did he discharge the duties of the same that he was reappointed in 1883, but retired under President Cleveland's administration in 1887, then, after a lapse of three years, he was again appointed April 7, 1890. His administration of the office was efficient, faithful and prompt, and very much to the satisfaction of all concerned.

On October 23, 1866, Mr. Talmadge married, in Mitchell county, Iowa, Lucy H. Whittemore, who was born in Providence, Rhode Island, September 4, 1843, the daughter of Rev. David R. Whittemore, a prominent Baptist clergyman of Providence. This union resulted in the birth of two children, David Henry, of this review, and John, the latter born in West Union, Iowa, October 12, 1874, and who is at this writing connected with the daily *Chronicle* of Abilene, Kansas. The mother of these children, who was a woman of education and culture and an earnest member of the Presbyterian church, a member of the Ladies' Tourist Club and the West Union Art Club, in which she took an active part, and a leader in all the charitable and philanthropic work in the city, passed to her rest in January, 1904, at the age of sixty-one years.

Charles H. Talmadge was appointed deputy oil inspector for this section of the state, under Governor Cummins, in June, 1905, to serve two years, but his death occurred while in office, May 2, 1907. He was a member of West Union Lodge No. 69, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and of Clermont Chapter No. 62, Royal Arch Masons; also belonged to West Union Lodge No. 42, Knights of Pythias, of which he was the first chancellor com-

mander. He belonged to Abernathey Post No. 48, Grand Army of the Republic, of West Union, of which he was once post commander and was adjutant for many years. He twice served on the governor's staff, with the rank of lieutenant-colonel, first with Governor Kirkwood, and later with Governor C. C. Carpenter. He was also aid-de-camp to Commander M. P. Mills, of the Iowa department, Grand Army of the Republic. Mr. Talmadge was always an earnest worker in the ranks of the Republican party, and served as chairman of his home county, and congressional committees.

David H. Talmadge, the immediate subject of this review, accompanied his parents to Fayette county, Iowa, when yet a mere boy. He had the advantages of a good high school education, graduating from the same, and subsequently took a business college course. He learned the printer's trade when a youth, becoming well grounded in the art preservative at a very early age, and he has made this his chief life work in connection with the newspaper business. When but a lad he stood at his father's type-cases and was drilled in the labors of properly setting up patent medicine notices, including many well known remedies which have been advertised weekly for decades. He rose rapidly to be a first-class printer, and accepted a position in Providence, Rhode Island, and his employment continued there during 1889, after which he returned to West Union, and was again associated with his father on the *Gazette*. At one time the business was conducted under the firm name of C. H. Talmadge & Son. Upon his return from New England, in January, 1900, he became foreman and had general charge of this newspaper, having continued with his father until 1905. He spent the next year in the state of Washington, where he was proprietor of the *Newport Miner*, a local journal which still flourishes. After this experience in the far West, he returned to West Union and was again associated with his father, upon whose death he succeeded to the business and was, as already stated, editor and proprietor of this paper, *The West Union Gazette*, until May, 1910. He is now a resident of Salem, Oregon.

With the passing years Mr. Talmadge has been press correspondent for numerous papers in this country, and at one time wrote many short stories and other literary productions for the popular magazines of the East, in all of this work showing his capacity as an interesting writer of much more than ordinary ability.

Politically, Mr. Talmadge has always been loyal to the principles of the Republican party, but he has never been a political office seeker or holder; being of a retiring nature he has preferred to work for the upbuilding of the party of his choice, assisting others to fill the offices while he attended strictly

to his individual affairs and he continued to edit the pioneer journal which was so many years the idol of his worthy father's life, and the policy of which he dictated so long as he lived.

David H. Talmadge is a member of the Knights of Pythias, West Union Lodge No. 142, of which he became keeper of records and seals; he also holds membership in the Modern Woodmen of America, Camp No. 792 of West Union, of which he was a charter member. During the existence of the Sons of Veterans camp at West Union he continued an active member of the same.

Mr. Talmadge was united in marriage, in 1894, with Harriet M. Talmadge (a third cousin), who is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Talmadge, of West Union; the children born to this union are as follows: David H., born in April, 1895; William E., born June, 1896; Mary Elizabeth, born May 30, 1901; Charles W., born in June, 1905, died in infancy.

Walter E. Talmadge, father-in-law of David H., of this review, was born at Rockton, Winnebago county, Illinois, August, 1841. He accompanied his parents to Iowa in 1856. During the Civil war he was a member of Company B, Seventh Iowa Infantry. He began railroading in 1868, and when the Volga branch of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad reached West Union in 1882 he came here as station agent and continued as such until his death, August 22, 1892. His wife, who was Aylia T. Thayer, is a native of the same place as her husband. They were married in Howard county, Iowa, January 1, 1863, and four children were born to them, the two sons, Warren E. and Charles M., being prominent business men on the Pacific coast. A daughter, Edna, died at the age of three. Mrs. Talmadge makes her home among her children, though for the most part with her only daughter, in West Union. Walter Talmadge was a man highly esteemed for his many excellent traits of character. He was quiet and unassuming, although endowed with superior business capabilities.

J. A. BARNHART.

J. A. Barnhart was born in Center county, Pennsylvania, March 19, 1862, and is a son of P. A. and Mary Elizabeth (Antes) Barnhart, the former a native of Center county, Pennsylvania, the latter of Lycoming county, the same state. In 1865 they came to Fayette county, Iowa, and rented a farm one-half mile east of the present home. About three years

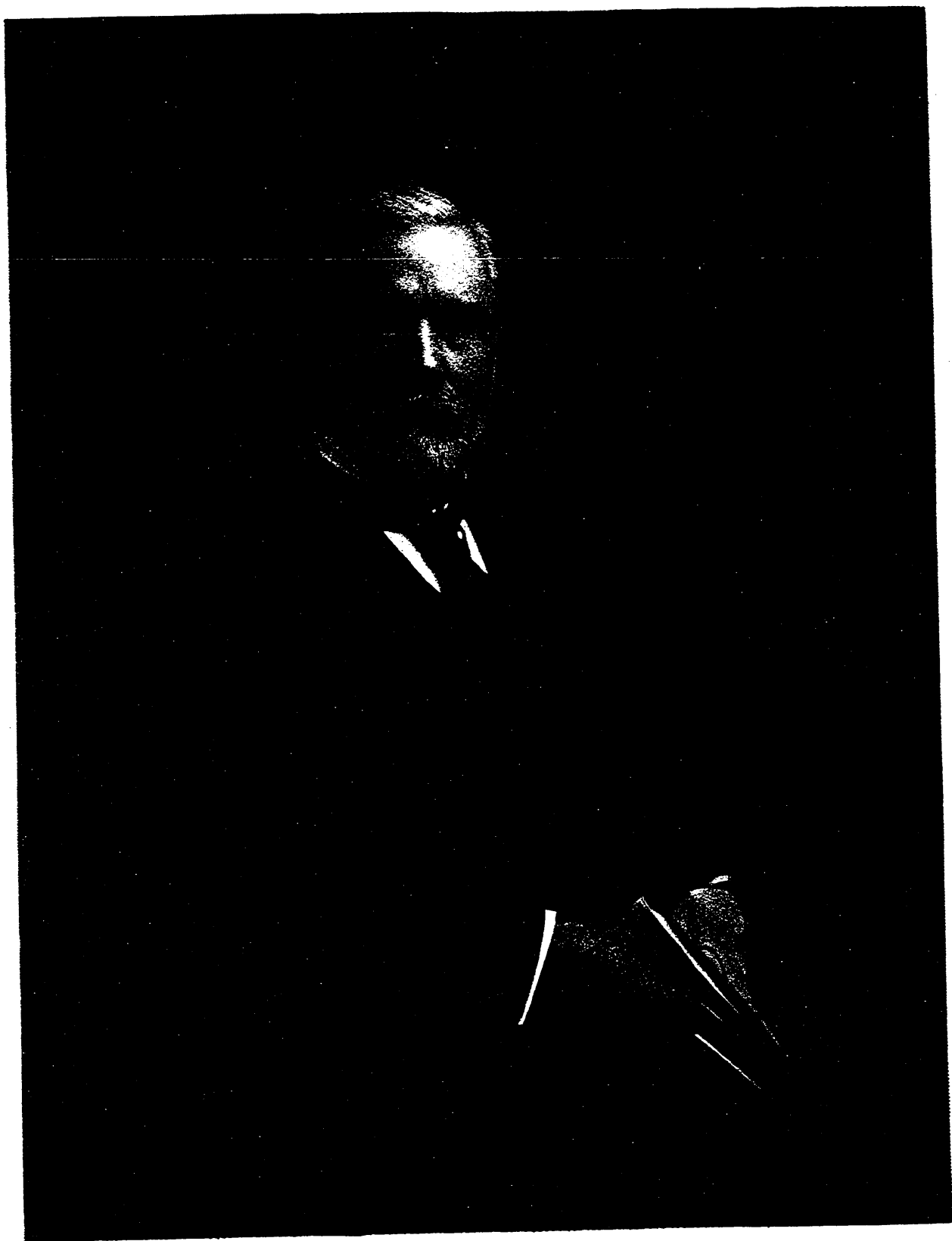
later they bought the present home, which was then wild land. Here P. A. Barnhart and wife died.

On December 30, 1886, J. A. Barnhart was united in marriage to Elizabeth E. Shaw, a daughter of Abram R. and Matilda F. Shaw. To this union were born three children, Lawrence Phillip, Alta Etta and Loranie Josephine.

HON. WILLIAM E. FULLER.

An honored and prominent citizen of West Union, Iowa, is William E. Fuller, the only son of Dr. Levi and Jemima E. (Tipton) Fuller, born in Howard, Center county, Pennsylvania, March 30, 1846. After a residence of about six years in Stephenson county, Illinois, and one year in Green county, Wisconsin, the family came to West Union, Iowa, in April, 1853. Through his father he is a lineal descendant (tenth) from Edward Fuller and Governor William Bradford, who settled at Plymouth, Massachusetts, in 1620. Mr. Fuller received his literary education in the Upper Iowa University and State University of Iowa. He held a position in the interior department, Washington, D. C., in 1866-7. In the fall of 1869, after preliminary reading, he entered the law department of the State University, where he graduated with honors, as the valedictorian, in June, 1870. He immediately commenced the practice of his profession in West Union, continuing it with success, when not in official position, until June 1, 1907. Since this date his practice has been largely as a counsellor and he has given much of his time to general business.

During his active manhood Mr. Fuller has spent about sixteen years in official service. He has been chairman of the Republican county committee and a member of the district and state committees. In 1875 he was elected to the sixteenth General Assembly. He declined a renomination. He was elected in 1884 to the forty-ninth Congress, in a district which had been carried by the Democrats at a previous election by more than seven hundred majority. The district was regarded as a forlorn hope from the Republican standpoint, but energy and organization, which included fifty speeches by Mr. Fuller, overcame the odds and L. H. Weller, Democrat, was defeated. Mr. Fuller was an industrious and influential member of Congress, being a member of the committee on coinage, weights and measures and revision of the laws, taking an active part in the consideration of the silver question. He was re-elected to Congress in 1886 by one thousand nine hundred and thirty-one majority and served on the judiciary committee. He favored free lumber and



Mr. E. Fuller

free sugar in the tariff discussion and made speeches on the Fitz John Porter, silver, lumber, sugar, interstate commerce, pension bills and the Nicaragua canal bill. Mr. Fuller remained in Washington during the long session of the fiftieth Congress, the longest in the history of the country, and declined to return to Iowa and canvass for a third term. He has been in constant demand as a speaker and is often called upon to deliver Fourth of July addresses and to speak on Memorial days, county fairs and soldiers' reunions. After his return from Congress he devoted himself to his professional duties, but has often given his services to his party (Republican) on the stump.

In 1897 Mr. Fuller's home friends presented his name to the Republican state convention as a candidate for governor. There were nine candidates and the contest was a spirited one. Mr. Fuller's candidacy was well received and he had the solid support of his congressional district besides material strength from different parts of the state. After a good natured contest, lasting several days, Hon. L. M. Shaw was nominated.

President William McKinley, with whom Mr. Fuller had served four years in Congress, on March 9, 1901, nominated William E. Fuller assistant attorney-general of the United States for the Spanish treaty claims commission, and he was confirmed the same day by the Senate and immediately entered upon his duties. The Spanish treaty claims commission (the president of which was ex-senator William Chandler of New Hampshire) was one of the results of the treaty of Paris, following the Spanish-American war. In Article VII it was provided that "the United States will adjudicate and settle the claims of its citizens against Spain." This was a new field for Mr. Fuller. He was obliged to immediately acquaint himself with international law involved in the cases. A bureau had to be formed, assistant attorneys employed for the home office and to send to Cuba to take testimony, also clerks, interpreters, stenographers, etc. Mr. Fuller looked upon the cases with suspicion. In more than three-fourths of the cases the plaintiffs were originally Cubans, who had come to the United States to attend school or other purposes and while here were naturalized. They returned to Cuba, married, reared their children and never owned a dollar's worth of property in the United States or paid taxes. He also believed that there was such a condition of war in Cuba that there was no liability, under international law, on the part of Spain for damages growing out of military operations. There were many other interesting questions involved. Mr. Fuller believing that in a majority of the cases the plaintiffs were not bona fide citizens and believing that most of the damages incurred were not the result of military operations, conceded nothing and fought the cases with great determination. He was repeatedly told by at-

torneys for plaintiffs that he was making an uncalled-for fight for the government. There were five hundred forty-two cases filed before the court, the claims amounting to sixty-two million six hundred and seventy-two thousand seventy-seven dollars and seventy-eight cents; many of them over one million each and in one there was over four millions involved. Testimony had to be taken in United States, Cuba and Spain, and most of it taken in the Spanish language and translated into English. The work continued much longer than Mr. Fuller anticipated when he entered the service. When he resigned, June 1, 1907, over two-thirds of the cases had been determined and judgments allowed considerably less than three per cent. of the amount involved. Mr. Fuller was very anxious to continue the work to the end, but delays occurred beyond his control. His private business had been neglected and after serving from March 9, 1901, to June 1, 1907, he resigned and returned to West Union, and has since given his attention to his private affairs and general business.

William E. Fuller was married in Kossuth, Des Moines county, Iowa, January 1, 1868, to Lou J. Harper, the only child of William and Harriet (Heizer) Harper. She was a native of Des Moines county and was educated at the State University. Her parents were among the early settlers of Des Moines county, where her father had been a prominent citizen since 1842 and was a member of the Iowa Legislature in 1850 and again in 1870. He was the founder of the State Bank of Mediapolis and its president for over twenty years. He was an elder of the Presbyterian church for over fifty years. He died in his ninetieth year, December 31, 1908.

Mr. and Mrs. Fuller had a family of nine children, of whom seven are now living, four sons and three daughters, namely: Levi Harper, who was born December 10, 1868, is a practicing lawyer in Chicago; he married Bessie Brown, September 5, 1893, and they have two daughters, Dorothy and Elizabeth. Harriet May, born May 23, 1871, married C. W. Holbrook, July 24, 1895, now a lawyer in Okmulgee, Oklahoma; they have two sons, William Fuller and Carleton Joseph. Stella E., who was born February 2, 1875, married Rev. M. P. McClure, September 1, 1897, now pastor of the First Presbyterian church, Council Bluffs, Iowa; they have two children, Donald Fuller and Kathryn. Clara Augusta, born March 9, 1877, married Roy D. Carpenter, October 20, 1909, cashier of the Okmulgee State Bank, Oklahoma. William W., born January 28, 1880, married Edith Iva Smith, August 10, 1904; they have two children, Louise Adams and Margaret; he is district agent for the Northwestern Life Insurance Company and resides at Mandan, North Dakota. Howard Tipton, born September 13, 1884, is cashier of the Peoples Bank,

Mason City, Iowa; married Edith Evelyn Padden, April 3, 1907, and they have a daughter, Marion. Robert Edward, born December 6, 1888.

Mrs. William E. Fuller died, after a lingering illness, November 2, 1901. She was a woman of intense devotion to her children. She was possessed of rare judgment, keen intellect and a cultivated mind. Her home was always open to her friends. The entire community was deeply grieved when she passed from this life. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Mr. Fuller married a second time, his last wedding occurring December 10, 1903, in New York City, to Mrs. Clara McLean (Heath) Manning, who was born in New York City December 8, 1853, and who also traces her ancestral line back to Edward Fuller. She and her husband had a common ancestor, Samuel Fuller, about three hundred years ago. They reside in the old home-stand originally erected by Doctor Levi Fuller in 1872 at West Union and remodeled by them in 1907.

Mr. Fuller has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal church since he was sixteen years of age. Mrs. Fuller is a member of the Episcopal church. Mr. Fuller for many years was on the board of education in West Union; and was also a member of the board of trustees of Upper Iowa University. He is vice-president of the Fayette County National Bank.

Sufficient has been said to indicate Mr. Fuller's high character and eminent success in those lines of endeavor to which he has devoted his energies. With a mind enriched by years of close study and profound research, he has been eminently qualified for life's duties in every respect, being a vigorous and independent thinker and having the courage of his convictions on all matters and issues on which men and parties divide, a man of noble aims and high ideals, a progressive citizen with the welfare of his county at heart, and a splendid type of the broad minded, virile Americanism, which gives moral bone and sinew to the body politic and makes our country and its institutions honored among the nations of the earth. The biography of such a man as he may well serve for an example and inspiration to the youth who seriously meditate life, yet hesitate to lay the foundation for the stern realities of life which await them.

ELLIOTT PUTNAM.

The great Empire state has sent a vast number of enterprising citizens to northern Iowa and they have done a very commendable work in the development of the communities where they have cast their lots. Of those who have located in Fayette county, Elliott Putnam, a progressive farmer of Fair-

field township, is deserving of special mention here. He was born on December 9, 1852, in Syracuse, New York, and is the son of Lucian B. and Esther (Foster) Putnam, the father a native of New York state, born February 14, 1824, and died March 29, 1908. The mother was a native of Canada and died when her son, Elliott, of this review, was only two years of age. His parents were married in Canada and emigrated to Freeport, Illinois, in 1853, and Lucian B. Elliott's early life was spent in an iron foundry. After 1865 his principal occupation was farming. His father, Edward Elliott, was a lineal descendant of Gen. Israel Putnam, of Revolutionary fame. Lucian was three times married, first to Esther Foster, which union resulted in the birth of four children, three of whom survive: Helena B., now Mrs. Potter, of Fredericksburg, Iowa; Edward H., of Moline, Illinois; and Elliott, of this review. Lucian B. Putnam's second wife was Cynthia Crosby, which union continued for nearly forty years, when, on December 28, 1889, Mrs. Putnam was called to her reward, leaving one daughter, Estella, now Mrs. Thomas. Four years later, Mr. Putnam formed a matrimonial alliance with Mrs. Phoebe E. Thomas, who died October 6, 1896. Mr. Putnam was a man well liked and fairly successful in his life work. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and belonged to the Masonic order; he is described as a man of high ideals and tender affections.

In his boyhood days Elliott Putnam attended the district schools of his home community. He was married on April 27, 1887, to Caroline Nus, daughter of Hugo and Henriecka (Meisgeier) Nus, both natives of Germany, from which country they came to America in 1836, and they located in Fayette county, Iowa, in 1856, and Mr. Nus has become one of the wealthy and influential citizens of Fairfield township. He and his wife have become the parents of a large family, seventeen children.

Mr. and Mrs. Elliott Putnam began their married life on a farm in Clayton county, Iowa, which they later sold, and in 1907 purchased their present farm of one hundred and twenty acres in section 36, Fairfield township. Mr. Putnam, being a practical and modern farmer, has placed his farm under splendid improvements and has carried on general farming in a very successful manner. He has devoted considerable attention to stock raising and handles a good grade of all kinds of live stock, which, owing to their excellent quality, find a ready market. He has a very comfortable dwelling and good outbuildings.

Personally, Mr. Putnam is a man of generous impulses, genteel, kind, honorable, and he enjoys the confidence of his neighbors and acquaintances everywhere.

The family of Mr. and Mrs. Putnam consists of five children, three of their own and two sons of Mrs. Putnam's sister, now deceased; they are Ernest, born August 14, 1889; Arthur, born December 16, 1890; Bertha, born October 8, 1892; Marie, born January 12, 1897. Chester and Donald, the twins, are seven years old, and they are treated with just the same consideration as if they were the own children of Mr. and Mrs. Putnam. Mrs. Putnam is a member of the German Lutheran Evangelical church, and is a lady of many amiable traits. Her loving disposition is shown in caring for those little orphan children. She looks after them with all a mother's love and attention.

JOSEPH WAZLAWSKI.

Of the many Germans who have cast their lot with the people of Fayette county, Iowa, few of them have become the owners of neater homes and better tilled farms than Joseph Wazlawski, of Smithfield township, his splendid farm showing at a glance the thrift and good management of the owner. He was born on January 18, 1864, in Bromberg, Germany. His parents, John and Barbara Wazlawski, lived and died in the fatherland, and there his two sisters and two brothers still reside. Joseph came to America when fourteen years of age, in the year 1889, and located at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where he remained for six years. In 1895 he came to Fayette county, Iowa, and married Minnie Wagoner, daughter of Frederick and Minnie Wagoner; her father died in Germany when but forty-five years of age, and her mother came to the United States in 1890 and one year later, her daughter, Mrs. Wazlawski, crossed the Atlantic to our shores. The mother died September 7, 1907, and is buried at Oelwein, this county.

After their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Wazlawski moved to Wisconsin where they remained two years, then came to Fayette county, Iowa, and Mr. Wazlawski was soon engaged by the Great Western Railroad Company, with which he remained for a period of eight years, giving his employers very satisfactory service. By economy and tact he had saved enough money during that period to purchase his present splendid farm of two hundred and sixteen acres, on which he has placed substantial improvements, rendering it one of the choice farms of the township, well kept and managed in such a skillful manner as to reward its owner abundantly for his pains and labors as a general farmer. He recently built a large, modern and well arranged barn and poultry house, and in 1910 he had a deep well drilled, from which pipes

carried an abundant supply of water to tanks located conveniently for watering his stock, of which he keeps an excellent grade, and he engages extensively in feeding various kinds of livestock for the market, which, owing to their superior quality, always find ready sales. He has a very pleasant and well located home and, in fact, everything to make life desirable in the country, which, after all, is the most satisfactory. He is deserving of a great deal of credit for what he has accomplished, considering the fact that he started in life as a poor man, but by persistent hard work and good management he has become fairly well to do and ranks among our best farmers and best citizens in every sense of the word. He had but four hundred dollars when he began his married life.

To Mr. and Mrs. Wazlawski four children have been born, named as follows: Arthur, born May 10, 1892; Lena, born August 26, 1893; Hettie, born August 3, 1895; Carl, born April 28, 1897.

Religiously, the Lutheran church of Arlington claims Mr. and Mrs. Wazlawski's membership, and he is a Republican in politics.

JOHN C. ROBBINS.

One of the most active thoroughgoing farmers and enterprising and highly respected citizens of Illyria township, Fayette county, is John C. Robbins, who was born November 24, 1853. He is the son of Francis K. and Christina (Peters) Robbins, the father born in Vermont June 26, 1819, died November 19, 1909; the mother was born in Pennsylvania February 22, 1824, and died March 8, 1909. They were a fine old couple, highly honored by their neighbors. About 1850 they moved from Ohio to Jackson county, Iowa, where they remained a short time, then moved to Clayton county, this state, in 1853, having sold out their farm in the former place, which consisted partly of prairie land. Mr. Robbins was a very active and hard working man, and during his day cleared a great deal of land. He was a Republican and a member of the United Brethren church. Having followed farming all his life, in 1904 he retired and lived in Elgin, Iowa, though he remained active to his death. His family consisted of eleven children, named as follows: Clerinda, born April 21, 1843, married Rev. William Wenerich and she died about 1865; Jerome N., born December 24, 1845, is farming in Clayton county, Iowa; Mary Ann, born December 29, 1847, died in childhood; Maloa C., born July 23, 1851, married Gordon C. McCray and lives in Canada; John

C., of this review; Arvilla, born February 4, 1856, married, first, Ed. Copeland and second, George Stamp; both being deceased, she makes her home at Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Susan C., who was born April 23, 1859, married John D. Shaffer, of Illyria township, this county (see his sketch); Ida M., born November 30, 1862, married Ed. Patterson and lives in Elkader, Iowa; Amy M., born September 24, 1865, married Joe Layton, and lives in West Union; James H., born March 10, 1868, is farming near Volga, Iowa; he married Nellie Lamphier; Elnora, who was born June 23, 1872, is the wife of Ed. Klingman and lives at Elgin, Iowa.

John C. Robbins, of this review, attended the home schools and remained under his parental roof-tree until 1880. On February 25th of that year he married Hattie Klingman, of Highland township, Clayton county, Iowa, and this union has resulted in the birth of five children, named as follows: Francis L., born January 17, 1882, was educated in the home schools, graduating from the schools at Fayette, Iowa, in 1909, also attended the State University at Madison, Wisconsin, which conferred upon him the degree of Master of Arts; he is now principal of the schools at Rosendale, Wisconsin; in August, 1900, he married Frances T. Medbury, of Illyria township, this county. Edna M. Robbins, who was born September 26, 1884, was educated in the home schools, graduated at Fayette, Iowa, in 1909 and is now teaching at St. Paul, Nebraska, in the normal there, having previously taught in the public schools of her home community. Elizabeth C. Robbins, born on November 18, 1888, died in infancy. Emerald C., born March 17, 1899, was educated in the local schools, graduated from the high school at Fayette, Iowa, in 1909 and is living at home. Edward J., born April 14, 1895, was educated in the local schools and is living at home.

After their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. John C. Robbins located near Randallia, Iowa, on a farm; remaining there two years they sold out and went to Clayton county, Iowa, and lived in Highland township one year, then went to Custer county, Nebraska, and got a half section of land and remained there eight years, when they sold out and bought two hundred acres in sections 11 and 12, Illyria township, Fayette county, Iowa. Since coming here Mr. Robbins made all the improvements on the place and brought it to a high state of cultivation, until it now ranks with the best farms of the county. He has a very comfortable and substantial residence and such outbuildings as his needs require. Besides carrying on general farming he also devotes considerable attention to stock raising, especially short horn cattle, Duroc hogs, and some good grades of horses and sheep. Recently he has rented this farm and bought property in Fayette, where he now lives in order to give

his children the benefit of attendance at the Upper Iowa University, and he expects to retire from active farming. The children, Edna and Francis, are graduates from the university, and Emerald and Edmond expect to take a full course there.

Politically he is a Republican and a member of the Methodist Episcopal church; he is regarded as a very painstaking farmer, a good neighbor and a man who is interested in the general growth of his county.

LOUIS C. NUS.

A man who has been conspicuously identified with the material growth of his section of Fayette county is Louis C. Nus, and to him nature has not denied a fair measure of success in connection with agricultural pursuits, for he has been a very persistent worker and his present valuable farmstead would indicate that he is a good manager as well. His birth occurred in this county, on September 14, 1858, and he is the son of Hugo and Henreicka (Meisgeier) Nus, both natives of Germany, the father born September 4, 1836, and the mother on October 21, 1837. They came to America in 1853 and were married at Cleveland, Ohio, on April 9, 1855. They came to Fayette county, Iowa, in 1856, and located on his present farm, he having begun life in this county as a day laborer, he being one of the many pioneer settlers of this locality who began their careers here in this way; but being a hard worker and persistent he accumulated rapidly and is now the owner of a large farm, well improved.

Louis C. Nus, of this review, is the third of his father's family of seventeen children. He received a common school education, remaining with his father until he became of age, when he began life as a day laborer, saving his wages until at the close of three years he had one thousand dollars of his earnings. In 1891 he purchased the farm on which he lives at present and he has been very successful as a general farmer and has a very comfortable home. He was married on April 5, 1888, to Mary Semm, daughter of Christian and Margaret Semm, natives of Germany, from which country they emigrated to America in 1853, and settled in Fayette county, Iowa, where they purchased a farm, in which occupation Mr. Sem has been very successful; he is now living in Arlington at the age of seventy-two years, his wife having died in March, 1889, and is buried in Taylorsville cemetery. Three children, all living, were born to them, namely: Fred, August, and Mary, wife of Mr. Nus,



LOUIS C. NUS.



MRS. MARY NUS.

whose birth occurred May 1, 1863; and she grew to maturity and was educated in her native community.

Mr. and Mrs. Nus began their married life on rented land, moving to their present home in 1891, into a small frame house where they lived until 1899, when they built a modern and beautiful residence, which is furnished with all modern conveniences, acetylene lights having been recently installed, having their own plant. Thousands of yards of cement have been used for walks about the place, also for flooring and water-tanks, and an excellent silo has been built, in the barn, of cement. It is probable that no better facilities for breeding and feeding stock can be found in the county than at Mr. Nus's place. He is a splendid mechanic and has provided his work-shop with all kinds of tools and he does most of his own repairing. Everything about the place shows thrift and prosperity and exceptionally good management. No small part of Mr. Nus's success has been due to the encouragement and assistance of Mrs. Nus, who is a broad-minded woman and always very industrious.

Adding to his first purchase, Mr. Nus now has a farm of one hundred and ninety-two acres and timber land.

Mr. and Mrs. Nus are the parents of three children, namely: Anna, born October 25, 1891, takes much pleasure in music in which she has taken special instructions and has much more than ordinary talent; Glen, born December 23, 1895; Alyia, born August 24, 1892.

Politically, Mr. Nus is a Republican, and both he and his wife are members of the Lutheran church, well known and popular in the local congregation and in all circles in the township which has long been honored by their citizenship.

PHILIP LENHART.

We delight to honor such men as Philip Lenhart, a well known and highly respected citizen of Fairfield township, who, for a period of forty years, has resided in Fayette county, and most of his time has not only been a witness to its growth and development, but has also been an active participant in its industrial enterprises. A substantial and forceful factor in all that tends to promote the material prosperity of the locality where he cast his lot in the early days, it is indeed proper that appropriate mention be made of him.

Mr. Lenhart was born August 14, 1841, in Baden, Germany, and when twelve years of age he emigrated to America with his father, Martin, and his

brother, Peter, his mother, Mrs. Catherine Lenhart, having died in her native land in 1842, the father surviving her over a half century, dying in 1894 at an advanced age. The Lenharts reached our shores on July 4, 1863. They first located at Freeport, Illinois, and the date of their arrival in Fayette county, Iowa, was December, 1864, having at that time purchased forty acres near Mr. Lenhart's present home, having selected a good place in section 24, Fairfield township, where they established a very comfortable home.

Philip Lenhart received a very limited education, but contact with the world and home reading has made him a very well informed man. He has been three times married, first to Catherine Eckhart, on February 13, 1864. She was born December 15, 1840, and died January 14, 1891, and ten children were born to this union, namely: Mary, wife of M. Fry; Fredericka, wife of L. Roberts; Ella, wife of George Jacobs; Michael; John; Emma, the wife of C. Morf; Hattie, deceased; Katie is the wife of A. Smith; George and Fred. The father of these children was married to his second wife, Caroline Osmus, October 23, 1889, and her death occurred in 1895. Mr. Lenhart married his third wife, Katie Meyres, April 14, 1896.

Mr. Lenhart talks most interestingly of the pioneer days and of the subsequent development of the county, which he has witnessed for more than four decades. He hauled his grain and dressed hogs to the nearest market, McGregor, Iowa, for some years after locating here. There was plenty of wild game in the uncut forests and on the uncultivated prairies when they came here, and he and his father and brother lived principally on rabbit and "johnny cake" during their first winter here. He recalls a time when a band of Indians, led by a chief, passed his home on their way to some northern hunting grounds, and, noticing a peacock in his yard, stopped and asked for tail feathers. He gave them the feathers and after they had been placed in the head-gear of the red men the Indians showed their pleasure and appreciation by forming a circle in the door-yard and dancing a "joy" dance.

Mr. Lenhart is a very successful farmer and has been a good manager from his youth up. He has made extensive and modern improvements on his farm. He has a large and well arranged building especially designed for breeding and feeding hogs, and in point of convenience and cost is second to none in the county. He keeps a good grade of all kinds of stock and he takes the very best of care of them. His sons, Michael and John, who have remained on the farm with their father, take a great deal of interest in stock-raising and are considered two of the progressive young farmers of the township, and, like their father, are highly respected by all who know them. Mr. Lenhart has twenty-one grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. In politics he is a straight Democrat.

CLARENCE M. DEMING.

Success has been worthily obtained by Clarence M. Deming, who is today counted one of the industrious farmers and substantial citizens of Fairfield township, and by hard work and close application he has won his present station in life, rather than depend upon influential friends to show him the road to comfort and prosperity. He was born January 30, 1861, in this county, and is the son of George and Mary (Mead) Deming, his father a native of Ohio and the mother born in Michigan. They were married in Fayette county, Iowa, in 1860 and began their married life on rented land. In 1865 they purchased forty acres in section 25, and made this their home until 1889, when they moved to Arlington, having been successful in farming their place in Fairfield township. The mother died in 1894, and is buried in Reed's cemetery. The father is now living at the age of seventy-four years, making his home with his daughter, who keeps house for him. Mr. Deming is a well known and respected citizen, and although he has been in failing health for some years he retains his fortitude and cheerfulness which has characterized his life in the past and made him many friends wherever he has cast his lot.

Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. George Deming, six of whom are living at this writing, namely: Effie, Mrs. Flower; Hattie, Mrs. Richards; Florence, Mrs. Rawson; Birtha is clerking in a store; Fern married a Mr. Foster; those deceased are Glenn and Lottie.

Clarence M. Deming received a common school education in the schools of his native community and in his youth assisted with the work on the home place. On January 1, 1889, he married Ida Stetter, daughter of Rev. George Stetter, of the German Methodist church, having filled the pulpits in his regular charges at Sioux City, Freeport, Iowa, and Galena, Illinois. He is a native of Germany and a man of much influence in the church.

Mr. and Mrs. Deming began their married life on his present farm of one hundred and twenty acres in section 26, in Fairfield township. It is safe to say that there are few farmers in Fayette county who have more or better improvements on their farms than have been placed here by Mr. Deming. Whatever he does is done well, and thoroughness, close application and persistency have been keynotes to his success. Besides general farming, he has long handled a great deal of stock and is a breeder of some excellent grades. He has prepared his buildings for watering and feeding where he can take the very best care of all kinds of stock. His farm seems well adapted to the raising of grains, grasses,—in fact, most anything suited to this latitude. He has a neat and substantial home and splendid outbuildings of all kinds.

Fraternally, Mr. Deming is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, and, politically, he is a Republican. Mrs. Deming and her daughters take much interest not only in beautifying the home, but in poultry raising and the general success of the farm. The two daughters are Pearl, born December 20, 1890, and Emogene, born November 29, 1894; they both have a good common school education.

D. GEORGE ECKHEART.

A man who has not only been thrifty, but who has been able to do the community where he lives much good by giving of his time and influence to its advancement is D. G. Eckheart, farmer and stock man, of Fairfield township, Fayette county. Starting as he did with small capital and having never received aid from anyone, the splendid property which he has acquired shows that he has been a man of excellent business ability and exercised good judgment throughout his career. He was born August 4, 1867, in this county, and he is the son of Michael and Fredericka (Heiden) Eckheart, both natives of Germany, the father having come to the United States with his parents when a boy, in about 1850. The family settled in Fayette county, Iowa, and purchased the present Eckheart farm, and engaged successfully in general agricultural pursuits, becoming well established here, also in Clayton county where they purchased land many years ago and on which they located. Both of the paternal grandparents of D. G. Eckheart are deceased, the grandfather dying at the age of seventy-seven years and his wife in 1867, and they are buried at Taylorsville, this county. Michael Eckheart, father of D. G., received a common school education, and in 1866 he married and moved on his father's farm, now the home of the subject. The father carried on general farming and in 1897 moved to Arlington; his death occurred in 1903, at the age of sixty-one years, his wife surviving until 1909, dying at the age of sixty-six years, and they are both buried at Taylorsville cemetery. They had many friends in this community. They were the parents of six children, of whom four are living, namely: Emma, now Mrs. Stout; Ella, Charles and D. G. Fred and Philip are deceased.

D. G. Eckheart received a common school education and grew to manhood on the home farm. On May 8, 1895, he married Emma M. Meisgeier, who was born October 15, 1871, the daughter of Carl and Catherine (Huepsch) Meisgeier. Her father was a native of Germany who came to

this country in 1852 and located in Fayette county, Iowa, in 1855, and he is a well known and respected farmer in Fairfield township, where he owns a good farm.

Mr. Eckheart began his married life on a rented farm. In 1903 he purchased his father's homestead and has since that time devoted his attention to improving the place, which he has made yield abundantly. His farm contains one hundred and ninety-five acres and is located in one of the best sections of the county. He gives special attention to raising Poland-China hogs, keeping some excellent breeds,—in fact, he keeps a good grade of all kinds of stock. He has a good home and his farm is one of the desirable places in this township. He belongs to the fraternal order of Yeomen and is a Democrat in politics. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Eckheart, Carrol, born in 1901; Gertrude, born in 1903, and Harry, born in 1910. Mrs. Eckheart belongs to the German Evangelical Lutheran church of St. Sebold.

ERNEST L. NUS.

A man who has made a success of farming and stock raising because he has worked consistently and along proper lines and relied upon his own judgment rather than seeking the opinions of others and waiting for someone else to do his work, is Ernest L. Nus, a well established farmer in Fairfield township, Fayette county, who was born September 12, 1869, in this county. He is the son of Hugo and Henreicka Nus, a well known and highly respected family of this county, the elder Nus being a wealthy farmer who came to the United States from Germany, locating in Fayette county, in 1853, without a dollar, but who, by characteristic German energy and thrift, has accumulated one of the most valuable and best improved farms in the county. He and his wife perhaps have the largest family of children, there being seventeen in number, of any family in the county.

Ernest Nus remained on the home farm, assisting with the general work about the place until he was of age. He received a good common school education, and began life for himself as a laborer; he saved his earnings and when he had a sufficient capital purchased a Percheron-Norman horse for breeding purposes. This investment proved very successful and in a few years he had other valuable imported horses. The Percheron-Normans have always been his favorites, although he has kept various grades of the equine family, and, being by nature an exceptionally good judge of a horse,

he has been unusually successful in this respect, those he desired to place on the market finding ready sales, and his stock has long been greatly admired throughout this locality. He has favored Belgian horses and at the present time he has a number of excellent stallions of different ages, also a number of thoroughbred mares, all of which are valued at several thousand dollars. He also has a fine herd of Aberdeen-Angus cattle, and is a breeder of Duroc-Jersey hogs. In fact, no man is better known as a stock breeder in Fayette county. He is the owner of one of the county's choice farms, well improved and carefully tilled, and he has a very pleasant home and has built large and convenient barns for the care of his different lines of livestock.

Mr. Nus has never assumed the responsibilities of the married state. His brother, Richard Nus and wife, keeping house for him in his residence and assisting him with the general farm work and handling the livestock. In view of the fact that he started in life empty handed, he is certainly deserving of the large success that has attended his efforts. Religiously, he belongs to the German Evangelical Lutheran church, to which he contributes liberally, while in politics he votes for the best man irrespective of party.

JOHN CONRAD WILKEN.

For a number of years John Conrad Wilken, well known merchant of Arlington, Fairfield township, Fayette county, Iowa, had been a potent factor in promoting the progress of this community along social, business, intellectual and civic lines, being an up to date business man and public-spirited citizen, progressive in all that the term implies, consequently his name well deserves a place in the record of Fayette county's representative citizens. He was born November 3, 1868, in Hanover, Germany, and there grew to maturity and was educated in the schools of his vicinity. Believing that America offered special inducements for one of his temperament, he emigrated to our shores in June, 1883, when but fourteen years of age, and located at Monticello, Iowa, there finding employment on a farm on which he remained four years,

Because of ill health, he quit farm work and started to learn the harness-maker's trade at Monticello. Upon completing his trade he went to Strawberry Point, Clayton county, and worked at it for a time. In 1892 he came to Fayette county and located at Arlington, then known as Brush Creek, and here engaged in the harness and saddlery business, opening a shop on July 22d of that year, and he has remained here continuously to the present time, having

built up a very extensive business from an humble beginning, starting with a capital of but a few hundred dollars, now carrying a complete line of harness, saddles, hardware, farming implements, robes, gloves, rain coats, and numerous other similar articles, a large and carefully selected stock, that would invoice several thousand dollars. He has long enjoyed a very liberal patronage, his customers coming from all over this part of the county, and they have always received such honest and courteous treatment that they have not only remained his patrons but his friends also. He owns the neat and substantial room in which he carries on his business, also an attractive and comfortable residence property. He was one of the principal organizers of the German-American National Bank, recently launched successfully at Arlington, a sound and popular institution which bids fair to be one of the leading banks of the county. Mr. Wilken is vice-president of the same, and one of the principal stockholders, and his name as such gives this institution great prestige, he being regarded as a man of scrupulously honest principles in all his relations with his fellow men and a business man of rare foresight and acumen, keen discernment and a man who makes few mistakes in his calculations, consequently he has established a good credit and has the confidence of all classes. He carries the largest and most complete line of any store in Arlington,—in fact, his stock would do credit to a much larger town.

Mr. Wilken is an active member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, having passed all the chairs in the local lodge; he is also a member of the Modern Woodmen of America. He very ably served as a member of the town council for three years, during which time he did much for the permanent good of Arlington,—in fact he has never lost an opportunity to do what he could in the upbuilding of the place.

Mr. Wilken was married on October 6, 1892, to Emma E. Schoeppe, daughter of Ernest and Augusta Schoeppe, both natives of Germany, from which country they came to America about 1860, and located in Clayton county, Iowa, where Mr. Schoeppe engaged in the retail meat business, being a butcher by trade, for many years carrying on a good business at Strawberry Point, where Mr. and Mrs. Wilken were married, which union has resulted in the birth of four children, two of whom are deceased; they are, Louise, born January 27, 1894, and Lola B., born December 19, 1904, are both living at home; Ernest, born July 10, 1895, died May 14, 1905; the other child died in infancy, unnamed.

Personally, Mr. Wilken is a pleasant man to meet, genial, kind, straightforward, unassuming, and considering the fact that he has attained to a very

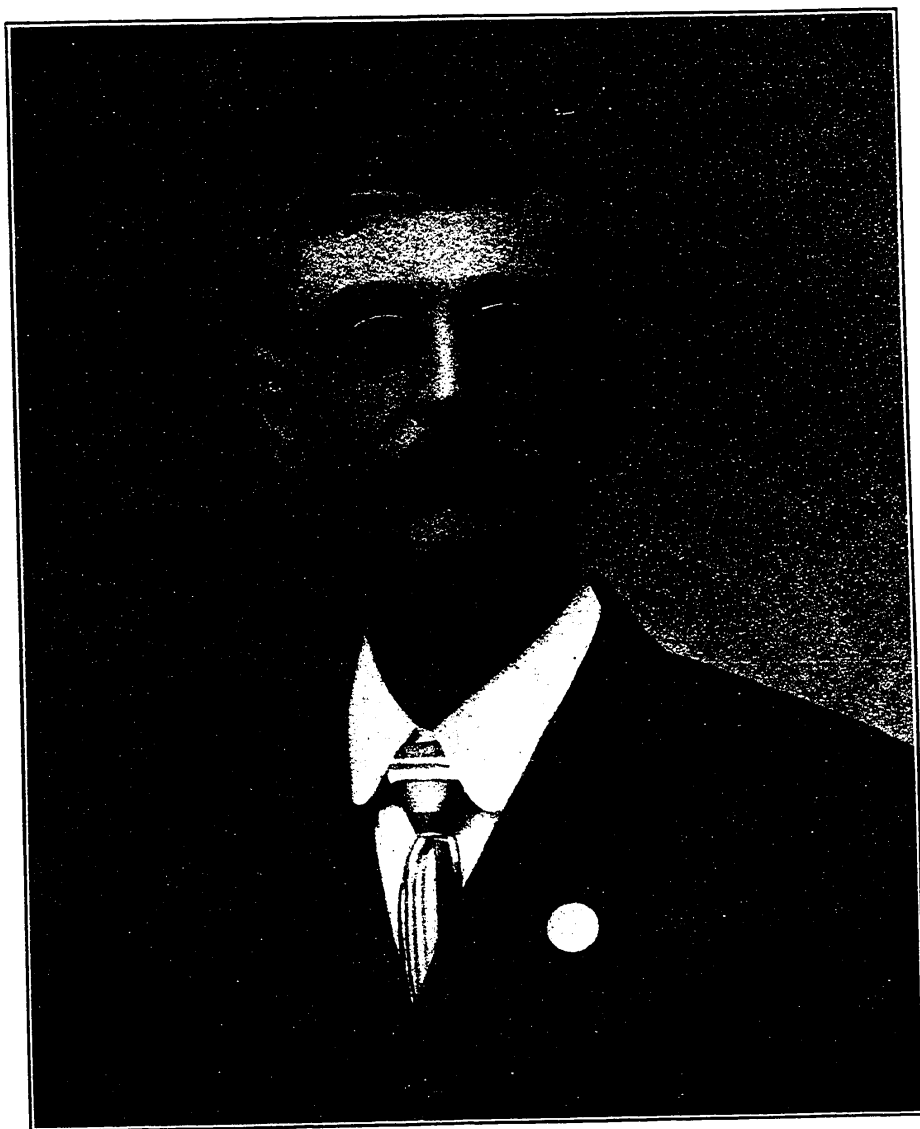
substantial and comfortable station in life, notwithstanding the fact that he started out under unfavorable environment, would indicate that he is the possessor of sterling qualities and is deserving of the high esteem in which he is universally held.

PETER WOODRING.

One of the most conspicuous characters in the Hawkeye state who is laboring for the uplift of the boys and who has done a noble and commendable work in fostering the basic principles whereby the American youth may become useful and leading citizens of the future generation is Peter Woodring, of Oelwein, Fayette county, who has also won the plaudits of his fellow men as a temperance worker, often laboring with disregard to his own interests if he could thereby aid ever so little in eradicating that dangerous traffic in souls, the blackest gangrene in our body politic. He has prosecuted many cases against violations of liquor laws and done much toward law enforcement at his own expense, and in this work he has had an able ally in his wife, who is president of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union in Oelwein and a very active temperance worker.

Peter Woodring was born in Northampton county, Pennsylvania, in 1844, the son of Peter and Elizabeth (Heil) Woodring, both natives of Pennsylvania and both of German descent. When Peter Woodring, Sr., was five and one-half years old the family moved to Stevenson county, Illinois, locating near Freeport. The father was a local preacher in the German Evangelical church, and he followed the trade of cabinetmaker in Cedarville, near Freeport. He was a good and useful man and he took a delight in assisting worthy causes. His death occurred in 1859, having been preceded to the grave in 1855 by his wife.

One of the interesting chapters in the life of Peter Woodring is that bearing on his military career, which began the 1st of September, 1861, when he enlisted in Company H, Thirty-seventh Illinois Volunteer Infantry, General Black's regiment, in the Army of the Frontier. He was in the battle of Pea Ridge, Arkansas, an Prairie Grove, both hotly contested engagements; he was slightly wounded at the siege of Fort Blakely, one of the defenses of Mobile. After that Mr. Woodring was sent to Texas, where he remained until a year after the war closed. He saw active service through the siege of Vicksburg and at the capture of Mobile. He was mustered out at Springfield, Illinois, May 30, 1866. Mr. Woodring then came directly to Waverly,



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Iowa, and learned the cabinetmaker's trade with his brothers, who had located there, under the firm name of Woodring Brothers, who then conducted an extensive furniture business there, with whom he remained until 1876, becoming proficient in this line of work. In the winter of 1868 and 1869 he maintained a shop at Plainfield for a few months. Owing to an explosion in the engine of the saw-mill where he obtained his lumber, he moved to Clarksville, Butler county, Iowa, and remained there one year, then sold out his shop and returned to his brothers' establishment at Waverly. In the spring of 1876 he started in business at Sumner, in the furniture and undertaking business. Ten years later he sold out and came to Oelwein. He was then an ordained minister in the United Brethren church and he traveled for several years, doing a great deal of good wherever he went, for he was always an earnest and forceful speaker. He has recently been following the carpenter's trade, but is now devoting a great deal of his time in his work as state organizer for Boys Trimmer Clubs, an organization having for its object the "trimming off" of bad habits, encouraging boys to earn and save money—an entirely benevolent association which costs the boys nothing. He is arousing a great deal of interest in the work and, being a man whom the young people naturally like, he is undoubtedly the right man in this work.

Mr. Woodring was married in 1868 to Mary Jane Fague, who at that time lived near Waverly, Iowa, her people being well established in Bremer county. She is the daughter of Daniel and Delilah (Murphy) Fague. Her maternal grandfather, Rev. James Murphy, was one of the oldest United Brethren ministers in Iowa. He traveled over the state when it was a wild prairie, he being one of the best known of the pioneer ministers.

To Mr. and Mrs. Peter Woodring ten children were born, eight of whom are living, namely: Clara E. married Christopher B. Biggle, residing in Oelwein, and they are the parents of six children, Norma, Lloyd, Myrtle, Glen, Lola and Paul; Alberto I. married Martha Wismer, superintendent of the Waterloo, Cedar Falls & Northern railway, with headquarters at Waterloo, and they are the parents of three children, Galie, Alberta and Ruth; Nora lives in Oelwein with her parents; Lila married Joseph L. Blunt and has two children, Clara and Zella, and they live in Oelwein; Ada lives at home with her parents; Pearl married D. B. Miller, living in Lamar, Missouri, and they are the parents of three daughters, Naomi, Leta and Maxine; Mr. Miller is a piano tuner; Henry Edward Woodring married Byril Muckler and lives in San Jose, California, and this union has resulted in the birth of one daughter, Allene; he graduated from the Oelwein Busi-

ness University, and is in the office of the Pacific Gas & Electric Company; Laura Ethel Woodring married W. D. Rohrback, an engineer on the Chicago Great Western railroad; they live at Clarion, Wright county, Iowa, and are the parents of one son, Duane. The ninth child born to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Woodring died in infancy, and Etta, the youngest child, died when about eighteen months old.

Since 1881 Mr. Woodring has been a Prohibitionist, and has attended many conventions, having been a delegate to the national convention at Columbus, Ohio, in 1908, a most memorable political gathering. Mr. Woodring is an elder in the Christian church; he teaches a class of boys there and takes a great deal of interest in the same. He is also manager and president of the local Boys Trimmer Club, consisting of about seventy members. He has won hosts of friends wherever his lot has been cast, owing to his genuine worth, his readiness to assist his fellow men, his kindness, generosity, and the good he has done. The seeds of help he has sown and the sunshine he has scattered broadcast over the land cannot be adequately measured, yet he is unassuming and meek in the performance of the Master's business.

FRANKLIN S. FORTNEY.

Among the citizens of Fayette county who have built up a highly creditable reputation and have distinguished themselves by right and honorable living is the subject of this brief review. His success has been achieved by close, persistent and well directed effort. The parents of Franklin S. Fortney, Adam and Emily (Dewey) Fortney, were both natives of the state of Pennsylvania, where they were married on May 19, 1842, and it was in that state that Franklin S. Fortney was born on June 30, 1852. In 1853 they removed to Ohio and after making their home in that state for four years, they removed, in 1857, to Iowa, locating in Clayton county. They decided, however, to make their permanent home in Fayette county and took up their residence in Fayette. They were lifelong members of the Methodist Episcopal church, in the work of which they took an active interest. Mr. Fortney was a Republican in politics, but never aspired to office. During the period of Indian warfare he served with the Sixth Iowa Cavalry. Their children, other than Franklin S., the subject of this sketch, were Mariamney, who married J. Carnine; Samuel; Lydia, who became the wife of William June; Cornelia, who is now Mrs. Augustua Allen; Bradley, Lester and Everett.

Mr. Fortney's domestic life began on October 2, 1876, when he was united in marriage with Emily Rice, daughter of George D. and Lucy J. Rice. Both parents were natives of Carroll county, in New York state, and were married there July 6, 1852. One daughter was born to them while they were still living in the East, and the other in Iowa, the first being Mrs. Fortney, the second now Mrs. Nancy H. Norton. Mr. and Mrs. Rice, in 1863, left their home in New York, and, coming to Iowa, decided to make their home in Fayette county, and purchased a farm in Fairfield township, which is now owned by Mr. and Mrs. Fortney. It was at this place that Mr. Rice passed away on January 31, 1893, the interment taking place at Taylorsville.

Mr. and Mrs. Fortney began their married life in Taylorsville, where Mr. Fortney followed the carpenter trade, but after a few years he decided to give up this calling and devote his brains and energy to farming. By hard, intelligent work and good management he was able, in 1898, to purchase the homestead of Mrs. Fortney's father, where they still live. Due to their well directed efforts this farm is now one of the choicest places in the township. It has been well improved, is furnished with all modern equipments and is kept in a high state of cultivation. Mr. Fortney devotes his attention exclusively to general farming and stock raising, and the results show the work of a careful, up to date farmer. Politically, Mr. Fortney is a Republican. He is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America. Mr. and Mrs. Fortney have two children: Polly, who is married to Fred Hetzel, and they have four children, Emma H., Helen Fern, Henrietta May and Lulu Ruth. Their second child, a son named George, is married to Nettie Potter, and their children are Franklin A. and Harry C. The farms of both children adjoin the home place and are similarly well kept and highly cultivated. Mr. and Mrs. Fortney are both well and pleasantly known throughout their community and their example is one to be emulated.

FREDERICK L. ERNST.

When passing through a neighborhood whose outward appearances indicate particular thrift, one is tempted to ask if it be not a German community, for no other people are more thrifty, more careful managers, nor put all their affairs on a more solid foundation, in farming as well as other business, than do Americans of German descent. Here is a man who is a type of such a class.

Frederick L. Ernst was born in Laks county, Ohio, July 26, 1854. His father, Freidrich D. Ernst, was born in Wittenbar, Germany, March 21, 1833, and came to this country as an infant the same year. Fred Ernst, his father, located first in Ohio, then moved to Iowa. Freidrich D. was married in Lake county, Ohio, October 13, 1853, to Lozetta Klingman, born in Baden, Germany, August 14, 1833, who had come to America with her parents in 1850. Her parents died in Ohio. In 1857 Freidrich came to Highland township, Clayton county, Iowa, took up wild land and improved it. Afterwards he moved to Elgin, and then to Elkader, where he died May 1, 1908. His wife died at Elgin, March 20, 1906. He was a farmer, a member of the Universalist church, and a strong Republican. No man in the county had a better reputation for honesty and uprightness in all his dealings.

Freidrich and Lozetta Ernst were the parents of eight children; Frederick L., the subject of this sketch; Louisa R., born May 17, 1856, married C. M. Fritz, died in 1883; Lozetta A., born October 14, 1858, married Fred Reicher, died October 9, 1888; Albert E., born July 22, 1860, died March 28, 1863; Ella, born February 25, 1862, married Albert Rawson, and died in March, 1900; Mary, born October 20, 1872, died October, 1875; Annie V., born June 2, 1869, married John Layton, of Elkader; Cora May, born April 28, 1876, married Burt Doty, died May 22, 1898.

Frederick L. Ernst had only a common school education. He lived with his father until December 6, 1882, when he married Elizabeth J. Peters, of Pleasant Valley township, daughter of Alex W. Peters, formerly of Virginia, and Margaret Jane Mattox, formerly of Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Peters now live on his farm in Illyria township and are the parents of seven children: Elizabeth J., wife of the subject of this sketch; Robert, of Clayton county; Mary H., living at home; Margaret R., of Oklahoma; Malvina A. married M. L. Klingman, of Wadena; William, a farmer near Volga City; Wallace, living at home. Mr. and Mrs. Ernst have two sons, Walter W., born September 30, 1883, and Robert H., born April 7, 1887. These sons are farming on the old home place.

After marriage Mr. Ernst lived in Illyria township for four years, then in 1886 purchased the farm of one hundred and ninety-six acres on which he has since resided. One hundred acres of this are in a high state of cultivation. He has devoted his time mostly to general farming, raising corn, oats, hay, and barley, but has made something of a specialty of graded stock, of Poland-China hogs and Norman horses. All of the improvements on his farm have been made since his occupation, and most of the buildings have been

built by his own hands. He is a Republican. Mrs. Ernst is a member of the United Brethren church.

Mr. Ernst's success has been largely due to his hard work, but he has been exceptionally fortunate in his splendid helpmate who has been a good manager and the kindest of mothers. He has many firm friends in the county.

CHRIS WENGER.

Of those who lived in Illyria township, Fayette county, during a past generation, winning the high esteem of their neighbors, laboring successfully for the good of themselves and family and also for the general upbuilding of the community, thereby making the world better because they lived in it and left behind them the example of worthy imitation, was the late Chris Wenger, a kind, whole-souled, generous man who will long be well remembered here. He was born in Ohio on October 27, 1855, and he was the son of John and Magdalena Wenger, both natives of Bern, Switzerland, where they grew to maturity and married, coming to America and locating in Ohio. In 1859 they came to Clayton county, Iowa, and settled in Marion township and there the parents both spent the remainder of their lives, being now deceased. The father devoted his life to farming and became very comfortably situated in this country.

Chris Wenger received a common school education, and on February 19, 1879, he married Caroline Kohler, who was born in Bern, Switzerland, the daughter of Fred and Mary Ann (Kreps) Kohler, both natives of Switzerland. They came to America in 1858 and located in Fayette, Iowa. Mr. Kohler was a butcher by trade and also had a farm; his death occurred on July 26, 1906, and his wife is making her home with Mrs. Chris Wenger, wife of the subject. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kohler, Mrs. Wenger and Rose, the wife of Fred Reitz.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Chris Wenger lived in Clayton county, Iowa, two years, then came to Illyria township, Fayette county, and purchased one hundred and sixty acres, also bought ninety acres in Highland township, Clayton county. Mr. Wenger followed the butcher business in connection with general farming and stock raising and was very successful in whatever he undertook. He made all the splendid improvements on his farm and built a fine home. He took a delight in keeping everything up to the standard about his place, and took especial pains in raising good horses and

hogs. He was a hard working man and a good manager. He operated an extensive meat market at Elgin, Iowa, for a period of five years, and was also connected with the Elgin creamery.

To Mr. and Mrs. Wenger fifteen children were born, named as follows: Rose H., born May 30, 1880, is a stenographer at Waterloo, Iowa; Alfred, born January 10, 1882, married Lena Kreuger, and is farming in Pleasant Valley township, Clayton county, Iowa; Louis was born October 1, 1883; John was born May 25, 1885; Fred, born February 3, 1887; Will born November 24, 1888; Ida, born September 7, 1890; Christ, born January 12, 1892; Edward, born August 23, 1893; Lena, born March 5, 1895; Harry, born November 15, 1896; Charles, born September 8, 1898; Mary, born June 29, 1900; Walter, born May 19, 1902; Martin, born December 29, 1903. These children, with the exception of the two oldest, are all at home and they and their mother carry on the farm very successfully.

The death of Christ Wenger occurred on May 10, 1908. He was a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, Lodge No. 8376, Highland township. Politically, he was a Democrat and held several minor offices, including that of school director. He was well known in this part of the county and had numerous warm friends who admired him for his stability of character, his honesty, genial nature and because of his success, being a purely self-made man.

EDWARD EUGENE GEHRING.

The farmers who are most successful are those who, not content with general farming merely, devote much of their time to some specialty by which they not only increase pecuniary profits in gaining for themselves and their products a reputation, but obtain a great deal more of satisfaction out of life. The subject of this sketch, who, by attention to stock breeding, has made his farm known for miles around, is doing far more for the benefit of the race than he himself thinks.

Edward Eugene Gehring was born in Illyria township, December 23, 1864, the son of George Gehring, who was born in Germany, September 25, 1830, and Josephine Ruethner Gehring, born in Germany, January 26, 1831. His mother's first husband was Carl Sebastian Kniel, who died in Ohio, leaving her with one son, Carl Sebastian, now a merchant at Elgin, Iowa. She came to Iowa in 1849. George Gehring came to America as a young man, lo-

cated in Ohio, and then moved to Elkader, Iowa, where he was married. In 1857 he came to this county and took up land in Illyria township. He erected a log house and stable, and made a home there, working and improving the farm, on which he lived until killed by lightning, July 24, 1869. His wife remained on the place until her death, May 6, 1895. They were loyal members of the Catholic church. Six children were the result of their marriage: Caroline, born January 31, 1858, died February 20, 1858; Franklin G., born March 1, 1859, now a farmer in Elgin, Iowa; William M., born February 25, 1861, now a blacksmith and wagonmaker in Jennings, Oklahoma; Albert J., born November 5, 1862, now a farmer in Elgin; Edward E.; and Frederick G., born March 25, 1867, now a merchant in Elgin.

Edward E. was educated in the home schools and has always lived on the home place. On May 26, 1891, he married Louisa Beers, born in Clayton county, the daughter of Christian and Maria (Schori) Beers, who were born in Bern, Switzerland, he in 1834 and she in 1839, and came with their parents to Clayton county, where they were married. Mr. Beers farmed in Marion township and at Highland and now, having retired, lives at Elkader. He is the father of ten children, seven of whom reached maturity: Evelina, who married John Kohler, of Elgin; Wilbur, dead; Albert, dead; William, contractor of Brooklyn, New York; Louisa; Ella, who married Robert Schmidt, of Elkader; Anna, married William Ebendorf, of Waukon, Iowa; Amelia, married William Davidson, of Elkader; and Edward.

Edward E. and Louisa Gehring are the parents of five children: Mabel, born May 23, 1892; Carl G., born September 26, 1897; Dorris M., born November 12, 1901; Lester E., born August 26, 1904; Florence, born November 4, 1908.

Edward E. and his brother Albert bought out the heirs to his father's farm in 1891 and in 1902 Albert sold his interest to Edward E., who has made the improvements on the place, including a fine house and good out-buildings. The farm consists of one hundred and thirty acres, one hundred and ten of which are in a high state of cultivation. For the past ten years Mr. Gehring has been a breeder of full-blooded Shorthorn cattle and Poland-China hogs, and of Brown Leghorn and Buff Orpington chickens. He keeps good horses and is also engaged to some extent in dairy farming. The stock kept on the Gehring farm have won much commendation for themselves and their owner.

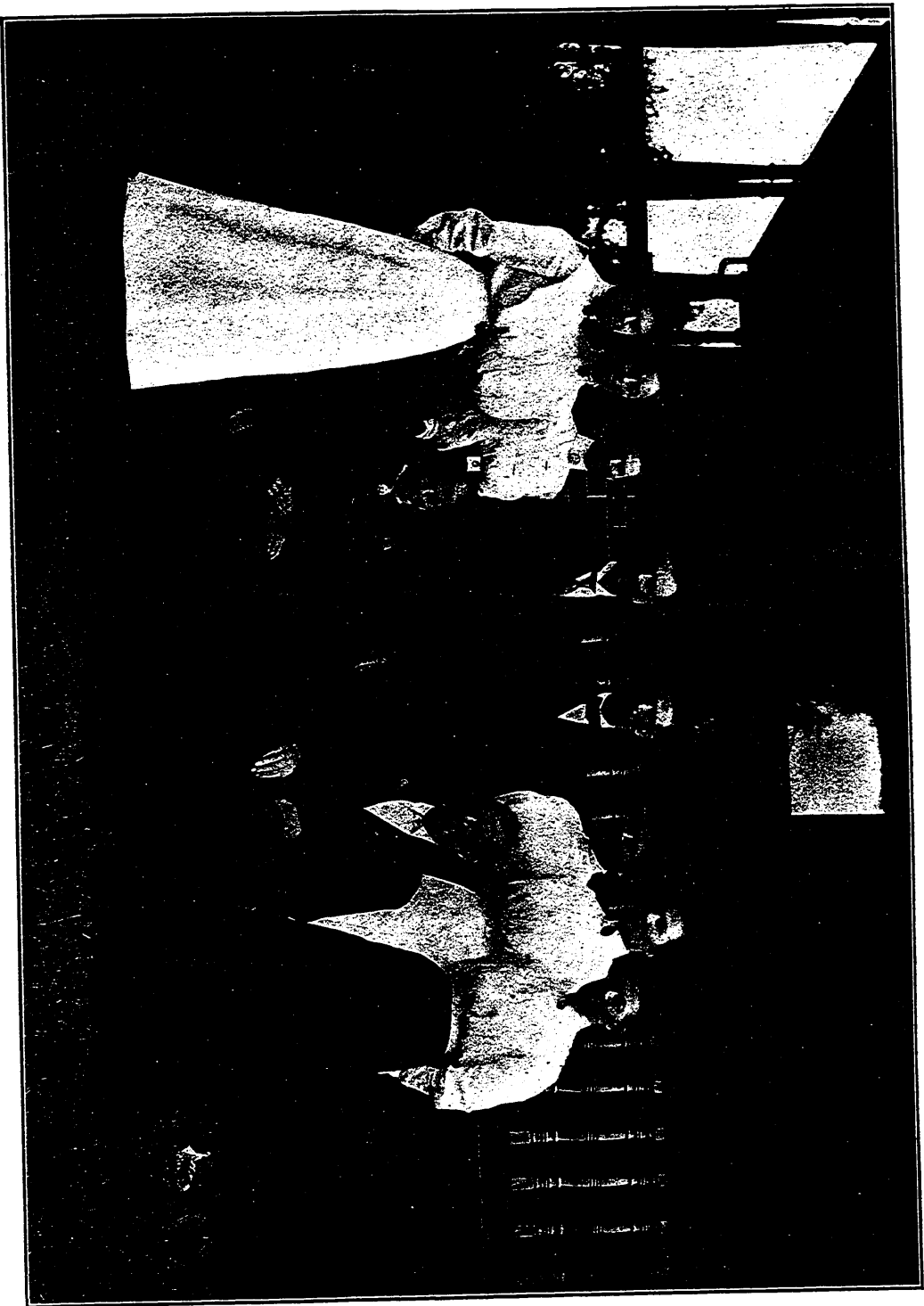
Mr. Gehring is a Republican. He has been an excellent manager and a first-class all-round farmer as well as a first-class all-round man, as his many friends will testify.

HIRAM D. WOOD.

Among the venerable and well-known citizens of Oelwein, Fayette county, Iowa, he is whose name heads this sketch. Mr. Wood, though now practically retired from active life, was formerly an active and potent factor in the upbuilding of the city of his residence and has at all times enjoyed the unbounded confidence and respect of his fellow citizens. He is descended from an honored and patriotic line of ancestry and in himself are embodied many of those sterling qualities which characterized these patriot ancestors.

Hiram D. Wood was born in Clinton county, Kentucky, on April 8, 1828, and is a son of Samuel and Keziah (Dougherty) Wood. Samuel Wood, who was born in Kentucky December 25, 1804, was a son of James Wood, a native of Loudoun county, Virginia. The latter was a son of Samuel Wood, who was born May 2, 1737, in Leicestershire, England. The latter was the fourth in the order of birth of the five sons born to his parents, the others being Thomas, John, William and Abram. Samuel, Thomas and John came to America some time prior to the French and Indian war and Samuel, at the age of eighteen years, became private secretary to Colonel George Washington, being present at the historic defeat of General Braddock near the present city of Pittsburgh. Samuel Wood later settled in Loudoun county, Virginia, and during the war of the Revolution he took an active part in behalf of the colonists, though prevented from enlisting as a soldier in the ranks because of a defect in one of his legs. His son James was a soldier in the war of 1812, serving under Gen. William Henry Harrison. The subject's mother, Keziah Dougherty, was born in Tennessee February 1, 1805, and her father was killed by the Indians in that state. Samuel Wood and Keziah Dougherty were married May 1, 1825, and in 1832 they moved to Macoupin county, Illinois, where they reared their family of twelve children.

Hiram D. Wood remained on the home farm in Illinois until he was eighteen years old and he had an active part in the strenuous work of the frontier farm. When nineteen years old he enlisted in the Fourth Cavalry Company, from Illinois, for service in the Mexican war. The soldiers were required to furnish their own horses and were rendezvoused at Jefferson Barracks. From there they were sent by steamboat to Vera Cruz, where they became a part of the army under the command of Gen. Winfield Scott. During his period of enlistment Mr. Wood took part in a number of battles and skirmishes, experiencing some severe service. On his return from military service, he went into the pine woods near Menominee, Wisconsin,



HIRAM D. WOOD AND FAMILY.

where he was employed about two years. Prior to going there he had entered two land warrants in Delaware county, Iowa, one on a warrant given himself for service in the Mexican war and the other on a warrant he had bought of a comrade. He thus secured three hundred and twenty acres of land and when he returned from the Wisconsin woods he found he had enough money with which to improve his land. He was married in 1853 and immediately located on this Iowa land, where he remained thereafter nearly a half century. He was of industrious habits and practical in his methods and succeeded in making of this farm one of the best agricultural properties in his section of the state. When the Chicago Great Western railroad was constructed through this section of the state it crossed his land and he laid out the town of Dundee. He built the first store there and ran it successfully for about nine years. In 1895 Mr. Wood sold this store and came to Oelwein, where he has since resided. He also sold his farm, and on coming to Oelwein he built a store on South Frederick street, a large two-story brick, the same being now occupied by the Hub clothing store. During the following eight years he was engaged there in the dry goods business, at the end of which time he sold his stock, rented the building, and has since that time been practically retired from active business pursuits. He is still the owner of considerable property in Oelwein, which demands a share of his attention, being also a stockholder and director in the First National Bank, one of the solid and influential financial institutions of Fayette county.

On September 1, 1853, Mr. Wood married Lydia L. Luken, a daughter of David and Prudence (Macklin) Luken. The latter was a daughter of James Macklin, who, as a member of the Fourth Pennsylvania Battalion of the Continental army, served during 1777-78, his death occurring in February, 1819. His wife had borne the maiden name of Elizabeth Johnson. Mrs. Lydia Wood was born July 1, 1827, on the summit of the Alleghany mountains, in Cambria county, Pennsylvania. To the subject and his wife have been born eight children, all of whom are living, namely: Mary E., John R., Ella, Joel L., Jennie L., Alice E., Rose M. and Margaret A., the two last named being twins. Ella, who resides in San Francisco, California, is the widow of Fred H. Muckler, and is the mother of two children, Byril and Allene. Jennie L. is the wife of W. G. Jones, of Oskaloosa, Iowa, and they have one child, Byril. Alice E. is the wife of W. C. Smith, of Park Rapids, Minnesota, and they have four children, Wood, Orril, Arlo Earl and Ruth. Rose is living with her parents at Oelwein. Margaret is the wife of W. S. Pitt, a jeweler at Oelwein. John, who lives at Bentonville, Arkansas,

married Mattie Riddle, of Texas, and they have two children, Jennie and Dougherty. Joel is engaged in the mercantile business at Victor, Colorado.

Politically, Mr. Wood has been a lifelong Democrat, and prior to the Civil war was elected surveyor of Delaware county, having also held a number of township offices in that county. Fraternally he is an appreciative member of the Masonic order. His religious views are that of the Christian church, to which he and his wife belong and to which they give an earnest and liberal support. On September 1, 1903, Mr. and Mrs. Wood celebrated their golden wedding anniversary, on which occasion there was a reunion of the members of the family, some coming from the Pacific coast to do honor to their parents. Now, though advanced in years and married nearly six decades, they are in enjoyment of remarkable health and in the full use of their faculties, with probably a number of years of enjoyable life ahead of them. No residents of this community command a larger share of the public regard and esteem than do this worthy couple, who have been witnesses of and participants in the wonderful transformation which has taken place in the section of country in which they live. Their sterling qualities of character and their genial dispositions have won for them a host of warm and loyal friends throughout the community.

JACOB KUNZ.

The subject of this sketch is one of the few remaining links that connect the present days with those of long ago, more than half a century having dissolved in the mists of the past since he crossed the prairies to what was then the far west and located a home amid what was to him new and strange surroundings. Jacob Kunz was born in the canton of Zurich, Switzerland, September 4, 1825, and spent the first thirty-three years of his life in his native land. In early manhood he became a proficient workman at carpentry, which trade he followed in the country of his birth until he sought a new home in the great republic across the sea, meanwhile, at the age of twenty-six, taking a life companion in the person of Eliza Gieryzendanger, an estimable young lady of the same part of Switzerland as himself, who for nearly sixty years has been his faithful wife and helpmeet.

In 1858 Mr. Kunz bade farewell to the familiar scenes of his native land and came to the United States, proceeding direct to Iowa, where he was informed land could be procured at reasonable prices. Being pleased with the

appearance of Fayette county, he invested about eight hundred dollars he had received from his father's estate, in a tract of land about three-fourths of a mile north of Waucoma, for which he paid at the rate of two dollars and fifty cents per acre. Being skilled in the use of tools, he was not long in erecting a small but comfortable frame grout house, which answered the purposes of a dwelling until replaced by a larger and more commodious edifice some years later. Before locating permanently in Fayette county Mr. Kunz spent a short time in the county of Winneshiek, where several of his early friends and army comrades were then living, among the number being a Mr. Hizer who served in the same company with himself during their military experience in the old world. Although enrolled for nine years in the reserve corps, which was in readiness for duty whenever called upon, the active service of these two comrades covered a period of only eight months, during which time they took part in the civil war which then disturbed Switzerland, but did comparatively little fighting. During the Civil war he organized a company and was elected captain, was also justice of the peace and school director.

After providing a shelter for his family and clearing a small portion of his land, Mr. Kunz found plenty of work at his trade, as settlers were arriving in large numbers and their demands for his services were urgent. In those times wild game of all kinds was plentiful and, being an expert shot, he experienced no difficulty in supplying the table with an abundance of fresh meat, prairie chicken, ducks, deer and other denizens of the woods and prairies, affording an agreeable variety to the daily bill of fare. The nearest market was the town of McGregor, on the Mississippi river, sixty miles distant, and to that place Mr. Kunz was obliged to haul his wheat, which he sold at thirty cents per bushel after paying freight at the rate of a shilling per bushel. He marketed his entire crop at one time, hiring seven teams, which with heavy loads made a considerable cut in the amount received for his grain. Hogs butchered and hauled the same distance brought from two dollars to two dollars and fifty cents per hundredweight, but during the Civil war prices rose to a very high scale, pork selling for fourteen dollars and fifty cents per hundredweight and wheat at two dollars and fifty cents per bushel.

Mr. King in due time cleared and improved a fine farm and became comfortably situated in the matter of worldly wealth. He bore his full share in the development of the country and has lived to see Fayette county redeemed from a wilderness and converted into one of the finest and most prosperous sections of the great state of which it forms a part. After living fifty-two years on the place which he originally purchased and improved, increasing its area in the meantime to one hundred and forty acres, he sold his land for

fifty-five dollars per acre and moved to Waucoma, where, in a beautiful and comfortable home, he is now living in honorable retirement. After a long and strenuous life, beset with difficulties and hardships not a few, he has well earned the rest which he now enjoys and with sufficient means to insure him ample comfort in the future, he is passing toward the twilight of the journey's end in peace and quiet, cheered by the approval of his conscience and the good will of his fellow men.

Mr. Kunz was originally a Democrat and as such filled various local offices, but of recent years he has been independent in politics, voting for the candidates best qualified for the office to which they aspire, irrespective of party ties. To him and his good wife have been born fourteen children, only three of whom survive. Two daughters are living at Waucoma, namely: Bertha, whose husband, Fred Babcock, owns and operates a farm near the town, and Eliza is the wife of S. Perry, the latter also a farmer and stock raiser in the same vicinity. One son, Jacob, left home twenty-five years ago, since which time no knowledge of his whereabouts has been ascertained.

DENZIL ARTHUR FITCH.

The subject of this sketch is a son of G. W. and R. A. Fitch, of West Union. He was born in Illyria township, Fayette county, Iowa, April 11, 1874. His early life was spent in his native county, and he entered school at West Union when a child of five years, pursuing the course through the various grades, and spent two years in the high school. His brother, William E., was then in the laundry business, and it was the ambition of the younger brother to take up that industry. He worked, as a journeyman and foreman, in large laundries at La Salle, Ottawa and Joliet, Illinois, for several years, when he secured a position as traveling salesman for a Chicago laundry supply house. After some years spent in this work, he purchased a half-interest with his brother-in-law, J. E. Palmer, in the Mendota, Illinois, laundry. A year later he bought out Mr. Palmer, who removed to California, and now the Fitch Laundry is one of the stable industries of the pleasant little city. It is well equipped with modern machinery, and is turning out high-class work, and making money for its owner.

D. A. Fitch is a young man of good business qualifications and an indefatigable worker. He has met some reverses in business, but the successes of recent years have placed him on a higher plane, and his prospects for a suc-

cessful business career are now very bright. Much credit is due his estimable wife, whom he married in Mason City, Iowa, September 8, 1902. She is a daughter of Cornelius and Mary H. (Cook) Van-Note, natives of Monmouth county, New Jersey. She is thoroughly schooled in the details of the business, a lady of excellent business attainments, and one who is a competent adviser as well as a real helpmeet, as comprehended in the marriage relations.

Elizabeth Van-Note was born on a farm near Mason City, March 1, 1876, and is a representative of a large and prominent family, of whom four brothers and one sister reside at Mason City, while her father also makes his home among the children, mostly in the vicinity of his early Iowa home. The brothers are Monroe, Eugene, Morris, George and Charles W., the last named a resident of Live Oak, Colorado, and the others are well-known business men of Mason City, Iowa. The sisters are Daisy, now Mrs. J. H. Ransom, of Mason City, and Jennie, the wife of C. J. Ferris, of Steward, Illinois. The father of this family was born April 9, 1836, and was a soldier during the Civil war. His wife, Mary H. Cook, was born February 15, 1845, and died at Mason City, Iowa, November 2, 1900.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Fitch have had three children born to them, of whom two are living, and the youngest, Kenneth Dale, died in infancy. William V. was born September 15, 1904, and Marion W. was born March 17, 1906, the former at Burlington, Iowa, the daughter at the parental home in West Union, and Kenneth was born and buried at Mendota, Illinois.

The subject of this sketch is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Fraternal Order of Owls. He is a Republican in political views. He possesses a congenial temperament, is universally esteemed as a business man and faithful, sympathetic friend. His wife possesses these virtues in a marked degree. Her quiet, unassuming manner, and helpful, encouraging disposition have endeared her to all who know her.

The family genealogy of the subject of this sketch will be found in the personal sketches of his uncle, E. E. Fitch, and his father, G. W. Fitch, to which reference is made for further consideration.

JAMES EVERETT RICHARDS.

There is great difference as to how property is acquired; sometimes it is obtained by slow degrees and hard toil, sometimes by suddenly making it in one or a few lucky ventures, or by inheriting it from successful and thrifty ancestors. One important fact will not be disputed: That if a man puts forth

the proper effort long enough and adheres closely to the time-honored principles he is bound to reap satisfactorily. Thrift should characterize the efforts of everyone, as it does in James Everett Richards, a Fairfield township, Fayette county, farmer. He was born in this county, August 19, 1860, and is the son of James and Cordelia (Andrews) Richards, natives of New York, who came to Fayette county, Iowa, in 1853, and located on a farm now owned by Mr. Richards, the subject. The mother is still living. The father was born at Warsaw, Wyoming county, New York, July 8, 1828, and died at his home in Arlington, Iowa, June 3, 1893, aged sixty-four years, ten months and twenty-five days. Paul Richards, grandfather of the subject, was the first judge of Wyoming county, New York, and it was through his efforts that the county was organized and the first officials elected. He also served on the committee that selected the site for the first public building in the county. Hon. Paul Richards was one of the foremost legislators of the Empire state. It is not known exactly when he died. He came to Iowa shortly after his son came here and was buried at Edgewood, Clayton county, Iowa. His wife died in New York and was buried there.

James E. Richards received a common school education and grew to maturity on the home place. He was married April 1, 1886, to Almena Rice, daughter of Samuel and Elmira Rice, natives of New York, who came to Iowa in August, 1859, and purchased a farm just south of Taylorsville, on which he lived many years, engaged in general farming. He was a Mason and a Republican in politics, and at one time was assessor of his township. He and his wife were the parents of four children, namely: Adaline married J. M. Flower; Almena married James E. Richards, of this review; Susan C. and Bertha died when young. Samuel Rice, the father of these children, was born December 12, 1822, and died December 6, 1904, and is buried at Taylorsville. The mother makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. Richards.

Mr. and Mrs. Richards began their married life on their present farm, his father's old homestead, and, with the exception of three years spent in Arlington, he has lived continuously on this place, which he has kept well improved. He completed in 1910 a new, modern and attractive residence, at a cost of four thousand dollars. His place lies in one of the choicest farming sections of the county and by hard work and good management Mr. Richards has been very successful in his operations as a general farmer and stock raiser, always keeping a good grade of stock; however, farming constitutes his principal life work. His place is a model one in every respect and is one of the most desirable in the county.

Fraternally, Mr. Richards is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, and he is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he is a liberal supporter.

One son, Glen W., a young man of more than average business ability, has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Richards, his birth having occurred on September 6, 1888. He received a good education in the common schools of this county, in which he graduated, also was graduated from the business college at Des Moines, and he is at present very acceptably filling a position as bookkeeper and stenographer for a lumber firm at Des Moines, Iowa.

HENRY SMITH.

The family of this name in Fayette county is of German origin. The founder was Hans Smith, who came to the United States in 1868. In the old country he had married Elizabeth Shipper and when they came over had two children. They tarried awhile in New York City, and then went up the Hudson river to Hudson City, where all hands obtained employment. After a short stay of two months, however, the emigrants decided to push farther west. Henry Smith, the only son, who was born in Germany in 1851, pushed on alone to Cary, Illinois, and his parents and sister came shortly afterward. They rented a farm and Henry worked for one summer in a Chicago lumber yard, the year after the fire. Returning to Cary, he worked by the month until his marriage. This occurred December 9, 1875, his bride being Marcella, daughter of John and Julia (Donavan) Daley, who were natives of Dublin, but married in America. When she was seven weeks old, Mrs. Smith went with her parents to Elgin, Illinois, where her father became a farmer. After his marriage Henry Smith went to Texas and settled on one hundred sixty acres of school land in Wise county. After remaining there nearly two years, he went to Ripley county, Missouri, later to Fayette county, where he worked for awhile on a farm in Dover township. Next he rented a place and eventually bought the John Hopper farm, where J. Knudson now lives. This purchase was made in 1883, the tract including two hundred ten acres, and on this he lived for six years. He then purchased the farm where he now resides, besides keeping forty acres of his old place. His present farm consists of one hundred forty acres, which has grown from one hundred twenty since March, 1889, when he made his first purchase. He farms in a general way, raising all the cereal crops adapted to the sec-

tion, besides some livestock for his own use. He has four children: John resides two and a half miles east of Wadena, Clayton county, and is a farmer; Liza married Elmer Anderson; Clara is now Mrs. John Rowland and George is at home. Mr. Smith was reared a Lutheran. His wife is a member of the Evangelical church.

Mr. Smith is a man of influence in his community. Though usually voting the Republican ticket, he is liberal and progressive and has the confidence of voters of all parties. This is proven by the fact that he has been elected and repeatedly re-elected to the important position of township trustee. This office he has held for many years and during all that time he has discharged the duties of the office with the greatest integrity and most scrupulous honesty. His books are always open for inspection and the sharpest-eyed accountant cannot find anything wrong with them to the fraction of a cent. When the Burrock Creamery was organized, in 1894, Mr. Smith was picked out for the responsible duties of secretary and proved to be the right man in the right place. His knowledge of farming and practical experience with cows made him a good judge in all matters relating to creameries and he gave the company the full benefit of his judgment. This venture, however, was not found satisfactory and it was abandoned in 1901; two years previously, however, Mr. Smith had resigned. As a farmer, Mr. Smith belongs to the class described as safe and conservative. He takes no risks, does no speculating, but pursues the even tenor of his way for the purpose of accomplishing his results. In the business world he stands high, his credit is first-class, and in all respects he is entitled to the name of being a model citizen.

CHARLES ALONZO HUSBAND.

Among the public spirited citizens of Fayette county who have finished their earthly labors and gone to their reward, few were as well known or as highly esteemed as the broad minded scholar and enterprising business man whose name introduces this review. Charles Alonzo Husband, late of Waucoma, where for some years he was a member of the firm of Burnside & Husband, was born August 6, 1851, in Washington county, Iowa, and spent his childhood and youth in the town of Crawfordsville, where his parents, William C. and Anna (Viall) Husband, natives of Pennsylvania, were then living. When fourteen years old he accompanied his father and mother upon their removal to Sumner, Bremer county, this state, where



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C. A. Husband.

he grew to manhood, in the meantime receiving an elementary education in the public schools and later the Upper Iowa University at Fayette, from which he was graduated in 1879 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Previous to finishing his studies in that institution he taught at Fayette and while thus engaged devoted a part of his vacations to the drug business, in which he acquired much more than ordinary proficiency and skill. With money earned by teaching and working in a drug store he defrayed the expenses of his college course and after receiving his degree was chosen principal of the public schools of Fayette, which position he filled with marked ability and credit as long as he continued in educational work.

In 1880 Mr. Husband came to Waucoma as clerk with the drug firm of Bullock & Whitney, in whose employ he continued until purchasing an interest in the business and a few years later he became associated with J. M. Burnside in the same line of trade, the firm of Burnside & Husband lasting until the subject's lamented death.

Mr. Husband was a diligent student, a profound thinker and a close observer, and during his active years he became familiar with many subjects and achieved considerable distinction as a scholar. He made a specialty of pharmacy and became an expert. He was often consulted as an authority on matters relating to the same. In connection with his business and professional interests, he devoted considerable attention to agriculture and stock raising, for which he manifested a decided liking, and for some years prior to his death derived great satisfaction from his farm, where he spent nearly all of his leisure time. Mr. Husband's habits and tastes naturally led him to investigate all matters coming before the people and few were as well informed as he on the questions and issues of the times. He was always in touch with current events and kept his fingers on the pulse of modern thought and, as a Republican, wielded a strong influence for his party, as an adviser in its councils, as a leader in the ranks and as a delegate to various municipal, county and state conventions, in all of which his voice was heard and his influence felt. He was an active member of the Masonic fraternity, serving his lodge in various official capacities, and by all laudable means at his command assisted in building up the town in which he resided and never lost interest in the social and moral welfare of his fellow men.

Mr. Husband's domestic life commenced on January 3, 1882, when he entered the marriage relation with Margaret Anna Tait, whose parents, Andrew and Lillias (Lindsay) Tait, were natives of England and Scotland respectively. The grandparents (Lindsays) came to the United States and

in the year 1853 they removed to Fayette county, Iowa, and settled near Waucoma, where they resided. Alexander Lindsay, father of Andrew, emigrated from Scotland in 1851 and settled in Illinois, removing from that state to Iowa in 1853 or '54. He married in his native land Jane Burns and on coming to this country had several children who accompanied him across the ocean. He was a farmer by occupation, and died near Waucoma at the age of sixty-five years.

Mrs. Husband spent her early life in her grandfather's home, a short distance from Waucoma, and after attending the schools of that town until completing the common branches, continued her studies. She then turned her attention to educational work and for six terms taught in the public schools of Fayette county, gaining an enviable reputation for her success in the training of children. She is a lady of intelligence, culture and refinement, popular in the social circles and a zealous member of the Congregational church, a religious body to which her husband also belonged and in which he served for some years as an official, besides taking a leading part in the erection of the present house of worship in Waucoma. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Husband was blessed with two children, Mabel, who conducts a millinery store in Waucoma, and Lois, a pupil in the public schools of the town.

Mr. Husband's relations with his fellow men were always honorable and above reproach and he lived a life singularly free from criticism. He stood high in the esteem of the community, being a well rounded, symmetrically developed Christian gentleman, and his death, which occurred on the 9th day of May, 1906, was greatly deplored by all who enjoyed the favor of his acquaintance.

NICKLAUS SCHORI.

There is a class of most useful and enterprising business men who have lived on the farm until middle life, then, moving to some city, have entered business. Their training in the economy and good management required on the farm has fitted them to compete in the business world with others and to wrest from the world a goodly compensation for their work. The subject of this sketch, inheriting the blood of good, clean, honest Swiss ancestry, that is alone one of the strong factors in any man's chances in life, has by his sagacity raised himself from the position of a farm-hand to that of one of the most influential business men of the community.

Nicklaus Schori was born in Switzerland, November 28, 1833, the son of John and Elizabeth (Spring) Schori. Nicklaus Schori came to America in 1857, going to Bedford, New York, and began working on a farm at twelve dollars a month. In the fall of the same year he came to Clermont, Iowa, making the trip from McGregor on a stage. He worked in Pleasant township for about a year, then his parents came over, in 1858, and located in Clayton county, where they bought one hundred acres and lived there several years, Nicklaus Schori remaining with them until 1864. In 1865 he married Mary Lehman (sister of John Lehman, mentioned in this work), whose death occurred on March 21, 1895. He farmed the Hedrick farm, in Clayton county, for some time, then returned to the home place for two years. Then he went to Ft. Atkinson, opened a lumber yard and operated that three years. At the expiration of that time he bought a brewery at Elgin and carried on that business for fifteen years, then bought the old grist mill at Elgin, followed milling for three or four years, then retired, remaining at Elgin.

Mr. Schori is the father of seven children: Rosa, deceased; Emma, deceased; Frederick, a farmer in section 28, Pleasant Valley township; George, Eliza, Louise, Celia, wife of Doctor Rennison. Mr. Schori is independent in politics, has been school director for many years, was on the town council, was trustee of Pleasant Valley township, and is now treasurer of Elgin. He is a Mystic Shriner and a member of all the lower Masonic bodies and in his life is a good exponent of the value of Masonic teachings. He has hosts of friends, all of whom esteem him greatly for his ability and his good qualities. In reckoning the substantial citizens of the town Mr. Schori is placed among the first.

WILLIAM ALCORN.

Fayette county owes a debt of gratitude to the large class of enterprising Pennsylvanians who have located within her borders, for they are, as a rule, enterprising and public-spirited, always to be relied upon in the more serious duties of progressive civilized communities. Of this worthy class the name of William Alcorn and his parents should not be overlooked. He was born in Greenville, Pennsylvania, July 28, 1834, the son of William and Elizabeth (Calahan) Alcorn, the father spending his life there. William Alcorn, Sr., was educated in his native state and when eighteen years of age he came to Fayette county, Iowa, and he began clerking in a store

soon after his arrival here at Elgin. Two of his brothers, Edwin and David, also came about the same time. David was one of the early blacksmiths in West Union. William and Edwin broke the prairie sod for many of the newcomers. Edwin moved to Minnesota and later to the state of Washington. David is living retired in Kentucky. William bought in all about four hundred acres of land in one body and engaged in general farming and stock raising, becoming well-to-do as a result of his large operations. He retired to West Union in October, 1904, and lived in honorable retirement until his death, July 23, 1905. He was a man of high principles and was influential and popular throughout the county. In September, 1865, he married Elizabeth Montgomery, a native of Delaware county, Iowa, but she was reared in Colesburg, this state; she was the daughter of Archibald and Elenore (Kilgore) Montgomery, both natives of Pennsylvania. They came to Delaware county, Iowa, about 1840. Mr. Montgomery spent three years in California, having made the overland trip in 1849, when the gold excitement began. He returned to Delaware county, Iowa, where he followed farming, owning a number of farms, aggregating in all twelve hundred acres. He entered eighty acres and bought the rest, having been a keen business man and always grasped an opportunity at the right time. Politically, he was a Democrat, and religiously, a Presbyterian. William Montgomery, a brother of Mrs. Alcorn, was a soldier in the Union army, in the Twenty-seventh Iowa Volunteer Infantry. He was sent home on a furlough and was killed while on the way. His father went after him and he was buried at home.

To Mr. and Mrs. William Alcorn eight children were born, namely: Mary J., George E., Clara E., Archie C., William J., Sallie E., Lester G., all living at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. William Alcorn are Presbyterians, and Mr. Alcorn is a Democrat and he has long taken considerable interest in political affairs. He made the race once for representative in the Legislature. He was formerly school director.

The history of Mrs. Alcorn's ancestry is an interesting one. Her maternal grandfather, William Montgomery, came to Delaware county, Iowa, later went to Missouri, later returned to Iowa. He was a miller by trade. He remained with Mrs. Alcorn's father until his death. He was a sterling pioneer and a strong character, having had the distinction of fighting in the war of 1812. William Montgomery, the paternal grandfather of Mrs. Alcorn, was born in Pennsylvania in 1783, and he was taught the milling business in youth, which he followed in connection with farming all his life.

in Pennsylvania, in which state he married and reared his family. In 1837 he moved to Dubuque county, Iowa, and then came and stayed with Mrs. Alcorn's father until his death, in 1856, having survived his wife a number of years. He was the first justice of the peace in Colony township, Delaware county. He was a member of the Presbyterian church. Archibald Montgomery, son of William Montgomery, and father of Mrs. Alcorn, was born in Pennsylvania, October 2, 1805. In 1841 he visited Iowa and in 1842 he came with his family to Colesburg, Delaware county, Iowa. The Montgomerys were leaders in whatever community they lived.

MARTIN A. KLINGMAN.

There is always good ground for pride when a man can look back over his life and know that his success has been due to his own hard work. It is well worth while to occupy a beautiful home in the consciousness that it has been justly earned by its owner's labor; and that home is still more cherished if it is the dweller's handiwork.

Martin A. Klingman was born May 14, 1859, in Highland township, Clayton county, Iowa, the son of Lewis Klingman, formerly of Germany, and Elizabeth (Lowe) Klingman, formerly of Connecticut. Lewis Klingman came as a young man to America, located first in Ohio and then moved to Clayton county, Iowa, where he married. His life was spent at the blacksmith's trade, though he was the owner of a farm. He was born in 1827, educated in Germany, and was self-educated in American ways. He retired from active labor and enjoyed the comforts of home, of which he always was a great lover, until his death, which occurred in September, 1910. The Republican party claims him as one of its staunchest supporters. Elizabeth Lowe was born in 1839 and died in March, 1910. She and her husband became the parents of six children: Martin A., the subject of this sketch; Hattie, wife of J. C. Robbins, of Illyria township (see his sketch); Ernest, of Scott's Bluffs, Nebraska; Nellie, the wife of Lawrence McKeller, of Clayton county; Edward, a barber, of Elgin, Iowa; Charles, at home.

Martin A. Klingman was educated in the home schools, and lived at home, working on the farm and in the blacksmith shop until 1883, when he got one hundred acres of land in Illyria township. On November 14, 1880, he married Malvina A. Peters, daughter of Alex W. and Margaret Mattocks, of Illyria township. Mr. Peters was originally of Virginia, and his

wife of Pennsylvania. They first settled in Pleasant Valley township, then moved to Illyria, where they now reside.

Mr. Klingman, as the result of this marriage, is the father of three children: Elizabeth F., who married Frank Kohl, of West Union, is the mother of two children, Mildred and Lavon; James A., who is cultivating his father's farm, married Louise Hauelsen, of West Union, and they have a son, Robert M., born April 20, 1910; Pearl A. is at home. In 1881 Mr. Klingman lived in Clayton county, later in Winnebago county, then until 1909 resided in Illyria township. In 1909 he built his fine house in Wadena, where he now resides. He is extremely handy with tools and can make almost anything he wants to. As he is a skillful carpenter, he did most of the work on his house himself. He filled the position of school director for several years, is a Republican, and a member of the Modern Woodmen of America at Highland, Iowa. Hard work has, in his case, brought to him a liberal reward. No citizen better deserves the friendship of his neighbors than he.

FREMONT OGLE.

This gentleman is a splendid example of the successful American farmer and stock raiser. Without large capital to start with or the assistance of others, he has labored to goodly ends by persistency and honorable business methods, so that he has ever held high rank among the citizens of Fayette county, especially of Illyria township, of which he is native and where he has always maintained his home.

Fremont Ogle was born November 7, 1862, on the old homestead here, and he is the son of Joseph Ogle, of Carroll county, Ohio, who was born June 2, 1828, of Irish stock, and the son of John and Rebecca Ogle, natives of Pennsylvania, who finally moved to Ohio, where they spent the rest of their lives. Their children were Joseph, father of Fremont; Sarah Ann, who married John Lucas, is now deceased, as is also Mr. Lucas; Lizzie, who married John Boyer, is deceased; Jane, who married Michael Boyer, is also deceased.

Joseph Ogle received a common school education and grew to maturity in Carroll county, Ohio, and assisted his father to clear and improve his farm. In 1844 he married Sarah Barnhouse, of Carroll county, Ohio, daughter of William and Mary (Graham) Barnhouse, the father a native of Manchester, Virginia, and the mother of Ireland, from which country she came

to America when twelve years of age and married in Carroll county, Ohio. They obtained raw land there which they cleared and made a good home. In 1844 they came to Fayette county, Iowa, locating three miles east of West Union, and there spent the rest of their lives. Mr. Barnhouse was a millwright by trade and he also engaged in farming. He and his wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal church. They were the parents of the following children: Franklin, who died when twenty-six years of age; Sarah, wife of Joseph Ogle; Jane, living in Nebraska, is the widow of William Sanderson; Anna lives on the old place, and is the widow of James Kennedy; Irene married Gill Hazlett, of Allison, Iowa; Milton died at the age of twenty-two years, while a soldier in the Civil war; James lives east of West Union, this county; John, the fifth child in order of birth, who served through the Civil war, is engaged in the real estate business at Trinidad, Colorado.

Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ogle, five of whom are living at this writing, namely: Marie, who married Luther Schaeffer, died February 22, 1906; Rebecca married Robert Peters and lives in Clayton county, Iowa; Mary married Scott Wickham, and lives at Silver King, Idaho; Mattie married Marshall Prouty and they live at Elkader, Iowa; Fremont, of this review; Clara married John Foster and lives at Elkader, Iowa; Willie is deceased; Eva and Ella, twins, are deceased.

The parents of these children came overland to Fayette county, Iowa, from Ohio, being thirty-four days on the trip. They located in Illyria township and procured one hundred and sixty acres of land, on which was a small log cabin and a little clearing. They set to work with a will and soon had a very comfortable home and a well improved place which ranked with any in the community, and there Mr. Ogle died on August 28, 1899; his widow is still living on the place, at the advanced age of seventy-seven years. Joseph Ogle was always a farmer and was very successful. He was a Republican and a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. He stood well in each community where he lived.

Fremont Ogle was educated in the home schools and he has always followed farming, having spent his life on the old home place, taking charge of the same about 1889, and he has managed it in a very able manner. On December 17, 1895, he married Mary J. Wilson, who was born on October 23, 1874, in Grant county, Wisconsin, the daughter of Robert and Catherine (Garvey) Wilson, the mother born near Dublin, Ireland, and the father was of Scotch-Irish stock. The mother came to the United States in 1865 and she and Mr. Wilson were married in Great Barrington, Massachusetts. After

living in New York City for awhile, they came West, locating in Grant county, Wisconsin, where Mr. Wilson secured a farm. In the spring of 1875 the family moved to Pleasant Valley township, Fayette county, Iowa, and bought the farm where they still live. Nine children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wilson, namely: Mary Jane, wife of Fremont Ogle, of this review; William is living at home; Belle married M. Richey, of Oelwein, Iowa; Robert married Ruth Connor and they live on a part of the old place; Alice married Hans Winkler, of Illyria township; Kate is a stenographer at Grundy City, Iowa; John is a farmer in Pleasant Valley township; he married Della Kohler; Annie, who married Thomas Howard, Jr., lives in Pleasant Valley township; Lottie, who married Hugh Connor, also lives in Pleasant Valley township.

Of the children born to Mr. and Mrs. Fremont Ogle, Robert Joseph died when eight months old; John Thomas and Sarah Catherine are living.

Mr. Ogle, besides carrying on general farming, is a breeder of Poland-China and Duroc-Jersey hogs, Grundy Shorthorn cattle, Cottswold and Shropshire sheep and draft horses. Owing to his splendid knowledge of livestock and how to handle the same successfully, he is well known as a stock man in this part of the county, and his stock always find a ready market. He is the owner of a half section of good land in Clark county, South Dakota.

Politically, Mr. Ogle is a Republican and he belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America at Wadena, this county. Like his father, he is well and favorably known in this locality, his life having been led along conservative lines and his conduct above cavil.

ROBERT WILSON.

In examining the records of the representative citizens of Fayette county it is found that a large number of these are natives of Ireland or descendants of people born there, and since coming here they have shown themselves to be loyal to our institutions and whose lives are such that they are welcomed as new-comers into any community. Among this worthy class Robert Wilson, of Pleasant Valley township, is most consistently included. His birth occurred in the northern part of Ireland, August 8, 1850, and he is the son of Moses and Isabella (McClelland) Wilson, who were both born, reared, educated and died in Ireland. Robert Wilson grew to ma-



ROBERT WILSON AND FAMILY.

turity in his native country and was educated there. When nineteen years of age he conceived the idea of bettering his condition in America and he accordingly set sail for our shores in 1869. Landing in New York City, he worked there for a period of two years in the Golden Stock Exchange. He then went to Grant county, Wisconsin, where he lived two years and engaged in farming, then came to Elgin, Pleasant Valley township, Fayette county, Iowa, and after working at different things for some time, took up farming again, on the ridge on which he now resides, having remained in this vicinity ever since. He is now the owner of two hundred acres of excellent land which is under a high state of cultivation and highly improved, ranking among the best farms in the county. He has added many substantial improvements in the course of his ownership of this place and he has an attractive home and substantial outbuildings, and has been very successful in general farming and stock raising, being an excellent manager and a hard worker. In 1905 his son and namesake became his partner in the management of the farm.

Mr. Wilson was married in October, 1871, in Massachusetts, to Catherine Garvey, who was born in Ireland, the daughter of John and Mary Garvey, who spent their lives in that country. Mrs. Wilson grew to maturity and was educated in her native country, coming to America in 1866. She worked in New York City for one year, then went to Massachusetts, where she lived for a period of seven years with one private family. This union has resulted in the birth of the following children: Mary J., now Mrs. Fremont Ogle, of Illyria township, Fayette county; William is living at home; Isabelle married Melburn Riche, living in Oelwein; Robert, who is living at home with his father, married Ruth Conner; Alice married John Winkler, living in Illyria township; Katie is a stenographer in Grundy Center, Iowa; John married Della Kohler, of Pleasant Valley township, this county; Anna married Thomas Howard, also of Pleasant Valley township; Charlotte married Hugh Conner, living in Pleasant Valley township. In 1900 Mr. Wilson returned to Ireland with his oldest son, starting in May and returning in August, same year.

Mrs. Robert Wilson is a member of the Catholic church. Politically, Mr. Wilson is a Republican. He has been trustee of his township for a period of four years and has been school director for a period of nine or ten years. He has been very faithful in the discharge of his duties in these offices, and the fact that he has been retained so long is evidence of his high standing in the community and of the explicit confidence his fellow men repose in him.

MISS CARRIE J. DOANE.

No doubt the many friends and admirers of the estimable and well known lady whose name introduces this biographical review will be glad to learn more of her life record than a mere casual acquaintance could elicit, for she has long been an important factor in social and educational circles of the county and is the representative of a fine old family. Carrie J. Doane, of Fairfield township, Fayette county, was born in this community, April 24, 1864, and is the daughter of George L. and Sarah A. (Bullock) Doane, the father a native of Brookfield, Massachusetts, born April 30, 1825, and died, after a life replete with honor and success, on November 25, 1908. The mother, a native of Kinderhook, New York, was born June 9, 1827, and died November 17, 1908, preceding her husband to the silent land only a few days, after a long and happy journey together down life's royal path. They had often expressed the wish that they might be taken away simultaneously, so the good angel set the seal upon their life records practically at the same time, and they are sleeping the sleep of the just in Taylorsville cemetery. They were married in New York state, February 25, 1847, and they began their married life there. Although Mr. Doane was a railroad civil engineer, he lived on a fruit farm and devoted considerable time to its cultivation, remaining there until 1855, when he and his family, consisting of his wife and four children, emigrated to Fayette county, Iowa, and located on the farm where they continued to live the rest of their lives.

Carrie J. Doane grew to womanhood on the home place, where she still lives, and which she manages in a very satisfactory and successful manner, being a woman of good business ability and sound judgment. She keeps the place well improved and it yields abundant harvests annually. The place consists of one hundred and forty acres, which lies adjoining the former site of Taylorsville, and an upper room in the present Doane residence was used as a hall for the transaction of town business, Mr. Doane also maintained the postoffice in his dwelling, having been postmaster for some time. Being a notary public, he did a great deal of legal business and was a prominent and influential man in the affairs of this locality. He was a public spirited citizen and well known throughout the county. He was very precise in all he did and was considered a model farmer, and he gave much attention to the setting out and symmetrical arrangement of shrubbery about the place, always keeping beautiful surroundings, which now has the appearance of a fine old landmark and pioneer homestead. He was a man of esthetic tastes, being a great lover of flowers and kept many choice varieties, in which he took a great

deal of pride. He was also an ardent admirer of good livestock and kept the best varieties obtainable in this country, being a good judge of stock and knowing well how to care for them. He also kept a good grade of poultry. He was a well read man and informed on all leading questions and issues of the day, besides being familiar with important historical matters. He was an excellent conversationalist and, being hospitable, numerous visitors delighted to call at his hearthstone, where they ever found a hearty welcome and good cheer prevailing. Politically, he was a Republican and kept well informed on political matters, taking considerable interest in local affairs.

Mr. and Mrs. George L. Doane were the parents of nine children, five of whom are living, namely: Charlotte, wife of C. Deming, of this county; Frances A., wife of A. Walrath, of Albion, Nebraska; she is a graduate in music and for many years has been successfully engaged in teaching; she is the mother of one son, Guy O., born in 1871, a farmer near Albion, Nebraska, and he has three sons, Duane E., Marian and Kermett. Leland L. lives in Oakdale, California; Roy A. lives in Scotia, Nebraska; Carrie J., of this review; those deceased are Kossuth C., Emma L., who was Mrs. Pilsbury; Hattie L., who was Mrs. Stevenson; Velma E., who was Mrs. Walrath. Leland L. is a mine promoter and has one son, who is a very successful physician at Del Norte, Colorado. A daughter, who is the wife of Mark Latham, is an accomplished musician and a successful teacher of the art. She has one son, Roy A., who owns a horse ranch in Scotia, Nebraska. He is the father of a daughter, Carrie B.

After completing the course in the home common schools, Carrie J. Doane graduated from the high school at Fremont, also the Fremont Normal, studied the French and German there, becoming well educated, and she spent, with the exception of two years, twenty years teaching in the graded schools of Fremont, during which time she established a reputation as one of the best teachers in the county and took high rank among others of her profession in this section of the state, being well equipped, both mentally and temperamentally, for her chosen calling, and was unusually popular with both pupil and patron. She has always been a student and kept abreast of modern thought and familiar with the world's best literature. She has accomplished a great deal in elevating the standard of education in Dodge county, Nebraska.

Miss Doane's paternal grandparents, Reuben and Hannah (Slayton) Doane, were natives of New England, the former a sea captain who reached the advanced age of eighty-four years, his wife dying when seventy-seven years old. They were the parents of eleven children, of whom George L., father of Carrie J. Doane, was the youngest in order of birth. Jacob and

Mary (Dakin) Bullock were the maternal grandparents of Miss Doane, They were natives of the state of New York, Mr. Bullock dying when a comparatively young man, Mrs. Bullock dying in 1869. They were the parents of six children, Mrs. Sarah A. Doane being the second in order of birth.

PETER B. WEBER.

Among the well known and highly respected residents of Oelwein, Fayette county, is Peter B. Weber, who, after an active and useful life, is now living in his comfortable home at Oelwein. Mr. Weber was born in 1850 in that county in Pennsylvania which Abraham Lincoln once called the "state of Allegheny." He is the son of Anton and Hannah M. Weber, respected farming people of that locality. The subject was reared on the paternal farmstead and secured a fair education in the public schools of the home neighborhood. He remained at home until he was about twenty-one years old, when he went to Ohio, where he remained less than a year, going then to Davenport, Iowa, where he was employed a short time. In 1877 he came to Oelwein, it being then a village of about four hundred population, and here he has since lived. During the first year after his arrival here he was in the employ of H. D. Manning, and during the following five years he was engaged in farming on shares. About the first of March, 1883, he moved to Oelwein and worked at the carpenter's trade during the following six or seven years. He was a proficient workman and had a hand in the erection of many of the best and largest buildings in Oelwein. While employed at this labor, Mr. Weber met with an accident, from the effects of which he lost an eye and the sight of the other one was impaired, rendering it impossible for him to continue work at his trade. Since that time he has lived in his comfortable and attractive residence in Oelwein. He has lived here many years and has been an eye witness of the wonderful development which has characterized this section of the county. He has at all times enjoyed the respect and confidence of those who know him, because of the splendid personal traits of character which have been displayed in his daily life.

In 1878 Mr. Weber was united in the holy bonds of matrimony with Indiana S. Ross, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Ross, and to this union were born two children, Albert R. and Ray S. The former is married to Maude Martin, of Oelwein, and they are the parents of two children, Ernest Martin and Myrtle May. Albert is a locomotive engineer in the employ of

the Great Western railway and makes his home at Clarion, Iowa. Ray, who married Lizzie Lee, lives in Oelwein, where he is employed in the passenger department of the Great Western shops. Mrs. Indiana Weber died on March 28, 1883, and on the 3d day of January, 1889, Mr. Weber married Mary E. Fairley, of this county, and a daughter of Robert Fairley, who came from his native state, Indiana, to Fayette county in 1854. Religiously Mr. and Mrs. Weber are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and their daily life is entirely consistent with their religious professions. Their son Ray and wife belong to the Baptist church.

The most elaborate history is perforce a merciless abridgment, the historian being compelled to select his facts and materials from manifold details, and this applies particularly to the department of biography. In every life of honor and usefulness there is no dearth of incident, and yet in summing up the career of any man the writer must needs touch only the more salient points, giving the keynote of the character but eliminating all that is superfluous to the continuity of the narrative.

JAMES R. CRAWFORD.

One of the brave boys in blue who, when the tocsin of war sounded on the distant fields of the Southland, left the parental roof-tree while yet a mere lad and offered his life, if need be, for the perpetuation of the Union, was James R. Crawford, one of the best known and highly honored residents of Fairfield township, Fayette county, and there are many reasons why we should honor him and give him proper recognition in the history of this locality as we shall see by a perusal of the following paragraphs.

Mr. Crawford was born July 3, 1844, in Medina county, Ohio, and is the son of James and Phoebe (Hartman) Crawford, also natives of the Buckeye state, where they grew to maturity and were married about 1825. Some twenty years later they moved to Jefferson county, Wisconsin, where they remained three years, then, in a covered wagon, they made the overland trip to Fayette county, Iowa, having been drawn here by an ox team. They brought with them a cow and heifer and a swine, and when Mr. Crawford paid for a farm of one hundred and forty acres, located three-fourths mile north of Arlington, he had twenty-five cents left in his pocket. He remained on this farm for thirty years and became well established, then moved into Arlington where he lived six years, after which he moved to the state of

Washington, where his death occurred at the age of eighty-two years, ten months and thirteen days, his birth having occurred on July 9, 1805; his wife was born August 18, 1806, and she died on January 3, 1892. Mr. Crawford was well known and highly respected by a large circle of friends. For many years he was justice of the peace, during which time he married many couples. He was a Democrat politically. He and his wife were the parents of ten children, of whom seven are living, namely: Leonard; Susan is the wife of D. Sweet; Matilda A. is the wife of George Hotelling; Jasper N.; Annie is the wife of H. Hull; Jacob B. and James R. Those deceased are Elizabeth, who married a Mr. White; Wilson and Sophronia.

James R. Crawford, of this review, spent his boyhood at home and when only fifteen years of age he enlisted in the regular army, having but a very limited education, and he was assigned to the Sixteenth United States Infantry. He saw some hard service, having taken part in thirty-two engagements, some of the more important being Shiloh, Fort Donelson, Corinth, Murfreesboro, Chickamauga. In the last named battle his regiment began with sixteen hundred and fifty men and came out with thirty-seven, and General Thomas cried when he reviewed the remnant of this brave body of men. Other engagements in which Mr. Crawford took part were Lookout Mountain, Missionary Ridge, Jonesboro, with Sherman on his march to the sea. He made a very gallant soldier, according to his comrades, and he received an honorable discharge on December 15, 1864, having served three years. Although he was in many hotly contested fights he received only two slight scratches from bullets, one on the leg and one on the hand.

After his army career, Mr. Crawford returned home and in a short time went to Missouri, where he remained three years, then returned to Fayette county, Iowa, and was married, in 1871, to Lucena S. Robbins, daughter of Rev. O. R. and Alzina (Wetmore) Robbins of this county. Her father was born in New York, December 10, 1810, and her mother was born in Vermont, October 28, 1810. They were married in Michigan when Mr. Robbins was twenty-one years of age, and they came to Iowa in 1855 and located on a farm adjoining Arlington, his home having been near the first house built in the town, then known as Mowtown (Charles Mow having built the first house there; the name was later changed to Brush Creek). Rev. Mr. Robbins devoted his time almost exclusively to the ministry of the United Brethren church, and he married many of the people of those early days in this county. His death occurred in 1889 and that of his wife in 1885. They did a great deal of good among the pioneers and were well known and greatly admired. They are both buried in the cemetery at Taylorsville. Eight children were

born to them, two of whom are living, Lewis E., of Oklahoma, and Lucena, the wife of Mr. Crawford; those deceased are, Ralph, Harriet, Willie, Maria L., Mortimer and Abbie S. Mrs. Crawford's grandfather was a physician in Brooklyn, New York, and lived to the remarkable age of one hundred and four years.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Crawford began life on a rented farm, then moved on his father's farm, where they lived three years. They purchased twenty acres in section 16, which they later added to until they now have a splendid farm of two hundred and twenty-three acres in this section, which has been well improved and under a high state of cultivation, this having been Mr. Crawford's home for the past thirty years, and he has been a citizen of this township for sixty-two years, therefore he is well known and has taken a leading part in the development of this locality. It is interesting to hear his reminiscences of the county's growth from its wild state in which it was during his boyhood to the present, when it ranks with the most prosperous of the great Hawkeye state. He likes to talk of his forefathers, all men of sterling worth, and pioneers who did a good work, like himself, wherever they located. The name James has been a favorite in this family, himself and his son bearing that name, and his father and grandfather were also named James. The grandfather was a soldier in the war of 1812. The great-grandfather, also named James, was a soldier in the Revolutionary war. Thus, for several generations members of this worthy family have been ready to offer their services in defense of their country whenever occasion demanded. Politically, Mr. Crawford is a Democrat, while his fraternal relations are with the Grand Army of the Republic.

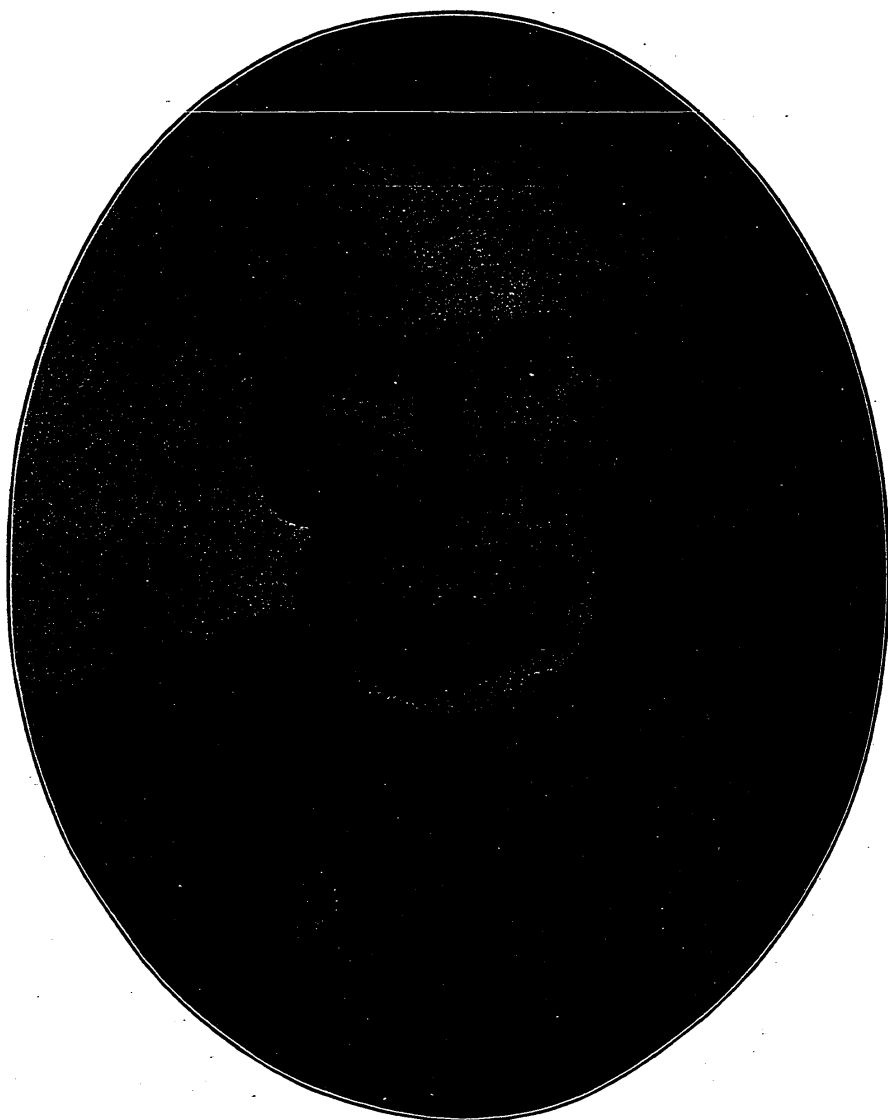
Mr. Crawford has three sons who remain with him on the farm; they are energetic and enterprising young men and are much interested in the farm, in which they are very successful. The ten children born to Mr. and Mrs. James Crawford are named as follows: Irene, born in November, 1897, lived about ten months; Nina P., born April 20, 1872; R. Ross, born December 19, 1874; James J., born January 18, 1877; Willie V., born June 27, 1880; Francis M., born May 8, 1883; Harry H., born November 26, 1885; Jessie J., born January 26, 1889; Lucile M., born August 21, 1894; Victor B., born August 10, 1889. Francis M. was married on March 3, 1908, to Hyda Wieshedel, daughter of Henry Wieshedel, of Fayette county, and they are the parents of a daughter, Enid A., born December 28, 1909. Harry H. was married, also on March 3, 1908, to Edith Brooks, daughter of Earl Brooks, of this county, and they have a son, Earl H., born May 20, 1910.

JOHN BRACKIN.

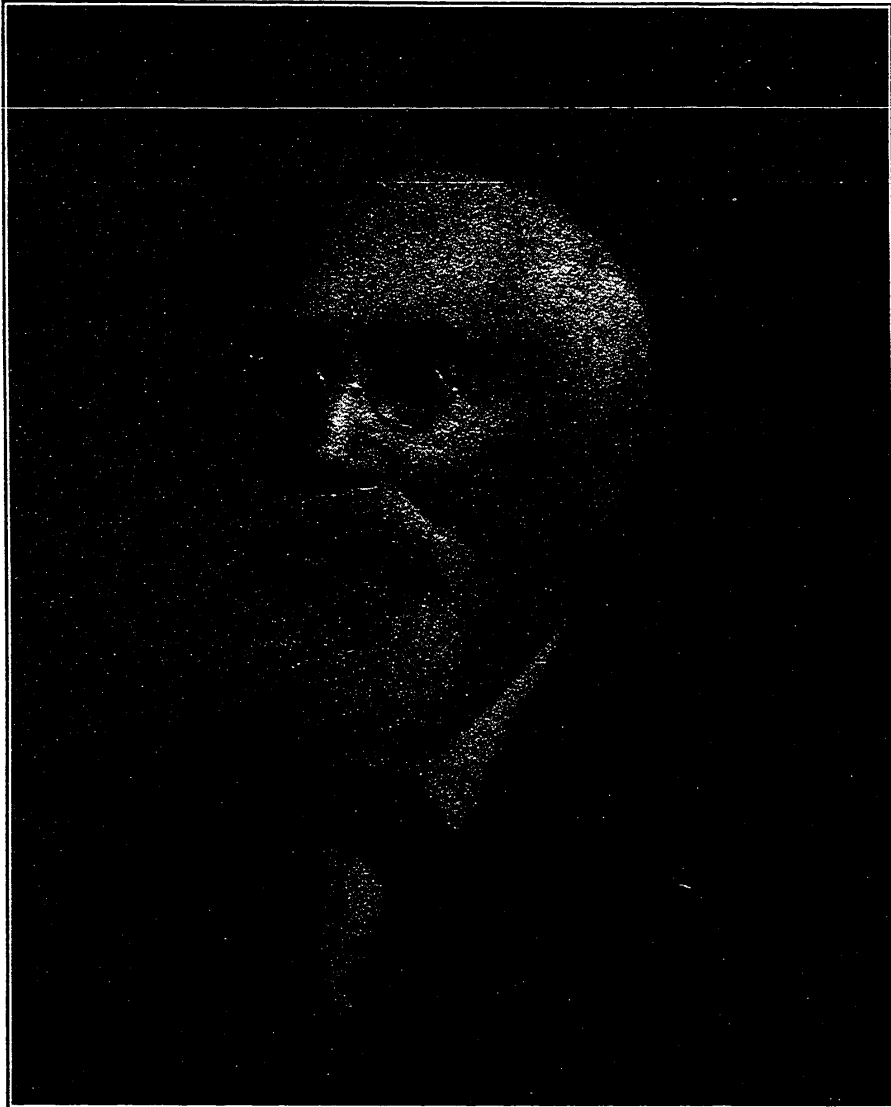
Among the citizens of Fayette county, Iowa, who have builded up a comfortable home and surrounded themselves with large landed and personal property, none has attained a higher degree of success than the subject of this sketch. With few opportunities except what his own efforts were capable of mastering and with many discouragements to overcome, he has made an exceptional success of life, and in his old age has the gratification of knowing that the community in which he has resided has been benefited by his presence and counsel.

John Brackin is descended from Scotch ancestors, though his father, Cornelius Brackin, was born in Ireland. The latter came to the United States in 1818, locating first in Pennsylvania. About ten years later he moved to Ohio, where he followed the pursuit of agriculture, which was his life work. When he went to Ohio that section of the country was extremely wild and very sparsely settled, he being numbered among the pioneers of the Buckeye state. He applied himself closely to the cultivation of his farm and the comfort of his home, and in 1852, in the hope of bettering his condition, he started for Iowa. On the way he was stricken with cholera and died in the home of a Mr. Singer, his remains being buried at Elkader. He was an active member of the Methodist Episcopal church and in his Ohio home he was highly esteemed by all who knew him. The subject's mother was born in Ireland and her death occurred in Carroll county, Ohio, at the age of eighty-two years. To these parents were born nine children, as follows: Anna, born in Ireland, deceased; Jane, deceased, as are the next four born, Margaret, Richard, Eliza and Henry; John, the subject of this sketch; Mrs. Rebecca Toup, who lives in Ohio; Cornelius, deceased.

John Brackin was born in Jefferson county, Ohio, July 31, 1835, and remained in the Ohio home of the family until he was twenty years old, at which age he came to Iowa. He attended the schools of Jefferson county and also attended one term after coming West. His education was somewhat limited owing to the primitive methods and equipment of those early days, but he is a man of strong natural mental ability and has been a close observer and a persistent reader, so that today he is considered a well informed man on general topics. On his arrival in Iowa he was the possessor of a valise and a little money. His first business venture was the purchase of a land warrant, the property being located in Sioux City, this state. He walked all the way to that city to have the land entered. He also obtained land in O'Brien county, and this he traded for eighty acres of land in Fay-



MRS. SARAH BRACKIN.



JOHN BRACKIN.

ette county, that being the land on which he now resides. On his return trip from Sioux City, which was also made afoot, going from Sac into Calhoun county, on the way to Twin Lakes, he was caught in a blizzard about nine o'clock in the forenoon and for many hours he was completely lost. He dared not stop to rest or sleep for fear the wolves would attack and kill him, but finally reached a small grove. He arrived at Twin Lakes about two o'clock the following afternoon. He was then almost exhausted and his experience at that time was one which he would not care to repeat. He promptly went to work to improve his Fayette county land and put it in cultivation and during the following years he was prospered to a gratifying degree in his operations. As he was able he commenced to add to his landed possessions until today he is the owner of seven hundred and sixty acres of as fine land as can be found in this part of the state. All of this has been gained by hard work and good management and now Mr. Brackin is numbered among the most successful farmers of the county. He has built one of the most attractive and comfortable homes in the community and the general appearance of the property indicates the owner to be a man of excellent taste and sound judgment. He has carried on a general line of farming, raising all the crops common to this section of the country and in connection with the tilling of the soil he has also given some attention to the breeding and raising of livestock, in which also he has been successful.

On January 16, 1864, Mr. Brackin was united in marriage to Sarah E. Butler, who was born in Lawrence county, Illinois, January 31, 1846, the daughter of Joseph Butler, the family having originally come from Ohio. Of their seven children, Mrs. Brackin was the sixth in order of birth. To Mr. and Mrs. Brackin have been born twelve children, namely: Rebecca Jane is the wife of Daniel Brause, of Union township, this county, and they have four children; Cornelius E., deceased; Clara Belle is the wife of Aug Brause, of Pleasant Valley township, this county, and they have two children; William Henry remains at home; Maggie May is the wife of W. A. Werry, of Oklahoma, and they are the parents of three children; Edna Louise is the wife of Fred Layman, of Laporte City, Iowa; John B., of Pleasant Valley township, married Louisa Miller and they have two children; Jessie is the wife of William Miller, of near Clermont, this county, and they have one child; Benjamin Harrison, at home; Richard, at home; Edith and Sarah died in infancy.

In politics Mr. Brackin is a stanch Republican and has taken an active interest in local public affairs. He was honored by his fellow citizens with

the election to the office of township trustee, and so entirely satisfactory were his services in this capacity that he has, all told, served twenty years in this office, his last term having expired in 1908. He has also given efficient service as school director of the township and in other ways he has evinced a commendable interest in the welfare of the community. Fraternally he is a member of the Masonic order, in which he has taken the degrees up to and including those of Knight Templar. Mrs. Brackin is a member of the Masons' auxiliary order, the Eastern Star. Mrs. Brackin is a lady of many splendid womanly graces and is well liked in the social circles in which she moves. Both of her grandmothers were cousins to Jefferson Davis, ex-president of the Southern Confederacy. Mr. Brackin, though well advanced in years, still retains his vigor to a remarkable degree and takes an intelligent interest in the happenings of the day. Shrewd and far-sighted, he has ably managed his private business affairs and today is numbered among the most successful men of Fayette county.

CHARLES A. TALCOTT.

In order to gain an interesting experience in life it is better not to follow too closely one trade or profession, for by so doing one often becomes narrow, loses interest in outside things, and knows nothing but his occupation. How much more exciting and varied a life is that of the man who follows many occupations, and who, despite old adages to the contrary, quite often finishes life with greater honor and affluence than the man who has confined himself to one trade.

Charles A. Talcott was born in Burk township, Dane county, Wisconsin, September 10, 1848, the son of FitzHenry Talcott, of Madison, Ohio, and Almira (Nye) Talcott, of Painesville, Ohio, who were married in Erie county, Pennsylvania. FitzHenry and his wife came west in 1842 or '43, and for a time he combined the occupations of teaching and farming. In 1857 he went to Columbia county, Wisconsin, and farmed there till 1863, when he removed to Highland township, Clayton county, Iowa. Here he rented land for three years and then moved to a two-hundred-acre farm of wild land, four miles north of Wadena, which he had previously bought. He improved this land and made a home there, and later moved east of Maynard, where he died. His wife died in June, 1866, and he subsequently married

Amelia Harnard, of Illinois, now dead. He was a Populist in politics, in religion a member of the United Brethren church. He was elected to the offices of justice of the peace, trustee, and filled several minor offices. His children, all by his first wife, were: Lydia, who died at the age of twenty-two; Frank D., of Maynard (see his sketch); Charles A., the subject of this sketch; Ed, a farmer in Centre township, this county; Inez, who married R. Savage, died in 1882; Ettie L., wife of Myron Burnside, druggist, of Waucoma, Iowa; Henry died young.

Charles A. Talcott received his education in the old log schools of the township. He lived at home until he was twenty years old, and got forty acres of land in Illyria township, there being no improvements. A little later he took up the carpenter's trade, combining it with threshing for several years. In 1875 he located in Wadena, buying a blacksmith and wagon shop, which he operated for seven years. In July, 1882, he entered the employ of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad as hostler, later ran as fireman on the narrow gauge branch between Reno and Preston, then on a passenger train between West Union and Turkey River until 1891. In 1876 he married Mary Prouty, who was born at Wadena, the daughter of Jefferson and Martha (Dye) Prouty, who had come to Wadena, Iowa, in 1863. Mr. Prouty was a mechanic and miller. He lived with his son-in-law until his death, in 1903, and his wife is still a welcome member of their family.

Mr. and Mrs. Talcott are the parents of five children: Ella, who died aged two; Laura, wife of Arthur G. Hurling, hardware merchant and postmaster of Wadena, mother of three children, Lyl, Ona and Arthur; Frank, hardware merchant of Wadena, married Ella Dye and has two children, Ona and Willfred; Fred, with the Glover Overall Manufacturing Company, Dubuque, Iowa; Xante, now at home. After 1892 Mr. Talcott worked the old homestead one season, then bought a hardware store at Wadena, and remained in this business until 1905, when he sold it and bought thirty-five acres of the Wadena mill property, which he subsequently sold.

In politics Mr. Talcott is an independent. He has served as mayor of Wadena for five years, now holding that position, and has been a constable and school director. Volga City Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, claims him as one of their charter members, and he is also a member of the Knights of Pythias organization at Wadena. His wife died in September, 1904. His worth and good qualities have, besides winning success for him, gained and kept many warm friends.

OSCAR C. COLE.

It requires as much if not more business acumen, foresight, energy and tact to make a successful newspaper as it does to establish any paying business, consequently he who succeeds at this is deserving of high rank among the leading men of his community. Oscar C. Cole, editor and proprietor of the *Iowa Postal Card*, published at Fayette, has succeeded in making his paper not only a financial success, but a moulder of public opinion in this county, consequently something of his life and work should be mentioned here.

Mr. Cole was born in West Stockholm, St. Lawrence county, New York, June 25, 1840, and is the son of Horace C. Cole, who was of English descent, born in Westmoreland, New Hampshire, in 1802, and he married Melinda Smith, who was born in New York state in 1806. They followed the tide of emigration setting in heavily for the middle west in 1856, and came to Iowa, locating in Fayette, where Mr. Cole followed carpentering, which trade he learned in his youth. He was one of the earliest wood workers in this town and for many years his services were in great demand here. His death occurred in 1864, and his wife died in 1876. She was of Scotch and Welsh descent.

Oscar C. Cole was reared on a farm in New York, and he was educated in the old-time log school-house. When he was fourteen years old the family came to Whiteside county, Illinois, where Mr. Cole spent his time between the farm and town until July, 1856, in which year he came to Fayette, Iowa, consequently is numbered among the pioneers, becoming, in due course of time, one of the leading citizens of this place. He entered the Fayette Seminary when it opened, January 7, 1857, and was a constant student in that institution until the summer term of 1860. He made an excellent record here and enjoys the distinction of delivering the first Latin oration at the first commencement exercises of the school.

Mr. Cole entered the office of the *Fayette Journal*, as "devil," although, having many years previously decided upon a newspaper career, he had been connected with certain publications. He rapidly attained promotions, becoming, successively, pressman, foreman, and associate editor in 1860. He was with the office of the *Mason City Republican* in 1861 and the following year was employed on the staff of the *Charles City Intelligencer*. He remained there only a few months, when he became connected with the *West Union Public Record*. Two years later he edited and published the *West Union Record*, which he carried on until 1868, when he became interested in

the publication of the *North Iowa Observer*. For a year or two subsequent to that time, however, he was half owner and the editor of the *Volga Valley Times*, with which paper he continued for four and one-half years. Tiring of journalistic labors, he next tried railroading until an accident caused his retirement from that vocation. From May, 1878, to July, 1882, he was mail route agent, and his average record from the time he entered upon the duties of that position until his retirement was ninety-nine and nine-tenths per cent.

In October, 1882, Mr. Cole started the *Iowa Postal Card*, which he is still publishing, and the paper is receiving an excellent patronage, being considered a splendid advertising medium, being well edited and presenting a good mechanical appearance. For several years past, his son, Lyle L., has been associated with his father in the publication of this paper. They have made it a spicy and attractive weekly, which is noted for its independence and the faculty of "calling things by their right names."

Mr. Cole was married in 1867 to Angie Libbey, of Lawrence, Massachusetts, who was born in Sanford, Maine, August 5, 1840, and to this union two children were born, a son and a daughter, Lyle L., mentioned above, and Erma Eloise.

E. V. ODEKIRK.

It is well once in awhile to stop and think how absolutely humanity is dependent on the farmer. All of our food must come from the farm; it can come from no other place, for all animal life must live on organic matter, and no chemist has as yet been able to originate life, nor even to combine elements in such a way as to make a food which will sustain life. That is reserved for living plants and animals to do, and we are all dependent for food on the farmer, whose business it is to take care of these plants and animals, to cause them to live and grow until suitable for food purposes.

E. V. Odekirk was born in Wisconsin, December 30, 1856, the son of E. P. and Adelia (Helmer) Odekirk, both natives of New York, who came as pioneer farmers to Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin. E. P. Odekirk was born March 30, 1829, and was married on August 13, 1854. His wife was born October 17, 1838. The following children were born to their union: E. V., the oldest, December 30, 1856; Hattie M., born July 30, 1859; Dora N., July 18, 1868; Mattie L., October 4, 1871; Stella Pearl, January 12, 1878. Mr. Odekirk enlisted in Company B, Thirty-first Wisconsin, on February 23, 1864, and served faithfully for two years. In 1868 he came to

Iowa, locating on the farm which his son now owns. Here he first had eighty acres, then later had forty in another location. He lived on this farm until his death, February 15, 1881. He was a Baptist and a strong Republican. He was a man tried and true, one who could be relied upon at any time.

E. V. Odekirk was educated in the early schools. He has always lived on the old farm, has now one hundred and fifty acres, and gives his attention to general stock raising. On February 24, 1881, he was married to Estella Proctor, daughter of J. M. and Sarah Ann (Armstrong) Proctor, he born June 27, 1832, in Ohio, and she born in Ireland on March 14, 1842. They were married March 19, 1857, and were the parents of the following children: Adam E., born March 21, 1858; Estella M., March 28, 1862; William R., May 31, 1866; Elizabeth E., April 7, 1872. J. M. Proctor came with his father and sister, in 1854, to Centre township, this county, from Ohio, and is living in Kansas at present. His wife died in June, 1885. Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Odekirk are the parents of the following three children: Sarah A., born April 6, 1884; Beulah V., born November 16, 1887; Milton P., born January 16, 1892. E. V. Odekirk was made vice-president of the Randalia Savings Bank at the time of its organization. In stock farming he is very proficient and has gained a name for the character of the stock produced on his farm. He is a man well worth knowing on account of his many good traits.

THOMAS THOMPSON.

The little kingdom of Norway has not sent as many citizens to the United States as many of the other countries of Europe, but those who have taken up their homes within our shores have proved to be most desirable citizens, always welcomed in any community, for they are thrifty, home builders, law-abiding and loyal to our institutions. One such is Thomas Thompson, a prosperous farmer in Illyria township, Fayette county, Iowa, who was born on December 30, 1837, in Norway, the son of Thor and Gunnila Thompson, both natives of Norway, where they spent their lives, being now deceased. Three sons of this family came to America, namely: Ole, a stone mason, living in Clayton county, Iowa; Iolef, a farmer in Clayton county, Iowa, and Thomas, of this review.

Thomas Thompson was educated in Norway and before leaving his

home land engaged for some time as a peddler. Believing that larger advantages were to be had in America, he set sail for our shores in 1861, and eventually located in Clayton county, Iowa, and began working on the boats that plied the Mississippi river. While living in that county he married, in Clayton, in 1874, Ingebary Danielson, who was a native of the same locality in Norway as Mr. Thompson, the daughter of Daniel Knutson and Julia (Nelson) Danielson. Her father was a farmer in Norway, and he brought his family to America in 1861, and located in Clayton county, Iowa, where the father died, the mother then making her home with her daughter, Mrs. Thompson, until her death. Five children were born to them.

Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Thompson, namely: Gunniel died in infancy; Thore, born August 23, 1877; Daniel, born February 12, 1879; Ole, born March 1, 1881. These children were all born in Fayette county and they all attended the local schools.

After their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Thompson, in 1874, settled in section 24, Illyria township, Fayette county, Iowa, first buying eighty acres, on which stood an old log house and stable. But being a man of thrift, a hard worker and a good manager, Mr. Thompson has added to his original holdings from time to time until he is now the possessor of one of the valuable and desirable farms of the township, consisting of three hundred and fifty acres in sections 23 and 24. It is well improved in every respect, about two hundred and fifty acres being under cultivation. In 1894 they moved to the pleasant and substantial home, where they now reside. General farming and stock raising is carried on in a very successful manner by Mr. Thompson, who is evidently abreast of the times in all matters pertaining to the farm. He handles some fine full blood Shorthorn cattle, and Poland-China hogs, also draft horses and Shropshire sheep. He has some imported stock, all of which are greatly admired for their excellent quality and find a ready market. He also makes a specialty of select Swedish oats, Oderbucker bearded barley, and different varieties of yellow and white Dent seed corn. He has devoted most of his life to general farming and has been rewarded with a large measure of success. His sons now look after a great deal of the business in connection with the crops and livestock. One of them, Thore Thompson, was married on July 11, 1908, to Olive Gunderson, of Wayne township, Clayton county, Iowa; she is the daughter of George and Inoburg (Olsen) Gunderson, and this union has resulted in the birth of one son, Orvin E., who was born March 20, 1909. Thore is a scientific farmer, having attended the agricultural department of the State University of Wisconsin, at Madison.

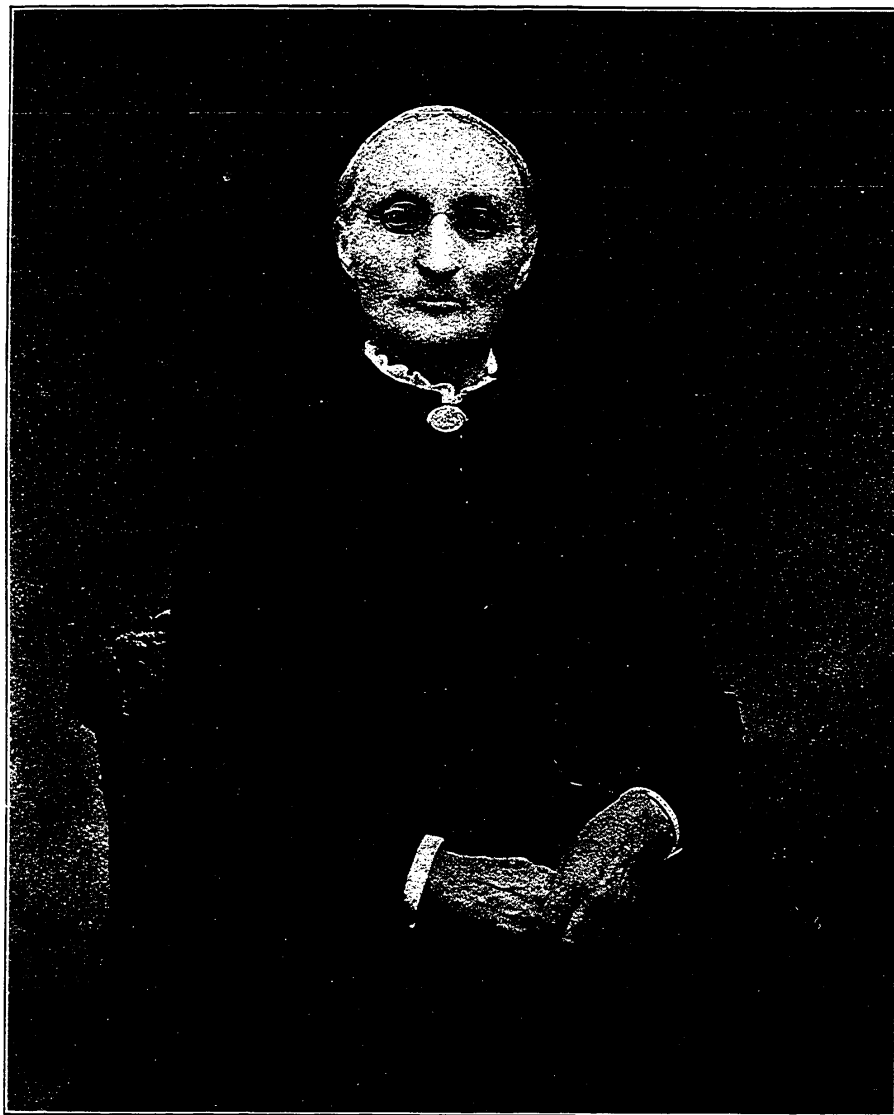
Thomas Thompson is a member of the Lutheran church and in political matters he supports the Republican ticket. This family are highly respected by all their neighbors and acquaintances and are among the leading citizens of Illyria township.

PETER GREEN ABBOTT.

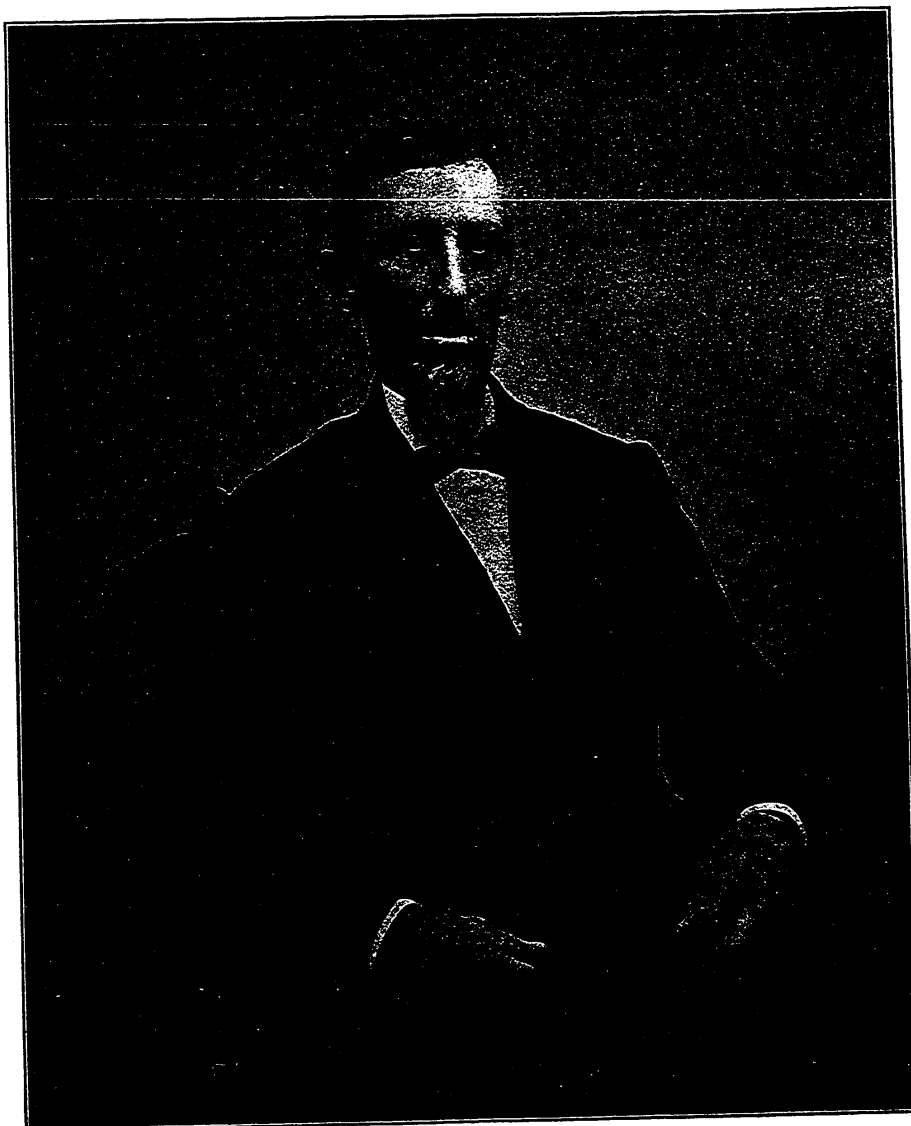
It is gratifying to be able to trace one's ancestry to a remote period, especially so if we find among them only people of the highest honor and industry, as is the case in tracing the genealogy of Peter Green Abbott, a representative citizen of Fayette county, who was born in Concord, New Hampshire, February 14, 1830. He is the son of Reuben and Hannah (Abbott) Abbott. The son, brother, father, grandfather and great-grandfather were all named Reuben. In Concord, New Hampshire, there were four generations in one house, all named Reuben Abbott. Two of the daughters of the oldest brothers of Peter G. Abbott still live in the old home, an historic New England place; this is the home where the great-grandfather settled when he came there from Andover, Massachusetts. He was descended both through his father and mother from George Abbott, who came over from England in 1620 in the "Mayflower," and who located at Plymouth, where the family remained through several generations or until the subject's great-grandfather, Reuben Abbott, moved north before the commencement of the American Revolution and located at Concord, New Hampshire. The subject's paternal grandfather, Reuben Abbott, and his maternal grandfather, Daniel Abbott, were both in the Revolutionary war, going into the patriot army from New Hampshire. They are buried within a quarter of a mile of each other. Daniel Abbott was taken prisoner by the Indians, who took him to Canada. Just how he escaped is not clear, one version saying that he was exchanged, another that he borrowed skates of the Indians and acting as though entirely unskilled in their use, until a proper opportunity presented itself, when he dashed away and made good his escape.

The old Abbott home mentioned above was built prior to the Revolution and the present members of the Abbott family living therein take a delight in keeping it as nearly as possible in its original picturesque style, the old brick ovens, used for cooking purposes before the invention of stoves, and many heirlooms and relics of a bygone generation are to be seen.

Peter G. Abbott grew up on the farm and worked there until he was twenty-five years of age. In 1855 he joined his brother, Ezra, in Clayton



MRS. ACHSAH ABBOTT.



PETER G. ABBOTT.